



Update

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As a charter school, we are committed to dissemination of our best practices. On Friday, December 10th, our faculty opened its doors to teachers from the Times Squared Charter School in Providence, Rhode Island and the Epiphany School in Boston who had requested to observe Singapore Math classrooms. We had seven visiting teachers and each commented on the rigorous teaching and learning they observed in every math class they visited. Our teachers did a terrific job explaining the curriculum, the setbacks we have had to overcome, the challenges we faced during the early stages of implementation, as well as many of the positive outcomes. Ted and Angie were outstanding as they led groups of teachers around our building and answered numerous questions that came up during the visit.

On Thursday, December 9th, four of our 826 Boston student volunteers headed out at 6:30 in the morning to 60 State Street in Boston for a breakfast reception. Our students celebrated their work and effort as writing tutors at the "Books for Breakfast" event with Boston Globe Cartoonist Dan Wasserman. At the event, our volunteers were recognized for all the terrific work they have done with youth in Boston. Dan Wasserman gave an interesting talk about how he creates his cartoons and shared some insights into his unique story telling process. Our students continue to work as tutors in the program and are looking forward to bringing their knowledge to our new program this winter.

Our students have been working extremely hard preparing for tonight's Winter Concert. Our school community has been abuzz with music and preparation for what will be an exceptional evening. Please be sure to come and enjoy this fantastic performance.

Alicia E. Savage

Wednesday	12/15	SSCPS Annual Winter Concert – Hingham High School Students should arrive by 5:45pm. Please take note of the parking rules.	6:00pm
Thursday	12/16	Education Committee	3:45pm
Thursday	12/16	Finance Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	12/16	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Friday	12/17	SEPAC	8:30am
Friday	12/17	Kindergarten Field Trip to Nutcracker Performance at Brandeis	
Friday	12/17	High School Art Workshop Fashion Show	1:45pm
Tuesday	12/21	Level III Frog Pond Field Trip	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PIZZA NIGHT! The Kindergarten class is sponsoring another pizza night at Sal's Pizza on Wednesday, December 15th from 4:00pm to 9:00pm. This is the same night as the SSCPS Winter Concert. Sal's Pizza will donate 10% of sales to SSCPS to be used to defray the cost of an upcoming field trip for the K's. Sal's is located on the corner of Route 53 and High Street in Norwell.

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. Orders made after Dec.14th cannot be guaranteed to be delivered by the holiday. 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.

prin-ci-pal

-noun

origin 1250-1300

1. a chief or head.
2. the head or director of a school, or, esp. in England, a college.
3. a person who takes a leading part in any activity, as a play; chief actor or doer.
4. the first player of a division of instruments in an orchestra (excepting the leader of the first violins).
5. something of chief importance.

head-stand

-noun

origin 1930-35

1. an act or instance of supporting the head in a vertical position by balancing on the head, usually with the aid of the hands.

Here are the definitions of two words well known to SSCPS. But what do they really mean? Do you know? Even if you think you do, you probably don't. The answer is coming soon... if you can wait.

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed is the menu and order form for January. Orders are due Tuesday, December 21st by 3pm.

7-12 PRINCIPAL

SSCPS is incredibly busy as 2010 winds down and the Holiday Break draws near. Students are preparing for field trips, enjoying culminating events related to Projects and Workshops, attending tonight's concert, and participating in level-wide activities. High school students are dressing up for theme days related to Spirit Week and our Seniors are hard at work completing their college applications. Along with the festivities the holidays also bring a great deal of stress to many of our students and their families. While December is busy both at SSCPS and in the larger community, it is vital that families continue to make every effort to have their children attend school every day and to arrive here on time. In order to succeed in school students must be in class and interact daily with their teachers and peers. While the difference between arrival at 8:15 and 8:20 may seem minimal, it deprives students of the time that they need to prepare for their classes and is a disruption to the school at the start of the day. Studies have consistently shown a positive correlation between strong on-time attendance and academic success.

This week Warnings were mailed for students in grades 7-12. It is crucial that students and their parents take the time to review these reports and plan for improvement in areas where students are struggling. I encourage parents to make appointments with teachers regarding any Warnings their child might receive. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

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



DECEMBER 2010 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Phil Santiano

Emerson College

Amanda Young

University of Vermont

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

The Health Office will be beginning The Body Mass Index (BMI) Screening Program during the month of January. All students in grades 1,4, 7 and 10 will be screened . This screening calculates your child's BMI according to their height and weight . If your child's BMI is above or below the recommended guidelines you will be notified by mail. This is a new program mandated by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. If you do not want your child to participate please notify the school nurse by phone, letter or e-mail.

FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT

The cold weather is upon us! Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for their PE class to go outside. This means that jackets must be worn and hats and gloves are strongly recommended. Thank you in advance for your attention to this important matter.

ART NEWS

Please check out **The Art Workshop** Student display in the main lobby. Student works which was recently at Starbucks in Hingham, MA is now on view in the **front lobby**. The finished pieces are a variety of mediums, pastel, colored pencil and graphite. The work is the direct result of observational drawing and is an accumulation of at least 18 hours by each member of The Art Workshop. Coincidentally the some pieces contain a pair of **Marine Boots and a United States Flag** and were in Starbucks, attracting much attention for **Veteran's Day**. The same display is now awaiting **Grandparents Day** here at SSCPS.

The Art Workshop will be presenting their annual **Fashion Walk** on **Friday, December 17th at 1:45pm**. This year students were given a coffee bean sack donated by **Red Eye Roasters of Hingham**. Their challenge was to create a piece of apparel using the sack. The results are almost complete. If you are interested in a seat, please contact Marianne at x304.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WORKSHOPS & PROJECTS

Level IV Conservation Project - In the conservation project, we have been going outside and concentrating on certain things around us. We practiced listening from different directions to simulate how deer listen. We also did an activity that simulates how bats use echo location. These activities give us a better idea how animals use hearing to survive. We have done some simulations to better understand animal vision as well.

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 III News

- Project and Science Fair packets for February Exhibition of Mastery presentations are being distributed this week.
- Congratulations Level III! Students have exceeded their goal of collectively reading over 600 books for the program sponsored by Scholastic Books called ClassroomsCare. Over 1 million books will be donated by Scholastic and their Charity Partners to kids in need across the nation. A great community service demonstrates the students' love of books and reading.

LIBRARY UPDATE

School Book Fair

The numbers are finally in. The book fair sold 266 books for a total of \$2,343.23. If we take the 30% in books - which I assume we will do - we get \$702.97 in books for our library. Very impressive I think in this economy. Thank you to all of the families that purchase books from our school book fair and made this book fair a success. The next step will be the selection of the books with the book credit money that we will be receiving. We will be asking teachers and students for their recommendations for books for the library. Last year students wrote letters to the Library Committee with wonderful books suggestions. We will also be expanding the non-fiction selection of the library as these books are starting to look very worn and tired.

Such as the following: **Science; sports arts and crafts; books of different countries** Since we are a school of different cultures we would like to see this reflected in our library books having a book for each country for the students that go to our school.

We would also like to thank families that have been donating scotch tape and book marks. This really helps us from having to order these supplies.

We are still in need of help at the end of the day (from 2:15 pm to 3:00 pm) to shelve books and other miscellaneous library duties. If you are interested please contact Beth Toma at JToma85103@aol.com.

If students have over due library books they will be receiving a paper reminder notice and families will receive an email reminder. It would be very helpful to remind your students to return their library books on time. If a student has over due library books, video, or magazines they will not be able to check out any more library material until all over due material is returned.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



For the 2nd year in a row, SSCPS is proud to be partnering with Anton's Cleaners in their annual **Coats for Kids** drive. We will be accepting donations of gently used, warm winter coats and jackets for all ages, including adult sizes. Please make sure the coats being donated do not have any rips or tears, zippers work, and they don't have permanent stains on them. Boxes will be put in the front lobby for your donations beginning on Monday, November 8th thru January 8th, 2011.

Used Book Collection! There is a box for used books on Level II. The books for the Brockton Adult Learning Center. We need to collect all kinds of kids books, slightly used for kids ages 2-14. The kids get to take home these books for free and it helps the parents learn to read better too. They will take any kinds of books so please donate your old books. Thank you, Level II Student, Shannon Daly

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 School
January, 2011
Catered by Essence of Thyme

Breakfast

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Whole Wheat Cinnamon Roll Juice Milk	4 Frosted Mini-Wheats Juice Milk	5 Cheerios Juice Milk	6 Raisin Bran Juice Milk	7 Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Apple Juice Milk
10 Yogurt Juice Milk	11 Frosted Mini-Wheats Juice Milk	12 Raisin Bran Juice Milk	13 Golden Grahams Juice Milk	14 Cheerios Orange Juice Milk
17 	18 Blueberry Muffin Juice Milk	19 Plain Bagel Juice Milk	20 Corn Muffin Juice Milk	21 Honey Wheat Bagel Jelly Juice Milk
24 Whole Wheat Cinnamon Roll Juice Milk	25 Frosted Mini-Wheats Juice Milk	26 Cheerios Juice Milk	27 Golden Grahams Juice Milk	28 Cheerios Juice Milk
31 Corn Muffin Juice Milk	2/1 Plain Bagel Juice Milk	2/2 Frosted Mini-Wheats Juice Milk	2/3 Yogurt Juice Milk	2/4 Raisin Bran 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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Ziti & Meatballs Broccoli Fruit Milk	4 French Toast Sticks w/Syrup Sausage Patty Applesauce Raisins Milk	5 Herbed Baked Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Roll Milk	6 Turkey Hot Dog Potato Puffs Baked Beans	7 Pizza
10 American Chop Suey Green Beans Apple Milk	11 Jamaican Beef Patty Mashed Potatoes Peas Milk	12 BBQ Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Corn Milk	13 Hamburger on a Bun Potato Wedges California Medley Milk	14 Early Release No Lunch
17 	20 Chicken Parmesan Ziti Broccoli Milk	19 Steak & Cheese Sub Potato Puffs Peas Milk	Chicken Quesadilla California Medley Grapes Milk	21 Pizza
24 Chicken Nuggets Scalloped Potatoes Corn Roll and Butter Milk	25 Italian Hot Pocket Mixed Vegetables Fruit Milk	26 Beef & Cheese Burrito Refried Beans Fruit Milk	27 Steak & Cheese Sub Potato Puffs Peas Milk	28 Pizza
31 Turkey and Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Milk	2/1 Ziti & Meatballs Broccoli Fruit Milk	2/2 Chicken Nuggets Scalloped Potatoes Corn Roll and Butter Milk	2/3 Turkey Hot Dog Potato Puffs Baked Beans	2/4 Pizza

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

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Breakfast Order Form
Breakfast for the Month of January, 2011
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 1/3 – 1/7 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 1/10 – 1/14 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 1/17 – 1/21 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 1/24 – 1/28 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 1/31 – 2/4 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 January, 2011
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
 1/3 – 1/7 # _____

Week of Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
 1/10 – 1/14

Week of Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
 1/17 – 1/21 # _____

Week of Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
 1/24 – 1/28 # _____

Week of Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
 1/31 – 2/4 # _____

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

Less credit due

Total Amount Enclosed

\$ _____

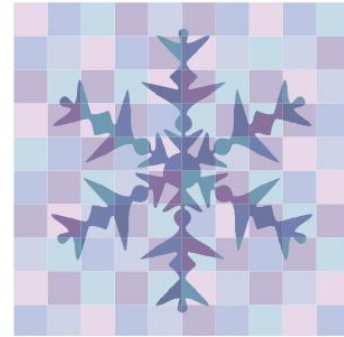
Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

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.



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



South Shore YMCA School Age Child Care

**School Age December
Break Out!
12/27–12/31**

Grades: K-6

Fee: \$40 per day

Hours: 8am–6pm

***Program hours on December 31st are
8am-3pm.**



- Registration forms are located at the Front Desk at the Y or on our website ssymca.org
- Enrollment is limited and is on a first come, first serve basis
- For more information please contact:

Jamie Whitcomb—School Age Child Care Director
781-829-8585 x262

Caitlin Cavanagh—Assistant School Age Child Care Director
781-829-8585 x259

TEEN FRIDAY



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Fridays 6:30-9:30 pm

Free Pizza



12/3	Definitions	6:30 - 7:30	Studio 3
	YArt	7 - 9	Art Center
	Flick & Spin*	7:30 - 8:30	Cycling Studio
	Teen Boot Camp	7:45 - 8:30	Studio 1
	Rock Band	8 - 9:15	Lounge

12/10	Zumba	6:30 - 7:30	Studio 3
	YIdol	7:00 - 9:15	Art Center
	Yoga	7:30 - 8:15	Studio 3
	Flick & Spin*	7:30 - 8:30	Cycling Studio
	Teen Tennis	8:30 - 9:30	Tennis Courts

Leaders Club
Bake Sale



12/17	Zumba	6:30 - 7:30	Studio 3
	YArt	7:00 - 9:00	Art Center
	Yoga	7:30 - 8:15	Studio 3
	Flick & Spin*	7:30 - 8:30	Cycling Studio

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

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