



## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Today's *Weekly Update* is wearing black to call attention to the South Shore Charter Public School's commitment to *Black Out Bullying* day. Governor Deval Patrick has designated the fourth Wednesday of every January as "No Name Calling Day" to promote anti-bullying awareness throughout the state.

This week students on all levels have been working hard to send the message that bullying and name-calling is unacceptable. Student - led initiatives that bring bullying to the forefront have been ongoing. Students in our lower levels have been discussing the hurt that name-calling can cause during Open Circle. Decorating our walls are student designed posters that remind us of the damage bullying can cause. Many students have participated in role playing and other classroom activities that focus on positive peer relationships, the importance of empathy, and doing what is right. Today many of our students and faculty wear black. The message is clear.

During Monday's advisory all high school students participated in small group discussions to fully explore the ramifications of bullying and what it means to our students. Following the discussions students decorated "Shirts of Empowerment" with their advisories. Each advisory was given one plain white t-shirt. Students were asked to think of words they would like to be associated with and took turns writing those words on the front of the shirt. Students were then asked to write words that could be used "behind people's backs" on the back of the shirt. The end product was a shirt displaying positive words on the front and negative words on the back.

The completed t-shirts are stunning. The vocabulary penned on the front and back illuminates the power of the words and their ability to lift up or tear apart. A seemingly simple exercise in awareness clearly brings to light the seriousness of name-calling and the effect it has on student self-esteem. Armed with a t-shirt and a marker students learn one of life's most important lessons - words matter.

Of course, the most important words your child hears are yours. We encourage you to talk to your child about the true meaning of friendship, peer pressure, and making good choices. This day provides the opportunity to assist all of our efforts to ensure that every student feels safe and valued at school. With your help we can continue the work of making our school one where every student has the support needed to achieve.

Thank you for all you do.

*Alicia Savage – asavage@sscps.org*

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>01/26</b>	<b>School Council</b>	<b>3:45pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>01/26</b>	<b>Senior Parent MEFA Night</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>01/27</b>	<b>Auction Committee</b>	<b>8:30am</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>01/27</b>	<b>Level IV and High School 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Grades distributed</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>01/28</b>	<b>Ski Club</b>	<b>6:30am</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>01/28</b>	<b>Debate Team – Revere</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>01/30</b>	<b>Finance Committee</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>01/31</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip to MFA</b>	



## JANUARY 2012 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Jonathan Jackson  
Drexel University, Honors College

Vanessa Joseph  
Cazenovia College

Samantha Kayiales-McDonough  
Southern New Hampshire University

Sarah Martin  
Drexel University

Kolin Perry  
Mass College of Art and Design

Alicia Tsang  
UMass-Boston

Derek Wholley  
Berklee College of Music

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The lottery for incoming students will be held on Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup> and applications are due in our school on Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup>. Applications for siblings of currently enrolled students must be here and complete to give your child a chance to enroll here at South Shore Charter Public School. Please spread the word to all families, especially those who have children who are eligible for Kindergarten next year, to get their applications in on time.

### ON THE LEVELS

#### SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "A place for everything and everything in its place."

Level 2: "From here to Timbuktu."

### 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.

**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.



#### MS Society Walks

April 1, 2012 in Boston

May 5, 2012 in Cohasset

May 12, 2012 in Natick

#### MS Society Bike Ride

June 23-24, 2012 – Boston to Provincetown.

Check website below for more details

<http://www.nationalmssociety.org>



Join the 2012 Walk for Hunger on **Sunday, May 6, 2011!** Register online beginning in February. Sign-up to receive an email when registration is available. Website: <http://www.projectbread.org>  
Project Bread - The Walk for Hunger<sup>SM</sup> |



Breast Cancer Walk – Boston – May 19-20, 2012

Winding through Boston’s charming streets is a perfect way to experience the city’s epic history. Take in beautiful views from the shores of Boston’s famous harbor and enjoy its lovely neighborhoods, like Back Bay. You’ll experience Boston Common and stroll along the shores of the Charles River.

Website: <http://www.avonwalk.org>



**Day of Event Information  
Ride Day**

**Date:** Sunday, May 20, 2012

**Location:** Reservoir Woods, Waltham, MA

**Registration/Check In:** 7 - 8 a.m.

**Program and Activities:** 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

You do not have to ride to volunteer at this event. Volunteers are needed from helping set up, registration, greeters and food tent. Check web site below for more information.

Web Site: <http://www.braintumorcommunity.org>

These upcoming Community Service events offer opportunities to work together as groups, families, and individually.

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.

If you know of an event that is coming up in your community in the near future please email Beth Toma at [JToma85103@aol.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:nancy@sustainableouthshore.org) for a Form. See [www.hullchamber.com](http://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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup>. For complete contest information visit [www.hollyhillfarm.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.hollyhillfarm.org).

**WEEKLY UPDATES ARE EMAILED AND POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.SSCPS.ORG](http://WWW.SSCPS.ORG)  
EVERY WEDNESDAY – TO RECEIVE A PAPER COPY PLEASE CONTACT PAM ALGERA EXT. 103  
OR EMAIL [PALGERA@SSCPS.ORG](mailto: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  Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday  
 2/6 – 2/10  
 or  
 Hamburger  
 Veggie  
 (circle one)

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

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

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

<b>Monday</b>		<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>Thursday</b>		<b>Friday</b>	
6	Chicken parmesan sub Tater tots Green Beans Milk	7	Hot Dog on a Bun Potato Wedges Corn Milk	8	<b>No Lunch</b>  <b>Early Release</b>	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	<b>WINTER BREAK</b>	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!**