Update
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## 2011-2012 ANNUAL SATISFACTION SURVEY

Please complete your survey no later than Friday, June 29 ${ }^{\text {th }}$.
Parents/Guardian: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012SSCPSParent
Students: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012SSCPSStudent
Board of Trustees: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012SSCPSBoT
Faculty and Staff: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012SSCPSFacStaff

| Wednesday | 05/30 | Senior Dinner | 6:00pm |
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| Thursday | 05/31 | Level II Dance Performance | 2:30pm |
| Thursday | 05/31 | Annual SSCPS Spring Concert | 6:00pm |
| Friday | 06/01 | SEPAC (offsite) | 8:30am |
| Friday | 06/01 | Level I Karen/Leigh Puppet Show | 8:30am |
| Friday | 06/01 | Graduation Rehearsal |  |
| Saturday | 06/02 | Class of 2012 Graduation | 11:00am |
| Monday | 06/04 | The Big Haircut | 1:00pm |
| Monday | 06/04 | Title I Year End Celebration | 5:00pm |
| Tues \& Weds | 06/05 \& 06/6 | MCAS High School Science |  |
| Tuesday | 06/05 | Facilities Committee | 5:00pm |
| Tuesday | 06/05 | Parents Association Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation | 7:00pm |
| Wednesday | 06/02 | Level II Plimoth Plantation |  |
| Wednesday | 06/02 | Level III Dan's Project Musical Performance - Hingham Middle School |  |

## ORDER YOUR SSCPS Yearbook today!

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 $1^{\text {st }}$. 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.

## Library News

The school library will be open until Friday, June $1^{\text {st }}$. All materials that have been checked out are due back at that time. As in past years, final grades will be held until overdue books are returned or replacement costs are paid. The volunteers will continue to come in during their scheduled library times to process any returned books. A box will be placed outside of the library so that students can drop off their books when the library is closed. Please note that if a book is being placed in the drop box, the first three letters of the student's last name and grade should be written on the due date slip located in the back of the book. If you have any questions, please email bfarmer12@verizon.net.

## Library Recognition

The Library Committee would like to recognize all of the volunteers that have provided their time to assist with classes, process returns, and organize the shelves. In general, our gratitude for all that you do to keep the library running! Your time and dedication is truly appreciated.

The Library Committee would also like to recognize all of the donations (books, book mark, posters, etc.) we have received during the year. While our space is small, your donations help to keep our materials current. Thank for your support.

The Library Committee

## Principals Report

Yesterday the tent went up for graduation, which will be held this Saturday. As I was standing there looking at the tent going up and hearing the swing of the sledgehammers Linda Weldon said to me, "It is always a bittersweet time of year." She meant that the year is coming to a close and like the line at the end of Time of Wonder by Robert McCloskey, many of us feel "a little bit sad about the place you are leaving, a little bit glad about the place you are going." Linda understands this well because she is the mother of two graduates and sees the tent as a symbol of the beyond and the loss of the present or just plain "bittersweet."

With the end of the year there are many events to celebrate the accomplishments of the year. Please celebrate as many as you can and take the time to acknowledge completion. Tomorrow night is our Spring Concert to be held under the graduation tent. On Tuesday I heard the Kindergarteners and the third and fourth graders practicing for the concert and they sounded wonderful. On Tuesday afternoon I knew that the Kindergarteners were assembled in the Great Room on Level I to practice. I went off to do something in the front of the building and as I returned to Level I down the central hallway I was very disappointed because I had missed the practice. I heard singing and it could not have been Kindergarteners. It seemed that the song was too complex and the singing too nuanced. I was sure I had missed their singing and the first and second graders were singing. To my great surprise when I rounded the corner I had not missed the Kindergarteners - this WAS the Kindergarteners. Please come tomorrow night and please have your children sit with your family when they are not on stage.

Another spring event is the presentation of the Senior Internships. It was exciting to see the seniors back in school for a day. I did not have the opportunity to see the presentations but Angie told me that they were stellar. She told me that many of the students had learned a great deal and that they had been useful in their workplaces. She also told me that several had job offers to continue to work as paid employees. Now this has happened before, and it leads me to believe that our school works.

There was further evidence of that fact a week ago Tuesday when we had a special guest speaker at the full faculty meeting. The speaker knew and knows the school well. Some of the teachers knew her well. She was there to present her Senior Project because it was on our school. Sami Siegel had just graduated from Boston University and seventeen autumns ago she was a new Kindergartener in my class. Sami is now a graphic designer and for her Senior Project she had developed visual symbols that reflected our school. The work was moving and equally impressive was her story about her journey through the school. She said that she had gotten a great deal out of the whole arch of her experience. She told us that she believes that to get the most benefit out of the school, you need to go through all of the Levels. She was proud of her school and we were proud of her. Some staff members cried and as she spoke I could not contain myself and I said, "She was in my class."

See many of you Thursday and Saturday. Ted Hirsch thirsch@sscps.org

## Health Office

Please remember to apply sunscreen and / or bug spray on your child before school, as the students will be spending more time outside during the school day. There are also many outside field trips scheduled for the next two weeks so please remember to protect your child from the sun and bugs.

## On THE LEVELS

## SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Practice what you preach."
Level 2: "Put a feather in your cap."
Level III Raffle: As you may know, we had a raffle to raise money for a small couch in Claire Overlee's room for her Level 3 reading program. We would like to thank everybody who helped support us. Because of your support, we made over \$200! Congratulations to our winners: Danielle Tilden, Kyle Miller, Amelia Scholin, Sadiyah Archibald, Becky Antoine, Mia Strahm, Julia Griffin, and Mary Oxner!

- Erica Perry, Emelyn Miller, and Portia Chambers


## THE $10{ }^{\text {th }}$ Annual BIG HAIRCUT will be held Monday June $4^{\text {th }}$

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!

## Community Service Update



As we approach summer vacation with our students this is the perfect time to have them work on their community service requirements for the 2012-2013 school year. This will keep them occupied and busy during the summer months. The following are some suggestions for community service summer activities

- Clean up your local park
- Volunteer at community garden or farm
- Contact your town recreation department. Many towns have youths volunteer during the summer months
- Plant crops and donate them to your local food bank
- Help an elderly neighbor by taking care of their yard, walk their dog or any other jobs that they might need help with around their home

Volunteering as a Family --Family volunteering strengthens families and strengthens our community. When you decide to become a family volunteer, you are not only contributing to an important cause, but you are also helping your family and children in ways you never thought possible. Children are able to develop compassion and an understanding of others. Parents can help others while spending more time with their kids, passing on important values, and sharing meaningful conversations in a positive environment.

Third annual Harry Potter Marathon Reading, to support the Hull Public Library, is taking place June 2nd. See the poster for details. We need readers! To assemble a team to read a chapter call Calliope Pina Parker at (781) 925-4781. Parents, please plan to provide adult supervision for your children.

FRIENDS OF THE Saturday, June 2, $9 \mathrm{am}-1 \mathrm{pm}$
Trail Work with Friends of the Blue Hills - National Trails Day
photectapres:rye the work sites. Wear long pants and gloves. Tools, water, snacks and lunch provided. Email trailwork@Friendsofthebluehills.org for registration and meeting place.


Saturday, June 9, 2012 Rain or Shine! Take a Walk for Angels' Voice Orphanage

PLACE: Immaculate Conception Parish Center, E. Weymouth
TIME: Walk begins @ 10:00am (This is a three mile walk) Sign up @ 9:30 am
REGISTRATION - Registration forms are available for download on the website, or can be completed at sign up

The Angels' Voice Orphanage was built to rescue 14 young girls orphaned after the earthquake in Haiti. The future of this orphanage is dependent on your generosity and support. Please join us to walk for AVO! For more information, or if you would like to help our mission, please go to angelsvoiceorphanage.com


National
Multiple Sclerosis
Society


## MS Society Bike Ride

June 23-24, 2012 - Boston to Provincetown.
Check website below for more details
http://www.nationalmssociety.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.

## Community Interest

Holly Hill Farm in Cohasset still has space available in summer programs for children ages 3 through 18. Children will have fun outside, unplugged from phones and screens, doing farm chores, exploring the diverse natural habitats of the 140 acres of the farm's property, learning about growing healthy organic food, cooking food from freshly harvested produce, growing food for Father Bills' in Quincy, and selling produce at the Cohasset Farmers market (and keeping a portion of the proceeds). Programs begin on June

4 and run through August 24. For complete information on all of these programs, visit www.hollyhillfarm.org or call 781-383-6565.

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


Many thanks to all who have given to the Annual Fund
Let's keep this going...
It is not too late to donate...please bring an envelope with your contribution and your child's name to the concert tomorrow night.

All donations help our kids!
Let's get 100\% family participation!!!

$50 \%$ of your total order is donated to SSCPS!
Bring your friends, your family and your appetite!

The Marathon Reading of...




## B<The Big Haircu* 8<

$10^{\text {th }}$ Annual Event at
The South Shore Charter Public School
Monday, June $4^{\text {th }}, 2012$
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 $1^{\text {st }} @ 3: 00 \mathrm{pm}{ }^{* *}$

## Name of Student

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## Check all that Applies

__ My child is getting their hair cut *
__ My child will be cutting someone's hair
$\qquad$ \$5. Donation for licensed stylist "clean-up" *

Grade $\qquad$ Teacher $\qquad$

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

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


- What: Brocton 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 $8^{\text {th }}$.
Contact Iris Mahegan with any questions@ valsdottir@gmail.com

## SSCPS at Brockton Rox June 22 ${ }^{\text {nd }} 2012$

Name:
Grade: $\qquad$ Pod: $\qquad$ Number of tickets: $\qquad$
Cut off bottom half fill out and return to school with your payment. Checks payable to SSCEF.

# Breakfast and Lunch Order Form <br> Month of June, 2012 <br> Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, June 5, 2012 

Student Name $\qquad$
Pod Teacher/Advisor $\qquad$ Grade $\qquad$
Please CHECK off the day breakfast will be ordered.
Breakfast
Week of
[ ] Monday
[ ] Tuesday
[ ] Wednesday
[ ] Thursday
[ ] Friday 6/11-6/15

Number of Breakfasts ordered $\qquad$ X $\$ 1.60$
Less credit due

## Total Amount Enclosed

\$ $\qquad$
Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

Lunch
Week of [ ] Monday [ ] Tuesday [ ] Wednesday [ ] Thursday [X] Friday 6/11-6/15

| 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 $\qquad$
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

June 2012
Catered by Essence of Thyme

## BREAKFAST



LUNCH

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* 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!

