



<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>04/11</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Ends – Grades 7-12</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>04/12</b>	<b>School Council</b>	<b>3:45pm</b>
<b>Thurs &amp; Friday</b>	<b>04/12 &amp; 04/13</b>	<b>Senior Finals</b>	
<b>Mon – Friday</b>	<b>04/16-04/20</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>04/23</b>	<b>Senior Project begins</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>04/24</b>	<b>Level II Parent Coffee</b>	<b>8:30am</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>04/26</b>	<b>Level IV Parent Coffee</b>	<b>8:30am</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>04/27</b>	<b>Golf Tournament Meeting</b>	<b>8:30am</b>

### **IT IS TIME TO ORDER YOUR SSCPS YEARBOOK!**

Here is the link to place orders for the new SSCPS yearbook. We have ordered 150 soft cover yearbooks for the incredible price of \$20.00. We have also ordered hard cover yearbooks available to seniors for \$25.00. If the senior chooses he can purchase a soft cover instead of the hard cover. They will ready for delivery the night of the senior dinner. The rest of the school will be able to pick up their yearbook June 1<sup>st</sup>. Visit. <http://jostensyearbooks.com?REF=A01042183> to place your order.

### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Preparation has begun in earnest for next year! We are drawing up plans, budgets, and schedules to see if our dreams, schemes, and ideas are practical and can hold up to the scrutiny of reality. Today we had a meeting of all of the K – 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers and we had a brief conversation about what our plans are for next year. As we were about to leave to go back to our work, a teacher mentioned a TV report that Dan Rather had done on Finnish education. Now many educators have been thinking about Finnish education for the past few years because students from Finnish schools have the highest or among the highest scores on the PISA, an international test that is used to measure a nation's educational achievement. I like what I have read about Finnish schools, things like frequent recesses and that all of the Finnish Principals are required to teach at least two hours a week. I can't wait to see the show for myself. The teacher who had seen the show had watched it with her family and the family had to implore her to stop talking because she kept interjecting, "That's what we do at the Charter School... We do that too." It was very nice to hear that we measure up, but what is most important to me is the passion that our teachers put into their jobs and your children. You could feel it in the room and you could even tell by the chairs the teachers had chosen to sit in. No empty seats and all in the first three rows.

We have scheduled three coffees for families of students who are new to Levels II, III and IV:

- Level II Tuesday April 24th at 8:30 a.m.
- Level IV Thursday April 26th at 8:30 a.m.
- Level III Tuesday May 1st at 8:30 a.m.

Come join us for an hour of conversation! Come right in and sit in the front rows and all the way in the middle. If you have any questions please contact me at [thirsch@sscps.org](mailto:thirsch@sscps.org)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PROJECTS AND WORKSHOPS?

World Heritages Workshop would like to thank everyone in the SSCPS community that helped to make the Day of the Arts and Culture a huge success. An especially big thank you to everyone who donated a cultural or traditional dish to share, the delicious food was enjoyed by all!

## FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

### SAVE THE DATE

SSCPS is proud to partner with the American Heart Association to help kids with special hearts! Mark your calendars NOW for our upcoming **Jump Rope for Heart** and **Hoops for Heart** event taking place in PE classes the week of:

**April 23-27<sup>th</sup>**

Levels I-II Visit [www.heart.org/jump](http://www.heart.org/jump),  
Levels III-IV Visit [www.heart.org/hoops](http://www.heart.org/hoops)

and click on '**Students Sign Up**' to get started today.

*The American Heart Association's Mission:*

*To build healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke.*



**IT TAKES HEART  
TO BE A HERO!**

## FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

**Tick Season:** Due to the warm weather the ticks are out early. Please remember to check your children every day for ticks. We will be keeping all children out of the wooded areas during the school day. If a tick is found and removed on your child at school, you will be notified. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

**Sunscreen:** Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child before school as most children will be spending time outdoors during the warm weather.

**Lice:** There have been four recent cases of lice in the school. Please remember to have your child's hair pulled up and back. If your child develops symptoms, itchy scalp, please check for nits / lice or send to the health office for screening. Also please report all cases to the school nurse, this will help alleviate the spread by checking classmates.

Thank you, Susan Dupras – [sdupras@sscps.org](mailto:sdupras@sscps.org)

## ON THE LEVELS

### SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "It's raining cats and dogs."

Level 2: "Carpe Diem!"

## THE 10<sup>th</sup> Annual BIG HAIRCUT will be held Monday June 4<sup>th</sup>

All are welcome under the big top!- Donate hair to **Locks of Love**, <http://www.locksoflove.org>, an organization that makes wigs for children who lose their hair from medical hair loss. The minimum hair needed for the BIG HAIRCUT is 10 inches. However, you may join us with any amount of hair that can be tied with an elastic. Come and sign up! **All are welcome!** Family and friends can come and watch or join the event. All participants need is a pair of scissors, a trustworthy friend to cut your hair during the event, and a permission slip.

**Questions?** – Please telephone Claudia at ext. 334 in the high school or email Kris LaRue [krislarue@gmail.com](mailto:krislarue@gmail.com)

Be there for the big countdown, an SSCPS tradition and a great time!



**Bottle and Can Drive** - As the year has advanced, we've made great progress in fundraising for a "Smart Document Camera" for level 3. We'd like to thank everyone who has helped us along the way. We'd also like to remind those who have extra bottles or aluminum cans, that the "Bottle and Can Drive" will continue throughout the year. Drop-off bins are located at the front and back doors. There are flyers with more information at the front desk.

Thank you! Jordan Lussier and Mia Strahm

## FROM THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Guess what time it is?! ... time to complete another survey!!!!

Help us plan for next year....We are interested in knowing what you think about the PA, how we can improve it, and the best schedule for meetings... This is your opportunity to voice your opinions! Any questions? Please contact Lisa Harvey-Mone ([molimu@gmail.com](mailto:molimu@gmail.com))

Click on the link below to complete the survey. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PAnneedsassessment>

THANKS for your help!!!!

## AND

SSCPS Parents Association elections for the 2012-2013 school year are right around the corner. We are currently accepting nominations for ALL PA positions (see descriptions below). If you are interested in running for a position, please let me know by Wednesday April 25th. Elections will be held in May, so nominations must be finalized by the end of the month.

We need and want your participation!

Thanks! Lisa, for the Parents Association

## COMMUNITY SERVICE



Boston Cares is another organization that provides volunteer experience to individuals and groups of all ages. Each month this organization manages more than 200 direct service volunteer projects that make an impact on the community. To become a member and have full access to our online system and



calendar of more than 200 projects, Boston Cares requires that individuals attend a New Volunteer Orientation. Orientations take place several times each month at various locations. Each hour long session provides valuable information about Boston Cares and our programs. Some benefits of membership include:

- The ability to search, find and sign up for projects on our website;
- Email confirmations and reminders with project details like descriptions, directions and contact information;
- A member profile that you can view your volunteer history, set your preferences, and modify your contact information; and
- Much more!

[Find upcoming New Volunteer Orientations...](#)



Snack Bag Packing Event  
Saturday, April 21, 2012  
12:30pm-3:30 pm  
[www.projectbread.org](http://www.projectbread.org)



Sunday, May 6, 2012  
[www.projectbread.org](http://www.projectbread.org)

### MS Society Walks and MS Society Bike Ride

Check website below for more details  
<http://www.nationalsmsociety.org>



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

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

**Day of Event Information Ride Day**

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

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



## COMMUNITY INTEREST

**“April Vacation at Holly Hill Farm!”** Treat your children to a fun and magical time on the farm for three mornings during April Vacation, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday April 17-19 from 10 am – 12:00 pm. Spring is a fascinating time on the farm. The earth is warming up and plants, insects, and animals are beginning their growth spurt. Children will dig into the soil and compost and start their own plantings to take home. Get a head start on flowers, perennial herbs and veggies. This drop-off program is for children ages 5-8 years old. Space is limited, so please pre-register by calling 781-383-6565. Cost is \$72 for members of the *Friends of Holly Hill Farm*, \$122 for non-members (includes new membership). Holly Hill Farm is located at 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. For directions or more information, visit [www.hollyhillfarm.org](http://www.hollyhillfarm.org).

**Food & Fun for Preteens** is a special new program for children ages 9-12 at Holly Hill Farm in Cohasset. Teens will gain insight into early spring crops to grow, eat, and enjoy. Students will have fun learning to plan and plant a garden of fruits, vegetables, and flowers. We will taste what’s available each week as the season progresses. Food & Fun for Preteens will be held on 6 Thursday afternoons from 4 - 5:30 pm, April 26 through May 31. Space is limited so please pre-register by calling 781-383-6565. Cost is \$110 for members of the *Friends of Holly Hill Farm*, \$160 for non-members. Holly Hill Farm is located at 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. For directions and more information, visit [www.hollyhillfarm.org](http://www.hollyhillfarm.org).

Come to Holly Hill Farm on Saturday April 28 from 10 am to noon for **“Sketching Nature” with Clare Walker Leslie**. Nationally known wildlife artist Clare Walker Leslie ([www.ClareWalkerLeslie.com](http://www.ClareWalkerLeslie.com)) will share her techniques of observation and sketching plants, trees, birds, clouds, and animals. Learn ways to overcome any fears of drawing and learn simple ways to record your observations. No previous drawing experience is necessary. Bring a sketchbook and your choice of pencils or sketching supplies. Please pre-register for this special program by calling 781-383-6565. Cost is \$25 for members of the *Friends of Holly Hill Farm*, \$35 for non-members. Holly Hill Farm is located at 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. For directions and 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)**



**Level 1&2 Social**

**Friday evening, April 27 from 5:30 – 7:30**

Potluck Dinner! Games! Music! Friends! Fun!

Families, Teachers & Staff – Come spend your evening with friends!

At the gym – park behind the school and walk the path over to the gym space. (Kids, show your parents where to go!)

Please do not park in the gym parking lot.

Please contact Deb Paquette at [debbielbundrick@yahoo.com](mailto:debbielbundrick@yahoo.com) to let her know what you plan to bring for dinner.

See you there!

Organized by your friendly neighborhood PA and the letters S-S-C-P-S.



## We serve creative cuisine. And worthy causes.

Present this certificate to your server and your cause will receive 15% of your total purchase\* every Tuesday during April.

**Name of Organization:**

South Shore Charter Public School Parent Association

Valid:

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 24<sup>th</sup>

\*Excludes Alcohol, Tax and Gratuity



111 Pond Street Main • Norwell • 781-616-6160

### Application for April School Vacation Art Lessons

All classes are **\$35.00 per class** and checks are made payable to:

**Hull Artists Association**, Please arrive at 8:45 as classes begin at 9 a.m. and run till 12 noon daily at the **Estuary Center** on George Washington Boulevard ! If you need further information or have any **questions call Maura at 339-499-8314 or at the gallery 781-925-4700 or e-mail me at [blackpearl400@yahoo.com](mailto:blackpearl400@yahoo.com)** Thanks!



Childs name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardians name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone numbers: cell \_\_\_\_\_ work \_\_\_\_\_ home \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Class selected:

- Monday Drawing with Judith Van Hamm
- Tuesday Jewelry Creations with Paula Campbell
- Wednesday Beginning Photography with Paula Campbell
- Thursday Beginning Watercolor with J Marshall Dyke
- Friday Clay Creations in Sculpture with Maura Ballou

Classes will be held at the **Weir River Estuary Center** on George Washington Boulevard, Hull. Please arrive at 8:45, and take a sheet with class instructor's telephone number on it. Checks are payable to: Hull Artists Association

Applications may be mailed or dropped off at: **Seabreeze Gallery 526 Nantasket Avenue, Hull MA 02045**

# SSCPS Parents Association Job Descriptions

## Chair

- The Chair will have previously held a PA office or have attended a majority of the year's regular PA meetings.
- The Chair will plan the agenda and chair PA meetings.
- The Chair will have monthly meetings with the Executive Director to coordinate some of the PA activities and initiatives.
- The Chair will write a monthly report to the parents to be submitted to the Update (the official SSCPS communication vehicle) at the end of each month.
- The Chair will coordinate all PA committee activities.
- The Chair is the official spokesperson for the PA and is a member of the SSCPS Board of Trustees.
- The Chair will write a year-end report in May and submit it to the incoming Chairperson.

## Vice Chair (VC)

- The VC will assist the Chair with meeting organization and appointment of chairs.
- The VC will write a year-end report in May and submit it to the incoming VCs.
- The VC will preside at meetings in the absence of the Chair or if the Chair decides to participate in discussion as a parent only.

## Secretary

- The Secretary will take minutes of the meetings (to be approved at the subsequent meeting), post minutes, post meeting times, and reminders to the Executive Director's office for posting in the SSCPS Update.
- The Secretary will write a year-end report in May and submit it to the incoming Secretary.
- The Secretary will help the Chair write the monthly reports.

## Treasurer

- The Treasurer will keep the books of the PA and make monthly reports to the PA.
- The Treasurer will manage the funds disbursement process.
- The Treasurer will write a year-end report in May and submit it to the incoming Treasurer.

**Grade Representatives K-12:** The role of the Grade Rep is to reach out to all families in his/her grade and serve as a personal link to the SSCPS Parents Association (PA). We hope that all parents will feel involved and connected to the ongoing events and issues in our school even if they are unable to attend the monthly PA meetings.

Additional responsibilities include:

- Attending all monthly PA meetings.
- Serving as a conduit for thoughts, ideas, and concerns from families in his/her grade.
- Reporting each month on any happenings, events, or issues in his/her grade.

## COMMITTEES

**Arts & Music** Acts as an advocate for all of the Arts in the school curriculum: drama, literature, music and visual arts. Sets up visiting artist schedules, art-related field trips, and works to find grants to fund arts in the school.

**Community Service** establishes and maintains ties between SSCPS and various community groups, with the purpose of guiding our students towards opportunities for fulfilling their community service requirements and looks for grants to fund community service programs.

**Fundraising** organizes the parent fundraising activities and social events at the school. Each event may have a separate leader to orchestrate activities.

**Health & Safety** guides the development of the health curriculum, safety policies and relations with various medical centers, adherence to related health laws, anti-smoking programs, drug prevention programs, medical policies and procedures.

**Library** participates in all aspects of maintaining the school's library, including ongoing management of the library collection, fundraising to acquire new materials, writing grants, supporting students and teachers in their use of the library, and participating in the creation of an expanded library/media center. The goals for this school year are to update the current collection using a new computerized cataloging system and to partner with community libraries to introduce library skills to our students.

Volunteers are needed during the school year to staff the library and to help reshelve books.

If you would like to donate books, magazine subscriptions, or supplies to the library contact the library committee and they can let you know what they need.

**Volunteer** compiles information from those willing to volunteer and shares it with faculty and staff and then compiles the volunteer needs of the school and communicates with those willing to volunteer about specific "assignments" and opportunities to volunteer at the school.

**Welcoming & Events** contacts families of new, incoming SSCPS students, to welcome them into the school community, and to provide them with information about the school and the Parents Association. Also coordinates Open Houses, and other community engagement events.

**Technology & Communications** will facilitate communication and distribution of information among the school's parent community and coordinate PA use of technology. The Technology Committee will coordinate with the Google Groups Administrator to ensure easy enrollment in the discussion group. The Technology Committee webmaster will gather and post information of interest to the school's parent community on the Parent's Association website and coordinate material posted in the parents section of the school website. The content of the website will be informative & supplementary to the school website and official school notices. It will not be opinion driven or in contradiction to official school publications. To ensure a cohesive and consistent message, the following applies: *In the event the Executive Director or Parent's Association Chairperson requests that any material not be posted on the website, the webmaster agrees to remove the material from the PA website until a vote by the PA is taken to determine if the material will be posted again or remain offline.* By agreeing to serve, the webmaster agrees to remove any inappropriate or inflammatory material.

**Bylaws:** will review current PA bylaws with a view to updating them as necessary. The group solicits input from the parent community and current PA officials; writes amendments; and oversees the passage of new bylaws through the PA discussion and voting procedure. Once new bylaws are adopted the committee can be dissolved.



## Learn To Sail Program



Learn To Sail with us in our beautiful Hull Bay while having fun and enjoying our friendly Hull Yacht Club. Our Learn To Sail program is perfect for the novice and first time sailor. It gives children the opportunity to try sailing before committing to our full summer, Jr. Sailing program.

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- Highly qualified instructors: US Sailing Level 1 Certified, CPR Certified, over 15 years combined teaching experience.
- Sail in the popular **Optimist boat** (supplied and included in price)
- Offered to children, ages 8-13yrs.
- Yacht club membership is not required.
- Choose from one of three, 2-week sessions (10 days total)
- Monday-Friday, 8:30-11:30am
- Only 10 Children Per Session
- \$350.00 per session - or - \$325.00 if you register by April 15th

For complete schedule, information and registration please go to [HULLYC.ORG](http://HULLYC.ORG) and click on Sailing At HYC, Junior Race, Learn To Sail.

Any questions, please email us at [HULLYACHTCLUBJRSAIL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HULLYACHTCLUBJRSAIL@GMAIL.COM)





# HAND DIPPED PRETZELS SALE



**HELP THE LEVEL III STUDENTS RAISE THE FUNDS  
NEEDED TO PURCHASE A CAMERA FOR THEIR  
SMARTBOARD.**

**Pretzels will be on sale Wednesday April 11<sup>th</sup> though Friday April 13<sup>th</sup> at the school. We are taking pre-orders, so ask your friends, family or co-workers.**

**Cash or check (made out to SSCPS) must be with your order by April 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Orders can be left at the front desk or dropped off to Claire in level 3.*

**Please specify Chocolate and/or Vanilla Choc= Chocolate Van= Vanilla**



.50



\$1.50



\$3.00



\$5.00

Size	Vanilla	Chocolate	Total
\$.50	# _____	# _____	# _____
\$1.50	# _____	# _____	# _____
\$3.00	# _____	# _____	# _____
\$5.00	# _____	# _____	# _____

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Pod \_\_\_\_\_


**Thank you for your support**





**South Shore Charter School**  
**April, 2012**  
*Catered by Essence of Thyme*

**Breakfast**


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Golden Grahams Juice Milk	3 Blueberry Muffin Juice Milk	4 Plain Bagel Juice Milk	5 Cheerios w/whole wheat graham crackers Juice Milk	6 Honey Wheat Bagel Juice Milk
9 Raisin Bran Juice Milk	10 Yogurt w/granola bar Juice Milk	11 Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Juice Milk	12 Frosted Mini Wheats Juice Milk	13 Cheerios w/whole wheat graham crackers Juice Milk
16  <b>S P R</b>	17  <b>I N G</b>	18  	19  <b>B R E</b>	20  <b>A K</b>
23 Corn Flakes w/whole grain cinn.crackers Juice Milk	24 Bagel w/jelly Juice Milk	25 French Toast Sticks Juice Toast	26 Fruit Yogurt Parfait Milk	27 Corn Muffin Juice Milk
30 Honey Wheat Bagel Juice Milk	5/1 Yogurt w/granola bar Juice Milk	5/2 Whole Wheat Cinnamon Bun Juice Milk	5/3 Cheerios w/whole wheat graham crackers Juice Milk	5/4 Frosted Mini Wheats Crackers Juice Milk

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



**South Shore Charter**  
**April, 2012**  
*Catered by Essence of Thyme*

**LUNCH**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Chicken Pot Pie Mixed veggies Fruit Milk	3 Ziti and Meatballs Broccoli Applesauce Milk	4 French Toast Sticks Hash Browns Baked sliced Apples Sausages Milk	5 Herbed Baked Chicken Stuffing Carrots Scalloped Potato Milk	6 <b>No Lunch</b>  <b>Early Release</b>
9 Beef and Bean Burrito Corn Fruit Milk	10 American Chop Suey Peas Apple Roll Milk	11 Chicken Quesadilla Carrots Fruit Milk	12 Cheese Tortellini Green Beans Roll Apple Milk	13 BGood
16  <b>S P R</b>	17  <b>I N G</b>	18 	19  <b>B R E</b>	20  <b>A K</b>
23 Hamburger on Bun Corn French Fries Milk	24 Stuffed Shells Baked apple slices California Medley Milk	25 Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap Carrots and celery Fruit Milk	26 Cod Sticks Potato wedges California Medley	27 Pizza
30 BBQ Chicken Mashed potato Roll Peas Milk	5/1 Macaroni and Cheese Carrots and celery Fruit Milk	5/2 Chicken Patty on a Bun Tater Tots Green Beans Milk	5/3 <b>No Lunch</b>  <b>Early Release</b>	5/4 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!**