



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Welcome New Students and Families!

I would like to welcome all new students and their families to the SSCPS school community. This past Saturday SSCPS held its annual enrollment lottery. The lottery is random and an essential component of the charter school admission process. It is wonderful that we had 536 applicants for our K- 12 school. We were able to accept some students and others were put on the wait list. The good news is that there is a chance some students from the wait list will be offered admission. The unfortunate news is that many will not.

On Monday, two days after the enrollment lottery, SSCPS hosted officials from the Massachusetts Charter Public School Association. Much of this organization's upcoming work will be on lifting the cap on Massachusetts Charter Public Schools. As we move forward with our educational initiatives, and continue to offer families our model of educational innovation, the need for more educational opportunities increases exponentially. Working together, perhaps we can make the wait list a piece of charter school history.

Alicia Savage – asavage@sscps.org

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| Thursday | 02/16 | Education Committee | 3:45pm |
| Thursday | 02/16 | Development Committee | 5:00pm |
| Thursday | 02/16 | Finance Committee | 6:00pm |
| Thursday | 02/16 | Board of Trustees | 7:00pm |
| Friday | 02/17 | SEPAC (offsite) | 8:30am |
| Mon-Fri | 02/20-02/24 | Winter Vacation | |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 17th Annual Auction is almost here!

Make sure to mark your calendars on Friday, March 30th. This year the auction will be held at the Elms in Hanover. It is located off of Main Street (Hanover) or High Street (Norwell) and is less than 1 mile from our school. Tickets will be available for purchase after February vacation.

Calling any and all persons who have a special skill, talent, or a service business. This year at the auction we are hoping that people will be able to bid on *service items*. Are you a great cook? Donate a breakfast, lunch, or dinner to be prepared at someone's house. Do you know how to knit, sew, golf, yoga or surf? Donate an hour or two of instruction. Do you do tax preparation? Donate a filing for someone. Are you a gardener? Donate your green thumb. Has your student done their community service? Have them donate a few hours of yard work or babysitting. Our community is full of talented people and it is a great way to further promote a business. Your time can bring resources to our wonderful school!

Why is "friending" SSCPS on Facebook so important? We are learning that many potential corporate funders are considering their partnerships with non-profit organizations based on competing Facebook fan base numbers. Please share our link and ask your friends to like us. It makes a difference!

ATHLETICS

The Nantasket Nor'easters high school sailing team of Hull HS, Cohasset HS and the South Shore Charter Public School will have a meeting of prospective and returning team members at the Cohasset HS Library TONIGHT, Feb 15th from 8-9 PM. Parents are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in finding out more about the team, please attend the meeting. Returning members, please encourage new prospective members to attend as well. For those that cannot make it but would like more information, please email info@sailnantasket.org

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Eaten out of house and home."

Level 2: "When it rains it pours."

CONGRATULATIONS Polina Shpilker!

This week Polina was named a Finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Finalists are selected based on their PSAT scores for the test administration in their junior year. Winners of scholarships will be announced in March. Way to go Polina!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Haley's Level IV Project is currently working on an auction mosaic art piece Fridays between 1-3pm starting February 10th. They are looking for volunteers to help out. If you are able to come in and volunteer one or more days please contact Haley hwojtaskinski@sscps.org

Claire in Level III is currently working on an auction decoupage art piece Fridays between 1-3PM starting February 10th. They are looking for volunteers to help out. If you are able to come in and volunteer one or more days please contact Claire coverlee@sscps.org

COMMUNITY SERVICE

As we are now more than half way through the school year it is important that students have either started their community service or are starting to think about what they would like to do. If you find it hard coming up with ideas, the Community Service Committee tries to help by researching community service opportunities. Check out this list on the school web site under community service. This is updated throughout the school year.

Students are also encouraged to come up with their own ideas. We would love to hear what you are doing. Please email Beth Toma at JToma85103@aol.com so we can share it with the school community.

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.



Sign Painting - Saturday, March 17, 2012
9:30 am to 1pm
East Boston Social Center
68 Center Square, East Boston

For more information regarding this event contact :**Nicholas Riley** nicholas_riley@projectbread.org

21st Annual Walk to Benefit Hospice of the South Shore **Saturday, March 24, 7-10 am** **South Shore Plaza, Braintree**

Join the 2012 Walk for Hospice and become part of something truly important: a mission of healing, caring and comforting like no other. There are several ways to get involved with the Walk: **Register to Walk; Sponsor a Walker; Create a Team. Meet new friends! Make a donation; It's fun.** For more information please visit southshorehospital.org/events or contact Jane Sisto at 781-624-8783 or jane.sisto@sshosp.org





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>

COMMUNITY INTEREST

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.

“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.

Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, is pleased to announce a full lineup of **Summer 2012 Programs** for children ages 3 through college. In addition to our traditional farm programs, we're offering many new opportunities for children interested in exploring the diverse habitats of the 130 acres of woods, ponds, and salt marsh at Holly Hill Farm. There are also exciting new offerings for pre-teens and older youth who might be interested in a different sort of summer experience building things, cooking, growing food for Father Bill's, selling produce at the farmers market, or assisting with camp programs. More information and registration forms are available at 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**

FREE EVENT

SPONSORED BY



The Hanover Cultural Council

The Professional Firefighters of Hanover

Drum Circle @3pm

Kohl's Cares

and S Bank

MONDAY, FEB 20

**@ THE HANOVER
MALL**

3PM TO 7PM

*Participate in cultural
performances all afternoon!*

*Plus, make dragon masks,
lucky envelopes and
traffic lights.*

Bring the entire family!

DRAGON DANCE, CHINESE RIBBON DANCE,

KARATE DEMO FROM 5PM TO 7PM



Soul and Jazz
performance

by Hanover's own
Risky Business Band @
4pm!

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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 March, 2012
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 3/5 – 3/9 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 3/12 – 3/16 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 3/19 – 3/23 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 3/26 – 3/30 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.



South Shore Charter

March 2012

Catered by Essence of Thyme

BREAKFAST

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 5 Apple Jacks Whales Juice Milk | 6 Golden Grahams Lemon Grahams Juice Milk | 7 Yogurt Blueberry Grahams Juice Milk | 8 Frosted Mini Wheats Whales Juice Milk | 9 Blueberry Bagel Juice Milk |
| 12 Cheerios Apple Grahams Juice Milk | 13 Whole Wheat Cinnamon Roll Juice Milk | 14 2 oz Raisin bran Juice Milk | 15 Whole Wheat Blueberry Muffin Juice Milk | 16 NO SCHOOL Professional Day |
| 19 Corn flakes Apple Grahams Juice Milk | 20 Apple Jacks Whales Juice Milk | 21 Yogurt Clodhoppers Juice Milk | 22 Whole Grain Banana Muffin Juice Milk | 23 Plain Bagel Juice Milk |
| 26 Cheerios Whales Juice Milk | 27 Corn muffin Juice Milk | 28 Golden Grahams Lemon Grahams Juice Milk | 29 Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Jelly Juice Milk | 30 Yogurt Granola Bar Juice Milk |

* 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!**



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LUNCH

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 5 BBQ Chicken Mashed potato Roll Peas Milk | 6 No Lunch EARLY RELEASE | 7 Stuffed Shells Baked apple slices California Medley Milk | 8 Chicken Patty on a Bun Tater Tots Green Beans Milk | 9 Pizza |
| 12 Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap Carrots and celery Fruit Milk | 13 Sweet and Sour Chicken Stir Fry Veggies Rice Fruit Milk | 14 French Toast Sticks Hash Browns Baked sliced Apples Sausages Milk | 15 Cod Sticks Potato wedges California Medley | 16 No School Professional Dev. Day |
| 19 Cheese Ravioli Peas Fruit Roll Milk | 20 Chicken Pot Pie Mixed veggies Fruit Milk | 21 Chix. Parmesan and Ziti Applesauce Green Beans Milk | 22 Hot Dog on a Bun Potato Wedges Corn Milk | 23 BGood |
| 26 Macaroni and Cheese Carrots and celery Fruit Milk | 27 Buffalo Chix Wrap Carrots Grapes Milk | 28 Chicken Parmesan and Ziti Broccoli Apple Milk | 29 Steak and Cheese Sub Fries Green Beans Milk | 30 Pizza |

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