



Update

May 11, 2011
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I would like to take this opportunity to remind our school community to complete your nomination ballot and vote for Trustees for the South Shore Charter Public School. Your participation in this election process is imperative and greatly valued.

As many of you know, the Board of Trustees has a very influential role for the South Shore Charter Public School. Members of the Board of Trustees work hard to ensure that the vision and mission of our school are preserved through strategic planning. Members bring a range of perspectives to the school community and are essential to our growth and sustainability.

If you have not yet done so, please take the time to fill out your ballot today. All ballots must be received by 4:00pm on Thursday, May 19, 2011. In addition to the ballots that were mailed last week, ballots may also be found on our website.

Thank you for all you do in making our school community strong.

Alicia E. Savage, asavage@sscps.org

Weds & Thurs	05/11 & 12	MCAS Science Grade 8 and Grade 5	
Thursday	05/12	School Council	3:45pm
Friday	05/13	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Friday	05/13	PA sponsoring Teacher Appreciation Luncheon	
Monday	05/16	Kindergarten Screenings	9-11am
Tues & Weds	05/17 & 18	MCAS Math Grade 10	
Tuesday	05/17	Grades 7-11 warnings mailed	
Weds & Thurs	05/18 & 19	MCAS Math Level II and Level IV	
Wednesday	05/18	Level III Parent Coffee	8:30am
Wednesday	05/18	Golf Tournament/Auction Committee meeting	9:30am
Thursday	05/19	Education Committee	3:45pm
Thursday	05/19	Finance Committee	5:30pm
Thursday	05/19	Annual Meeting and Regular Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Save the date!	Wednesday	June 1st – Annual Spring Concert at SSCPS	6:00pm

THE 2011-2012 SSCPS CALENDAR IS AVAILABLE AT WWW.SSCPS.ORG.

ONLY 3 DAYS LEFT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF DISCOUNTED PRICING!!
**JOIN US FOR GOLF, DINNER, DESSERT,
ENTERTAINMENT OR
ANY COMBINATION OF THE ABOVE.**

Friday, June 10, 2011

3rd Annual "Drive Fore the Future"

Golf Tournament & 16th Annual Dinner Auction

South Shore Country Club

Register and reserve your seats online today at www.sscps.org

Register now and pay later.

**Take the opportunity to advertise your business in our
auction program!**

**We are still looking for auction items. Please consider donating items
for the auction to support your children's school.**

Visit www.sscps.org for more information.

Featuring after dinner entertainment by:

Aldous Collins Band.

www.aldouscollins.com

BREAKFAST & LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed is the May menus and order forms. Orders are due Tuesday, May 17th by 3pm.

FROM THE 7-12 PRINCIPAL

Last week Mary Carter, Jared Rose, and I had the pleasure of meeting with the students that will be entering our high school in the fall. The group included many of our current eighth graders as well as several new students who will be starting with us as freshmen or sophomores. While we aim to be a seamless K-12 school, I feel that it is important for us to recognize the significant transitions that our students make as they move up through the Levels. The move from Level IV to high school is one of those significant transitions. Despite being in the same building and sharing a similar schedule with Level IV, the move from a middle school team approach to a college focused program at the high school level can be intimidating for students. Meetings like last week's provide us with an opportunity to prepare students for the transition, clarify the differences, and get students excited for the increased independence they have to look forward to.

In preparing for the meeting for new high school students, I was reminded of the many ways that our 9-12 program is different from a typical district high school. Our students are required to complete significantly more requirements than students in most public high schools. The difference starts with academics. Students at South Shore Charter Public School are all required to take four years of English, four years of Math, four years of Science, four years of History/Social Science, and four years of Spanish. This is far ahead of the curve for the state, which requires a full four years of only one subject, English. Outside of standard academic requirements, all high school students must also complete four years of Workshop, which for many students can be a life changing aspect of their education. For all courses, including Workshop, the passing grade is 70, significantly higher than most high schools.

Our high school students are also faced with requirements outside of the school day. All students must complete two college courses prior to graduation. College courses provide students with a feel for college level work, an opportunity to earn credits to help them get a head start on their degrees, and a chance to improve their transcripts. Many schools, including all of the state schools, weigh college courses like AP courses when considering a student's application. This is just one way that we push students to prepare for college, as a college acceptance is also required for graduation.

Our seniors are faced with wrapping up their coursework and completing two other important aspects of high school at SSCPS. All seniors participate in Senior Debate in the spring. The debate is embedded in the 12th grade Ethics course and is focused on a senior class-selected topic. Debates provide students with another opportunity to hone the public speaking skills they have been working on through Exhibitions of Mastery since kindergarten. Currently our seniors are out of the building on Senior Project, an internship that replaces their fourth quarter. Senior Project allows students to explore an interest and to learn more about a field they might want to pursue in college.

Finally, our high school students, like all SSCPS students are required to do community service. While many schools require community service, the requirement at SSCPS is particularly robust. Students must complete 30 hours each year in grades 9-11 and an additional 45 hours in senior year, compared to the typical ten-hour requirement of most schools. As the school year draws to close this is a requirement that all of our students, K-12, should be thinking about. In my experience many students complete their requirement, but do not document their hours. The last weeks of the school year are a final chance to get this done.

If you have questions about our high school program, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Angie Pepin, 781-982-4202 x102, apepin@sscps.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.

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "You can't teach an old dog new tricks."

Level 2: "Cold shoulder."

Level II's final Scholastic book club flyers of the year are now available online.

Be sure to stock up now for your summer reading. Lucky and Arrow flyers were delivered to school but there are many more choices online. Please start by visiting www.scholastic.com/clubsordering. Our class activation code is GRP4K and all of Level Two is listed under Sarah Roberts' class. Paper orders are due by Friday May 27 and online orders are due by Saturday May 28. If you have any questions about ordering please email Bethany at bwhitemyer@rcn.com. Thank you!

Update from the Level IV Literary Magazine

Sadly, the Literary Magazine has cancelled the Pennies for Peace fundraiser at the school. There is reason to believe that Greg Mortenson the founder of the organization has fabricated and exaggerated the stories that helped to sell his book, Three Cups of Tea and grow his fame. There are also allegations that money donated is not going to the schools built. The Central Asia Institute's records show more money is spent on Mortenson's book signings and private jet rides than keeping the schools up-to-date. However, Mortenson's efforts to help Middle Eastern children have been very influential and meaningful. There is little disbelief that he did not help the children in Pakistan and Afghanistan, he has built many running schools and given many children a chance for an education. The Literary Magazine is truly upset towards the accusations about Mortenson, but we want to know what we are donating is unquestionably going towards its intension. The Pennies for Peace fundraiser is cancelled but the Literary Magazine plans for another fundraiser for a different purpose before the end of the school year.

LIBRARY UPDATE

The Library Committee is working to automate the school library. Once this project is completed the running the school library will be much more efficient in checking in and out books, tracking lost books, searching for books

that teachers and students are looking for. The goal is to have this projected completed by the time school starts in the fall.

We have less than two months left of school. Please be sure that your students return their library books on time. It is important that all library books are returned before the last day of school. You will receive an email and your student will receive a paper over due notice when they have over due library books. If you have any questions or concerns regarding a student's over due book(s) please email the Library Committee at librarian@sscps.org.

Donated Books

Carol Wise

Among the Hidden Series - six books

The Gray Family

The Edgar and Ellen Nodyssey Series

Toma Family

1. DK book on **Egypt**
2. Adventures with Lewis and Clark
3. Kids Chinese Cookbook

Malnati Family

1. Flat Stanely Books - 4
2. My Weird School books - 7
3. My Weird School Daze Books - 4
4. Ready Freddy Book

We are looking for **Dr. Seuss books** for our school library. This is a very popular book that students love to read and we do not have a very good selection at the present time. If your students have out grown their Dr. Seuss books or if you are looking to donate books to the library we can use these books. They can be gently used or new.
Thank you, Library Committee

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

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Voting will be open from now through May 20, 2011 (EOB)

Vote using the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PAelection>

OR complete a paper form (available at the end of this update or from Lisa Harvey-Mone molimu@gmail.com or 617-763-1533)

12th Grade Rep* PLEASE WRITE IN IRINA KITAEVA*** Irina is the current 11th grade rep and would like to serve as 12th grade rep next year.

Thank you, Heather Dans, PA Chair

Reminders as discussed at the last PA meeting:

- Cell phones are NOT to be used while driving on our campus.
- Student pick up is not permitted on Longwater or adjacent parking lots.
- It is strongly recommend that students do not wear flip flops to school. This footwear can be dangerous- especially on the playground.

COMMUNITY INTEREST

Spring time at Holly Hill Farm

Holly Hill Farm will offer the following family-friendly events this spring at 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. Come explore the farm's resources, including the 120 acres of woods, fields, salt marsh, and ponds. Proceeds from these events benefit the *Friends of Holly Hill Farm*, the non-profit education center that uses the farm as its outdoor classroom. For more information, call 781-383-6565, visit www.hollyhillfarm.org or email Education Director Jon Belber at jbelberhollyhill@hotmail.com.

New this year, the **Consider This! Contest** is sponsored by the *Friends of Holly Hill Farm* and supported by the Frank H. White Memorial Scholarship fund. The award is a new, annual contest for kindergartners through high-schoolers. The goal is to reward thoughtful reflection on an important environmental or farm-based topic. Four

cash prizes are awarded based on age. The age groups are kindergarten through 2nd grade; 3rd through 5th grade; 6th through 8th grade; and 9th through 12th grade. Submissions can be a written essay, poetry, art or photography. Submission deadline is May 3rd. Details at www.hollyhillfarm.org.

Keeping a Naturalist Sketchbook, a hands-on workshop for grandparent-grandchild pairs to learn new ways to study and record nature by creating a sketchbook with artist and teacher Lynn Rizotto. This unique opportunity will take place Sunday May 15th from 10 – 11:30 am. This program is for grandparent and children pairs ages 6-10 years old. Enrollment is limited. Cost: \$20 per pair for members, \$30 for non-members.

LONGWATER BUS IS HAVING AN END OF YEAR SALE!

For a bargain price of \$250, we will make your life easier, and your child can ride the LW bus to and from school. **This is a first come, first serve sale**; and available for new or returning riders only (not existing riders). We have a limited number of seats available, and students will be included on our existing route in Hull and Cohasset. To sign up, please email amylemkin@gmail.com

Registration is now open for Derby Academy's Summer Programs 2011 for ages 4 to 15. **Summer Arts** is a five-week multi-arts camp for ages 6-15, which offers drama, music, media, dance, sports, gymnastics, visual arts, photography and writing. The program dates are June 27 to July 29. There are over 100 offerings and lunch is provided. Derby also offers a series of **one-week camps**, including Musical Theatre, Circus Arts, Daytrippers, Kayaking, Visual Arts, Sewing, Sports, Science, Fishing, Rugby, and Animation. The **Young Explorers Club** is designed for ages 4 to 6. For an application and information for Summer Arts, Summer Fun and Young Explorers, visit our website at www.derbyacademy.org, or call us at (781) 740 4766.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Service Opportunity at Wompatuck State Park in Hingham. Samantha and Katie Wormald will be walking with family and friends to Cure Spinal Muscular Atrophy in Loving Memory of their older sister, Kristin, who died just before 6 months of age of SMA. Please join us from 9 am - 12 noon on a 1.5 mile scenic paved walk. After the walk find family fun, games, raffles, free food, drinks and refreshments! Call Cyndi Wormald at 781-871-5373 with any questions or if you would like to donate.

SSCPS Students participating in RELAY FOR LIFE - Jared and Abbey Farmer, Kaitlin and Courtney Morin and Ryan and Sean Gallagher will be participating in the **RELAY FOR LIFE** on June 17th (the last day of school). They will be walking for team **HEART and SOLE**. The Relay For Life raises money for the American Cancer Society. We are always looking for new team members. Please contact **Cindy Morin at 508-468-5715** if you are interested in joining the team or have any questions. Donations can be left at the front desk in an envelope marked RELAY FOR LIFE. Checks can be made out to the *American Cancer Society*. Thank you.

THE 9th Annual BIG HAIRCUT June 6th - 2:15pm All welcome – under the big top Donate



hair to **Locks for Love**, <http://www.locksoflove.org>, An organization that makes wigs for children who lose their hair from chemo due to cancer. Minimum hair needed for BIG HAIRCUT - 10 inches. But Join us with any amount of hair that can be tied in an elastic. Come Sign up! **All are welcome** - family and friends can come and watch or join the event. **All you need for either event is a pair of scissors, a Cutter** (some trustworthy friend to cut your hair during the event), And **a permission slip** if you are under 16. **Questions?** - Claudia at extension 334, in the high school or at cdarrow@sscps.org Be there for the big countdown, a SSCPS tradition and a great time!

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

Buy your Yearbook!!!

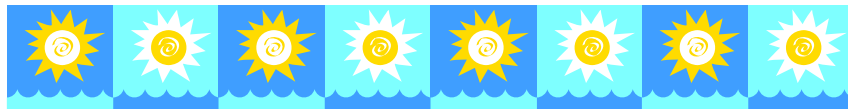
- Go to Jostensyearbook.com to purchase
- \$45.00 online or make check to SSCPS
- For more information and questions contact Jared in room 103 or ext. 324.

We are currently in the process of putting together the 2010-2011 yearbook. Our deadlines are quickly approaching. Of course, it takes a great deal of time and money to complete this project. We ask you to consider placing an ad for your senior, your business or your favorite student. Your company or business' advertisement will be located inside each yearbook that is sold, promoting your service or business to each family that purchases a book.

A **full page** ad costs **\$150**, a **half page** ad costs **\$75**, a one **quarter page** ad costs **\$40** and a **business card** size ad costs **\$25**. We will need to have all advertisement orders in by **Friday May 6th**.

To expedite the process please send your ad and size information directly to the yearbook team at jrose@sscps.org Please submit your ads in Jpeg format in at least 300 dpi... Checks should be made out to South Shore Charter Public School attention yearbook committee.

Creating the best yearbook possible is very important to us. We would greatly appreciate your help. Thank you in advance for all your support.



SUMMER READING BOOK SWAP

Come early to the Spring Concert and get a jump start on summer reading! A Summer Reading Book Swap will be available before the concert on Wednesday, June 1.

How does it work? It is easy! Pledge to read another book or make a trip to the library and swap your pledge for a free book!

A donation box will be available in the front lobby during the month of May for any books you would like to donate to the Summer Reading Book Swap. All book donations are welcome, especially books from prior summer reading lists.

Save the Date

5/27/2011

Time: 7:00-11:00pm

Prom 2011

SSCPS High School Prom Tickets are on sale now!

The High School Prom is open to students grades 9-12 and outside guests are welcome; however they need to complete a Guest Form.

Tickets are \$55.00 per person/ \$100.00 per couple

**SPONSORED BY:
SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC
SCHOOL, STUDENT BOARD**

Location: Boston Marriott, Quincy, MA

Questions - contact Mary Carter

781-982-4202 x306

Faculty Advisor Information:


Phone: 781-982-4202 x306

E-mail: mcarter@sscps.org




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

Breakfast

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
23 Whole Wheat Cinnamon Bun Juice Milk	24 Raisin Bran Juice Milk	25 Frosted Mini-Wheats Juice Milk	26 Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Juice Milk	27 Cheerios Juice Milk
30 MEMORIAL DAY 	31 Whole Wheat Muffin Orange Juice Milk	JUNE 1 Yogurt Juice Milk	2 Whole Wheat Bagel Juice Milk	3 Golden Grahams Juice Milk

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

Lunch

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
23 Turkey and Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Milk	24 Chicken Patty on a Bun Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Milk	25 Meatball Sub French Fries Mixed Vegetables Milk	26 Stuffed Shells Green Beans Applesauce Roll and Butter Milk	27 BGood Hamburger/Veggie Burger
30 MEMORIAL DAY 	31 French Toast Sticks w/Syrup Sausage Patty Potato Puffs Raisins Milk	JUNE 1 Chicken Tenders Scalloped Potatoes Carrots Milk	2 Turkey Hot Dog Potato Puffs Baked Beans Milk	3 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 & Lunch Order Form
for the Month of May, 2011
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, May 17, 2011

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
5/23 – 5/27

Week of Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
5/30 – 6/3

Number of Breakfasts ordered _____ X \$1.50
Less credit due _____
Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

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

Week of Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
5/23 – 5/27
Hamburger or Veggie Burger
(circle one)

Week of Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
5/30 – 6/3

Number of Meals ordered _____ X \$3.50
Number of Slices of Pizza ordered _____ X \$1.75
Hamburger/Veggie Burger _____ X \$3.50
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.



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Dorie Witt's Guide to Surviving Bullies

Parents, pre-teens, and teenagers,
come meet

Brigitte Berman, teen author of
Dorie Witt's Guide to Surviving Bullies.

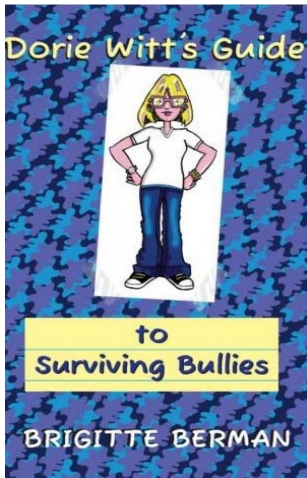
In this inspiring program, Brigitte will discuss all aspects of bullying and the urgent need to "raise the consciousness and take action on the topic of bullying."

Working together, we can put a stop to bullying!

When: May 13th at 6:00

Where: South Shore YMCA in Hanover
75 Mill St. Hanover, MA

Fee: This event is free and open to the public
50FAFAM22



To pre-register please contact,
Jamee Beaudry, Youth and Family Coordinator,
South Shore YMCA in Hanover at 781-829-8585 x372
Or jbeaudry@ssymca.org
Financial assistance available.

This event is the result of a joint collaboration between the South Shore Y, and the South Shore Hospital's, Youth Health Connection, in an effort to support our surrounding community's initiatives to raise awareness about the effects of bullying and teasing on our youth.



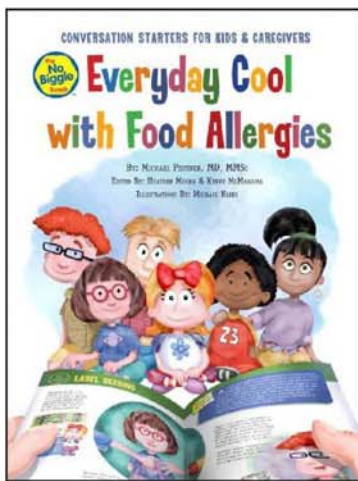
Inly School presents

Dr. Michael Pistiner

Food Allergies in Children

Empowering food allergy kids and friends with
food allergy safety and management strategies

For allergy and non-allergy communities.



Thursday, May 12, 2011

7:00 pm

Meehan Family Artsbarn

Inly School

46 Watch Hill Drive

Scituate, MA 02066

There will be a long **Q&A** session in which Dr. Pistiner can address the allergy concerns of the audience.

Dr. Michael Pistiner is an allergist in Leominster, MA and a clinical instructor at Children's Hospital Boston, Harvard Medical School, where he works with families coping with food allergies. He is a food allergy educator and advocate and serves as a voluntary consultant for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, School Health Services and on the American Academy of Pediatrics' Council for School Health. He is the recipient of awards from the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network in 2009 and 2010, as well as the American Medical Association Young Physician Section Community Service Award (2010). He has recently authored **Everyday Cool With Food Allergies**, a children's book designed to teach basic food allergy management skills to preschool and early school age children.

This program is free and open to the public.

Certificates of attendance will be awarded.



Brought to you by the Food Allergy
Support Group at Inly School.

www.inlyschool.org/allergy-support-group

SSCPS PA Elections Ballot

1. 2011 SSCPS Parents Association Ballot

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Thank you,
Heather Dans
PA Chair

1. Chair:

Lisa Harvey-Mone

Other

Other (please specify)

2. Vice Chair (VC):

Kerry Griffin

Other

Other (please specify)

3. Secretary

Melissa Freitas

Other

Other (please specify)

4. Treasurer

Elissa Dennis

Other

Other (please specify)

SSCPS PA Elections Ballot

5. Arts & Music:

Heather Dans

Jennifer White

Other

Other (please specify)

6. Community Service:

Beth Toma

Other

Other (please specify)

7. Fundraising & Events:

Gwen Watchorn

Other

Other (please specify)

8. Health & Safety:

Mary Foster

Other

Other (please specify)

9. Library:

Beth Farmer and Mickey Ciambriello (co-chairs)

Other

Other (please specify)

SSCPS PA Elections Ballot

10. Volunteer:

Jessica Lussier

Other

Other (please specify)

11. Welcoming & Events:

Maureen Hebert

Other

Other (please specify)

12. Kindergarten

Manusca Belony

Other

Other (please specify)

13. 1st grade

Julie Burke

Other

Other (please specify)

14. 2nd grade

Priscilla Kelly

Other

Other (please specify)

15. 3rd grade

Heather Dans

Other

Other (please specify)

SSCPS PA Elections Ballot

16. 4th grade

Mary Foster

Other

Other (please specify)

17. 5th grade

Melissa Freitas

Other

Other (please specify)

18. 6th grade

Kerry Griffin

Mary Foster

Other

Other (please specify)

19. 7th grade

Bethany Whitemyer

Hope Malnati

Other

Other (please specify)

20. 8th grade

Mary Foster

Other

Other (please specify)

SSCPS PA Elections Ballot

21. 9th grade

Gema Gray

Tobe Sachs

Other

Other (please specify)

22. 10th grade

Other

Other (please specify)

23. 11th grade

Karen Boyle

Other

Other (please specify)

24. 12th grade

Other

Other (please specify)