



TRANSPORTATION SHUTTLE SURVEY

You have until Friday, January 20th to complete the survey for the High School Environmental Transportation Workshop.

Our Environmental Transportation Workshop has been working hard on a proposal to provide SSCPS with an after school shuttle service. Please help them with their research by completing this simple six question survey. Students will analyze your responses which will assist them with project planning and route design.

Please use this link for the survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TransportationShuttle>

Thank you for all you do.

Weds-Fri	1/18-1/20	Grades 7-12 Mid Year Exams – see schedule below	
Thursday	1/19	Education Committee	3:45pm
Thursday	1/19	Development	5:00pm
Thursday	1/19	Finance	6:00pm
Thursday	1/19	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Friday	1/20	SEPAC (offsite)	8:30am
Friday	1/20	Auction Committee	8:30am
Friday	1/20	Level III Social	3-5pm
Saturday	1/21	Ski Club – bus leaves SSCPS at 6:30am	
Thursday	1/26	School Council	3:45pm
Thursday	1/26	Senior Parent MEFA Seminar	6:30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2nd Session of the After School Enrichment Program description and registration forms are available at www.sscps.org

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Students in grades 7-12 will be taking midyear exams this week Wednesday through Friday. The schedule for these important exams is below. High School students will be dismissed at 12:00pm on Wednesday and Thursday. On Friday high school students will be dismissed by 10:00 if they are not taking a make-up exam. Because hours of testing can be exhausting, our Level IV students will not have a regular afternoon schedule on the test days. After lunch Level IV students will have a break and an opportunity to study.

7-12 Midyear Exam Schedule

	Wednesday 1/18	Thursday 1/19	Friday 1/20
8:30-10:00	A-block	C-block	E-block
10:00-10:30	Break	Break	Break
10:30-12:00	B-block	D-block	Project Reflection Essay (Level IV) Make-up exams (High School)

Last Thursday we held our final Enrollment Open House for the year in preparation for the February lottery. Despite the rain and wind, SSCPS was busy with perspective families eager to learn about our programs and our community. As usual we had a large turnout of students and parents to help welcome our guests. Students from Level IV and the High School gave tours to our visitors and answered questions. I received many compliments on our student tour guides. Repeatedly I was told that our students were knowledgeable, polite, patient, and well spoken. While this was no surprise to me, I couldn't be prouder. Students were not only great at showing off our facility, but they helped keep things running smoothly by ushering groups to and from the music room for presentations and making sure that everyone was able to hone in on specific interests. One group was lucky enough to watch Kristeen Lau treat the planaria in the science lab to a feast of chicken. Thank you to all of the students, parents, and faculty who helped make the night a success.

Our 7-12 students begin the third quarter on Monday. I'm looking forward to working with our students as they continue in their coursework and prepare for the MCAS tests in March, May and June. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PROJECTS & WORKSHOPS?

Level IV's - S³ Project

Recently in the S³ Project, we explored famous sailors of the 20th century. Students identified many outstanding accomplishments like sailing solo around the world to designing state of the art boats. From famous sailors we explored infamous pirates. The students researched pirates on the Ipad and chose one to present. The creative and informative presentations included the students dressed in costumes, reading a poem they wrote about their pirate as well as supplying background information to the class about their pirate...rrgh! Students continued to fine tune their knot tying skills and created a "Sailor's Snowflake" ornament.

Amy's Pod on Level I is selling 2012 calendars! Each month's picture was designed by students in the class, and reflects the seasonal changes that occur at Holly Hill Farm. The calendars cost \$20. The students decided that they would like to use the calendars as community service, and that they would give half of the proceeds to Friends of Holly Hill Farm, who teach and support the children in the Farm Project. The other half of the proceeds will go to the farm project itself. Contact Amy at avandenberg@sscps.org with any questions. Thank you for your help!

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Easier said than done."

Level 2: "A picture is worth a thousand words."

ATHLETICS

Girls Basketball

On Saturday, the girl's basketball team had an away basketball game in Marblehead against Salem Academy. Even though our hybrid bus left SSCPS at early morning hours, especially for a Saturday, the girls played an outstanding game. They put into practice all of the skills we have been working on and played one of their best games to date. All players gave a tremendous amount of effort and no one on the

team walked away wishing they could have done more. There were many personal triumphs as well. Senior Deanna Marshall scored 10 points for the Jaguars, a record high for this senior captain. Fellow senior, Stacy Tchouanguem, got a 3 point basket, sending the team into utter excitement. Eighth grader Christine Nwafor was a force to be reckoned with on defense and had numerous rebounds and steals. As a team we are extremely excited to continue on this momentum. We hope that you will come cheer us on this Sunday, January 22nd, at Hingham Middle School as we take on MATCH Academy at 6:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY SERVICE



TeenLife LIVE! Community Service Fair & Expo on February 12th

Students, parents, and teachers are invited to attend the fifth annual **Teen Life LIVE! Community Service Fair & Expo** in Greater Boston. It will take place on **Sunday, February 12th from 12-4 pm** at The Mall at Chestnut Hill in Chestnut Hill, MA. Meet face-to-face with representatives from local non-profits willing to engage teens as volunteers as well as representatives from other programs and services. Each student will receive a free copy of the *2012 Guide to Community Service in Greater Boston*. Most middle and high school teens are required to do up to 40+ community service hours as a prerequisite to graduating. At Teen Life we can see why. The benefits of helping others or working with a worthy cause can be one of the most rewarding experiences of your lifetime. Volunteering helps you develop a heart for giving, discover the wider world around you, foster meaningful relationships, and even build your resume. TeenLife showcases a countless number of non-profits who specifically work with teens. So, search our site to find the organization and service work that best interests you. **This TeenLife LIVE Community Service Fair is for students in grades 7-12.** This would be a great opportunity for students to find out what opportunities are available for Community Service.

Community Servings (This is for high school students only)

Welcomes student volunteers from Greater Boston and around the country. They all make a real difference in the lives of our 750 sick and hungry clients. Local high school and college students lend a hand throughout the year by participating in one-time service projects or by adopting a shift -- committing to helping in our kitchen on a weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or quarterly basis. Every student who walks through our doors is greeted by a friendly and fun staff and treated with dignity and respect. To learn more about volunteering as a student group, please contact Malissa Harmon, Volunteer Management Coordinator, at mharmon@servings.org or (617) 522-7777, ext. 227.

Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston, Inc

Mission Statement

Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston, Inc. is a Massachusetts charitable nonprofit organization dedicated to building simple low-cost homes by forming partnerships with low-income families in need of decent and affordable housing. We believe homeownership is a vital step to help families break the cycle of poverty and contributes to pride in families and communities. Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston is an independent affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, and dedicated to ending poverty housing throughout the world as a matter of justice, mercy, compassion and humility.

If interested in volunteering check out their web site at http://www.habitatboston.org/about_us.html for more information.

There is now a list of organizations on the school web site under Community Service that you can use as a resource to find volunteer opportunities. This list will be updated through the year JToma85103@aol.com

COMMUNITY INTEREST

Sustainable Greener Hull's Ninth Annual Sustainable Living Expo will join the Hull Nantasket Chamber Home Show on Sat., Feb 4, 2012 at the **Nantasket Beach Resort, 45 Hull Shore Dr., Hull from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Free admission. The Expo had been held, for the past 8 years, in April in

Hull. See www.sustainablehull.org for 2012 companies and organizations that will be participating as of today's date - more to be added. To participate or sponsor the Feb. 4th Sustainable Living Expo, e-mail nancy@sustainableouthshore.org for a Form. See www.hullchamber.com for the Hull Chamber's Nantasket Home Show vendor information and form.



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The South Shore YMCA School Age Child Care Program welcomes children in grades K through 6 and gives them an opportunity to participate in activities that are fun, challenging, and developmentally appropriate for all children. The program is designed to create an enthusiasm for learning while promoting physical, intellectual, emotional, and social well-being and growth. Children are offered a variety of enriching activities that include homework time, arts and crafts, active group games, and both indoor and outdoor physical activities. Children feel safe and supported while learning, exploring, socializing, and enjoying themselves. They are encouraged to be social, to feel empowered, and to participate in hands-on learning activities. All South Shore YMCA School Age Child Care Programs are licensed by the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) and are mandated to uphold all the policies, rules, and regulations pertaining to school age child care licensing. Please contact School Age Child Care Director, Jamie Whitcomb, for more information: 781-829-8585 x262, jwhitcomb@ssymca.org.

Holly Hill Farm is pleased to announce the 2012 **Consider This!** contest for students in grades K-12. The goal is to reward thoughtful reflection on an important garden related topic. A cash prize of \$25 will be awarded for each grade level. Students can express their thoughts through a piece of writing or art work. Submission deadline is March 1st. For complete contest information visit www.hollyhillfarm.org.

“Stone Soup in the Greenhouse” at Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, Saturday February 4 from 1-2 pm. Listen to the classic story *Stone Soup* on a winter day and delight in making our own version of Stone Soup on a wood stove in the warm greenhouse of Holly Hill Farm. The soup will be hearty and delicious, enough for all participants to share. Recipes will be given out for trying this at home with your helpful chefs using your favorite ingredients. \$3 for members of the *Friends of Holly Hill Farm*, \$5 for nonmembers or bring vegetables for the soup and GET IN FREE! For directions and more information, visit www.hollyhillfarm.org or call 781-383-6565.

“Valentines and Dream Catchers” at Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, Saturday February 11 from 10 am – 12 pm. Dreaming of your Valentine? Come in from the cold and make a homemade Valentine and a dream catcher out of natural materials found on the farm. All materials will be provided. We will create special treasures in the heated greenhouse. This fun program is for all ages. \$20 per family for members of the *Friends of Holly Hill Farm*, \$30 for nonmembers. For directions and more information, visit www.hollyhillfarm.org or call 781-383-6565.

“February Vacation at Holly Hill Farm!” 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday February 21 – 23 from 10 am – 12:00 pm. Tired of being inside? Treat your children to an action packed three mornings on the farm. Explore the woods, help the farmers with composting, interact with the farm animals and dig in the greenhouse. There are many fascinating discoveries on the farm in winter! This drop-off program is for children ages 5-8 years old. Space is limited; please pre-register by calling 781-383-6565. Fee: \$72 for members of the *Friends of Holly Hill Farm*, \$122 for non-members (includes new membership). For directions or more information, visit www.hollyhillfarm.org.

**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**

Breakfast Order Form
Breakfast for the Month of February, 2012
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 2/6 – 2/10 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 2/13 – 2/17 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 2/20 – 2/24 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 2/27 – 3/2 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Number of Breakfasts ordered _____ X \$1.60

Less credit due _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

Lunch Order Form
 Lunch for the Month of February, 2012
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 2/6 – 2/10
 or
 (circle one)

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Hamburger
 Veggie

Week of 2/13 – 2/17

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

#_____

Week of 2/20 – 2/24

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 2/27 – 3/2

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Hamburger or
 Veggie
 (circle one)

Number of Meals ordered	_____	X	\$3.75
Number of Slices of Pizza ordered	_____	X	\$1.75
Number of Hamburgers/Veggie ordered	_____	X	\$3.75

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 35 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.



South Shore Charter School
February, 2012
Catered by Essence of Thyme

Breakfast

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 Corn Flakes Apple Grahams Juice Milk	7 Frosted Mini-Wheats Whales Juice Milk	8 Cheerios Apple Grahams Juice Milk	9 Raisin Bran Juice Milk	10 Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Jelly Juice Milk
13 Golden Grahams Lemon Grahams Juice Milk	14 Frosted Mini-Wheats Whales Juice Milk	15 Raisin Bran Juice Milk	16 Cheerios Apple Grahams Juice Milk	17 Corn Muffin Juice Milk
20 - - -	21 - - -	22 Winter Break	23 - - -	24 - - -
27 Cheerios Cinn. Grahams Juice Milk	28 Frosted Mini-Wheats Juice Milk	29 Whole Wheat Blueberry Muffin Juice Milk	3/1 Yogurt Blueberry Grahams Juice Milk	3/2 Whole Wheat Cinnamon Roll Juice Milk

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



South Shore Charter
February 2012
Catered by Essence of Thyme

LUNCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 Chicken parmesan sub Tater tots Green Beans Milk	7 Hot Dog on a Bun Potato Wedges Corn Milk	8 No Lunch Early Release	9 French Toast Sticks Hash Browns Baked sliced Apples Sausages Milk	10 BGood
13 Cheese Tortellini Green Beans Roll Apple Milk	14 Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap Carrots and celery Fruit Milk	15 Steak and Cheese Sub Fries Green Beans Milk	16 American Chop Suey Peas Apple Roll Milk	17 Pizza
20 - - - -	21 - - - -	22 WINTER BREAK	23 - - - -	24 - - - -
27 Chicken Patty on a Bun Tater Tots Green Beans Milk	28 Italian Hot Pocket Mixed Vegetable Fruit Milk	29 Herbed Baked Chicken Stuffing Carrots Scalloped Potato Milk	3/1 Turkey and Gravy Mashed potato Carrots Roll Milk	3/2 BGood

* 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!**