



Wednesday	10/07	Kick Off Meeting of the Golf/Auction Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	10/08	School Council	3:45pm
Thursday	10/08	Facilities Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	10/08	High School Parent/Teacher Conferences	6:00pm
Monday	10/12	Columbus Day - No School	
Tuesday	10/13	Executive Committee – Panera Bread, Hingham	7:45am
Tuesday	10/13	Development Committee	5:30pm
Wednesday	10/14	PSAT Testing Grades 10 and 11	
Thursday	10/15	Grandparents & Special Friends Day Grades K-4 – Invitations being sent home today with students.	10:00am
Thursday	10/15	Personnel Committee	8:30am
Thursday	10/15	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Harvest Road Race scheduled for October 17 <sup>th</sup> has been postponed until 2010.			

**SSCPS SPOTLIGHT – JO FELDMAN**



A few weeks ago while reading the Sunday Boston Globe I came across an article in the USA Weekend

Magazine announcing their 19<sup>th</sup> annual Make A Difference Day. This immediately caught my attention especially this SSCPS is so involved in community service and part of my job here is to help students fulfill their requirements in a meaningful way.

I thought to myself, what a great idea, earmarking a Saturday once a year for students and their families to do something to help other people. But why stop at a single day? Why not instill the importance of helping others and “making a difference” in people’s lives every day and not just once a year! As many of you know, SSCPS believes that service was a guiding principle and was important enough to the school focus to include it in its mission statement.

This year, I look forward to working with students who have the passion and motivation to help others but I hope to connect with those students who believe in its importance but need a little guidance, because either they believe they don’t have anything to offer to others or they don’t know where to begin. I hope you will

talk with your child or children about the importance of taking their participating in their community service requirement seriously. Please encourage your child to see me if you believe I can assist them in getting started, coming up with community service ideas, or brainstorming ways in which they can help others.

Let's commit to all making a difference in others' lives – not just for a day, but for a life time.

In the coming week the students and staff at SSCPS will be asked to vote to determine the school-wide community service project that we will be participating in. They will be asked to choose one of the following::

- 1) Show our support to the troops serving overseas by providing them with care packages, letters, donated phones etc.

Adopt a needy school in one of the following location and support them by providing them with needed school, medical and other supplies.

- 2) A school in Haiti
- 3) A school in Appalachian Mountain region of USA
- 4) A school in area still affected by Hurricane Katrina

Please talk with your children and prepare them for this important upcoming vote.

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## **LAST CHANCE TO TAKE THE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM SURVEY: SURVEY DEADLINE – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**

### **Parent Survey:**

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=inQWwmC51GhqhoFKGIGmGg\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=inQWwmC51GhqhoFKGIGmGg_3d_3d)

### **Student (Grades 7-12) Survey:**

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=NS9QVIblXqOWZfxtOAXKIA\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=NS9QVIblXqOWZfxtOAXKIA_3d_3d)

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Harvest Road Race scheduled for Saturday, October 17th has been postponed until 2010.**

### **Facilities Needs:**

The Facilities Committee is working on addressing our need to replace our existing roof and upgrade to our mechanical systems. We are looking for a design engineer that can assist us during this process. If you are a design engineer and can volunteer some time and professional assistance the facilities committee would greatly appreciate it. Please contact Kristine Shipps, Business Manager at 781-982-4202x106. Our next facilities committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm here at SSCPS.

### **GOLF TOURNAMENT & AUCTION COMMITTEE**

The Kickoff Meeting for the Golf Tournament and Auction Committee is Wednesday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the school (take a left at the piano, 1<sup>st</sup> classroom on the left) All are welcome to attend! If you would like to help with the event but can not attend the meeting, contact Maureen Hebert at (781) 837-8952 or [mhebert@metlife.com](mailto:mhebert@metlife.com).

### **Golf Tournament/Auction Theme Contest**

The Golf/Auction Committee is seeking suggestions for a theme for this year's Golf/Auction Event to be held in the spring. Last year's theme was "Drive fore the Future" by parent Eric Greene. All suggestions can be left in the Golf/Auction Theme Suggestion Box at the front desk or sent to [mhebert@metlife.com](mailto:mhebert@metlife.com). Deadline

for submissions is Friday, October 30 at 3:00 p.m. Be sure to include your name so we can acknowledge the winner. There is no limit to the amount of suggestions you can submit. Once the theme is chosen by the committee, we will have a Logo Contest so get your creative juices flowing.

### **Golf Tournament Sign Contest**

The Golf/Auction Committee would like to use the golf tournament as an opportunity to profile great people or things with regard to the school. On each green a sign will be placed that profiles something great about our school. This can both give the golfer something to do while awaiting his/her turn and educate people about SSCPS in a non-intrusive way. If you know someone or know of something regarding the school that should be prominently profiled, please submit a nomination today! A nomination entry sheet is attached to the update and all information should be completed to be considered. Either email your nominations to [fundraising@sseps.org](mailto:fundraising@sseps.org) or drop them in the Golf Profile Nomination Box at the Front Desk. After the deadline a small team will select and notify the winners. Deadline for nominations is November 30th.

### **LUNCH ORDERS**

Enclosed is the October Menu and Lunch Order form. October orders are due Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> by 3pm.

### **ART NEWS**

In case you were wondering about the Art Workshop annual **Original Work Fund Raiser** it is again scheduled for November. **All students K-12** will have the opportunity to bring home order forms and their original pieces of art to provide you the opportunity to order your child's work on mugs, banners, potholders, etc. at a reasonable price. Makes great Holiday gifts!!

### **HEALTH OFFICE**

#### **REMINDER:**

The flu season is upon us, please remember to:

- Keep your child home if ill with cough, runny nose, sneezing, body aches or chills
- Do not send your child to school with a temperature of 100.0 or above
- Notify health office if your child is diagnosis with the Flu or has Flu-like symptoms.
- Students must be fever- free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication before returning to school
- Remind your child to WASH HANDS frequently through out the day.
- Contact your child's doctor for information on receiving the H1N1 vaccine.
- **MASSACHUSETTS toll- free phone # for H1 N1 information 211(no area code)**

### **7-12 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

To the Members of the SSCPS Community:

It is with a heavy heart that I write this Update piece and inform you that I am resigning my position as Grades 7 – 12 Principal effective December 1<sup>st</sup>. This was not an easy decision, and I deliberated for months before making it.

I first came to SSCPS with the intention of relocating to the eastern part of the state. For both personal and financial reasons, my wife and I did not move the family east, and for the past year I have come east to work while my family stayed in western Massachusetts. This separation has been very difficult for me and for my family. My wife and two sons, ages 15 and 12, need me home, and I need to be with them.

There is never a good time in the year for a school administrator to leave. Typically, this is done in the summer. However, the cycle of the work of charter schools is different than that of traditional public schools and summer was not an option. This July the leadership team wrote and submitted two major documents to the Department of Education, our Annual Report and our Application for Renewal. Both documents were due August 1<sup>st</sup>, so leaving in July was not a viable option. August was spent preparing for the new school year and September was spent ensuring a smooth opening to the year, so leaving in August and September did not make sense. Beginning this summer, Prue and I have been in discussion on an exit strategy and we agreed that December 1<sup>st</sup> would be best.

There is so much I will miss about South Shore Charter that I will not even attempt to list all the people and things that have left an impression on me for fear of leaving something out. I have learned a great deal in the past year and the code that guides me in life has changed as a result. This code, always subject to change, now goes as follows: *Be nice. Work hard. Do the right thing.* I will take this code with me along with the memories of this community and the work that goes on here every day. I leave knowing that during the past year we became a better school and that the future looks bright for the school and its community.

I look forward to my final weeks supporting students, families, and staff members and working on a smooth transition. As always, thank you for your support and be nice, work hard, and do the right thing.

### Shout Outs

Congratulations to **Evan Davis-Drennan** who is a Commended Student in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2010 competition by taking the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Qualifying Test.

Evan is also to be commended for scoring a 4 on the Advanced Placement Chemistry exam and a 5 on the Advanced Placement Biology exam. **Jackie Perry** scored a 4 on the Advanced Placement Calculus AB exam. The AP exams are scored 1 through 5, with 5 being the highest score a student can earn. Many colleges and universities throughout the country give college credit to high school students receiving grades 3 or higher on AP exams. Congratulations to Evan and Jackie for their AP course work and exam scores.

*Jim Connolly – (781)982-4202 – [jconnolly@sscps.org](mailto:jconnolly@sscps.org)*

## ON THE LEVELS

### SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: “Hit the nail on the head.”

Level 2: “When in Rome do as the Romans do.”

**LEVEL IV LITERARY MAGAZINE PROJECT** is looking for student writings. We would like stories and poems from grades K-8. Please put the work in the manila envelopes that are hung up around the school or in Angie Pepin’s mailbox. Thank you.

*Sincerely, The Literary Magazine*

## PARENTS ASSOCIATION

### Fundraising Committee wants your ideas!

Please submit any Fundraising ideas that you might have to [fundraising@sscps.org](mailto:fundraising@sscps.org). A meeting will be held soon, but in the meantime if you have a great idea, please don’t wait to bring it up!

Welcome back to school and a new year of **Box Tops For Education**. Our school earns cash for each General Mill Box Top that we collect and send. You can help by clipping box tops from the 100s of products that participate, and by signing up to support our school at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com). Last year we raised over \$700 with this program. Let’s try to make it an even more profitable year. Please bring your box tops to school and leave them in the envelope behind the front desk. Level One students can tape or staple their box tops onto the monthly collection sheets that are distributed to the classrooms. If you have questions about the General Mills Box Tops program, please contact me at [bwhitemyer@rcn.com](mailto:bwhitemyer@rcn.com). Thanks. Bethany Whitemyer

**Longwater Transportation** offers a reliable and safe bus service run from Hull, Hingham, and Cohasset to SSCPS. If you are interested in having your child ride the LW Bus either one way or full time, please email [AmyLemkin@gmail.com](mailto:AmyLemkin@gmail.com).

**REMINDER:** to join the online SSCPS Parents Discussion Forum at GoogleGroups which is a great forum for sharing thoughts and ideas related to the school and our community, and for keeping up with Parents Association announcements and news. If you’d like to sign join you can email [sscpsparents+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:sscpsparents+subscribe@googlegroups.com)

## LIBRARY NEWS

The library has become very busy with students and teachers checking out books. All of the Level I, II, III classes have signed up and scheduled library time for their classes.

This past summer sixty-eight new biographies were purchased for the library collection. This was made possible due to an anonymous donation to the library.

This month the library will be putting out boxes of books that students can take for free. These books came from the school library and have outlived their use.

The library has an email address [librarian@sscps.org](mailto:librarian@sscps.org). This email address will be used as a way of communicating to parents and teachers when student's books are overdue. It will also be used to communicate other important library information.

### **Volunteers are still needed in the following areas:**

1. Re-shelving books, straightening book shelves, making sure books are in proper locations.
2. Assisting in other library projects as needed.

Volunteering would be during the school day when the library is not being used by students and teachers. If you are interested email Beth Toma at [JToma85103@aol.com](mailto:JToma85103@aol.com).

### **Book Donations needed**

1. Harry Potter Series -(gently used)
2. Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket
3. Spiderwick by Tony Terlizzi
4. Secret Series - by Pseudonymous Bosch
5. June B. Jones

### **Magazine Donations**

1. Kids National Geographic
2. Kids Sports Illustrated
3. Your Big Backyard

*Thank you, the Library Committee*

## COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

### **INVISIBLE CHILDREN NEED YOUR HELP!**

Kids in Uganda are dying every day because of the ongoing war. They are being abducted by the rebel army and being forced to become soldiers, and if they refuse, then they are killed. Kids who have not been abducted are forced to be night commuters. Night commuters are children who have to walk long distances in rain or shine and sleep away from their homes just to stay alive. They should not have to live in fear every moment of their lives and we can all help to change that. SSCPS is involved in a campaign called "Schools for Schools" which means schools all over raise money to help fund schools in Uganda for these children. There is also a box labeled "Change for Change" for any loose change or any donation which will go to fund these schools. There is also a bracelet campaign in which you purchase a bracelet and it will be a color and that color represents a child. You will receive a DVD of this child's life and the money you used to purchase the bracelet, will help that child. Every donation makes a difference, and coming together to help can save a lot of lives. You can visit [www.invisiblechildren.com](http://www.invisiblechildren.com) for more information. We can all help, it doesn't take much.

*Thank you, Shanna Sobol*

Anton's Cleaners is sponsoring *Coats for Kids* - Donate quality coats for kids, adults and babies too! SSCPS will accept gently used, warm winter jackets or coats of all sizes.

**Please – no rips, holes or tears, broken zippers, permanent stains, vests or spring coats**

**\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*** - The SSCPS Fall Clean-Up has been scheduled Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at South Shore Charter Public School. More information will follow in the near future but mark your calendars today!

I am always looking for opportunities where students can earn hours towards their community service requirements and appreciate any and all leads that you send me so I can get the information out to everyone so.... Keep them coming!

Jo Feldman -Director of Learning Services -[jofeldman@sscps.org](mailto:jofeldman@sscps.org)

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Immediate Part Time Openings:**

Part Time Elementary Teachers Aide (20 hours per week)

### **Stipend Position**

Title I Parent Liaison – for job description email [thirsch@sscps.org](mailto:thirsch@sscps.org)

### **Anticipated 2009-2010 Coaching Vacancies:**

High School Girls Basketball Coach

Cross Country/Running Club Supervisor

### **On going for 2009-2010**

On-Call Substitute Teachers

On-Call Substitute Teacher Aides

*Send cover letter, resume and list of references to Kristine Shipps, Business Manager.*

**WEEKLY UPDATES ARE EMAILED AND POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.SSCPS.ORG](http://WWW.SSCPS.ORG) EVERY WEDNESDAY – TO RECEIVE A PAPER COPY PLEASE CONTACT PAM ALGERA EXT. 103 OR EMAIL [PALGERA@SSCPS.ORG](mailto:PALGERA@SSCPS.ORG)**



Lunch Menu – October, 2009

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
5 <b>Chicken Salad</b>  With lettuce	6 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	7 <b>B L T</b>  Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato with mayonnaise	8 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	9 <b>Tossed Salad</b> With Italian dressing and pita bread
12 <b>Columbus Day</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	13 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	14 <b>Italian Cold Cuts</b>  With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil	15 <b>No Lunch</b>  <b>Early Release</b>	16 <b>Tuna Salad</b>  With lettuce and tomato
19 <b>Ham and Salami</b> <i>With Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle and oil</i>	20 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	21 <b>Roast Beef</b>  <i>With American cheese and mustard</i>	22 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	23 <b>Professional Dev. Day</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
26 <b>Turkey</b>  <i>With American cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise</i>	27 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	28 <b>Ham</b>  With American cheese and mustard	29 <b>Cheese Pizza</b>	30 <b>Greek Salad</b>  With Greek dressing and pita bread

2 % milk, chocolate milk, strawberry milk or orange juice is included with the purchase of lunch or may be purchased for 25 cents. If your child has forgotten a lunch, a Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich and Milk will be provided at the cost of \$2.75. **Level I and II will be provided with a Lunchable.** A note from the office will go home that week for reimbursement.



Lunch Order Form  
 Lunch for the Month of October, 2009  
**Due to the office by 3:00 pm, Thursday, October 8, 2009**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Pod Teacher/Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Please **CHECK** off the day lunch will be ordered and **CIRCLE** your selection.

Week of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
10/12 – 10/16	<b>No School</b>	Pizza #_____	Sub ½ sub Wheat	<b>No Lunch</b>	Sub ½ sub Wheat

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Friday
10/19 – 10/23	Sub ½ sub Wheat	Pizza #_____	Sub ½ sub Wheat	Pizza #_____	<b>No School</b>

Week of	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday
10/26 – 10/30	Sub ½ sub Wheat	Pizza #_____	Sub ½ sub Wheat	Pizza #_____	Salad

Number of Subs/Wheat ordered	_____	X	\$5.00
Number of ½ subs ordered	_____	X	\$3.00
Number of Pizza Slices ordered	_____	X	\$1.75
Number of Salads	_____	X	\$3.00

*Less credit due*

**Total Amount Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

**Choice of 2% milk, chocolate milk, strawberry milk or orange juice is included with the purchase of a meal or can be purchased separately for 25 cents.**

Please note: If your child has forgotten lunch, a lunch of yogurt, a fruit bar and Milk will be provided at the cost of \$1.75 For Level I and II a Lunchable will be provided at the cost of \$2.75. A note from the office will go home that afternoon for reimbursement.



We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.

**New Session  
Starting  
Sign-up  
NOW!**

## SAT Prep Class

**Get ready for the upcoming tests :  
November 7th & December 5th**

**Ace the test** with targeted instruction, full-length practice tests, and proven test-taking strategies designed to help you test with confidence and score higher.

**Facilitated by experienced facilitators this is a great opportunity to help get those scores up!**

**Fees for 10 Week Session**  
**\$190 Members**  
**\$285 Non Members**  
**Program Code: MTKS03F9**

**Tuesdays: 4:30 - 5:45 pm**  
10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3,  
11/10, 11/17, 11/24, 12/1, 12/8  
& 12/ 15

**SSYMCA Heritage Room**

**Contact:**

**Karen Hirsh**  
781-829-8585 x335  
khirsh@ssymca.org

75 Mill Street  
Hanover, MA

*Financial Assistance: The South Shore YMCA strives to serve the entire community by providing financial assistance. Assistance is determined based on individual applicant needs. Call Jane at (781) 829-8585 ext. 308 for an application. The money used to fund this program is raised each year by volunteers through the Strong Kids Campaign*

# TEEN FRIDAY



South Shore YMCA

## Every Friday 6:30–9:30 pm

10/2	<b>Zumba</b>	6:30 - 7:30	Studio 3
	<b>YArt</b>	7:00 - 9:00	Art Room
	<b>Yoga</b>	7:30 - 8:15	Studio 3
	<b>Karaoke</b>	8:00 - 9:15	Lounge
	<b>Indoor Cycling</b>	7:30 - 8:15	Cycling Room

10/9 <b>Art Night</b>	<b>Definitions</b>	6:30 - 7:30	Studio 3
	<b>YArt</b>	7:00 - 9:00	Art Room
	<b>Imbecilic Improv</b>	8:00 - 9:15	Lounge
	<b>Indoor Cycling</b>	7:30 - 8:15	Cycling Room
	<b>Cardio Tennis*</b>	8:30 - 9:30	Tennis Courts

\* Racquets available. MUST wear non-scuffing sneakers.

10/16	<b>Zumba</b>	6:30 - 7:30	Studio 3
	<b>YArt</b>	7:00 - 9:00	Art Room
	<b>Yoga</b>	7:30 - 8:15	Studio 3
	<b>YIdol w/Sue</b>	7:30 - 9:15	Lounge
	<b>Indoor Cycling</b>	7:30 - 8:15	Cycling Room

10/23	<b>Definitions</b>	6:30 - 7:30	Studio 3
	<b>Yoga</b>	7:30 - 8:15	Studio 3
	<b>Indoor Cycling</b>	7:30 - 8:15	Cycling Room
	<b>Rock Band</b>	7:30 - 9:15	Art Room



### 10/30 **Halloween Extravaganza**...Get your costumes ready.



More info  
coming soon.

#### Every Friday:

Open Gym, Swim & Cardio	6:30 - 9:30
Cardio & Weights Training	6:30 - 8:30
Gym Games	6:45 - 9:00
Mixed Martial Arts (starting 10/9)	7:30 - 9:30

Teen Friday is included with membership and just \$7 for non-members. Participants must be 11- 17 years old. Participants register upon arrival and receive a wristband. When participants leave, wristbands are removed with no re-entry. Every 10 times you come get a prize. Activities are subject to change. WEAR WORK-OUT GEAR TO BE ACTIVE.

Contact **Karen Hirsh & Caitlin Cavanagh**  
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