



Thursday	02/02	1 st Grade Field Trip to MFA	
Friday	02/03	SEPAC	8:30am
Friday	02/03	Auction Committee	8:30am
Fri & Sat	02/03 & 02/04	Debate Team – Manchester/Essex	
Saturday	02/04	Ski Club	6:30am
Saturday	02/04	Parents Association Meeting	8:00am
Tuesday	02/07	TERI College Planning	4:30-6:00pm
Tuesday	02/07	Level IV Dance	6:30-8:30pm
Wednesday	02/08	Intent to Return forms due	
Wednesday	02/08	Enrollment Applications due	
Wednesday	02/08	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm

NEWS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

We have great news to share! The "I LOVE SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL" Annual Fund Campaign kicked off today! An anonymous donor has challenged the SSCPS community to match their gift of \$5,000. All new and increased gifts received between February 1 and February 29 will qualify. There really is no better time than now to consider making a gift to SSCPS! You will be receiving a postcard in the mail shortly regarding the campaign. We look forward to keeping you updated on the campaign's progress. Don't delay, give today!

ANNOUNCING THE ...

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Mail your donation today to:
 SSCEF
 P.O. Box 512
 Accord, MA 02018

Or donate online by visiting
www.sscps.org

With your help, we can maintain and enhance current programs and reach our goal of 100% participation.

All gifts benefit SSCPS. Monetary donations are tax deductible.

Find SSCPS On Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/South-Shore-Charter-Public-School/214024808678651>

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Enrollment Lottery is coming up in ten days. Lotteries are a very important element of all charter schools as they randomly select students in a fair way. Please get your completed application into us by Wednesday February 8th so that siblings of an already enrolled student do not miss out on a chance to come to our school because an application was not submitted on time.

The month of January has passed and it seems as if the winter has not yet started. Early in January I harvested kale from my garden, and last night we ate butternut squash soup from squash harvested in the

late fall. Over the weekend I peeked into my cold frame to see baby lettuce and arugula which I am hoping to taste by the end of February. If that happens, it will be the first time I have ever harvested food every month of the year. It might not happen as I peeked into the cold frame disturbing its seal. That impatience may be all the winter needs to thwart my hope. It is hard to wait. Even though I knew better, I looked. I wanted to see the promise of spring and greens. It could be salad soon - who knows.

I mention my kale and cold frames because gardens are a wonderful metaphor for schools. Schools, like gardens, have cycles and we are about to enter into a wonderfully rich time. The stress of the holidays is in the past. Midterms and formative assessments are in the past. We can settle into a wonderful space of learning and engagement. But the garden is often misinterpreted as a metaphor for schools. You don't just put things in the ground and year after year harvest food. To make a garden better and better, year after year, with more food than was harvested the year before, it takes a focus on the soil, the plants, and plans for the future.

Right now we have begun our planning for next year and beyond. The teachers and administrators are keeping all eyes on our students' learning right now, and we are thinking about how we can be even better in the future. The trick is to be present and yet plan for the future without "peeking into the cold frame". At the level meetings yesterday I heard wonderful ideas as to how we could be better. If you have any ideas please let me know. Let's keep pushing this enterprise forward. *Ted Hirsch thirsch@sscps.org*

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

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

Level 2: "From here to Timbuktu."

ART NEWS

Each year we participate with many other schools in **The Boston Globe All Scholastic Art Awards**. This year there were 14,000 entries in the competition. South Shore Charter School is pleased to announce the names of students who have placed in the awards. From middle school category, **Izabella Vital** received an **Honorable Mention** for her mixed media self portrait (presently in the front hall). From the High School category, **Ellis Gilbert** was awarded an **Honorable Mention** for his acrylic painting of *Bird and Bottle*, **Emma Burns** received an **Honorable Mention** for her fashion design entitled *Wrap Around*, **Madjany Lamour** received an **Honorable Mention** for her digital art piece, *I am Beautiful*, **Maddie White** for her *drawing of Adele* took home a **Gold Key** as well as, **Grace Moore, Gold Key** for her matching comic book jacket and tie also displayed in this year's Fashion Walk. The two Gold Key winners' work will be displayed in Boston at the Transportation Building for a month. Gold Key winners will also receive their awards in person at the John Hancock Auditorium in Boston. Their pieces will go on to **further competition in New York City**. Congratulations to all the participants and winners of these awards.

Middle School Self Portraits - Be sure to check out the **front gallery and middle school hall** to view this year's middle school population of collaged self portraits. Names have been intentionally omitted so the viewer can **guess** as to who is staring back at them. Make sure you look twice to get all the hidden messages that on second glance will give you hints as to whom you are looking at. There are still more to come....some students are still working....

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.



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>

See email below regarding Walk for Hunger:

This is an email received recently from Nicholas Riley, Volunteer Campaign Associate for Project Bread-Walk for Hunger. I wanted to get in touch to let you know about a couple of our events coming up before the Walk for Hunger. The first opportunity is sign painting, which takes place Saturday March 17th at the East Boston Social Center from 9:30am-1pm. Sign painting is a fun event where volunteers create the nearly 400 signs that will line the entire route of the Walk for Hunger. The EBSC is located at 68 Central Square in East Boston. Later in April, we will also be hosting our annual snack bag packing to put together the 30,000 snack bags given out to walkers at Arsenal Park. We're still finalizing a specific date and time for the event, but I would be happy to let you know when that information becomes available. Thank you for your interest in this year's Walk for Hunger. I hope to see the South Shore Charter Public School's students at one of our events!

This would be a great opportunity for Community Service for students/families that may not be able to participate in the Walk for Hunger in May, but would like help be involved in the preliminary preparations for this popular and well attended event.

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

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



**National
Brain Tumor
Society**

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

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

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.

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**

SSCPS PA Financial Request – Spring 2012

Requests Due by Thursday 2/16/12

Date:

Total Amount Requested*:

Date Required:

Description of request (be specific!):

Supplier Information

Company Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Fax Number

Website:

People who will benefit if request is granted:

Submitted by

Name:

Title:

Email Address:

Telephone Number:

*Amount requested must include any and all taxes, labor, set-up charges, delivery fees, etc. Do the research and make sure the amount requested is completely accurate and/or get realistic quotations from the proposed vendor. Requests with incomplete information will not be considered. Attach any supporting documentation necessary to help the Task Force make an informed decision.

Return form to PA Treasurer Elissa Dennis no later than Thursday, 2/16/12.

There will be an envelope at the front desk,

Any questions? call Elissa at 617-347-2283.

Breakfast Order Form
Breakfast for the Month of February, 2012
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, February 7, 2012

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

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

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, February 7, 2012

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

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.



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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!**