



SCHOLARS EVERY ONE

More than any other time in history, the nation is looking closely at successful public schools in an effort to duplicate what works and disseminate best practices. Here at the South Shore Charter Public School we are exceedingly fortunate to be in this place, at this particular time. Our students are working hard and succeeding.

This month we received notification of students in the class of 2011 who qualified to receive the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship based on their performance on the Spring 2009 Grade Ten MCAS. The Adams Scholarship provides a full tuition waiver to a Massachusetts state college or university. It is nothing short of thrilling to note that we have eleven students who have qualified for this scholarship and more to be eligible in January. This means that over 41 percent of our seniors have received this distinction.

Congratulations to our John and Abigail Adams Scholars:

Diandra Billingslea
Rooby Eloi
Jonathan Hagberg
Matthew McAteer
Jacqueline Perry
Ashley Reardon
Julyana Rodarte
John Ryan
Philip Santiano
George Yazbeck
Amanda Young

Our students are working hard and succeeding. These young women and men have achieved high academic honors not only within their senior class, but within the senior class of their sending district as well. In a traditional district school, students who perform in the top 25 percent of their class receive this scholarship. As a charter school, our students are eligible by being in the top 25 percent of their class, or in the top 25 percent of their sending district. As evident by our high percentage, our students have achieved at high levels and are now at the top of their sending districts as well.

In addition to recognizing our fantastic students, it is important to fully understand the value of exceptional teaching. Research has shown time and again that the number one indicator of student achievement is high quality teaching. Supporting each and every one of these scholars is a hard working group of teachers who go beyond the traditional school day to ensure that each student reaches his or her personal best. At SSCPS we are very fortunate to have teachers who are extremely knowledgeable about the content they teach and fully committed to making sure students persevere to reach their goals. The efforts of both students and teachers have been rewarded by this outstanding academic achievement.

Alicia Savage

7-12 PRINCIPAL REPORT

At the high school level high performance on the MCAS tests gives students the opportunity to gain free tuition at a Massachusetts state college or university. As outlined by Alicia, we are incredibly proud of the achievements of our Seniors who earned Abigail Adams Scholarships.

Attached to this Update you will find a letter containing SSCPS's No Child Left Behind School Report Card. The No Child Left Behind statute requires all school districts and charter schools to annually provide families

with information regarding student progress towards the goal of all students becoming proficient in English Language Arts and Mathematics by 2014. The data on the report card is compiled by the state and comes from 2010 MCAS results, MCAS participation, and graduation data.

I'd like to draw special attention to the Commendation SSCPS received that is included in this accountability report. With the release of the 2010 MCAS results the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education recognized 187 schools across the state for significant MCAS achievement. SSCPS was commended for our narrowing of the proficiency gap, which can be seen in the data the report card outlines. The most dramatic instance of this can be seen with our low income students in English Language Arts. At SSCPS our low income students actually performed better on the Language Arts MCAS than the school as a whole. This is a considerable accomplishment.

In 2010 SSCPS maintained a performance rating of "Very High" in English Language Arts. In mathematics we moved up to a performance rating of "High" from the previous year's designation of "Moderate." The third chart on the report outlines more specific data about different subgroups as define by No Child Left Behind that make up our student population. For SSCPS only data concerning our Special Education, Low Income, African American, and White subgroups is available. While we have some students in other subgroup categories, the size of the groups is too small to be statistically significant and is therefore not calculated by the state.

Please feel free to contact me or to contact Ted with any questions about the general data contained in the report card or your student's MCAS scores specifically.

Angie Pepin ~ apepin@sscps.org ~ 781-982-4202 x102

Thursday	10/28	HS Soccer home vs. Prospect Hill	4:00pm
Thursday	10/28	Cross Country Meet – Wellesley	4:00pm
Friday	10/29	SEPAC	8:30am
Monday	11/01	Facilities Committee	6:00pm
Tuesday	11/02	Professional Development Day – No School for Students	
Wednesday	11/03	High School Parent Coffee	8:30am
Wednesday	11/03	Auction/Golf Tournament Committee Meeting	6:00pm
Thursday	11/04	School Council	3:45pm
Thursday	11/04	Literacy Night	6-7pm
Thurs – Sat	11/04-11/06	Annual Book Fair	
Saturday	11/06	Parent Association Regular Meeting followed by a presentation by Angie Pepin – Bullying & Cyberbullying	10am



Voting ends October 29th - Last few days to cast your vote -

PA President Heather Dans recently entered the story of the big "America's Greenest School" win into a short film contest on Facebook called "Filter For Good Project" sponsored by the Sundance Film Festival and Brita Water Filtration. Winners could have their idea made into a short film and the idea was one of 15 finalists selected.

SSCPS could be featured in a short documentary at the Sundance Film Festival!

Go to <http://apps.facebook.com/good-film/entries/139>

Please vote for "Kids Can Green the World."

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed are the November Breakfast and Lunch menus as well as the order forms. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST BY 3PM** DUE TO THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY.

ART NEWS

Heads ups....here comes **Original Works**Every year The Art Workshop does a fund raiser in which all students create an original design. That design is then sent home accompanied with a brochure, price list and order form. If you or a family member are interested in getting this design piece reproduced onto one of the Original Works objects (mug, dish towel, etc) simply follow the directions on the form, if not, keep that special piece that your child has created. Order forms are handed into pod teachers and delivered back to pod teachers in time for Christmas. The company has sent special paper to use for this program, so if you are interested in other family members creating a piece please give me a call so I can get the paper to you. Your student's artwork will be arriving home the **week of Nov. 1st and is due back, Nov. 8**. Any questions, call Marianne at x304.

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "The early bird gets the worm."

Level 2: "The show must go on."

REMINDER FOR ALL PARENTS – If your child will be absent, please call 781-982-4202 ext. 100 to report the absence. Thank you.

LIBRARY

The library has been opened almost one month this week. Just about all of the classes are coming in to visit with students. The library has 18 volunteers who either assistance students in the library or come in at the end of the day to help with miscellaneous projects or re shelf books. All of our classes now have volunteers to help them in the library. Some of the classes even have more than one volunteer working with our students. Our library would not be able to be opened if it wasn't for all of the volunteers that are coming in to help. Thank you for volunteering your time.

We are still looking for volunteers to help at the end of the day in the library starting at 2:15 PM. Since the library is small it is really important to keep it picked up and neat in appearance. This is also a great to spend some time and see what great books are library has to offer our students. If you are interested email Beth Toma at JToma85103@aol.com.

Library Donations

Magazines

Kids National Geographic

Sports Illustrated for Kids

Our current subscriptions are due to expire and we would like to continue to receive these magazines. They are very popular with our students.

Non-Fiction Books

Science

animals

crafts

sports

history - *in particular books on Nigeria and Haiti*

Book Fair with Story Book Cove

Our book fair with Story Book Cove will be November 4 - 6. We are looking for a few volunteers to help at the book fair from 8am until 2:30pm. Please contact Melissa Freitas as MelissaFreitas@msn.com for more information.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS & INFORMATION

- ❖ The next Parent Association meeting will be Saturday, November 6th, if you have any item you would like to add to the agenda please contact Heather Dans at heatherdans@yahoo.com.

- ❖ Yeemay Miller is heading up the Health and Safety committee and is looking for volunteers to work on a number of projects including reviewing the lunch and breakfast programs. Interested people can contact her: yeemay@verizon.net
- ❖ *Please note calendar change* –To honor the first night of Hanukkah the PA meeting for December has been rescheduled to the 8th of December.

AUCTION & GOLF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Golf Tournament and Auction Committee is Wednesday, November 3rd 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.

THANK YOU FROM ANNETTE GOLDEN, CHAIR OF THE HARVEST ROAD RACE...

I'd like to thank students, parents, staff, runners, and volunteers alike. With your contributions, the Harvest Run was an outstanding event. Although it started out as a fundraiser it also turned into a friend raiser. There were many participants that came to run and walk in a road race but, left with much more. It was wonderful to hear from people in and outside our community, how much they enjoyed the event. It was a beautiful sunny day but the camaraderie and cohesiveness of our school community is what stood out and made every one feel a part of the event.

There are so many people that volunteered before, during, and after the event that it would be impossible to name them all. Volunteer participation varied from students who worked on the art for the t-shirts, parents and staff who distributed fliers before the event, to those who set up, cleaned up, and every thing in between on the day of the event. There are however, several people who gave a tremendous amount of time and energy to making this event happen: Tess & Glen Misiaszek, Mary Oxner, Maureen Hebert, Pam Alger, Kristine Shipp, Denise Demaggio, Kerry Griffin, Jenn Jordan, and Diane Holland. Thank you for all you did. We couldn't have done it with out you.

Annette Golden

SAVE THE DATE: SSCPS Holiday Fair - Sunday, November 7, 2010 12-4pm.

Rockland Eagles Hall, 29 Park Street, Rockland, MA 02370.

Contact Gwen Watchorn at gwenwatchorn@gmail.com or 781.982.8971 for more details.

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 Wednesday at 9:30am - November 3.
2. Complete and pass a CORI check. This must be done YEARLY with Pam Alger or Kristine Shipp
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

Part Time Development Assistant

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



SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

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

October 25, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As a result of the federal No Child Left Behind Act we need to notify you of our report card for 2010. This report contains information about teacher qualifications, student performance on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System, and progress towards all students becoming proficient in English Language Arts and Mathematics. For the 2010-2011 school year 100% of SSCPS teachers are Highly Qualified under the rules of No Child Left Behind. Data regarding accountability is available on the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education website www.doe.mass.edu and is copied below.

South Shore Charter Public School - 2010 Accountability Data

School Title I Status:	Title I School (TA)
NCLB School Choice Required:	Yes
Supplemental Educational Services Required:	Yes
Commended For:	Narrowing proficiency gaps

	<u>NCLB Accountability Status</u>	<u>Performance Rating</u>	<u>Improvement Rating</u>
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	No Status	Very High	On Target
MATHEMATICS	Restructuring Year 1 - Subgroups	High	On Target

Adequate Yearly Progress History										NCLB Accountability Status
		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
ELA	Aggregate	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No Status
	All Subgroups	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	
MATH	Aggregate	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Restructuring Year 1 - Subgroups
	All Subgroups	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	

To make AYP in 2010, a student group must meet (A) a student participation requirement, either (B) the State's 2010 performance target for that subject or (C) the group's own 2010 improvement target, and (D) an additional attendance or graduation requirement.

Student Group	(A) Participation		(B) Performance		(C) Improvement		(D) Grad Rate		AYP 2010
	Did at least 95% of students participate in MCAS?		Did student group meet or exceed state performance target?		Did student group meet or exceed its own improvement target?		Did student group meet attendance (G1-8) or graduation rate target (G9-12)?		
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	Met Target	Actual	Met Target (90.2)	Actual	Met Target	Change from 2009	Met Target	Actual	AYP 2010
Aggregate	Yes	99	Yes	91.9	Yes	1.4	Yes	95.8	Yes
Lim. English Prof.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Education	-	-	-	78.2	-	-	-	-	-
Low Income	Yes	96	Yes	92.1	Yes	4.4	Yes	100.0	Yes
Afr. Amer./Black	Yes	100	No	84.6	Yes	0.6	Yes	87.5	Yes
Asian or Pacif. Isl.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Native American	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White	Yes	98	Yes	94.1	Yes	1.9	Yes	100.0	Yes
MATHEMATICS	Met Target	Actual	Met Target (84.3)	Actual	Met Target	Change from 2009	Met Target	Actual	AYP 2010
Aggregate	Yes	100	No	83.1	Yes	4.2	Yes	95.8	Yes
Lim. English Prof.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Education	Yes	98	No	58.1	No	0.7	N<6	-	No
Low Income	Yes	98	No	73.6	Yes	9.4	Yes	100.0	Yes
Afr. Amer./Black	Yes	100	No	73.6	Yes	7.2	Yes	87.5	Yes
Asian or Pacif. Isl.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Native American	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White	Yes	99	Yes	85.4	Yes	3.5	Yes	100.0	Yes

We are happy to help you if you have further questions about what this report card means. Please contact us if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

Ted Hirsch
K-6 Principal

Angie Pepin
7-12 Principal

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Dear Parents:

Welcome to the start of a new school year and another year of A+ School Rewards. Starting October 8, 2010 through March 25, 2011, **South Shore Public Charter School** will have the opportunity to earn cash through Stop&Shop A+ School Rewards Program.

All you have to do is:

Log on to www.stopandshop.com/aplus to register online

OR

Dial 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone

After you register your card, each shopping trip at Stop&Shop using your Stop&Shop Card earns CASH for our school! Each month, the amount of CASH awarded will be updated on the Stop&Shop website. You can track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt and online when you create an account at stopandshop.com. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program. The money can be used for any of our school's educational needs.

Remember, even if you registered your card last year, you must re-register this year for our school to receive credit. Attending to this simple process makes a HUGE difference to our school. We need your support.

Please be sure to register your card to benefit **South Shore Public Charter School using ID #08189**.

Also, don't forget to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. It could mean the world to our children.



Longwater Bus offers safe and reliable
transportation from
Hull, Hingham, Cohasset, & Scituate
to SSCPS.

For more information, please contact
Amylemkin@gmail.com or 781-801-5557

TEEN FRIDAY



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Fridays 6:30-9:30 pm

10/8 **Definitions** 6:30 - 7:30 Studio 3
 Yldol 7:00 - 9:15 Art Center
 Flick & Spin* 7:30 - 8:30 Cycling Studio
 *Watching a cool movie while taking an indoor cycling class
 Teen Boot Camp 7:45 - 8:30 Studio 1
 Rock Band 8 - 9:15 Lounge

10/15 **Zumba** 6:30 - 7:30 Studio 3
 Craft Crazy 7:00 - 9:15 Art Center
 Yoga 7:30 - 8:15 Studio 3

10/22 **Definitions** 6:30 - 7:30 Studio 3
 Flick & Spin* 7:30 - 8:30 Cycling Studio
 Wii Tournament 8:00 - 9:30 Lounge

10/29

HallowTeen Night

Get your costumes ready.
More details to come...



every week

6:30-9:30 pm
Open Swim &
Gym

6:30-8:30 pm
Cardio & Weight
Training

6:45 - 9:00 pm
Gym Games

6:30 - 9:15
Snacks & Drinks
in the Art Room

Teen Friday is included with membership and \$7 for non-members. Participants must be 10- 17 years old. Participants register upon arrival and receive a wristband. When participants leave, wristbands are removed with no re-entry. Every 10 times you come get a prize. Activities are subject to change.

Contact Karen Hirsh
 @ 781-829-8585 x335
 khirsh@ssymca.org
 75 Mill St., Hanover, MA
 Find us on facebook: SSYMCA Teen Friday




SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

November, 2010



Catered by Essence of Thyme

Breakfast

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
1	Whole Wheat Cinnamon Roll Apple Juice Milk	2	No School	3	Cheerios Apple Juice Milk	4	Raisin Bran Apple Juice Milk	5	Honey Wheat Bagel Orange Juice Milk
8	Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Apple Juice Milk	9	Yogurt Grape Juice Milk	10	Frosted Mini-Wheats Apple Juice Milk	11	VETERAN'S DAY 	12	Raisin Bran Juice Milk
15	Yogurt Orange Juice Milk	16	Golden Grahams Orange Juice Milk	17	Whole Wheat Cinnamon Roll Grape Juice Milk	18	Cheerios Orange Juice Milk	19	Blueberry Muffin Apple Juice Milk
22	Yogurt Apple Juice Milk	23	Raisin Bran Apple Juice Milk	24	Honey Wheat Bagel Orange Juice Milk	25		26	NO SCHOOL
29	Raisin Bran Orange Juice Milk	30	Cheerios Juice Milk	1	Frosted Mini Wheats Juice Milk	2.	Whole Wheat Cinnamon Roll Juice Milk	3.	Honey Wheat Bagel Juice Milk



SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL
Lunch - November, 2010

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Ziti and Meatballs Applesauce Broccoli Milk	2 NO SCHOOL	3 French Toast Sticks w/Syrup Sausage Pattie Baked Apple Slices Raisins Milk	4 Herbed Baked Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Roll Milk	5 Pizza
8 Turkey Hot Dog Potato Puffs Baked Beans Milk	9 American Chop Suey Green Beans Apple Milk	10 Jamaican Beef Patty Mashed Potatoes Peas Milk	11 VETERAN'S DAY 	12 Pizza
15 BBQ Chicken Potatoes Au Gratin Corn Roll Milk	16 Hamburger on a Bun Potato Wedges California Medley Milk	17 Chicken Parmesan Ziti Broccoli Apple Milk	18 Steak and Cheese Sub Potato Puffs Peas Milk	19 Pizza
22 Chicken Quesadilla California Medley Grapes Milk	23 Ziti and Meatballs Baked Apple Slices Broccoli Milk	24 Early Release	25 THANKSGIVING 	26 NO SCHOOL
29 Chicken Nuggets Scalloped Potatoes Corn Roll Milk	30 Italian Hot Pocket Mixed Vegetables Orange Milk	1. Sweet & Sour Chicken Rice Stir Fry Veggies Fruit Milk	2. Beef & Bean Burrito Mexican Rice Corn Fruit Milk	3 Pizza

Breakfast Order Form
for the Month of November, 2010
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *MONDAY, November 1, 2010

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 11/8 – 11/12 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 11/15 – 11/19 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 11/22 – 11/26 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 11/29 – 12/03 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.

