



# Update

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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Recently the South Shore Charter Public School hosted a group of graduate students from the Harvard Graduate School of Education who are taking a course on charter school education. The site visit provided four graduate students an opportunity to see theory turned into practice. It also provided our students with the opportunity to meet adult students interested in hearing about their school experiences in our unique environment. It was a welcome opportunity for our school, and we appreciate the commitment of taking an entire day out from packed graduate student schedules to explore our methodology, mission, and vision for the future.

As the graduate students walked through our halls and classrooms, escorted by Jonathan Hagberg and Jackie Perry, they were able to ask students and faculty about the mission of our school and what the day to day life of our school is like. During Projects and Workshops, Level III students were able to discuss our school's mission and what it means to learning. Students expressed their feelings of our school with many telling statements, "I like it here," "They help you learn and achieve your goals," and, "The mission is to learn... if you think it, you can do it." The team of visitors determined that our model of innovative education is deeply student-centered and focused upon individual growth in multiple competencies.

Today provides another strong example of individual growth in multiple competencies as the Political and Social Action Workshop presented *Day of the Arts*. Jessica Roman, a parent volunteer in the high school Poetry Slam Workshop, read some of her poetry and talked about how life experiences shape who you are as a writer. Our student presenters sang, played live music, and read poetry that is ready for publication. Our student artists were featured on stage. And the Political Action and Social Workshop debuted their documentary, *I'm in a relationship and it's Complicated*, a film about how our high school students perceive their relationships with others. Earlier this week, I had the unique opportunity to observe Amanda Young and Anaise Trocher as they learned the intricacies of iMovie and the nuances of editing. After countless hours of work, and the guidance of their teacher, Lora Desalvo, a thoughtful and relevant end product was the result. Congratulations to them and to our high school students and faculty who, once again, demonstrated outstanding achievement.

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

Thursday	03/10	School Council	3:45pm
Friday	03/11	High School Ski Trip has been cancelled due to weather.	
Saturday	03/12	High School Theatre performance – flyer attached	2:00 & 3:30pm
Sunday	03/13	High School Theatre performance – flyer attached	2:00 & 3:30pm
Tuesday	03/15	Executive Committee	8:00am
Thursday	03/17	Education Committee	3:45pm
Thursday	03/17	Finance Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	03/17	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Friday	03/18	Regular day of Classes	

# 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 breakfast and lunch menus and order forms. Orders are due on Tuesday, March 15th by 3pm.

### **FROM THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND ATHLETICS**

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.

#### **Basketball**

Both of the High School Jaguar basketball teams closed out their seasons on Sunday, March 6th at the Hingham Middle School. The girls played a tough fought game against Salem Academy and much like their entire season, they never let up. To say that the heart and determination that they displayed during each game was impressive would be an understatement.

The boy's team was successful against Salem Academy coming out strong at tip-off and never looking back. The Jaguars just missed a deserving spot in the playoffs and will be coming back next year with a strong and talented team. Congratulations and Thank You to the seniors Jared Sheils, Rooby Eloi, and David Delphonse for leading this year's team, as usual with the Jaguars, it was one to be proud of.

For those of you who do not know, SSCPS athletics is part of the MCSAO. It stands for the Massachusetts Charter School Athletic Organization. Every year our athletic league hosts a basketball tournament for qualifying teams in our league at UMASS Boston. Hosting a tournament can be very costly and we are asking for help in raising the necessary revenues by donating food items to our concession stand. Items like canned sodas, water, candy, hot dogs, hot dog rolls, individual bags of chips/pretzels/popcorn, and other commercially sold items will go a long way to helping us not only pay for the tournament, but eventually build a solid financial foundation for the league.

We would very much appreciate your help in obtaining these food items. Any items can be brought to Heather Fredette or dropped off at the front desk no later than Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you all for your continued support!

*Heather Fredette*

### **ART NEWS**

Big goings on in the Arts! **Tyler Tsang (9)** and **Ben Gallion (8)** received their **Gold Key Awards** from the **Boston Globe Art Awards** this past weekend in front of hundreds of people in the Hynes Auditorium in the John Hancock Building, Boston. Their pieces were chosen out of a field of two thousand. Congratulations!

All **Level IV** student linoleum block prints, as well as HS Art Workshop student work, will be sent into the **Artsonia Linoleum Print Contest**. Their work will be available for viewing on line in April at [www.artsonia.com](http://www.artsonia.com). Please be sure to check out your student's work.

Art Teacher, **Marianne F. Buckley Curran** currently has a display up at **Starbucks** on Rt. 3A in Cohasset for the month of March.

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

Learning at SSCPS is not limited to the traditional school day. Our students are busy outside of the confines of Monday to Friday representing our school in a variety of different capacities. Last weekend marked two important events for members of our high school community. Our boys and girls basketball teams which include students from both the high school and Level IV had their last games on Sunday. Both teams had a strong season improving their basketball skills and coming together as a team. The work of the high school Theater Workshop culminated in their performance at the Massachusetts High School Drama Festival last Saturday. Two of our students, Dayna St. Peter and Sara Carter were recognized for excellence in acting at the festival. Congratulations!

Also last weekend Polina Shpilker represented our school in our school's first appearance at the Poetry Out Loud National Recitation Contest. The contest is sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation and encourages high school students to learn about great poetry through memorization and recitation. Throughout the process Polina was supported by Jennifer White the chair of the Parents Association Arts Committee. We hope to grow this program and increase student participation moving forward.

Neil Feeney, an eighth grade student, recently had his first novel published. With some editing help from Literary Magazine Project leader and Level IV teacher Rachel Jones, Neil completed a 256 page book while remaining actively involved on the Level and on the honor roll. Neil's book is an extraordinary accomplishment. [Ultimate Secrets Volume I](#) is now available for sale on Amazon.com. I've copied the synopsis below.

*Melvin is in love with Ultimate Frisbee. He's part of a team, The Musers, and plays all the time. His team is getting better by the second, and is eliminating all the teams they face, and are slowly approaching the finals. But then Melvin realizes he's being followed. Are these rivals from another team? But then the government informs him that someone, or SOMETHING on his team is holding a secret weapon that could cause harm to the United States. Could one of his teammates really do this? Melvin thought he knew everything about his so called "brothers", but now the government is proving that wrong. But will the extensive government investigations lead them to HIS secret? Then things start to get supernatural.*

I am anxiously awaiting the arrival of my copy and hope that many members of our community have the opportunity to read it.

Our students are a constant source of pride for me both in the classroom and outside of the building. Our faculty and parents do an extraordinary job of encouraging and nurturing our students, making all these accomplishments possible. I'd like to extend special thanks to Jenn Johnson and Jared Rose for their work with our basketball teams and to Loren Sanborn for all of the energy and time he put into afterschool, weekend, and vacation rehearsals with the Theater Workshop. Our faculty is the key to the continued success of our students. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Angie Pepin [apepin@sscps.org](mailto:apepin@sscps.org) 781-982-4202 x102

## **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: "Sour grapes."

Level 2: "When it rains it pours."

#### **PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

Thanks to all who came out to the PA meeting last week. We had a terrific turnout! Special thanks to David Whitemeyer who serves on the BOT and chairs the facilities committee. He discussed the plans for our new roof and answered all questions posed in regards to our building.

Thanks go out to Angie Pepin as well for her informative presentation about the high school. It was enlightening and informative (but not surprising) to learn that our requirements for graduation far surpass those of district schools both academically and socially. Did you know we require 10X the community service hours of district schools?? 10X!!!! And the opportunities our high schoolers have for online and college classes are amazing! Kudos to our staff and students!!!!

I would also like to send special thanks to a very thoughtful and articulate high school student named Jonathan. He came before the PA to discuss an issue that has been on his mind - the safety of students during drop off in the back of the building. He brought to our attention that there are many high school students, new drivers, parking their cars while parents drop off younger students. And he asked that all parents, guardians, and friends, abide by our drop off procedures. If you are simply dropping a student off, stay in the left lane and wait until you can safely stop and let your student(s) out in the cross walk with Ted. If you are going to park your car and bring a student into the building, please stay to the right and park when you are able. Please do not stop abruptly in the right lane or under the basketball court and let students hop out. This is not only against our "rules" but extremely dangerous for all. If you have any questions about drop off, please contact me at [heatherdans@yahoo.com](mailto:heatherdans@yahoo.com) or 781-534-5698.

#### **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/sscpasurvey>

#### **COMMUNITY INTEREST**

It's time to sign up for summer programs at Holly Hill Farm located at 236 Jerusalem Road in Cohasset. The *Friends of Holly Hill Farm* offers programs for children ages 3 through 16 beginning with the pre-school program on June 6. Sessions for all ages continue through August 19<sup>th</sup>. Children will learn about growing healthy organic food and nature through fun activities, songs and games. Children will have fun outside, unplugged from the TV and the internet, doing farm chores like planting seeds, caring for plants, weeding, making compost, and preparing a meal from food grown on the farm. A special program for children ages 9 - 12 called "Market Gardeners" beings as an afterschool program at the farm on Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 5. Market Gardeners will develop a plan for a market garden with the goal of selling produce at the Cohasset Farmers' Market on Thursday afternoon's beginning in June. For complete information, visit [www.hollyhillfarm.org](http://www.hollyhillfarm.org) or call 781-383-6565.

#### **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



**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!

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.



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Shipping charges											
Total Amount Due SSCPS											

Name embroidered on item \$5.00 additional charge

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

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**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

\* 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 15, 2011**

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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>			<b>\$ _____</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.*