



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SNOW UPDATE

I would like to thank our parent community for all of the support and kind words we received over the past week. I would also like to thank our school faculty who did an outstanding job shepherding and accompanying students prior to pick up. We remain exceeding grateful to the Norwell Fire and Police Departments for their guidance and assistance. And we would also like to extend our deepest gratitude to the Norwell Public Schools for being such wonderful hosts on such short notice.

Our entire school community is also very thankful for our Facilities Manager, Mark Flanagan, who worked tirelessly from Tuesday to Sunday. It is because of his hard work and perseverance that we were able to open our building on Monday.

There is no question that snow days are difficult. Add to that the events of last week and even more school days were missed. Missing days interrupts learning and the routines that support student achievement. One snow day in January even managed to extend mid-year exams for our high school students. We also know that snow days are very disruptive for our families with working parents who have the added challenge of juggling professional responsibilities with childcare.

Yet despite missed days, early pick up, postponed exams, and incessant shoveling, learning perseveres. Our students continue to do outstanding work and come to school prepared and excited for the day. Walking through classrooms and hallways it is easy to see that students and faculty continue to concentrate on classes and remain focused on learning.

In order to retain this focus, there will be school for all students on **Friday, March 18th**, pending approval from the Board of Trustees. This adjustment will keep our school calendar on track and at the 180 days as required by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Thank you again for all you have done to support our school.

Alicia E. Savage

<http://www.wickedlocal.com/norwell/topstories/x639356759/Update-Norwell-charter-school-closed-for-day-as-precautionary-measure>

Over the past three weeks, we have received many excellent questions regarding our new PE classroom space. We have taken some of your most commonly asked questions, copied them, and answered them below.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT OUR NEW PE CLASSROOM.

Q: What is at the space? Is it just an open space?

A: Located at 136 Longwater Drive, our new PE classroom is an oversized room with large front windows, natural light, and flooring appropriate for physical activities. It is an open space with the ventilation and privacy needed for a PE classroom. Our PE faculty will be able to store equipment and materials needed for the PE curriculum at this site.

Q: What is the appeal of going there?

A: Students and teachers need classrooms in order to learn. Our PE faculty has been extremely flexible throughout the winter by using classroom space that is not being used by another teacher during that period. Despite their flexibility and creativity, this temporary solution due to our lack of gym space has posed some challenges; the classroom space is too small, the classroom has been set up for another subject, and it is difficult for our PE faculty to move equipment from classroom to classroom. Some PE classes have been held in the level common areas. However, many students have mentioned a lack of privacy and disruption to learning when classes are conducted in the hallway.

Q: Is the new PE classroom in a building that is currently occupied?

A: Yes, the building is partially occupied by the Social Security Law Group which has rented office space toward the back of the building. Another part of the building remains unoccupied.

Q: How many adults will be with the students?

A: Level IV and High School students will go to the new PE classroom with one teacher. Students in Levels I, II and III will go to the new PE classroom with one teacher and a paraprofessional or volunteer.

Q: Will the adults be able to remain in contact with the school?

A: In case of an emergency, teachers will be able to contact the school using a cell phone. All emergency protocols of SSCPS will be followed within the new PE classroom.

Q: How will the new space be secured?

A: The new PE classroom is located immediately to the left of the front entrance. This space is fully secured and not next to the occupied law offices in the building.

Q: How will classes get to the new PE classroom?

A: Students will walk to the new PE classroom with special precautions taken with high levels of snow. The walk is approximately five minutes and there will be an adult in the front of the line for students in Level IV and the High School. For students in Levels I, II and III, there will be an adult at both the front and back of the line.

Q: What happens if my child needs to use the bathroom?

A: Students will have access to a bathroom located next to the new space. To ensure privacy and security, there will be adult supervision in the bathrooms. Of course, not dissimilar to a field trip, we are encouraging students to use the bathroom prior to PE.

Q: How are the kids going to be kept separate from the people who work in the building?

A: There is a distance between the classroom and the other occupied office space in the building. At no time will there be an adult from another part of the building in the secured space.

Q: My child is in Kindergarten, will Kindergarten students be going to the new PE space as well?

A: No. Kindergarten students will remain in the building due to the amount of time needed for the transition from one facility to another.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Thank you!

PLEASE VOTE

Our high school students need the support of every member of our school community to win much needed grant money for their workshop. Please go on-line and vote today!



Wednesday	02/09	Intent to Continue and Enrollment Application due	
Wednesday	02/09	Golf Tournament/Auction committee meeting	6:00pm
Thursday	02/10	Executive Committee meeting	8:00am
Thursday	02/10	1 st Grade Field Trip to MFA	
Thursday	02/10	School Council	3:45pm
Saturday	02/10	Enrollment Lottery	10:00am
Week of 2/14		Level II Exhibition of Mastery presentations	
Tuesday	02/15	Development Committee	8:30am
Wednesday	02/16	Level II and 2 nd Grade Field Trip to BSO	

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, June 10, 2011

3RD Annual "Drive Fore the Future"
 Golf Tournament & 16th Annual Auction
 South Shore Country Club

SSCPS SCHOOL APPAREL SALE

SSCPS is offering school apparel for sale. Attached is an order form that needs to be completed and returned to the Business Office. Cash, Check or Money Order made payable to SSCPS or credit cards are accepted. This is a great time to buy SSCPS apparel and show school pride. Any questions call Kristine Shipps, x106.

BREAKFAST & LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed is the menu and order form for the remainder of February which is due Tuesday, February 15 by 3pm.

ART DEPARTMENT NEWS

Every year visual art work which has been selected to represent our school, is entered into **The Boston Globe Scholastic Art and Writing Awards**. Student work from both Level IV and the High School was sent. The following list represents the students whose works were recognized and placed.

- ❖ In the **Printmaking Category** (LIV), receiving an Honorable Mention Brenden Bellew, Rachael Ciambriello, Jacob Gray, Johnnie Jackson, Imani Turner, Katie Tuttle, Ila White and Matty Young
- ❖ In the **Digital Art Category** (LIV), receiving an Honorable Mention Grace Ryan, Noemie Trocher
- ❖ In the **Digital Art Category** (LIV), receiving a Silver Key Ben Gallion
- ❖ In the **Fashion Design Category** (HS), receiving an Honorable Mention Joshua Lutts, Kolin Perry, Alicia Tsang
- ❖ In the **Fashion Design Category** (HS), receiving a Gold Key Tyler Tsang
- ❖ Senior **Photography Portfolio**, receiving a Gold Key Hannah Hayes

Congratulations to these students!!! The **exhibit of any Silver and Gold Key recipients** artwork will be in the **Transportation Building in Boston from Monday, Feb.14-Friday, April 8, 2011**. Gold and Silver Key artwork will be displayed and open to the public, free of charge. **The Awards Day Ceremony for Gold and Silver Key Winners** and their guest will be on **March 6 at John Hancock Hall**.

PE DEPARTMENT AND ATHLETICS

New PE Space - The PE department will be using an indoor space for the rest of the winter. The space is 136 Longwater Drive, only about 200 yards from our school by the stop sign. We are very excited to have this large indoor room to learn and move in!

Sailing Coach Needed - The Nantasket Nor'Easters, a co-ed, high school sailing team, with students from Cohasset High School, Hull High School, and the South Shore Charter Public School in Norwell seeks a Sailing Coach. If interested please visit the following link for the job posting and instructions to apply: http://www.saildesign.com/marketplace/sailing-job-bank/detail_job/1042-high-school-sailing-coach

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WORKSHOPS & PROJECTS

The High School Journalism Workshop has been working hard learning the important elements of a news article. We recently connected with a journalism professor who has agreed to edit our articles. Joel Beers, a visiting professor at Cal State Dominguez Hills is editing articles. We are also starting a new venture this semester making video news casts. We have partnered with Emerson College, and are awaiting two students that will help our video team understand the building blocks of making a short newscast. We have two teams making videos this semester. If you have some interesting ideas about a story, let us know and we will try to cover it.

FROM THE K-6 PRINCIPAL

I reported back in an Update in January that my New Year's resolution was to express gratitude and I believe that we have so much to be grateful for this week and I would like to include a short list:

- We have a wonderful building which is in good shape and is unscathed, Mark Flanagan, our maintenance director, who worked and works tirelessly to make sure that building is and will always be safe,
- Our students who were ready for an adventure and cooperated and somehow knew that last Thursday was a time for following directions no matter how unusual they were,

- Our teachers who sized the moment to read stories, direct student learning and respond to all situations with professionalism and grace,
- Our parents who allowed the unusualness of the situation to be yet another chance to respect and support us here at school, The folks who manned the phones at the front desk that day Pam Algera, Kathy Sobol, Dee Delaney, and Jo Feldman, Alicia Savage who led us all with decisiveness and thoughtfulness,
- The firefighters and police of the Town of Norwell who took charge and treated us well and made excellent decisions,
- The Public Schools of Norwell, which took us in and gave us great digs and showed us kindness and generosity,
- There is one more person to thank and that is Mark Flanagan because I could not just thank him once. As in all things we can learn from experience.

If there is something that you would like to share, please contact Alicia, Angie, or me.

Ted Hirsch – thirsch@sscps.org – 781-982-4202 ext. 108

ON THE LEVELS

REMINDER FOR ALL PARENTS – If your child will be absent, please call 781-982-4202 ext. 100 to report the absence. Thank you.

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: “Never leave for tomorrow what you can do today.”

Level 2: “A picture is worth a thousand words.”

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Greetings from the PA! I am sorry that we are not able to have a timely PA meeting this month, but snow and the lottery got in the way. I look forward to getting back into the PA groove next month. Feel free to send me agenda items requests at any time.

Thanks! Heather Dans, PA Chair

The Parent Association has money to give to you!

Twice each year the Parent Association accepts requests for grants. Do you think the school is missing something? Is there a special project you'd like to bring to the school? Are there supplies that would make learning better? Any parent, student, faculty member, or staff member can fill out the attached Financial Request form to be considered for a Parent Association Grant. Please act QUICKLY as the forms are due back no later than Tuesday, February 15, 2011

Please return the completed form to me no later than 2/15/11 via email: coffinwife@gmail.com or find me every morning before school in the Level I/II Animals Exhibit Area.

Elissa Dennis, Parent Association Treasurer

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

On going for 2010-2011

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 EVERY WEDNESDAY – TO RECEIVE A PAPER COPY PLEASE CONTACT PAM ALGERA EXT. 103 OR EMAIL PALGERA@SSCPS.ORG

The ONALSDVEH Principal

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER SCHOOL 2011 CALENDAR



APRIL

2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

AVAILABLE THIS WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 22

THE HEADSTAND PRINCIPAL CALENDAR FEATURES OUR VERY OWN TED HIRSCH DOING ONE OF THE THINGS HE DOES BEST, STANDING ON HIS HEAD, ALL OVER THE SOUTH SHORE! IT'S OUR GIFT TO YOU WHEN YOU CONTRIBUTE \$30 TO THE SOUTH SHORE CHARTER EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION. SO ACT NOW!

FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY, YOUR DONATION MAY BE MADE AT THE FRONT DESK
SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

OR MAIL YOUR DONATION TO: SSCEF P.O. Box 512 ACCORD, MA 02081

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT!

SSCPS PA Financial Request - Spring 2011

Requests Due by 2/15/2011

Date:

Total Amount Requested*:

Date Required:

Description of request (be specific!):

Supplier Information

Company Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Fax Number

Website:

People who will benefit if request is granted:

Submitted by

Name:

Title:

Email Address:

Telephone Number:

*Amount requested must include any and all taxes, labor, set-up charges, delivery fees, etc. Do the research and make sure the amount requested is completely accurate and/or get realistic quotations from the proposed vendor. Requests with incomplete information will not be considered.

Return form to PA Treasurer Elissa Dennis no later than 2/15/2011. I'm in the school every morning until 8:30 at the Animals Area (by music room), or email me coffinwife@gmail.com, or call 617-347-2283.

Additional embroidery											
Shipping charges											
Total Amount Due SSCPS											

Name embroidered on item \$5.00 additional charge

Name to embroider: _____print clearly

Shipping is \$8.50 per order

Ship to:

Name: _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Please make checks payable to SSCPS

To Pay by Credit Card:

Name on Credit Card: _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Type of Card: (circle) Visa Mastercard Discover American Express

Amount to be charged: \$ _____

Card #: _____

3 or 4 digit security code: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Authorization Signature: _____



South Shore Charter School
February, 2011
Catered by Essence of Thyme

Breakfast

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
On January Menu	1 On January Menu	2 On January Menu	3 On January Menu	4 On January Menu
7 Whole Wheat Cinnamon Roll Juice Milk	8 Honey Wheat Bagel Juice Milk	9 Golden Grahams Juice Milk	10 Cheerios Juice Milk	11 Blueberry Muffin Juice Milk
14 Corn Muffin Juice Milk	15 Yogurt Juice Milk	16 Frosted Mini-Wheats Juice Milk	17 Plain Bagel Juice Milk	18 Raisin Bran Juice Milk
21	22 V A C A T	23	24 I O N	25
28 Golden Grahams Juice Milk	1. Plain Bagel Juice Milk	2. Frosted Mini-Wheats Juice Milk	3. Yogurt Juice Milk	4. Raisin Bran Juice Milk

* All Meals include 8 ounce Choice of 1% or Lowfat Chocolate Milk.

***Before placing your order, please inform the school if you have a food allergy!**



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Lunch

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
On January Menu	On January Menu	On January Menu	On January Menu	4 On January Menu
7 Turkey Hot Dog Potato Puffs Baked Beans Milk	8 American Chop Suey Green Beans Apple Milk	9 Jamaican Beef Patty Mashed Potatoes Peas Milk	10 BBQ Chicken Potatoes Au Gratin Corn Milk	11 Pizza
14 Hamburger on a Bun Potato Wedges California Medley Milk	15 Chicken Parmesan Ziti Broccoli Milk	16 Steak & Cheese Sub Potato Puffs Peas Milk	17 Chicken Quesadilla California Medley Grapes Milk	18 Pizza
21	22 V A C A T I O N	23	24	25
28 Chicken Nuggets Scalloped Potatoes Corn Roll and Butter Milk	1. Ziti & Meatballs Broccoli Baked Apple Slices Milk	2. French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty Applesauce Raisins Milk	3. Sweet & Sour Chicken Rice Oriental Vegetables Fruit Milk	 Pizza

* All Meals include 8 ounce Choice of 1% or Lowfat Chocolate Milk.

***Before placing your order, please inform the school if you have a food allergy!**

Breakfast Order Form
Breakfast for the Month of February, 2011
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, February 15, 2011

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

Please **CHECK** off the day breakfast will be ordered.

Week of 2/21 – 2/25 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 2/28 – 3/4 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Number of Breakfasts ordered _____ X \$1.50

Less credit due _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

Lunch Order Form
 Lunch for the Month of February, 2011
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, February 15, 2011

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

Please **CHECK** off the day lunch will be ordered.

#_____

Week of 2/21 – 2/25 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
 #_____

Week of 2/28 – 3/4 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
 #_____

Number of Meals ordered _____ X \$3.50
 Number of Slices of Pizza ordered _____ X \$1.75

Less credit due _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$_____

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

Choice of 1% 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 \$2.00. 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.