



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Pouring rain and blowing wind made it difficult to believe that yesterday was the first day of May. Despite the weather, all other signs point to a school year that is moving quickly. There is a noticeable difference in our high school. Our seniors are out on internships and the next five weeks will be considerably quieter. Not to be outdone, our juniors are engaging in the early stages of the college application process and will be going to a college fair tomorrow. This morning I watched a very dapper group of tenth graders get on the bus to visit the Newport Mansions as part of their study of *The Great Gatsby*. Zelda would have been proud. On Friday, Sarah Roberts will be taking her Project to the State House where they will all receive the Green Difference Award. It is no secret that if you blink, you run the risk of missing something outstanding.

Students throughout the school are getting ready for yet another chance to show what they know. We stand on the precipice of the next round of testing, and our students know to only look in one direction – up. Next week begins two weeks of Advanced Placement exams. Although these tests are exceedingly rigorous, we know that our students have worked hard all year and are ready. Also happening within these next two weeks are the Science and Math MCAS for grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10. This copious amount of testing can be grueling. We recognize that these assessments can be a test of endurance as well as academics therefore support from our families continues to be essential.

As the days of May unfold, the planning for next year has begun. Amidst all excitement the faculty and administration expand their focus by keeping one eye on where we are, and moving another eye to where we need to be. In addition to focusing on the accomplishments of today, we are looking at student achievement for next year. I would like to thank the members of our parent community who have shown true interest in the direction we are headed as a school. As we continue our commitment to academic excellence for all children, it is essential to have parents as real partners in the vision.

Thank you for all you do. *Alicia Savage – asavage@sscps.org*

Thursday	05/03	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Thursday	05/03	11th Grade College Fair Field Trip	
Thursday	05/03	Level IV Art/PE Field Trip to Boston	
Thursday	05/03	Teacher Appreciation Lunch	
Friday	05/04	Kindergarten Screenings	9-11am
Friday	05/04	SEPAC Meeting – offsite	8:30am
Friday	05/04	Level II Sarah Robert’s Project to State House	
Monday	05/07	The Big Haircut Meeting	8:30am
Tuesday	05/08	MCAS Grade 5 and Grade 8 Science	
Wednesday	05/09	MCAS Grade 8 Science	
Wednesday	05/09	Finance Committee	9:00am
Wednesday	05/09	New High School Student Mandatory meeting	6:00pm

SAVE THE DATE! ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT – THURSDAY, MAY 31ST 6:00PM

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 be 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.

SUMMER READING BOOK SWAP

Come early to the Spring Concert and get a jump start on summer reading!

A Summer Reading Book Swap will be available before the concert on Thursday, May 31st.

How does it work? It is easy! Bring a book(s) to swap or pledge to read another book or make a trip to the library and swap your pledge for a free book! A donation box will be available in the front lobby during the month of May for any books you would like to donate to the Summer Reading Book Swap. All book donations are welcome, especially books from prior summer reading lists.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PROJECTS AND WORKSHOPS?

Field of Flags Announcement for the Update – May 2012 The S³ Project is planning to create a Field of Flags in front of the school to honor those who have served or are currently serving in the Armed Forces. The flags will be on display from Memorial Day to Flag Day. The flags cost \$5 per flag and the proceeds will benefit the Home Base Program (www.homebaseprogram.org). The program is dedicated to improving the lives for veterans who deployed in support of the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan and live with deployment- or combat-related stress and/or traumatic brain injury. The flags can be ordered with the order form attached to this update or before school on 5/18 – 5/23 in the lobby.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



Please return all forms for Jump Rope/Hoops for heart to Heather by **Friday, May 4th**
Thank you to all who participated in this cause!

ART NEWS

Each year student work is selected to represent our school at the **Second Parish Art Show in Hingham**. All are invited to this **Thursday's opening from 6-8pm**. So please check out the art from K-12 of Nat Jocelyn, Stephanie Dunne, Adria Sunnerberg, Kayleen Paquette, Olivia Dalton, Dubenna Aniagu, Cormac Schaefer-Flynn, Malescha Nelson, Jackson Marchese, Georgia Chambers, Zoe Childs, Amelia Schollin, Amanda Pamphile, Cullan Daly, Nicole Rousseau, Nathan Duke, Tessa Schaeffer-Flynn, Erica Penny, Matt Dalton, Portia Chambers, Alex Duke, Faith Toma, Noemie Trocher, Jessica Lutts, Conor Kelleher, David Oxner, Jess Hoffman, Niamh Dalton, Ellis Gilbert, Maddie White, Tyler Johnston, James Perachi, Emma Burns, Corey Duncan, Kyle Preston, Madjany Lamour and Edina Lemkin. Second Parish is located at 685 Main Street, Hingham, MA.

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "You can't teach an old dog new tricks."

Level 2: "Cold shoulder."

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 experience 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! Lisa, for the Parents Association

COMMUNITY SERVICE



This weekend is the Walk For Hunger

Sunday, May 6th

If you still want to attend and have not registered you can do it the day of the walk. Go to the website for more details. <http://www.projectbread.org/>

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.

**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**



FIELD OF FLAGS ORDER FORM – 2012

NAME _____ EMAIL _____
NUMBER OF FLAGS ORDERED (12" x 18" Flag) _____
AMOUNT PAID (\$5 per flag) _____ PAYMENT METHOD cash ___ check ___
You may dedicate your flag to an individual, group, or to all that have served:
DEDICATED TO: _____

CURRENTLY SERVING: yes no BRANCH OF SERVICE _____

All donations will be given to the Home Base Program. The Home Base Program is a partnership between the Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital. The program is dedicated to improving the lives of veterans who deployed in support of the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan and live with deployment- or combat-related stress and/or traumatic brain injury. Additional information can be found at www.homebaseprogram.org

These flags will be on display from May 28th until June 16th in front of SSCPS sign on Longwater Circle. You may collect your flag(s) between June 16 - 17.

Sponsored by the S³ Project – Level IV

✂ 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 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



Raffle- Level 3 is having a raffle to raise money for a small couch in Claire's classroom for the F.I.T kids to sit on while reading. We would like donations from level 3 students for the basket themes, which are **Summer fun**, **Snacks**, and **Movie night**. Some examples of items you could donate are beach balls, fruit snacks, or movies! All donations must be new. Items can be placed in the box next to the pole in Level 3. We will be selling the tickets from Monday, April 30th to May 11th at 1 for \$1 or 10 for \$5. If any questions, contact Erica Perry, Portia Chambers, or Emelyn Miller. Thank you!

- Erica, Portia and Emelyn ☺

If it is more convenient for you, you can fill out the enclosed raffle tickets with your name and phone number and specify which basket you would like, place them in an envelope along with your money and send it in to Claire Overlee in Level 3. Feel free to Xerox more tickets if needed.

Raffle Ticket

Name:

Phone#:

Basket Theme:

Raffle Ticket

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Phone#:

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Breakfast Order Form
Lunch for the Month of May, 2012
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, May 8, 2012

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

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!**