



Register Today for the HARVEST RUN

Saturday, October 16, 2010

5K (3.1 mi.) road race / fitness walk

Whether you are an elite runner or a family looking to enjoy a fitness walk in the beautiful Wompatuck State Park, there is a place for you in this fabulous fall event!

\$30.00 per SSCPS family, \$10.00 for students K-12

Pre-registration fee is \$20.00 for an adult, before Sept. 30, 2010.

RACE DAY SCHEDULE

9:00 am – 10:45 am registration and T-Shirt pickup.

11:00 am start

Post race refreshments by our sponsor: Not Your Average Joe's

For more information please email harvestrun@sscps.org or register online at www.coolrunning.com.

Look for a registration form in your child's backpack today.

Thursday	09/30	HS Soccer home vs. Pioneer Charter School	4:00pm
Friday	10/01	HS Soccer away @ Boston Prep Hyde Park	5:30pm
Monday	10/04	HS Soccer home vs. Salem Charter School Middle School Soccer @ AMSACS, Marlborough	5:00pm 4:00pm
Tuesday	10/05	School Picture Day – see details below	
Wednesday	10/06	Level I Parent Coffee Hour & Volunteer Orientation	8:30am
Wednesday	10/06	Cross Country Meet – Elms Bank Conservation, Wellesley	4:00pm
Wednesday	10/06	Golf Tournament/Auction Committee meeting	6:00pm
Wednesday	10/06	Parents Association Meeting	7:00pm
Thursday	10/07	HS Soccer @ Boston Collegiate, Dorchester	4:00pm
Thursday	10/07	K-6 Math Night	6:30pm

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

Hayward Photography will be here on Tuesday, Oct. 5 for school pictures. If at all possible, photographs will be taken outdoors. Order forms are being send home **TODAY** to every student. Please be sure to fill out the forms, put your payment in the envelope and send them in on Tuesday, October 5th with your child(ren).

Hayward is requesting that one parent volunteer be assigned to stay at all times with each of the three photographers, to help with the grooming process. Any parent who volunteers and stays for the entire shoot will receive one complimentary Package A for one child. Please call Dee at ext. 159 to volunteer to work with a photographer.

Combs will be given to each student. Hayward recommends that students wear solid colors, either primary or pastel, or small prints. Large or geometric prints and extremely bright colors should be avoided as they tend to distract from the child being photographed. All packages are 100% guaranteed, and when pictures arrive in 4-6 weeks, parents can contact Hayward directly with any questions regarding their order. All information will be on the announcement forms.

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed are the October Breakfast and Lunch menus as well as the order forms. Orders are due Tuesday, October 5th by 3pm.

PE DEPARTMENT

The **PE Department** is going to be introducing a golfing unit and will be constructing a portable pitch and put course. I am putting a call out for used pitching wedges, 5 and 7 irons and putters. Check those old golf bags so you can unload some unneeded clubs. Given the course layout, woods will not be needed. You can drop off at the Art Room. (women, men, junior, left and right handed clubs all welcome). Thank you, questions call Marianne @ 304.

7-12 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Last Thursday and Friday Jared Rose, Mary Carter and I joined our Senior class on an overnight Senior Retreat at Camp Burgess in Sandwich. This was our first year of a trip we hope to turn into an annual tradition. The schedule for the two days combined organized activities with open recreation, archery, kayaking, and canoeing. We ended our evening on Thursday with a flashlight-less night hike and a campfire.

During the structured portion of the trip, the Seniors participated in a series of team activities designed to encourage leadership skills and cooperation. On the low ropes course students were given a variety of challenges to overcome that required them to work together to come up with a plan and effectively execute it. For example, groups of eight students were asked to come up with a way to get every member of the group to walk across a tightrope with the support of only a rope, line up on the opposite end and remain standing as a group while singing "Row, Row, Row, Your Boat." What really struck us was the way that our students persevered in the face of challenges and supported one another. Everyone was willing to try and with help from one another everyone succeeded. It was incredibly rewarding as an educator to see our students bring together their interpersonal skills, problem-solving techniques, and leadership abilities in their pursuit of a goal and enjoy it. The performance of our students provided me with further evidence that SSCPS gives students an education that goes far beyond academics.



One of the things that I most enjoy about my job is hearing from the outside world what I already know; our students are outstanding. Before we left the camp on Friday afternoon one of the staff members who worked with us over the two days came up to our cabins to see us off. She explained to me that our group was incredibly impressive and had been "a breath of fresh air" after weeks of difficult student groups. She described our students as being well-behaved, willing to try, and a pleasure to be around. I couldn't agree more.

The retreat provided our Seniors with time to come together as a class and to strengthen their community as they enter their final year with us. Our hope is that they will use the skills that they honed last week to help them lead not only the High School, but the school as a whole as we continue to develop as a seamless K-12 school. The Senior Retreat is just one example of how our students and faculty K-12 are working to strengthen our community. Throughout the building activities like Town Meeting, Community Meeting, Advisory, and Open Circle, as well as initiatives that teachers take in their individual classrooms help bring our students together. While academic achievement remains our most important goal, I am proud to be part of a school where students learn to support each other, work together, and persevere.

Angie Pepin, aepin@sscps.org 781-982-4202x102

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WORKSHOPS & PROJECTS

The Level IV **Conservation Project** this year is going to be filled with activities. The GLOBE project is when we go to ponds or beaches to test the water and post the results on the GLOBE website. There are results from ponds and parts of the ocean from all over the world. We are also doing the turtle project. We are trying to repopulate turtles. To do so we will be raising young turtles in the classroom. In addition to other field trips where we explore animal and plant habitats, we will also be reading "Under The Sea-Wind" by Rachel Carson. This book provides an accurate and descriptive narration of organisms in their natural habitat.

Level IV's **Literary Magazine Project** is back again! This year there are some changes. Not only can students submit short stories and poems, they can also now submit drawings for a new artwork section and essays for an editorial section. Submission envelopes will be hung around the school in Levels I through IV and throughout the hallways. Teachers are welcome to collect BIG piles of student work and pass it into the Literary Magazine Project. Anything submitted will be of help to complete the first edition of the 2010-2011 Literary Magazine for January. Any questions, come to room 202 or talk to Rachel Jones on Level IV.

A revived **Animals and the Environment Workshop** returns this year to the High School with new projects, environmental reading, and rigorous discussion. Students in small groups have chosen specific topics and have created year long projects surrounding their interests. Each project was designed to fit under the topics of animals, agriculture, medicine, or environment. Some focuses of such projects include veterinary medicine and technicians, zoo careers, hydroponics, forensics science, the Veggie Van and more. In addition to individual ventures, workshop students are reading *In Defense of Food* written by Michael Pollan and *Animals Matter* written by Marc Bekoff & Jane Godall. The important issues brought up in the books are being discussed with Jonny Belber and Tara Turner. Outside of the classroom students are participating in outings to Holly Hill Farm in Cohasset, Briarwood Marine Research Center in the Buzzard Bay area, and Sauchuk Family Farm in Plympton. Other upcoming workshop events include a Veggie Van appearance at the second annual Harvest Run at Wompatuck State Park on October 16.

Submitted by Jonathan Jackson & Chloe Cerilli, Workshop Secretary

The High School's **Political and Social Action Workshop** has chosen gangs and teen violence as their topic of study for year. Students' goal is to inform their peers about the history and dangers surrounding gangs and teen violence and make them aware of the issues, current events and political or social action being taken by our communities, states and federal government. Currently, students are researching their topic and will be writing, designing and printing an informative newsletter for the high school audience.

Also at the High School, the **Engineering & Design Workshop** will be attending the Better World by Design conference at the RI School of Design campus on Friday, 10/1. More information about the conference is here: <http://www.abetterworldbydesign.com/>

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Level 2: "Like a bull in a china shop."

K-6 SINGAPORE MATH NIGHT FOR PARENTS – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7TH AT 6:30PM

Singapore Math Night is a chance for you to learn from the teachers about how we teach math. Singapore math is a wonderful system of explaining and drawing math where number sense is built and developed so over time students gain math fluency. To an adult who does not know the program it can seem at times as if questions are asked in ways that can seem unnecessarily difficult. We look forward to the opportunity to explain Singapore math to you and why it uses this language. On Thursday we will gather in the Music Room for the first fifteen minutes and then you will get a chance to meet grade level teachers who will explain the program and vision for math for each grade K through 6. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday night.

Ted Hirsch

SEPAC (SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE)

The Special Education Parent Association Committee is having a meeting on Thursday, Oct. 21 from 6-7 pm. The SEPAC is a parent committee established to assist parents of children who have IEP's and 504's. We are hosting an evening meeting to encourage parents to come that can't normally attend the morning meetings.

Immediately following, Jo Feldman, Director of Special Education, will be offering a Basic Rights Workshop from 7-8 pm. The Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) require that parents are offered this training annually. Please join us on Oct. 21 from 6-7 and 7-8 for a fun-filled, informative evening!

And, of course, refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Boyle klb.rjc@verizon.net or Kerry Benjamin kbenjamin1@verizon.net.

LIBRARY

This week the Library will open and some of the students and teachers will be able to start checking out books. Not all of the classes will be starting this week as some of the teachers are still looking for volunteers to help their students in the library. Please contact your student's teacher if you are willing to help. Once the teacher has given us all of your information you will be contacted by a member of the Library Committee for library orientation.

The Library is looking for the following donations:

1. Pencils (sharpened would be great)
2. Rolls of scotch tape $\frac{3}{4}$ inch for use in an existing tape dispenser
3. Book marks

Book donations

Non-Fiction

1. Science
2. Animal
3. Sports
4. Arts and crafts
5. Multicultural

Magazine Subscriptions

1. Sports Illustrated for Kids
2. National Geographic for Kids

We had families donated subscriptions for the library last year and these subscriptions are going to expire soon. These magazines are very popular among students and would like to continue to receive them.

The Library Committee

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS & INFORMATION

From the PA Chair – Heather Dans

- ❖ The next meeting of the Parents Association is Tuesday, October 5. Meeting begins at 7pm. Join us at 6:30pm for social time! The agenda is attached.
- ❖ Last call to respond to the Afterschool Program survey. Follow the link to complete the survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/B8VVV3K> Paper copies are available at the front desk. If you can't get the link to work or if you have any questions, please contact Lisa Harvey-Mone (molimu@gmail.com or 617-763-1533)
- ❖ The final edits are being made to the 2010-11 SSCPS Directory. You have until Friday, October 1st to submit a business size ad for \$25. Send your information to Lisa Harvey-Mone (molimu@gmail.com) or you may drop the information with payment made out the SSCPS to the front desk.
- ❖ **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION – place your box tops in the envelope at the front desk.**

GOLF TOURNAMENT & AUCTION COMMITTEE

The Kickoff Meeting of the Golf Tournament and Auction Committee is Wednesday, October 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the school (take a left at the piano, 1st classroom on the left). All are welcome to attend! If you would like to help with the event but can't attend this meeting, please contact Kerry Benjamin at (781) 706-3454 or kbenjamin1@verizon.net.

VOLUNTEERING AT SSCPS

In order to Volunteer at the school you must:

1. Take part in a volunteer orientation. Sessions will be held at the end of the Parent Coffee Hours on the following Wednesdays at 9:30am October 6, 13, 20, 27, and November 3.
2. Complete and pass a CORI check. This must be done YEARLY with Pam Algera or Kristine Shipps
3. Read and sign a confidentiality agreement. This also must be done every year.

If you have any questions about volunteering, please contact Jessica Lussier at jesslussier@comcast.net

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

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

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

Parent's Association Meeting

October 6, 2010

AGENDA

- 7:00 **Meeting Called to Order**
- 7:00 – 7:05 **Review and Approve September Minutes**
- 7:05 – 7:15 **Announcements**
- Next Meeting – Saturday, November 6, 2010 at 9am
 - Upcoming Events
 - Harvest Run
 - Volunteers needed!
 - Golf and Auction
- 7:15 – 7:45 **School Report**
- Alicia Savage
 - Angie Pepin
 - Ted Hirsch
 - Student Representative
- 7:45 - 8:15 **Athletic Initiatives Discussion**
- Alicia Savage
 - Where we stand today
 - Where we would like to be
- 8:15 - 8:30 **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
- 8:30 – 8:45 **Grade Representative Reports**
- 8:45 – 8:50 **Treasurer's Report**
- 8:50 – 9:00 **Old Business / New Business**
- 9:00 **Adjourn**



SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

October, 2010

Catered by Essence of Thyme

Breakfast

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Pop Tart Apple Juice Milk
4 Frosted Mini-Wheats Fruit Juice Milk	5 Rice Krispies Apple Juice Milk	6 Raisin Bran Apple Juice Milk	7 Apple Jacks Orange Juice Milk	8 Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Apple Juice Milk
11  COLUMBUS DAY	12 Plain Bagel Grape Juice Milk	13 Rice Krispies Apple Juice Milk	14 Frosted Mini-Wheats Juice Milk	15 Yogurt Orange Juice Milk
18 Golden Grahams Orange Juice Milk	19 Croissant Jelly Grape Juice Milk	20 Apple Jacks Orange Juice Milk	21 Pop Tart Apple Juice Milk	22 Yogurt Apple Juice Milk
25 Raisin Bran Apple Juice Milk	26 Golden Grahams Orange Juice Milk	27 Apple Jacks Orange Juice Milk	28 Cheerios Fruit Juice Milk	29 Blueberry Muffin Grape Juice Milk




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Lunch

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Pizza
4 French Toast Sticks w/Syrup Sausage Pattie Baked Apple Raisins	5 Chicken Parmesan Ziti Broccoli Apple	6 Herbed Baked Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Mixed Veggies Roll	7 Beef and Cheese Burrito Refried Beans Pineapple Chunks	8 Pizza
11 COLUMBUS DAY 	12 American Chop Suey Green Beans Apple	13 Early Release No Lunch	14 BBQ Chicken Potatoes Au Gratin Corn	15 Pizza
18 Hamburger on a Bun Potato Wedges California Medley	19 Turkey Hot Dog Potato Puffs Baked Beans	20 Cheese Ravioli Broccoli Fruit	21 Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap Carrot Sticks Apple	22 Pizza
25 Steak and Cheese Sub Potato Puffs Peas	26 Chicken Quesadilla California Medley Grapes	27 Ziti and Meatballs Broccoli Baked Apple Slices	28 Turkey and Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans	29 Pizza

Lunch for the Month of October, 2010
*Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, October 5, 2010*

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
 10/11 – 10/15 **No School**

Week of Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
 10/18– 10/22

Week of Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
 10/25 – 10/29

Number of Breakfasts ordered _____ X \$1.50

Total Amount Enclosed \$_____

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

Lunch Order Form
 Lunch for the Month of October, 2010
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, October 5, 2010

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 10/11 – 10/15 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
No School **Early Release** #_____

Week of 10/18 – 10/22 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
 #_____

Week of 10/25 – 10/29 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
 #_____

Number of Meals ordered	_____	X	\$3.50
Number of Slices of Pizza ordered	_____	X	\$1.75

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.