



FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

We have some exciting news to share! As you may already know, an anonymous donor challenged the SSCPS community to an ambitious goal of matching their gift of \$5,000 in the month of February. The challenge announcement was made, SSCPS parents banded together and held a highly successful phone-a-thon and the SSCPS community responded.

Thanks to the anonymous donor's significant leadership gift and the broad support from parents, grandparents, Board members, faculty, staff and friends, we are absolutely thrilled to announce that not only have we met the \$5,000 goal, but we have surpassed it by raising an additional \$8,486!!!

We cannot thank you enough for your generosity and kindness!

Supporting the annual fund helps SSCPS maintain and enhance our current programs. Supporting SSCPS is a great investment as each gift helps our funding participation numbers rise, positioning us for future grant funding opportunities.

It is not too late to make a gift. The Annual Fund campaign concludes on June 30, 2012. The annual fund tally now stands at \$30,401. We still need to raise \$9,599 to make it to our goal of \$40,000 by the end of the fiscal year. Please consider making a donation today to: SSCEF, PO BOX 512, Accord, MA 02018 or donate online by visiting us at www.sscps.org.

Most sincerely,
Joanna McCarthy

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!

Wednesday	03/07	Junior Parent Night	6:00pm
Thursday	03/08	School Council	3:45pm
Thursday	03/08	8th Grade DC Trip Parent Meeting	6:00pm
Friday	03/09	SEPAC	8:30am
Tuesday	03/13	Level II Dance Performance	2:30pm
Wednesday	03/14	Senior Trip Meeting	6:00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 17th Annual Auction is almost here and there are only 3 days left to purchase discounted tickets!

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 are \$25.00 per person if purchased by March 9th, after the 9th the cost is \$30.00 per person. Visit the SSCPS Auction page to purchase tickets, make donations, and to view items:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?!lr=cof5p6eab&oeidk=a07e51ngwpj3bc990855>

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!

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The season of MCAS testing is approaching as students prepare for the English Language Arts tests that we will administer over the next couple of weeks. The March testing schedule for each tested grade is below. Our English Language Arts teachers are busy helping students bring all of their hard work together so that their performance on the test reflects their best work. While students have prepared for the MCAS all year they are often not aware that they are doing so. Over the past few years we have more effectively incorporated test preparation into our curriculum across subjects. The writing that students do in their history classes, the articles that they read in science class, and even the sentence structure that they learn in Spanish all help them achieve on the MCAS tests.

This can be a difficult time of year for students because they take the testing so seriously. We are glad that the students care about their performance but our goal is to teach the competencies not to achieve a mark on a test. As much as the test causes anxiety for many students, teachers, parents, and administrators, it is important to think of the test as a measurement of student progress towards acquiring the skills needed for continued academic progress, achievement in college, and success beyond. Our focus as a school is not solely on MCAS achievement, but on what MCAS success tells us about our students and their knowledge.

As is the case with all state mandates, MCAS administration comes with a great deal of planning, organization, and bureaucracy. New this year the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is requiring that students in grades 6-12 who are taking an MCAS test read and sign a statement regarding their responsibilities during testing. A copy of the statements students will be asked to read and sign off on are attached to this Update.

Thank you for all of the support that you provide for the school and for students all year, but especially during the testing season. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Subject	Grades	Dates
ELA Long Composition	4, 7, 10	March 20
ELA Reading Comprehension	10	March 21-22
ELA Reading Comprehension	5-6	March 21, 27
ELA Reading Comprehension	7-8	March 22, 27
ELA Reading Comprehension	3-4	March 22, 28

Angie Pepin - 781-828-3891 x102 - apepin@sscps.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WORKSHOPS AND PROJECTS?

This year Heritage Day will be combined with the Day of the Arts on April 6 focusing on the theme of culture and family. As in years past, sharing cultural food is an important piece of this day. Please help us celebrate by donating a favorite food from your culture or a dish important to your family. If you have any questions please contact Nicole: NPeterson@sscps.org

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

- Level 1: "Sour grapes."
- Level 2: "Carpe-Diem!"

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Spring is just around the corner what a wonderful opportunity to catch up with community service requirements. If you and your family like to be outdoors walking or biking check out the upcoming events

coming up in March, April, May and June. Not only will you be helping others but you will have quality time with family and friends.

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

SSCPS's Girl Scout Juniors will be walking in this years Walk for Hospice on March 24th, and would like to invite others from the SSCPS family to walk with them on Team SSCPS Cares: Please click on the link below to join Team SSCPS Cares and walk with us, pick up a sponsor sheet at the school, or please consider sponsoring the team if you are unable to attend.

Feel free to contact Anatoli Korosidis for any further information #781-308-3421.

<http://www.kintera.org/faf/search/searchTeamPart.asp?ievent=1005422&lis=0&kntae1005422=41249B45D2A6438A929C31EAF708D3B2&team=4991774&tlteam=0>



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.brainumorcommunity.org>

COMMUNITY INTEREST

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



SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Inspiring every student to excel in academics, service, and life.

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

New this spring, students in grades 6 through high school will be asked to read statements about their responsibilities during the MCAS testing and to sign an acknowledgment indicating they understand these responsibilities. The statements are shown below. We recommend that you discuss them with your child along with the school's handbook and related policies.

Thank you for your involvement in your child's education.

Sincerely,

Angie Pepin, Principal, 7-12

Ted Hirsch, Principal, K-6

By signing below, I promise that

- I have not already seen the student test booklet that I will receive;
- **All** the work in my answer booklet will be my own; I will not copy anyone else's work; I will not let anyone answer questions for me;
- I will not use any materials, such as a cell phone or other electronic device, that I am not allowed to have during testing; and
- I will not discuss or share information with anyone about the questions until MCAS testing ends at my school.

If I have any questions about these statements, I will talk with my teacher or principal.

I make the promises above and know that there may be consequences for breaking my promises or the test administration rules.

I have read these statements and understand them.

Student's Printed Name _____

Student's Signature _____

Date _____

We need your help to make the Annual SSCPS Auction at The Elms of Hanover March 30, 2012 a success!

The auction will be accompanied by a selection of hot and cold passed hors d'oeuvres and dessert buffet.

The committee is trying to keep the cost down with donations of food and volunteers for staffing. This will result in more of the funds going directly to the school, which means our children benefit.

This function is run solely by parents, family members and friends of parents.

If you would like to help out or donate any of the following items please contact

Christina & Mark Harvey

Parents of Mathew grade 1 & Olivia grade 3

Theharveys.4@gmail.com

781-293-4424

Food Donation Needed

1. Cold hors d'oeuvres for passing
 - a. 1 to 2 bites each
 - b. Minimum of 24 pieces
 - c. Dropped off in a disposable box or container. We will take care of putting them on serving trays for passing. We can assemble items right before service if needed.
2. Cold plated items to be put on tables
 - a. Items need to be on 12 inch disposable serving trays or in a baskets
 - b. Examples of items needed: Vegetables and dip, cheese and crackers, corn chips & dip. (What ever you can come up with that can sit out on the tables for 3 hours.)
3. Desserts that are also finger food sizes
 - a. Dropped of in a disposable box or container. We will be serving them on platters for the buffet.
 - b. We will take care of putting them on serving trays for the buffet

Food Staffing Needs

We are looking for:

- People to assist food service during the event
- People to assist with clean up during and after the Auction
- People to help prepare, receive & set up the food any time on March 30, 2012 from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm at the Elms

Equipment Donation Needs for Food

Coolers (the larger the better)



SOUTH SHORE CHARTER
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

17TH ANNUAL AUCTION
FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2012
THE ELMS, HANOVER, MASSACHUSETTS

AUCTION TICKET PAYMENT FORM

Purchaser Information

Name/Contact: _____
Company: _____
Address: _____
City, State & Zip: _____
Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____ Web Address _____

Ticket Information

Includes appetizers, dessert buffet, entertainment, and auction

\$25.00 per person x _____ Tickets (\$30 pp if received after March 9, 2012)

My Group Includes:

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| 1. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 8. _____ |

Method of Payment

PAYMENT: Total Amount: \$ _____

Check/Money Order enclosed payable to SSCEF Check No. _____

Bill my credit card Master Card Visa Security code: _____

Account #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Signature: _____

Breakfast Order Form
Breakfast for the Month of March, 2012
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, March 13, 2012

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

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

Week of Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
3/26 – 3/30

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 March, 2012
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, March 13, 2012

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 3/19 – 3/23 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
Hamburger or
Veggie (circle one)

Week of 3/26 – 3/30 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
#_____

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

March 2012

Catered by Essence of Thyme

BREAKFAST

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
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!**



South Shore Charter
March 2012
Catered by Essence of Thyme

LUNCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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

* 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!**