



**FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**The Enrollment Lottery**

On Saturday, February 12, 2011, the South Shore Charter Public School held its annual Enrollment Lottery. The wonderful news for our school is that we had 513 applicants. We were expecting this high number of applicants following two very successful Open House events in November and January. Our November Open House had over 166 families in attendance, and our January Open House had over 101 families in attendance. Many of the families who came to discover more about our school specifically mentioned that their interest in our curriculum and school was based upon information they had received from our current students and families. This serves as yet another example of how the support of our parent community continues to be invaluable.

Although the Enrollment Lottery itself ran very smoothly, it proved to be a difficult morning. For the 513 applications we received, there were only 38 openings. 35 of those openings were for our upcoming Kindergarten class. We received 159 Kindergarten applications; 22 of those applications were for siblings of our current families. What this means is that 137 new students and families were competing for only 13 seats. Our only remaining seats were three in grade ten. It is unfortunate that we have so few available seats for so many promising students and their families.

I would like to thank Pam Algera for her tireless work in preparing for our Enrollment Lottery. It was through her ongoing efforts that the process was efficient and seamless.

Alicia E. Savage

**ONLY TWO DAYS LEFT TO VOTE – PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE TODAY**



**Students at the South Shore Charter School are in for an unexpected treat!**

This Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, Jon Olinto and some fabulous chefs from b.good will be here to treat our students to a fabulous lunch of a burger on a whole wheat bun with lettuce, tomato, and an apple on the side! b.good grinds their burgers every day from fresh beef that was raised at local family farms. We are looking forward to this exciting lunch event and would like to thank Jon and the entire crew over at b.good in Hingham for what promises to be a fun lunch and great time!

There will be no pizza this Friday, February 18, 2011. Students who have ordered and paid for pizza will be credited for lunch during our next pizza day, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Thursday	02/17	High School field trip to the Museum of Science	
Thursday	02/17	Education Committee	3:45pm
Thursday	02/17	Finance Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	02/17	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Friday	02/18	SEPAC	8:30am
Mon-Fri	02/21-02/25	Winter Vacation	
Monday	02/28	Classes Resume	8:15am

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

Thank you to all families and friends of the South Shore Charter Public School. Thanks to your generosity, The Annual Fund has reached new heights! As of today, we have raised over \$21,994.00! This means that we are more than six thousand dollars higher than we were at this same time last year! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

We must keep going as we remain a long way off from our target. If you have not yet contributed to The Annual Fund, please do so today. We need your help to make our school even better!

South Shore Charter Educational Foundation

# SAVE THE DATE

Friday, June 10, 2011

3<sup>RD</sup> Annual "Drive Fore the Future"  
Golf Tournament & 16<sup>th</sup> 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 are the March menus and order forms. Orders are due on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> by 3pm.



## FEBRUARY 2011 ~ COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

*Conor Quinn*  
Springfield State University

## **FROM THE 7-12 PRINCIPAL**

After so many disrupted weeks, I have enjoyed the luxury of full weeks of school. Students and teachers are back at work and have quickly reestablished routines. Among the most important of these routines is life at SSCPS after dismissal. While we may have only had five canceled school days, we had many additional days where it was necessary to cancel afterschool activities due to inclement weather. These cancellations have caused a lack of continuity which has been difficult for our enrichment and athletic programs. I am happy to say that this will be the second straight week of normal programming with a return to routine. Routine and pattern help us foster the consistency that is a hallmark of accomplishment.

Over the course of the seven years that I have worked at SSCPS, afterschool has evolved dramatically. Our school is now a busy, vibrant place after three o'clock. During the past few weeks we have worked to aggregate and consolidate the information about our programs. This has allowed us to get a real sense of additional needs and to institute measures for continued safety and accountability. I have learned that our students have opportunities at every level to participate in enrichment or to receive extra help, help that has a proven record of improving our students' learning. But teachers here at SSCPS have gone beyond "inspiring students to excel in academics" and have created clubs and activities to help "inspire students in life." These clubs and activities help students meet their needs and satisfy their interests and the response from students has been incredible. Those are only two elements of our mission and the newest afterschool activities are helping us meet our third stated goal, service. We now have a high school student-run afterschool homework help and enrichment. This program has given many of our students the opportunity to gain valuable work experience and has "inspired service." In compiling the afterschool lists I learned that well over half of our students participate in some form of afterschool activity during the winter months. I was both surprised and pleased by this statistic. I am proud to be at a school where students want to stay after the school day is done.

I have particularly enjoyed watching the high school students employed in our afterschool homework help program work with younger students and develop cross-level relationships. These relationships are key to our continued progress towards becoming a seamless K-12 school. This new program is both helping younger students with academics and teaching older students about the working world. While high school students have repeatedly told me that they enjoy working with the lower level children, they also like to remind me that it is hard work. Students have told me that they respect the hard work of their teachers even more now that they have tutored others. They are learning that responsibility isn't easy.

We appreciate your continued help in keeping our afterschool programs running smoothly. As more students are in the building afterschool, it becomes more important for us to keep things organized and centralized. I look forward to the continued expansion of afterschool at SSCPS. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

-Angie Pepin ~ [apepin@sscps.org](mailto:apepin@sscps.org) ~781-982-4202 ext.102

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WORKSHOPS & PROJECTS?**

The High School Theater Workshop is proud to present its annual METG Festival entry for the viewing pleasure of the friends and family of SSCPS. This year's dramatic piece explores the various themes of nature vs. nurture, existence within a mechanical/electronic society, immediate gratification, and the growing reliance upon Personal Assistance Devices (blackberrys, iphones, ipads, ereaders, etc.). Our casts of leads and understudies have used the same text and created distinctly separate performances using the subtleties and nuances of acting through subtext. In order to support ourselves for anticipated capital purchases we are charging nominal ticket fees of \$2 a ticket, not to exceed \$5 a family (of course, further donations are always welcome and happily received). These funds will be used over the next several years to expand our light plot, add depth to our costume collection, and hopefully install a sound system in the theater space. We hope you will join us in celebrating the product of months of hard work.

Sincerely, Loren Sanborn, Theater Director SSCPS

## **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: "Eaten out of house and home."

Level 2: "From here to Timbuktu."

## LIBRARY UPDATE

The library recently received the following new book donations to the school library:

### Bruce Family

The Handy Science Answer Book  
Polar Bear Scare

### Oji Family

Africa and the Wider World  
A History of Nigeria

### Anonymous Donation

Fragon  
Big Book Brain Games

### Carol Wise

Stories from Native North America  
Marley  
The Chronicles of Narnia  
The Sea of Monster  
The Thief Lord  
Blue Ballet  
and other books

We want to thank the families that donated these books.

### Over Due Books

Please encourage your students to bring back their library books on time. If they do receive a over due notice or if your receive an email please feel free to contact the Library Committee at [librarian@sscps.org](mailto:librarian@sscps.org) if you have any questions.

The check in and check out system that is used in the library is done manually. Keeping track of over due books is very time consuming and all of the work is done by volunteer parents that are members of the Library Committee. It makes their work so much easier when students return their books on time. The Library Committee will not have to spend so much time sending out over due notices to students and sending emails to families and keeping an over due log of books that have not been returned to the library. Hopefully in the very near future the library will be automated which will help keeping track of library books much faster and more efficient.

*Thank you -Library Committee*

## PARENTS ASSOCIATION

### **Guess what time it is?! ... time to complete another survey!!!!**

We are interested in knowing what you think about the PA, how we can improve it, and the best schedule for meetings... This is your opportunity to voice your opinions! Any questions? Please contact Lisa Harvey-Mone ([molimu@gmail.com](mailto:molimu@gmail.com) or 617-763-1533) Click on the link below to complete the survey...

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/sscpaspasurvey>

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

## COMMUNITY INTEREST

### ***February Happenings at Holly Hill Farm***

Holly Hill Farm in Cohasset is hosting two events this weekend to benefit the *Friends of Holly Hill Farm*, the non-profit Education Center that uses the farm as its outdoor classroom. The farm is located at 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. For directions, or other information, visit [www.hollyhillfarm.org](http://www.hollyhillfarm.org). In the event of inclement weather or icy trails, call 781-383-6565.

Everyone knows what an owl hoot sounds like, but have you ever met one in person and do you know where they live and what they like to eat? If you'd like to learn more, then come to Holly Hill Farm on Friday February 18 from 6 – 8 pm for the **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual February Owl Prowl**. Meet Hedwig, the barred owl from

South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell, listen to a reading of “Owl Moon” by Jane Yolen and learn about habits and habitats of local owls. After meeting Hedwig, we will take a walk on the snowy woodland trails that abut the growing fields of the farm to listen and prowl for owls that live on the farm. Dress appropriately for the temperature and slippery trails. This will be a great event for families and scout groups. Stay and enjoy hot chocolate around the fire after our owl adventure. Cost is \$8 for *Friends of Holly Hill Farm* members (max \$24 per family), \$12 for non-members (max \$36 per family).

**Family Walk on the Farm**, Holly Hill Farm, Sunday February 20 from 1-3 pm. Please join the Holly Hill Farm family for a trail walk focusing on tree identification, nesting and searching for early signs of impending spring with forest expert, Phil Benjamin. Dress for the weather, bring binoculars and water and meet at the main barn at 1 pm. All are invited to stay for warm cocoa at walk's end. Cost is \$8 per family for members of *the Friends of Holly Hill Farm*, \$10 for non-members. Leashed dogs welcome. For directions, or other information, visit [www.hollyhillfarm.org](http://www.hollyhillfarm.org).

## 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](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)**

## The HEADSTAND Principal



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!

The Theater Workshop of South Shore Charter Public School proudly presents

VIRTUAL FAMILY  
By Christian Kiley

March 12<sup>th</sup>      Leads @ 2:00 pm                      Understudies @ 3:30 pm  
March 13<sup>th</sup>      Understudies @ 2:00 pm                      Leads @ 3:30 pm

LEADS

Child 1.....Zach Johnston  
Child 2.....Jonathan Hagberg  
Child 3.....Tyler Zakrzewski  
PAD 1.....Dayna St.Peter  
PAD 2.....Sara Carter

UNDERSTUDIES

Child 1.....CJ Palmer  
Child 2.....Kayla Murray  
Child 3.....Kaisaac Griffin  
PAD 1.....Reilly Campion  
PAD 2.....Brianna Lemkin

CREW

Director.....Mr. Loren Sanborn  
Stage Manager.....Devin Nigro  
Director's Assistant.....Mushi Charmant  
Light Operator.....Terry Alcindor  
Sound Operator.....Bryan Gammon  
Stage Hand.....Ben Otis

The play takes place in the not-so-distant future where an electronic dystopia has evolved.



Additional embroidery											
Shipping charges											
Total Amount Due SSCPS											

Name embroidered on item \$5.00 additional charge  
Shipping is \$8.50 per order

Name to embroider: \_\_\_\_\_print clearly

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**  
**March, 2011**  
*Catered by Essence of Thyme*

**Breakfast**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4 
7 Whole Wheat Cinnamon Roll Juice Milk	8 Honey Wheat Bagel Juice Milk	9 Cheerios Juice Milk	10 Blueberry Muffin Juice Milk	11 Corn Muffin Juice Milk
14 Golden Grahams Juice Milk	15 Plain Bagel Juice Milk	16 Yogurt Juice Milk	17 Raisin Bran Juice Milk	18 Blueberry Bagel Juice Milk
21 Whole Wheat Cinnamon Roll Juice Milk	22 Honey Wheat Bagel Juice Milk	23 Cheerios Juice Milk	24 Blueberry Muffin Juice Milk	25 Corn Muffin Juice Milk
28 Raisin Bran Juice Milk	29 Corn Muffin Juice Milk	30 Golden Grahams Juice Milk	31 Yogurt Juice Milk	Apr. 1 Frosted Mini-Wheats 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**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
	1 Included	2 On the	3 February menu	4 
7 Ziti & Meatballs Broccoli Baked Apple Milk	8 Turkey Hot Dog Potato Puffs Baked Beans Milk	9 <b>Early Release</b>  <b>No Lunch</b>	10 Jamaican Beef Patty Mashed Potatoes Peas Milk	11 Pizza
14 BBQ Chicken Potatoes Au Gratin Corn Milk	15 Hamburger on a Bun Potato Wedges California Medley Milk	16 Chicken Parmesan Ziti Broccoli Apple Milk	17 Steak & Cheese Sub Potato Puffs Peas Milk	18 Pizza
21 Chicken Quesadilla California Medley Grapes Milk	22 Chicken Nuggets Scalloped Potatoes Corn Roll and Butter Milk	23 Italian Hot Pocket Mixed Vegetables Fruit Milk	24 Beef and Cheese Burrito Refried Beans Fruit Milk	25 Pizza
28 Turkey and Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Milk	29 Chicken Patty on a Bun Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Milk	30 Meatball Sub French Fries Mixed Vegetables Milk	31 Stuffed Shells Green Beans Applesauce Roll and Butter Milk	4/1 Pizza

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Breakfast Order Form  
Breakfast for the Month of March, 2011  
**Due to the office by 3:00 pm, \*Tuesday, March 1, 2011**

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

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

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

Week of 3/7 – 3/11     Monday     Tuesday     Wednesday     Thursday     Friday

Week of 3/14 – 3/18     Monday     Tuesday     Wednesday     Thursday     Friday

Week of 3/21 – 3/25     Monday     Tuesday     Wednesday     Thursday     Friday

Week of 3/28 – 4/1     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.

