



THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL CALENDAR IS ATTACHED AND POSTED ON WWW.SSCPS.ORG

Thursday	05/10	Executive Committee Meeting	8:00am
Thursday	05/10	MCAS Level II Math and Grade 5 Science	
Thursday	05/10	School Council	3:45pm
Friday	05/10	Golf Tournament Meeting	8:30am
Friday	05/11	Kindergarten Screenings	9-11am
Tuesday	05/15	MCAS Math Level III, Level IV, and Grade 10	
Wednesday	05/16	MCAS Math Level II and Grade 10	
Wednesday	05/16	Kindergarten Field Trip to Plymouth	
Thursday	05/17	Education Committee	3:45pm
Thursday	05/17	Development	5:00pm
Thursday	05/17	Finance	6:00pm
Thursday	05/17	Governance	6:00pm
Thursday	05/17	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Thursday	05/17	Level II and Level III Movie Night	

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 ready for delivery the night of the senior dinner. The rest of the school will be able to pick up their yearbook June 1^{st} . Visit. <u>http://jostensyearbooks.com?REF=A01042183</u> to place your order.

This year the yearbook committee is trying something new. We have created a senior book. This book is filled with senior pictures, senior pages and baby pictures. We created this book to keep the cost of the yearbook down but wanted the seniors to have more pictures of their time at SSCPS. We also want to fill this new book with "shout-outs". These are messages that students, parents and teachers can send to the graduating class. For instance..."Good luck at college Kristeen", from Kathryn. The messages will be scattered throughout the book graffiti style. The messages cost \$1.00. We are also selling half page ads (messages from a family to their graduating seniors) for \$5.00 or full page ads for \$10.00. Please contact Kathryn Hahn at khahn@sspc.org to place your "shout-out" or ads. An envelope will be placed at the Front of the school on the bulletin board. You can drop your dollar and message in the envelope starting Tuesday, May 8. The yearbook committee will set up a table at lunch Tuesday, Wed. and Friday to receive orders as well. The money generated from these messages helps keep the cost of the yearbook down. So, send a message today!!!!!

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.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last Saturday night I was at a dinner party where I was asked by a woman how creative the graduates of the South Shore Charter Public school were. I then went on and on about our graduates and their creative endeavors. I talked about the new D.J. entrepreneur, the opera singer, the photographers, the students at Berklee, the graduate who just got into The Center of Cartoon Studies and the resilient and compassionate students who have gone through and built our school. Jean White of Holly Hill Farm was at the same party and perhaps because she was there I began to explain why I thought our school helps develop creative people. I started with my own experience as a teacher bringing kids to Holly Hill Farm and the openness of that experience. I told a story about this year's sophomores back when they were in second grade. The students were on their last day at the farm after three years of visits. It was a big day for them and we spent most of the day at the farm as part of the process of leaving Level I and moving on in school. We, as was the typical routine, split into two groups. I, as always, stayed in the garden and worked with a group of about ten students while the other ten were off roaming and learning and exploring at the farm with one of the Holly Hill folks and Sharon Stuart. On this extended visit the second graders all came back and insisted that I had to leave the garden and see something. They needed to show me their land; they had to show me their place. Holly Hill Farm was not a place they visited; it was their farm. That is the beauty of projectbased, place-based learning. That day they took me to the cliff above Holly Hill's Ice Pond and as we looked down it was a view as memorable to me as the top of Mt. Marcy or Mt. Katahdin. They were leading me.

At the party, after talking for about ten minutes on the virtues of our school and the way the structure of both our classes and projects builds the repertoire of experiences needed to be creative in the life of students, I asked the woman why she asked the question. Why did she want to know about the creativity of our students? She said simply that creativity is supposed to be the most important quality in the hiring of workers. She wanted to find out how we were doing in what she thought of as a crucial quality for our country's future.

In the past weeks we have had conversations with families about each Level and what our plans are for the future. In these conversations I have heard some worry that the particular sequence of instruction is not providing the appropriate amount of rigor for our students. I write this Update piece not just to brag but also to try to articulate why the mix of independent and group work and introspection through course work and life experience is working. I see it working for my own older children who have received a "Charter School" education and in our graduates.

Congratulations to Amy Vandenberg and the Garden Project students as they just received word that they were awarded a Whole Kids Foundation and FoodCorps for a School Garden grant. It is not only our students and graduates who are entrepreneurial. It is our teachers.

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



Thank you to <u>EVERYONE</u> that participated and/or donated to Jump Rope and Hoops For Heart! This year SSCPS students were able to raise **\$1,761.29** for the American Heart Association to help children in need!

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Keep your fingers crossed." Level 2: "Beating around the bush."

Level III - Changes have been made recently to Level 3's FIT schedule. Ask your child if their schedule has changed.

Congratulations to the 2012-2013 Student Board

President:	Zach Johnston, Class of 2013
Vice-President:	Jonathan Boyle, Class of 2014
Secretary:	Mary Ellen Vanderveen, Class of 2015
Treasurer:	Jess Hoffman, Class of 2014
Board of Trustees Representative:	Chad Bruce, Class of 2014
Parent Association Representative:	Katie Aucella, Class of 2014
School Council Representatives:	Matt Algera, Class of 2014
-	Neil Feeney, Class of 2015

COLLEGE FAIR INITIATION FROM STONEHILL COLLEGE:

"Stonehill College is happy to announce that, in just a few days, we will be hosting a college fair sponsored by <u>The New England Association for College Admission Counseling</u>. We would like to invite both you and your students to take this opportunity to meet with representatives from over 170 colleges and universities that will be in attendance. The college fair will be taking place on Wednesday, May 16, 2012 from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM in the Roche Dining Commons on our beautiful campus located at 320 Washington Street in Easton, MA."

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

All are welcome under the big top!- Donate hair to Locks of Love, <u>http://www.locksoflove.org</u>, 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!

SEPAC UPDATE

WHAT IS the Special Education Parent Advisory Council?

- SEPAC is parent council established to assist parents and families of children with learning differences or special needs. We seek to enhance the services and supports needed for our children so they can thrive and reach their potential.
- SEPAC works in collaboration with teachers, special education service providers, administrators, and legislators in order to advocate for and promote a successful educational and social environment for our children.

• SEPAC also works to obtain information and support that will empower parents to influence change on a personal and community level.

SEPAC Survey (All Parents please fill out) https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SEPACsurvey2012

SEPAC ballot (Please fill out this survey if you have a child on either 504 or IEP plan) https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SEPACballot2012

COMMUNITY SERVICE

As we are approaching the end of the school year our students need to be looking seriously at their community service requirements. The Community Service Committee has spent this past year compiling a list of different organizations (this list has a link on the school web site) that students can use as a reference to help them with this requirement. If they are struggling with what to do have them look at this list. Community Service is such as wonderful opportunity to give our students confidence, build character and let them stand out in their home as well as in the school community. It also makes us proud as families to watch them do something special for others.

I had this experience this past weekend as I watch my two daughters, Amanda and Faith, go off and participate in the Walk for Hunger in Boston. They were helping others in need and more than willing to participate. They are both committed and have a passion for helping feed those less fortunate and are struggling to make ends meet.

Find something that your students have a passion for and make this their focus for their Community Service. It will make this experience even more meaningful in the end.

The Community Service Committee would love to hear what your students are doing for their community service this year. Please email Beth Toma at <u>JToma85103@aol.com</u>.



Relay For Life is a life-changing event that gives everyone in communities across the globe a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost and fight back against the disease.

At Relay, teams of people camp out at a local high school, park, or fairground and take turns walking or running around a track of path. Because cancer never sleeps, Relays are overnight events up to 24 hours in length. Relayers do not have to walk all night, but each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. Go to the website <u>relayforlife.org/learn/index</u> to find out where the next Relay For Life will be near your community.

If there are community service opportunities going on in your community please email Beth Toma at JToma85103@aol.com.

MS Society Walks and MS Society Bike Ride

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



Website: http://www.avonwalk.org

Day of Event Information Ride Day Date: Sunday, May 20, 2012 Location: Reservoir Woods, Waltham, MA



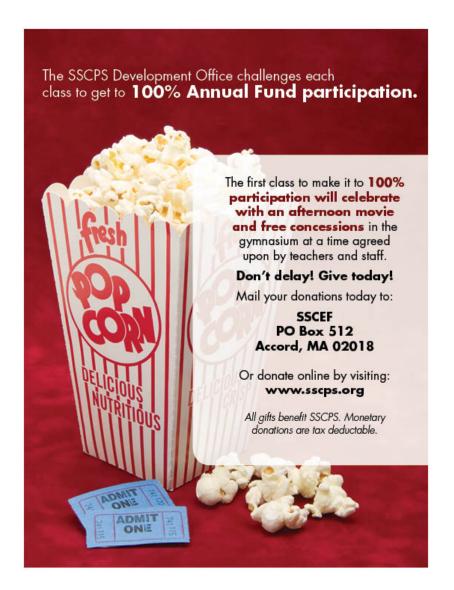


COMMUNITY INTEREST

An exhibit at the Hanover Public Library through May 26th called, "Love Makes a Family", which has black and white photos accompanied by biographical narratives. It is being sponsored by the Hanover Diversity Committee. It is a very inclusive, beautiful exhibit.

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 <u>WWW.SSCPS.ORG</u> EVERY WEDNESDAY – TO RECEIVE A PAPER COPY PLEASE CONTACT PAM ALGERA EXT. 103 OR EMAIL <u>PALGERA@SSCPS.ORG</u>





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 individ	lual, group, or to all that have served:
DEDICATED TO:	
CURRENTLY SERVING: yes no	0 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

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	Charter Public School June 4 th , 2012
	s of Love
An Organization that	t Makes Wigs for Children
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My child is getting the	ir hair cut *
My child will be cutting	g someone's nair
\$5. Donation for licens	ed stylist "clean-up" *
Grade Teacher	
arent Signature	Date

will go to SSCPS.



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 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 envelopealong with your money and send it in to Claire Overlee in Level 3. Feel free to Xerox more tickets if needed.

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Phone#:	Phone#:	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 15, 2012*

Student Nam	ne									
Pod Teacher	/Advisor			_Grade						
Please <u>CHECK</u> off the day breakfast will be ordered.										
Week of 5/21 – 5/25	[] Monday	[] Tuesday	[] Wednesday	[] Thursday	[] Friday					
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Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

Please CHECK off the day lunch will be ordered.

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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 25 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 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

Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Monday 8 9 10 11 Steak and Cheese Sub Ziti & Meatballs Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap French Toast Sticks Pizza Fries Hash Browns Carrots and celery Broccoli Fruit Green Beans Baked sliced Apples Baked Apple Milk Milk Sausages Milk Milk 14 15 16 17 18 Buffalo Chix Wrap Cod Sticks Meatball Sub Chicken Ouesadilla BGood Carrots French Fries Potato wedges Carrots Grapes Mixed Vegetables California Medley Fruit Milk Milk Milk 21 22 23 24 25 Herbed Baked Chicken Chicken Patty on a Bun Cheese Tortellini Macaroni and Cheese Pizza Stuffing Carrots and celery Tater Tots Green Beans Carrots Fruit Green Beans Roll Milk Milk Scalloped Potato Apple Milk Milk 28 29 30 31 6/1 MEMORIAL DAY **BBQ** Chicken Stuffed Shells Chicken Tenders BGood Baked apple slices **Scalloped Potatoes** Mashed potato California Medley Carrots Roll Milk Milk Peas 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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Approved 4//26/12