



# Update

**March 2, 2011**

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## **FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Today I would like to welcome all students and families back from February break with wonderful news. Our students from the High School Environmental Workshop have won First Prize in Samsung's Solve for Tomorrow competition. After much hard work and effort, two of our students and two faculty members will be representing the South Shore Charter Public School at the finalist awards ceremony on April 7, 2011 in New York City. At that event, the top five finalist schools will be honored and a grand prize winner will be selected from the finalists.

Finalists were selected based upon their performance during the online voting phase which counted for forty percent of the total score, and the voting of a judging panel which counted for sixty percent of the total score. The competition was exceedingly rigorous; our students rose to the occasion achieving this distinctive recognition for academic excellence. The South Shore Charter Public School has now been awarded \$70,000.00 in software from Adobe, Microsoft and Samsung and has received a \$5,000.00 grant from DirecTV.

We could not be more proud of our students, Jonathan Boyle, Robert Eloi, Jonathan Jackson, and Kayleigh Wright. We are also exceedingly proud of the outstanding work of their teacher, Tara Turner. Her support and guidance for her students fosters academic success every day. Thank you for all of your work and effort.

I would also like to thank our families and the entire school community for the tremendous support shown during the voting phase of the competition. Our students will go to New York City knowing parents, faculty, and students support them in all they have accomplished. This is the time for our school community to once again celebrate intellectual curiosity and academic achievement.

Alicia E. Savage, [asavage@sscps.org](mailto:asavage@sscps.org)

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>03/02</b>	<b>Parents Association Meeting – see attached agenda</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>03/05</b>	<b>High School Drama Festival – Duxbury</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>03/07</b>	<b>Facilities Committee</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>03/08</b>	<b>Development Committee</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>03/08</b>	<b>Golf Tournament/Auction Committee</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>03/09</b>	<b>Professional Development Early Release</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>03/10</b>	<b>School Council</b>	<b>3:45pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>03/11</b>	<b>High School Ski Trip – Loon Mountain</b>	
<b>Sat &amp; Sun</b>	<b>03/12 &amp; 13</b>	<b>High School Theatre Workshop Performances – see attached flyer</b>	

# 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 Shipp, x106.

### **BREAKFAST & LUNCH ORDERS**

Enclosed are the March breakfast and lunch menus and order forms. Orders are due on Tuesday, March 8th by 3pm.

### **FROM THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

Please send your child to school with a change of shoes on their PE day. In order to keep our new indoor space nice we all need to have a pair shoes different from those that we are walking over in. Students without a change of shoes will not be allowed to participate in class.

### **FROM THE K-6 PRINCIPAL**

I am reminded of the rhythm of our school every week. Yesterday Claudia Darrow, one of the four of us who has been here at South Shore since our inception, was putting up images of scissors. Marie Hanlon, a long time assistant on Level I, saw them and said, "I can't believe it is that time of year again." No words were on the posters but Marie knew what they meant, the Big Hair Cut was coming. The Big Hair Cut is one of our many annual events. Claudia began this as a single act of her own community service and it has continued now into its ninth year because it serves a need. In the Big Hair Cut students grow and then cut their hair to be made into wigs for cancer patients. Both of my daughters did it and I highly recommend it; they felt very proud. It has become a tradition here at the South Shore Charter Public School. Traditions have become an important part of our identity here at our charter school.

Tradition and charter school in the same sentence. Sixteen years ago we were trying to break free from tradition and in fact we often refer to non charter public schools as traditional public schools.

We are now sixteen years old and we have many traditions that have evolved and changed over time but their pattern has become very important to us. An important tradition that is going on right now are Exhibitions of Mastery, as our Level I students work earnestly and bravely to present for their classmates, families and teachers. I have seen some and the teachers have told me how proud they are of their students and I could not agree more! We know that twice a year for the next twelve years our current Kindergartners will be working to perfect these presentations.

I am making a presentation in a few weeks to New Hampshire Charter School teachers about how to develop traditions that build a school's identity and enrich a students' school experience. To prepare, I asked the Level Coordinators to list key traditions. Seeing the list gives a sense of what and who we are as a school so I present them here: *History Plays, Globes, Pyramids, Craft Day, Solstice Concerts, All Pod, Literacy Night, Math Night, Town Meeting, Exhibitions of Mastery, Science Fairs, Move Up Day, Year End Celebrations, Day of the Arts, Heritage Day, Community Meeting, Morning Meeting, Spring Concerts, Senior Project, Senior Dinner, Senior Debate, All-School Photo, Big Hair Cut, Level II Student Achievement Awards, Field*

*trips to the MFA and Boston Symphony Orchestra.* This is very small sample of the yearly traditions but it does give a sense of what we do. We get out in the world and when we are out there we participate.

I finish with a brief description of a long standing tradition here, the trip to the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Early in February I went with the second, third and fourth graders, and many parent chaperones and teachers to the BSO. Everything about the trip made me proud. The way students looked in their good clothes, their attention to the music, and their recognition of music that they have studied with Wardie Mannix. Whenever the conductor asked a question student hands would go up like a forest in our section. For the first time ever we were right up in the front and we loved the view and the sound and the wonder of the big and wonderful world of Boston and Symphony Hall.

These raised student hands did more than make me proud of the children, it reminded me of talk given by Bill Wilmot at the end of our last year in Hull. Bill was one of our wonderful teachers who now runs his own charter school. In the talk Bill explained what it meant to be part of our school by analyzing the phrase "that's so charter." In this talk, which to me was the best distillation of the school to that point of our history, described a field trip to the Boston Symphony. He described a scene from a trip to the Symphony three years when many of our current students were not even born. On that trip when the conductor asked a question, our students raised their hands and spoke the answers in a similar dense forest of hands. In his talk Bill said that the students at South Shore did not observe life, they participated in it. Earlier this month at the BSO it felt very good to watch those hands go up and think of my own grown children and to see the inspiration of the early years of our school continuing. We had kids who felt the world was theirs and they were the world.

I felt good that I could be a participant in this journey and that somehow from year to year the spirit had persisted. Our traditions grew organically and helped us evolve into what we have become today.

Ted Hirsch, [thirsch@sscps.org](mailto:thirsch@sscps.org), (781) 982 4202 Ext 108

## 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 years 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

Level IV has recently finished our Exhibition of Mastery presentations. Every student did a presentation on topics related to their projects. The Conservation Project shared EOM presentations with the High School Biology Workshop. Some of the presentations were about Ants, The Great Pacific Garbage Patch, and Forensic Science. In the Literary Magazine Project, the topics were mainly about authors and books. Some of their presentations were on J.K Rowling and Steven King. The Shakespeare Project had presentations on the True Identity of Shakespeare and Romeo and Juliet. The Healthy You Project had presentations on Alcoholism and Obesity. The Students, Sailing and the Sea Project had presentations on pirates from different time periods.

## 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.

Level II will be participating in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's, Pennies for Patients program again this year. The program will begin on March 2nd and run for 3 weeks ending on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March. This is a service learning program in which the students collect spare change to help those afflicted with blood cancer.

The kick off assembly will be held on the March 2<sup>nd</sup> with demonstrations, games and information about the disease and program. Each classroom will have a collection box. Please encourage your child, friends, and family to participate in this opportunity to help others in need.

**SAYING OF THE WEEK:**

Level 1: "A dog is man's best friend."

Level 2: "Through thick and thin."

**DAFFODIL DAYS!** This year, Rachel's Level IV Literary Magazine Project organized the 2011 American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days campaign. Daffodil Days is a simple fundraiser offering students, parents, and school faculty to buy merchandise or donate money to benefit the American Cancer Society. All proceeds go to cancer patients and cancer research. Daffodils were chosen because this first flower of spring represents a symbol of hope for cancer patients across the country. Orders will be delivered the week of March 14, 2011.

Our goal was to raise \$1000. Due to the generous orders and donations from students in every level, parents, and faculty members, we were able to raise \$795, which is \$20 more than last year's \$775. We would like to thank all of the students, parents, and faculty that participated and the teachers for their help and support! We look forward to doing Daffodil Days again next year.

Sincerely, Katie Tuttle and Ana Estabrooks, Level IV Literary Magazine Project

**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 an over due notice or if you 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/sscpsasurvey>

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Sophia and Alexia Korosidis** will be walking in the **20th Annual Walk for Hospice** on **Saturday March 19th**, in memory of their great-grandfather. They would like to get a group to walk together as a team, called **SSPCS Cares**. The walk will take place inside the South Shore Plaza; there will also be music, children activities, raffles, games and more. All proceeds will go to benefit **Hospice of the South Shore**. If you are interested in walking, or sponsoring, please contact Sophia and Alexia's mom, **Anatoli Korosidis @ 781-308-3421**

## 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!**



# High School



## Day Ski Trip 2011

**Who:** High School Students (9-12)

**Where:** Loon Mountain

**When:** March 11, 2011 (Friday)

**What:** Ski, Snowboard, tubing, ice-skating, rock climbing, our own lodge & lunch (*pizza, salad, soda, & cookies*)

**Please check one:**

\_\_\_ \$75.00 **Adventure Pass:** *Includes bus, skating, tubing, climbing wall & lunch*

\_\_\_ \$75.00 **Ski-Boarder:** *Includes, bus, lift-ticket, and lunch*

\_\_\_ \$100.00 **Ski-Boarder w/ Rentals:** *Includes bus, lift ticket and rentals (ski or snowboard), and lunch*

**Time:** Bus will leave SSCPS at 6:00am and return  
By 7:30pm

Check out Loon's Website: <http://www.loonmtn.com>

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.

# SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

*Inspiring every student to excel in academics, service, and life.*

## **Parent's Association Meeting**

March 2, 2011

### **AGENDA**

- 7:00pm **Meeting Called to Order**
- 7:00-7:05 **Review and Approve January meeting minutes**  
7:05 – 7:10 **Announcements**
- February meeting cancelled – no minutes to approve
  - Next Meeting is Wednesday, March 2, 2011
  - Golf / Auction Committee Hard at Work
- 7:10 – 7:30 **School Reports**
- Alicia Savage
  - Angie Pepin
  - Ted Hirsch
  - Jackie Perry
- 7:30-7:50 **What everyone wants to know about our High School!**
- Angie Pepin
- 7:50-8:10 **Board of Trustees Update and Facilities Chat**
- David Whitemeyer
- 8:10-8:15 **Tummies to Teens**
- Jessica Roman
- 8:15 – 8:25 **Committee Reports**
- Fundraising - Gwen Watchorn
  - Welcoming & Events – Kerry Griffin
  - SEPAC – Karen Boyle / Kerry Benjamin
  - Library – Beth Toma
  - Health & Safety – Yeemay Miller
  - Arts & Music – Jennifer White
  - Volunteer – Jessica Lussier
  - Community Service – Karen Crays
- 8:25 – 8:35 **Grade Representative Reports**
- 8:35 – 8:45 **Treasurer's Report**
- Parent Association Grant Review Task Force Update
- 8:45 – 9:00 **Old Business / New Business**
- 9:00pm **Adjourn**





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

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!**



**South Shore Charter School**  
**March, 2011**  
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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

\* 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 March, 2011  
**Due to the office by 3:00 pm, \*Tuesday, March 8, 2011**

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

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

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

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.

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#\_\_\_\_\_

Week of 3/28 – 4/1     Monday     Tuesday     Wednesday     Thursday     Friday  
#\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Meals ordered	_____	X	\$3.50
Number of Slices of Pizza ordered	_____	X	\$1.75
<i>Less credit due</i>	_____		
<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b>			\$_____

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.*