



SSCPS AFTER SCHOOL CARE NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

Please take a few moments to click on the link below to complete the following surveys. New this week is the annual after school program survey. Your feedback is essential in planning for next year.

After School Program Survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FY13AfterschoolNeeds>

2011-2012 ANNUAL SATISFACTION SURVEY

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>

Please complete your survey no later than Friday, June 29th.

Wednesday	06/06	Track Team Championships – Roxbury	
Wednesday	06/06	Level III Dan’s Musical Performance Hingham Middle School	6:00pm
Thursday	06/07	Level III Social at the SSCPS Gym	6-8pm
Friday	06/08	High School Field Trip to Canobie Lake – 8am departure	
Friday	06/08	Grade 1 and Grade 2 Beach Day	
Friday	06/08	SSCEF Golf Tournament – Indian Pond Kingston	
Monday	06/11	Move Up Day	
Monday	06/11	Level II Field Day	1:00pm
Tuesday	06/12	SSCEF Meeting – Hull	6:00pm
Tues-Thurs	06/12-06/14	Level IV and High School Final Exams – see schedule below	
Wednesday	06/13	Level III George’s Island	
Thursday	06/14	Kindergarten Beach Day	
Thursday	06/14	Level II Award Ceremony	1:00pm
Friday	06/15	Level III Award Ceremony	10:00am
Friday	06/15	Level IV 8 th Grade Award Ceremony	10:30am
Friday	06/15	Last Day of School – Early Release	12:00pm

PURCHASE YOUR SSCPS YEARBOOK TODAY!

The yearbooks have arrived and there is still time to purchase your 2011-12 SSCPS Yearbook. Hard cover yearbooks are \$25.00 and soft cover yearbooks are \$20.00. You may pay for the yearbook at the front desk and a student in the Yearbook Club will deliver the book to your child. For more information, contact Khahn@sscps.org.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

On Saturday twenty-nine Seniors became twenty-nine graduates. While the school year is full of exciting events and milestones for our students, commencement is the one that all of us are ultimately working toward. Our graduation ceremony was the culmination of many years of hard work on the part of students, parents, and teachers and a celebration of our entire K-12 community. It was incredibly gratifying for me to see our students, several of whom I taught when they were on Level III, leave SSCPS as accomplished young men and women. What a wonderful way to spend a Saturday.

In order for Senior week and graduation to run smoothly many people put in a great deal of effort. I'd like to thank Mark Flanagan for his work in making sure that the event spaces were prepared, beautiful, and comfortable despite Saturday's weather. He was incredibly patient with me all week as I repeatedly made requests at the last minute. Pam Alger, who is behind the scenes of all SSCPS events, deserves thanks for her extensive work on the graduation details from invitations to diplomas. Finally, I'd like to extend a special thank you to Mary Carter, our guidance counselor, for her orchestration of Senior Project, prom, Senior Dinner, and graduation. Most importantly Mary worked tirelessly all year with our Seniors to guide them through the college application process as she prepared them for life after SSCPS.

Graduation is a sure sign that the school year is coming to an end as is the sight of our 7-11th grade students preparing for final exams. Final exams are an important measure of student learning and an opportunity for students to demonstrate what they have learned over the course of the school year. Below please find the final exam schedules for both Level IV and the High School. **High School students are dismissed at 12:00 on Tuesday 6/12, Wednesday 6/13, and Thursday 6/14.** Please make arrangements for your students to be picked up at that time. On Friday, June 15th students on Level IV will have their Eighth Grade Awards Ceremony beginning at 10:30am. For High School students Friday is reserved for make-up exams. If your high school student does not have any make-up exams, he or she does not need to attend school on Friday, June 15th.

Level IV Final Exam Schedule June 12-14

	Tuesday 6/12	Wednesday 6/13	Thursday 6/14
8:15-8:30	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting
8:30-10:00	7 th Math 8 th English	7 th English 8 th History	7 th Science 8 th Spanish
10:00-10:30	Break	Break	Break
10:30-12:00	7 th History 8 th Science	7 th Spanish 8 th Math	Project (10:30-11:30)
1:00-3:00	Study time and movies		

High School Final Exam Schedule June 12-14

	Tuesday 6/12	Wednesday 6/13	Thursday 6/14
8:15-8:30	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting
8:30-10:00	Block A	Block C	Block E
10:00-10:30	Break	Break	Break
10:30-12:00	Block B	Block D	Make up Exams

HEALTH OFFICE

Parents please remember to pick up your child's medication by the last day of school. Medication left in the health office after June 15th will be disposed of. Also all prescription medication orders **expire** as of June 15th and medication orders must be **renewed** by your child's physician to be administered during the new school year.

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.

ATHLETIC UPDATE

SSCPS Spring Athletics Report from Coaches Joe Kay and Heather Fredette: The SSCPS track team has enjoyed a successful regular season and will be competing in the Massachusetts Charter School Athletic Organization championships on Wednesday, June 6th at Madison Park High School in Roxbury. The team has had over thirty students practicing and participating in meets, ranging from 6th grade to 11th grade. The team competed in three meets during the regular season and did very well against high school competition from charter schools in the Boston area. The boys finished fourth, second, and third respectively; while the girls finished sixth, fifth, and in the last meet they finished in first place! We have a great shot at finishing in the top three at the championships in both the boys' and girls' divisions.

The following runners will be competing in the championship today:

Girls

Ericka Perry (6th grade)- 1 mile
Alexis Perry (7th grade)- 1 mile
Lauren Walsh (8th grade)- 1 mile, 800 m
Christine Nwafor (8th grade)-400 m, 4 x 100 relay
Melissa Theodore (8th grade)- 400 m, 4x 100 relay
Jessie Lutts (7th grade)-100 m, 4 x 100 relay
Abby Cerilli (7th grade)- 4 x 100 relay

Boys

Jerome Sullivan (7th grade)- 100 m, 4x 100 relay
Paul Sullivan (8th grade)- 1 mile
David Benoit (8th grade)- 200 m alternate
Tyler Johnston (9th grade)- 200 m alternate
Garvin Benoit (11th grade)- 100 m, 4 x 100 m relay
Ian Wright (9th grade)- 1 mile, 4 x 100 relay
Neil Feeney (9th grade)- 1 mile
Patrick Sullivan (11th grade)- 400 m, 800 m, 4x 100 relay

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Turn over a new leaf."

Level 2: "Let bygones be bygones."

LIBRARY NEWS

The school library will be open until Friday, June 1st. 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

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.

If your kids are still in need of community service hours, consider joining Brendan and Colin Longueil who are riding in the **PMC Kids Ride** in memory of their grandmother, who was a patient at Dana Farber 14 years ago. The ride is **Sunday, June 10th** in Hingham at Wompatuck, the same location as the Harvest Run. More info is here: <http://www.kids.pmc.org/hingham.aspx> If your kids are interested in joining with us, our name is Team Longueil! Coordinators and volunteers are also needed for the event.



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



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**

The Big Haircut goes on come rain, come shine - this year in the pouring rain,



as it turned out. You could hear our cheers all the way in Boston at our **10th** annual event! What an amazing crowd!! You make the Big hair Cut what it is – your presence, your spirit, and your enthusiasm is what it's all about. We have now cut over 600 inches of hair for **Locks of Love** over ten years. And the Big Hair Cut participants received ½ their community service hours.



Thank you to Kindergartener - Kimberly Sanon, hair cut by Kassandra

1st grader Destiny Preston, cut by Amy and Beth

4th grader Channing Miller cut by Donovan

5th grader Emelyn Miller cut by Claire

4th grader Julia Dandrow cut by Joyce

8th grader Liam Waibel cut by Marco Herrera

AND - Special stage guest - star and helper - Chase Larue cut By Kris Larue

Special thanks to Volunteer Coordinator extraordinaire - Kris Larue who ran the show this year. Kris is a delight and her husband Sean was our soundman - music maestro – carry-it-all-in-the-pouring-rain-to-the-tent-man. Thank you Sean, our champion.



Thank you to Geoff Roman, our own Music Man, who brought a beautiful quartet of singers. They are Jordan, Marley, Nene, and Mia who sang beautifully despite the cold humid air in the tent. We hope to be hearing more from them in the future.

Thanks to Kris Larue, Jessica Lussier, and Bonnie Preston, for donating haircuts so everyone could go home looking good. Thank you also to Toni Bennett and Hope Malnati for their help behind the scenes.

See you next year!!

Kris and Claudia

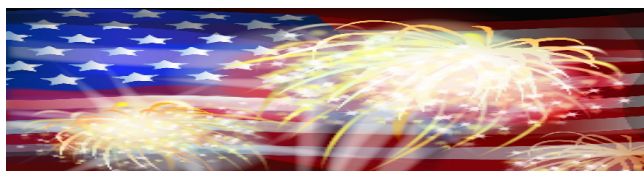


SSCPS FAMILIES



Take me out to the ballgame

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



- What: 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 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.*

South Shore Therapies is pleased to announce our 2012 Summer Skill Groups. Registration deadline is June 20th. For more information please call (781) 335-6663 or email wsiegel@southshoretherapies.com



Social Thinking® Group (Ages 7-10) \$560

Wednesday: 4:30-5:30 (Weymouth running 7/11/12 - 8/29/12)

This 8 week social skills group will incorporate Michelle Garcia Winner's core Social Thinking® concepts and vocabulary. Each week specific skills will be introduced through group discussions, cooperative play, and team building tasks. Areas addressed will include: understanding expected vs. unexpected behaviors related to a variety of situations and locations, perspective taking, comprehending and using nonverbal communication, problem solving, flexibility, and conversational skills.

Munch Bunch (Ages 4 and up) \$560

Tuesday: 11:00-12:00 (Weymouth running 7/10/12 - 8/28/12)

Thursday: 11:00-12:00 (Pembroke running 7/12/12 - 8/30/12)

These 8 week groups are geared towards children who have challenges with eating and a limited food repertoire. Group activities will include sensory-motor play for organization, silly mouth games and "eating time". The goal is for the child to enjoy the feeding experience, increase the repertoire of food tastes and textures, and expand the diet for more balanced nutrition. The Weymouth group will incorporate a pilot parent training component to encourage more effective home carry over.

Regulation Station (Ages 6 and up) \$560

Tuesday: 9:30-10:30 (Weymouth running 7/10/12 - 8/28/12)

Wednesday: 11:30-12:30 (Pembroke running 7/11/12 - 8/29/12)

These 8 week groups are geared towards children with sensory regulation issues. The group will be structured around the "Alert Program for Self Regulation" and include organized sensory activities and planning sessions to empower the child to develop sensory diet strategies to help regulate themselves throughout the day, in various environments. The Weymouth group will incorporate a pilot parent training component to encourage more effective home carry over.

Yoga for Kids (Ages 5 and up) \$560

Tuesday: 11:00-12:00 (Pembroke running 7/10/12 - 8/28/12)

This newly developed 8 week group will teach children yoga, a fun and innovative form of exercise. Yoga poses are geared to increase a child's strength, balance, coordination and self-expression. This class will also incorporate mindfulness practices and exercises aimed to help improve a child's attention and concentration skills in a playful and creative way.

Little Hands (Ages 4-5) \$560

Wednesday: 10:00-11:00 (Pembroke running 7/11/12 - 8/29/12)

This newly developed 8 week group is designed to meet the needs of pre-school children to develop the necessary hand skills needed for success in school. Group activities will focus on the foundation skills needed for effective handwriting, including sensory-motor awareness, CORE strength, and developing wrist and finger stability and dexterity through fun, creative activities.

Handwriting \$560

(Ages 5-7) Wednesday: 1:30-2:30 (Pembroke: 7/11/12 - 8/29/12) and

Thursday: 9:45-10:45 (Weymouth: 7/12/12 - 8/30/12)

(Ages 8-10) Thursday: 11:30-12:30 (Weymouth running 7/12/12-8/30/12)

These 8 week handwriting groups are geared towards school age children who are struggling with the mechanics of learning to write letters and numbers. The groups will utilize the "Handwriting Without Tears" curriculum, combining multi-sensory writing instruction with preparatory activities for posture, hand strengthening, visual perceptual development and confidence building.

Introduction to Bal-A-Vis-X® (Ages 7 and up) \$350

Wednesday: 3:00-4:00 (Pembroke running 7/11/12 - 8/15/12)

This 6 week group will be led by 2 certified Bal-A-Vis-X instructors. Bal-A-Vis-X is a progressive series of Balance/Auditory/Vision eXercises with bean bags, racquet balls and balance boards which develop body coordination, focused attention and eye-hand coordination that can impact attention and learning. It requires cooperation, promotes self challenge, and fosters self-esteem.

Brain Gym® 101 (Ages 7 and up) \$350

Thursday 3:00-4:00 (Weymouth running 7/12/12 - 8/9/12)

This 5 week group will be led by a certified Brain Gym® instructor and focus on exercises and movements that stimulate the brain/body connection to decrease stress, and enhance energy, balance, coordination and organization. Brain Gym® helps prepare children with the physical skills they need in order to learn to read, write and function successfully in the classroom and at home.

