



Update

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ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

Thank you to all members of our school community for your support of The Annual Fund. As of today, our Annual Fund has reached \$19,580.00. Thanks to your generous support, we are over two thousand dollars higher than where we were last year. Thank you to all parents, grandparents, and friends of our school who have supported this fund so generously.

We remain a long way off from our target. If you have not yet contributed to The Annual Fund, please do so today! It is important to be able to demonstrate a commitment to our school by showing the participation rate of our entire school community. Please give what you are able to show your support of our school so that we may continue to provide educational opportunities for our students.

Thank you!

South Shore Charter Educational Foundation

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The school year is flowing by quickly and it is almost time for the second session of our after school program to begin. Our high school tutors have done an excellent job keeping the program running and providing after school homework help as well as fun enrichment activities for students in Levels I – IV. I would like to thank all parents who have been helpful and cooperative with our new after school sign out procedures. These efforts have helped our program run smoothly and efficiently at the end of the day. Our school community is very pleased with the successful outcome of this program and we are looking forward to the second session.

Session II will begin on Monday, March 28, 2011 and continue to Thursday, May 26, 2011. We will continue to offer our students after school homework help. In addition to the previously offered enrichment activities, we will also be offering Amazing Animals through the South Shore Natural Science Center and an eight week swimming program. Registration for these programs will be available in next week's update.

Alicia E. Savage, asavage@sscps.org

Thursday	03/17	Education Committee	3:45pm
Thursday	03/17	Finance Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	03/17	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Thurs-Sun	03/17-03/20	High School Workshop Veggie Van trip to Washington DC	
Tuesday	03/22	MCAS – Composition grades 4, 7, 10	
Wednesday	03/23	MCAS – ELA grade 10	
Wednesday	03/23	Junior Parent Night	6:30pm
Thursday	03/24	Junior Class field trip to University of New Hampshire	

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, June 10, 2011

**3RD Annual “Drive Fore the Future”
Golf Tournament & 16th Annual Auction**

South Shore Country Club

Register online today at www.sscps.org

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 order form for the remainder of March which is due Tuesday, March 22nd by 6 3pm. Also enclosed are the Breakfast and Lunch menus and order forms for April. April orders are due on Tuesday, March 29th by 3pm.

HEALTH OFFICE

During the next few weeks the BMI (Body Mass Index) of all **7th grade and 10th grade students** will be assessed. BMI is a screening that involves comparing your child's height and weight to other children of the same sex and age. This is a new state mandated program to help people maintain a healthy weight. Parents will be notified by letter if their child's BMI is elevated, indicating that your child may be overweight or underweight. Please contact the health office if you do not want your child to participate in this program.

FROM THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND ATHLETICS

PE Classes: Please send your child to school with a change of shoes on their PE day. In order to keep our new indoor space nice it is very helpful for us all to have a pair shoes different from those that we are walking over in. Thank you so much for your consideration in this matter!

Athletics

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 17th. Thank you all for your continued support!

The **Learn to Sail** program is open to SSCPS students and registration begins on March 22 on the Hull Yacht Club website www.hullyc.org . Parents may join a webinar on March 21st for more information. Visit www.hullyc.org.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WORKSHOPS & PROJECTS?

On Wednesday, March 9, 2011, the Political and Social Action Workshop held its 2nd annual Day of the Arts celebration. The Day of the Arts is a day dedicated to showcasing, appreciating and supporting the creative talents of SSCPS high school students. This year's theme was relationships. The day began with guest speaker and poet Jessica Roman who shared her life experiences, her writing interests and, of course, her poetry with the high school. Her presentation was followed by a period of questions and answers. Next came the student performances. The day was filled with songs, short stories and lots of poems including a poetry slam from the Writers and Poetry Workshop. Members of the Political and Social Action workshop worked to organize the order of acts, decorate the stage, create a program of events, get food and organized logistics for the day. Members also participated directly in the Day of the Arts including making a film with student interviews, writing and reading stories as well as participating in the poetry slam. According to all who attended, the Day of the Arts was a great success and we look forward to next year's celebration.

FROM THE K-6 PRINCIPAL

It is that time of year when we are planning in earnest for next year. In the planning process we are assessing strengths and weaknesses of our school and thinking about how we can improve. It is a very tight economic period for schools and we are not immune to the budgetary constraints of other public schools but we are planning with a clear vision for what we need and how we can achieve even more. I ask that you too help with us in this process by letting me know what is working well for you and your children and what is not. When this process is over we will be having Level I, II and III coffees to share with you what we have in mind for next year.

One practice that has become a tradition here at SSCPS is family input on class placement. If you have a child entering kindergarten, first, third or fifth grade please contact me by e-mail at thirsch@sccps.org with a class placement request. While family requests are the single most important factor in determining class grouping it is not the only factor. If we are not able to grant your request I will contact you.

This week we received more recognition as one of our teachers Nora Broderick was selected as one of ten winners in the United Way "Teachers Who Rock" award!

The prize is \$500 for school supplies from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. When I went in to talk to the children and to congratulate them on their teacher's recognition I was rewarded by hearing a second grader reciting from Hamlet. It was just a typical day in the South Shore Charter Public School, somebody doing something fancy and fine before nine in the morning. Here is one of the testimonials written about Nora that can be found in the award announcement. "Nora's passion for teaching is remarkable. She truly wants every one of her students to succeed. She works tirelessly to achieve that goal. Her 'poetry project' is a favorite among her students and helps them develop a love for the art of poetry that opens up their minds at such a young age. I think all of her students would agree that NORA ROCKS!!!!"

Go to <http://speakunited.org/blog/meghan+keaney+anderson/2011/02/teachers-rock-winners> to learn more. I can't wait to see what Nora gets with that \$500, I am pretty sure it will have at least a few books of poetry.

Ted Hirsch at thirsch@sccps.org

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 23rd 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 2nd 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

Friday, April 15th, students will celebrate Heritage Day.

The High School students are planning to have a lunch and ask parents to donate food items with ethnic significance. That is, they are looking for dishes popular in the homelands of their family members. Just imagine how interesting, delicious, and fun it would be for our students to partake in dishes from all over the world; China, Italy, Haiti, Ireland, India, the list could go on and on! So if you are willing to make a dish, please let me know.

Thanks! Heather Dans, PA Chair

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 or 617-763-1533) Click on the link below to complete the survey...

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

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 19th. 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" begins as an afterschool program at the farm on Wednesday March 30th 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 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** For those who are unable to attend, but would still like to sponsor the **SSCPS team**, please click on the link below. Everyone's support is much appreciated!

[Click here to view the team page for Team SSCPS Cares](#)

If the text above does not appear as a clickable link, you can visit the web address:

http://events.southshorehospital.org/site/TR?team_id=4140&pg=team&fr_id=1220&et=5PfxanDBnKv9bJuWNIok0A...&s_tafid=2661



Project Bread - The Walk for Hunger:

Brianna and Edina Lemkin are walking with the 'Walk for Hunger' again this year and invite members of the SSCPS community to join the Nantasket Beach Walkers. Hope you can join or support us. For more information visit: www.projectbread.org

Cradles to Crayons - The second and third graders in Brownie Troop #73538 are collecting donations for Cradles to Crayons during the month of March. A donation box is located in the front lobby. New or gently used clothing (sizes newborn to 18/20), books, toys, baby items, and school supplies for grades 0-12 is appreciated. Cradles to Crayons strives to provide children up to age 12 living in homeless and low-income situations with the essentials they need to feel safe, warm, ready to learn, and valued.

Level II student, Olivia Brown (Kristin Waldron's Pod), is running a fundraiser for the families in Japan. She is placing donation boxes in all of the Level II classrooms and will be hanging posters in the school this week.

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 Shipp, 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 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!

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
April, 2011
Catered by Essence of Thyme

Breakfast

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1
4 Frosted Mini Wheats Juice Milk	5 Cheerios Juice Milk	6 Raisin Bran Juice Milk	7 Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Juice Milk	8 Yogurt Juice Milk
11 Golden Grahams Juice Milk	12 Blueberry Muffin Juice Milk	13 Plain Bagel Juice Milk	14 Cheerios Juice Milk	15 Honey Wheat Bagel Juice Milk
18 S P R	19 I N G	20 	21 B R E	22 A K
25 Whole Wheat Cinnamon Bun Juice Milk	26 Corn Muffin Juice Milk	27 Golden Grahams Juice Milk	28 Cheerios Juice Milk	29 Frosted Mini Wheats Juice Milk



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

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



South Shore Charter
April, 2011
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LUNCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1
4 Ziti and Meatballs Baked Apple Broccoli Milk	5 Turkey Hot Dog Potato Puffs Baked Beans Milk	6 American Chop Suey Green Beans Apple Milk	7 Jamaican Beef Patty Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Milk	8 Pizza
11 BBQ Chicken Potatoes Au Gratin Corn Milk	12 Hamburger on a Bun Potato Wedges California Medley Milk	13 Chicken Parmesan Sub French Fries Peas Milk	14 Steak and Cheese Sub Potato Puffs Peas Milk	15 Pizza
18 	19	20	21	22 
25 French Toast Sausage Patty Baked Apple Potato Puffs Milk	26 BBQ Chicken Potatoes Au Gratin Corn Milk	27 Hamburger on a Bun Potato Wedges California Medley Milk	28 Chicken Nuggets Scalloped Potatoes Corn Roll and Butter Milk	29 Hamburgers/Veggie Burgers from B.Good

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

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Breakfast Order Form
Breakfast for the Month of April 2011
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, March 29, 2011

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 4/4 – 4/8 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 4/11 – 4/15 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 4/18 – 4/22 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 4/25 – 4/29 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.

