



Thursday	04/26	Level IV Parent Coffee	8:30am
Thursday	04/26	Education Committee	3:45pm
Thursday	04/26	Development Committee	5:00pm
Thursday	04/26	Finance Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	04/26	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Friday	04/27	Golf Tournament Meeting	8:30am
Friday	04/27	3 rd Quarter grades distributed – Level IV and High School	
Friday	04/27	Level I and Level II Social	5:30am
Tuesday	05/01	Level III Parent Coffee	8:30am
Tuesday	05/01	Parents Association Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	05/02	10 th Grade Field Trip to Newport, RI	
Wednesday	05/02	Level II Sarah's Project to State House	
Thursday	05/03	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Thursday	05/03	Teacher Appreciation Lunch	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon will be held next Thursday, May 3, which is a half day. We are looking for all cooks, bakers, chefs and shoppers!!! If you would like to donate a main dish, side dish, dessert, salad, appetizer or whatever your favorite recipe is, the teachers and staff would truly appreciate it. They look forward to these luncheons every year and are always astonished at the wonderful variety of food that our SSCPS families send in.

Please help make this another successful luncheon. Please respond only to my email at klb.rjc@verizon.net. Thank you. Please contact me with any questions.

Karen Boyle -Parent of Richie and Jonathan (HS) and Caroline (level II)

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 1st. Visit. <http://jostensyearbooks.com?REF=A01042183> to place your order.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Like many members of our faculty my first direct experience with SSCPS was as a teacher candidate during my interview. Because I was travelling from New York to Hull before I even knew what a GPS was and got both lost and stuck in traffic I was late. Very late. Before I even got to meet the interview committee I found myself sitting on the rug in Ted's classroom in front of his Level I class teaching a demo lesson so that the students could finally get out to recess. Several times during the lesson I was reminded of the importance of getting to recess by those students who are now sophomores. This experience was very intimidating, largely because I did not understand the concept of Levels. I came from an environment where students in different grades did not interact and the relationship between student and teacher lasted only one year. Teaching a multiage class was completely new to me.

On that day I interviewed for two different positions, one on Level I and one on Level III. While I talked to the teachers, parents, and students from the two Levels it rapidly became apparent that the Level-based structure was a vital component of the school. It was clear that the differences between the two Levels went far beyond the different grade levels of the students and that each Level had its own culture. The system allows teachers to develop close relationships with students and their families over the course of more than one year. It also allows a group of teachers to share the same students providing for close collaboration and creating a professional community for the faculty. This model is completely different from my previous experiences both as a teacher and a student and is one of the many things that make SSCPS such a terrific school.

One of the great benefits of the Level structure is that it allows students and parents to become comfortable with the adults, curriculum, and routines of their Level making the change between grades on a Level fairly easy. The downside is that transitions between Levels can cause anxiety. We can ease some of that anxiety by letting students and parents know what to expect as they move up. This week we are beginning that process with Parent Coffees. Level IV's Parent Coffee will be at 8:30 on Thursday morning and the Coffee for Level III is on Tuesday, May 1st. While the focus of the meetings is transition into the Level, all parents who are interested are encouraged to attend. At the meetings the appropriate principal and the Level Coordinator will provide an overview of the Level and will be available to answer questions.

Because the move to high school brings with it the need to outline the road to graduation and college, we will be holding a mandatory meeting for rising 9th graders and their parents on Wednesday, May 9th at 6pm. This meeting provides an opportunity to explain expectations and help students understand how to make the most of their high school years. We will be working closely with students new to the high school before the start of the school year during the High School Institute in August. I look forward to making the transition to Level IV and the high school with many of you as we move into next school year. The end of the school year is rapidly approaching! Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions, concerns, or feedback.

-Angie Pepin - aepin@sscps.org -781-982-4202 x102

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

The health office will be conducting the state mandated BMI (body mass index) measurements of 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th grade students. This is a screening program that assesses student's height, weight, and age. The BMI is then calculated using these figures. Parents/ guardians will be notified by letter if your child's BMI is above or below the percentile for their age group. Please contact the health office at 781-982-4202 x104, if *you do not want* your child to participate.

Thank you, Susan Dupras – sdupras@sscps.org

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

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

Level 2: "Carpe Diem!"

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

THE 10th Annual BIG HAIRCUT will be held Monday June 4th

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

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

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)

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



The Walk for Hunger on Sunday, May 6, 2012 is an annual tradition and a rite of spring in Massachusetts! Join a community of over 40,000 caring friends and neighbors, and raise money for those struggling to make ends meet. Visit <http://www.projectbread.org/> for more information on the Walk for Hunger and to register on line to avoid the long lines the morning of the walk.

Not interested in walking? Volunteers are needed throughout the route to help with a variety of jobs to keep Walkers safe and happy.

Email volunteer@projectbread.org for more information.

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

MS Society Walks and MS Society Bike Ride

Check website below for more details

<http://www.nationalmssociety.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

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.

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) 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.

**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**



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 to let her know what you plan to bring for dinner.

See you there!

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

✂ The Big Haircut ✂

10th Annual Event at
The South Shore Charter Public School
Monday, June 4th, 2012
Locks of Love

An Organization that Makes Wigs for Children
Who Lose Their Hair Due to Disease
[10 inches or more of hair needed]

****Please return to Teacher no later than Friday June 1st @ 3:00pm****

Name of Student _____

Check all that Applies

_____ **My child is getting their hair cut ***

The SSCPS Development Office challenges each class to get to **100% Annual Fund participation.**



The first class to make it to **100% participation will celebrate with an afternoon movie and free concessions** in the gymnasium at a time agreed upon by teachers and staff.

Don't delay! Give today!

Mail your donations today to:

**SSCEF
PO Box 512
Accord, MA 02018**

Or donate online by visiting:
www.sscps.org

All gifts benefit SSCPS. Monetary donations are tax deductible.

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.

SSCPS AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Our final session of our After School Enrichment Program runs Monday through Thursday for 6 weeks beginning Monday, April 30th ending Thursday, June 7th. All programs are held at SSCPS.

Homework Club is for students in Grades 2-8 that want to get a head start on their homework or get extra help from our High School Students. Homework Club begins after dismissal to 5:00 pm Monday-Thursday. Cost \$60.00 for all 4 days for 6 weeks or \$30.00 for one day per week for 6 weeks.

Dodge Ball for students in Grades 3-6. Program will be held on Tuesday's. Instructor Donovan Fauvelle. Cost for this class is \$30.00.

Flag Football for students in Grades 2-4. Program will be held on Monday's. Instructor Bill Tramontana. Cost for this class is \$30.00.

Art with Kathryn-This class is for students in Grades 2-6 that will work on a group art project. Instructor Kathryn Hahn. The cost of this class is \$30.00 per session.

Yoga Classes for students in Grades 3-6 and Grades 7-12. Classes will be held on Wednesdays. Instructor Marianne Buckley Curran. Cost for this class is \$30.00.

Basic Drawing for students in Grades 3-6. Classes will be held on Thursday's. Student Instructor David Oxner. Cost for this class is \$30.00.

For questions about the SSCPS after school offerings, please call **Charlene Evans**, After School Enrichment Coordinator x156.

SSCPS AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

Students Name: _____ Grade & Pod Teacher _____

Please circle the following SSCPS activities that you are electing to register your child in:

Activity	Cost	Class/Day	Total Amount Due
Homework Club	\$60.00/all	Monday-Thurs.	\$
Homework Club	\$30.00/Day		\$
Flag Football	\$30.00	Monday	\$
Dodge Ball	\$30.00	Tuesday	\$
Art	\$30.00	Tuesday	\$
Yoga	\$30.00	Wednesday	\$
Drawing	\$30.00	Thursday	\$
Total Amount Due	Please make check payable to SSCPS		\$

I give my child permission to participate in the SSCPS Enrichment Program. Please make all checks payable to SSCPS. I will make arrangements to have my child picked up when the enrichment program ends. SSCPS reserves the right to transport any student not picked up by 5:30 pm, or any student left waiting for longer than half an hour following a school based event, to the local police department for supervision.

Parent or Guardian Name

Date

Breakfast Order Form
Lunch for the Month of May, 2012
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, May 1, 2012

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 5/7 – 5/11 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 5/14 – 5/18 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 5/21 – 5/25 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 5/28 – 6/1 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 School
May, 2012
Catered by Essence of Thyme

Breakfast


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7 Golden Grahams Juice Milk	8 Blueberry Muffin Juice Milk	9 Plain Bagel Juice Milk	10 Cheerios w/whole wheat graham crackers Juice Milk	11 Honey Wheat Bagel Juice Milk
14 Raisin Bran Juice Milk	15 Yogurt w/granola bar Juice Milk	16 Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Juice Milk	17 Frosted Mini Wheats Juice Milk	18 Cheerios w/whole wheat graham crackers Juice Milk
21 Corn Flakes w/whole grain cinn.crackers Juice Milk	22 Bagel w/jelly Juice Milk	23 Frosted Mini Wheats Crackers Juice Milk	24 Whole Wheat Cinnamon Bun Juice Milk	25 Honey Wheat Bagel Juice Milk
28 MEMORIAL DAY 	29 Yogurt w/granola bar Juice Milk	30 French Toast Sticks Juice Toast	31 Fruit Yogurt Parfait Milk	6/1 Corn Muffin Juice Milk

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



South Shore Charter
May 2012
Catered by Essence of Thyme

LUNCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7 Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap Carrots and celery Fruit Milk	8 Steak and Cheese Sub Fries Green Beans Milk	9 French Toast Sticks Hash Browns Baked sliced Apples Sausages Milk	10 Ziti & Meatballs Broccoli Baked Apple Milk	11 Pizza
14 Buffalo Chix Wrap Carrots Grapes Milk	15 Meatball Sub French Fries Mixed Vegetables Milk	16 Cod Sticks Potato wedges California Medley	17 Chicken Quesadilla Carrots Fruit Milk	18 BGood
21 Herbed Baked Chicken Stuffing Carrots Scalloped Potato Milk	22 Macaroni and Cheese Carrots and celery Fruit Milk	23 Chicken Patty on a Bun Tater Tots Green Beans Milk	24 Cheese Tortellini Green Beans Roll Apple Milk	25 Pizza
28 MEMORIAL DAY 	29 Stuffed Shells Baked apple slices California Medley Milk	30 Chicken Tenders Scalloped Potatoes Carrots Milk	31 BBQ Chicken Mashed potato Roll Peas Milk	6/1 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!**