



BOARDS OF TRUSTEES BALLOTS ARE DUE BY THURSDAY, MAY 17TH AT 5:00PM.

Thursday	05/17	MCAS Math Level III and Level IV	
Thursday	05/17	Education Committee	3:45pm
Thursday	05/17	Development Committee	5:00pm
Thursday	05/17	Governance Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	05/17	Finance Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	05/17	Annual Meeting and Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Thurs-Sun	05/17-05/20	8 th Grade Trip to Washington DC	
Friday	05/18	SEPAC	8:30am
Friday	05/18	Golf Tournament Meeting	8:30am
Friday	05/18	Kindergarten Screenings	9-11am
Monday	05/21	Senior Project papers due	
Tuesday	05/22	SSCPS hosting Rotary Breakfast	9-10:30am
Tuesday	05/22	High School Spanish Cultural Trip Information Meeting	6:00pm
Wednesday	05/23	New High School Student Mandatory meeting makeup	8:30am
Wednesday	05/23	Senior Presentation	
Weds-Thurs	05/23-05/24	Level II Kids Consortium – Maine	
Thursday	05/24	High School Parent Coffee	8:30am

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.

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

Over the past few months I've had the pleasure and challenge of parenting an infant. Every month I try, often unsuccessfully, to take a photo that captures the anniversary of the day she was born. I realized quickly that this tradition would be short lived as I missed months five, seven, eight and nine. Undeterred by the missing photos in the yet to be made baby book, I took the ten month picture on Saturday. I uploaded that picture and couldn't help but compare it to the newborn pictures from July. My daughter has gone from being completely dependent to pushing for independence, from unaware to highly curious, and from slumbering to incredibly mobile. She now pulls herself up on the furniture, waves to say goodbye, says three words, and knows to hide cheerios with her toys to snack on later. In a short ten months an amazing amount of growth and change has occurred. I rarely take the time to think about this development. Instead, I find myself wondering when the next milestone is going to occur, worrying about whether she is progressing appropriately and wondering if I am supporting her appropriately.

My conversations with teachers and students recently have shown me that your children have also grown incredibly in the past ten months as they've nearly completed another school year. While that change may not be as obvious from photos as it may be for an infant, that growth is clear in their schoolwork, their conversations with adults, and their interactions with their peers. I spent some time with a group of high school students last week during a break. They were talking to one student in particular and commenting on how much he had changed since Level IV, telling him that he has really become a good student. He was not shying away from this praise, clearly pleased with his progress. He said to his friends, "Yeah, I got a 97 in Spanish last term," with a huge smile on his face. Sitting with two teachers today I had the pleasure of hearing about a group of sophomore boys and their dramatic growth from the beginning of the year. This change is not only about academic performance, but about their attitude toward their studies. These teachers have seen a shift in how these students think as they've taken a keen interest in their classes, even those that they struggle in. I was delighted to hear that they "loved everything about *The Great Gatsby*." This is not a conversation we could have had in August.

We all get caught up in everything that needs to get done each day. It is easy to fixate on the difficulties that children have as they develop as students and make their way through school, and to lose sight of the progress. The problems demand more of our attention. We as teachers and parents are often looking ahead to the next goal and the next stage in development as we strive to help children achieve more. As the school year draws to a close I encourage you to take some time to talk to your child about how far he or she has come this school year and to reflect on their achievements. Forget about the struggles and focus on growth and change. What have they learned? What new skills do they have? What new interests do they have? What new relationships have they formed? As we look forward to next year and strive to do better it's important that we reflect on what was accomplished and applaud it, and be present for the moment. Zoe will only be ten months old once and I don't want to rely only on photographs.

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

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Where there is a will there is a way."

Level 2: "As the crow flies."

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 The New England Association for College Admission Counseling. 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**, <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!

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Greetings everyone!

It is amazing that we are almost at the end of another school year! And so, it is time to vote for new PA Officials...We have had a great year and are already planning for the next one!

You can help us by doing a couple of things...

1. Vote for new PA officials by following the link below or filling out a paper ballot at the front desk or in the update; (please vote by May 25th) <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012SSCSPABALLOT>
2. Keep your ideas and suggestions flowing. Send them to me molimu@gmail.com
3. Attend the next PA meeting (Tuesday June 5th at 7pm) where we will discuss the past year- the changes we have made, what worked, what didn't work and what we want to focus on in the future.
4. Give to the Annual Fund, especially if you haven't yet.

Thanks for a great year! Lisa, for the SSCPS Parents Association

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



BOSTON

MAY 19-20, 2012

The Avon Walk for Breast Cancer Boston is here! This weekend will be two unforgettable days of passion, power, and pure fun. Registration is still open. **Register today!**

Quick Links for Participants, Volunteers, & Supporters

Let's Walk: A participation guide for Walkers and Crew

Directions & Parking: How to easily access all key event locations

Cheering Stations: Route locations to visit & support family, friends

Opening & Closing Ceremonies: Location (Google map)

Wellness Village: Location (Google map)

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



MS Society Bike Ride

June 23-24, 2012 – Boston to Provincetown

Check website below for more details

<http://www.nationalmssociety.org>



National Brain Tumor Society

Bike Ride to Raise Money for this Event:

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.

<http://www.braintumorcommunity.org>



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 relayforlife.org/learn/index 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.

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 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 *

_____ My child will be cutting someone's hair

_____ \$5. Donation for licensed stylist "clean-up" *

Grade _____ Teacher _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

*There will be Licensed Hair Stylists available at the event to "even out" the cuts for a \$5 Donation that will go to SSCPS.

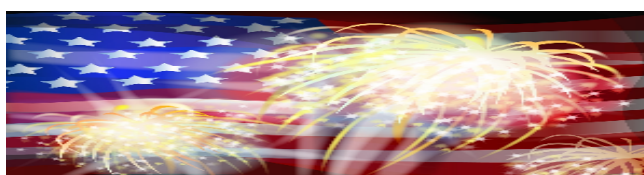


SSCPS FAMILIES



Take me out to the ballgame

Gather your family and friends
Join us for a fun night at the ballpark followed by fireworks.



- What: Brockton Rox vs. Old Orchard Beach Raging Tide
- When: Friday June 22 @ 7:05 PM. Gates open at 6:05
- Where: **Campanelli Stadium 1 Feinberg Way
Brockton, MA 02301**
- Cost: Only \$4 per person.

Please order & pre-pay your tickets by June 8th.
Contact Iris Mahegan with any questions @ valsdottir@gmail.com

SSCPS at Brockton Rox June 22nd 2012

Name: _____

Grade: _____ Pod: _____

Number of tickets: _____

Cut off bottom half fill out and return to school with your payment. *Checks payable to SSCEF.*

Breakfast Order Form

Month of May, 2012

Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, May 22, 2012

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
5/28 – 6/1

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

Week of Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
5/28 – 6/1
Hamburger or
Veggie (**circle one**)

Number of Meals ordered _____ X \$3.75

Number of Slices of Pizza ordered _____ X \$1.75

Hamburger/Veggie Burger _____ 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 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.

. Breakfast Order Form
Breakfast for the Month of June, 2012
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, May 29, 2012

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 6/4 – 6/8 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 6/11– 6/15 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

June 2012

Catered by Essence of Thyme

BREAKFAST

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
4	Cheerios Whales Juice Milk	5	Golden Grahams Lemon Grahams Juice Milk	6	Yogurt Blueberry Grahams Juice Milk	7	Frosted Mini Wheats Whales Juice Milk	8	Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Jelly Juice Milk
11	Cheerios Apple Grahams Juice Milk	12	Whole Wheat Cinnamon Roll Juice Milk	13	2 oz Raisin bran Juice Milk	14	Corn flakes w/whole grain cinn.crackers Juice Milk	15	Whole Grain Banana Muffin 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
June 2012
Catered by Essence of Thyme

LUNCH

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		
4	Chicken parm sub Tater tots Green Beans Milk	5	Hot Dog on a Bun Baked Beans Potato Wedges Milk	6	American Chop Suey Peas Apple Roll Milk	7	Chicken Pot Pie Mixed veggies Fruit Milk	8	Pizza	
11	Cheese Tortellini Green Beans Roll Apple Milk	12	BBQ Chicken Mashed potato Roll Peas Milk	13	Buffalo Chix Wrap Carrots Grapes Milk	14	Turkey and Gravy Mashed potato Carrots Roll Milk	No Lunch Early Release Last Day of School		

* 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!**