



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The 2011-2012 school year is off to a terrific start! Thank you to all of our families who have worked so hard bringing students here on time and ready for learning despite the interesting challenges presented by Hurricane Irene. Students have arrived ready to learn and discuss the joys long days, beach trips, camping and of course, summer reading.

This year we are thrilled at the return of our dedicated faculty and are also very pleased to introduce our families to some of our new faculty. As you know, the most important factor in student achievement is an outstanding teacher. Here at SSCPS we are very fortunate to have an entire faculty that is just that, outstanding.

Joining our high school faculty are Jamie Allen, Erin Dempsey, Terrance Lynch and Nicole Peterson. Jamie Allen holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Marine Science from Eckerd College in Saint Petersburg, Florida. Jamie has been a Scientific Staff member at The Pier Aquarium in Saint Petersburg, Florida and has been a teacher at the Pinellas County Schools in Gulfport, Florida, Education, Inc. in Plymouth, and Marshfield Public Schools. Jamie will be teaching Chemistry to our high school students and is looking forward to high school workshop.

Erin Dempsey will be teaching high school biology. Erin holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Philosophy from the University of Scranton. Erin has studied Biodiversity at the Harvard University Life Sciences Outreach for High School Teachers program and has taught at Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood and Brookline High School. Erin has served as an on-campus residential assistant at the Center for Talented Youth in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and has tutored for The Princeton Review.

Terrance Lynch joins SSCPS from the Media Communication and Technology Academy, Boston Public Schools where he taught Algebra I and Algebra II and also served as a long-term substitute teacher. Terrance holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Northeastern University where he majored in History. Terrance has recently completed his Master's degree in Special Education from the Jensmarc Program at Endicott College and will be joining us as our high school learning services math teacher.

Our learning services team at the high school will also include Jared Rose. Jared has served as a high school English teacher, and high school coordinator. Jared will remain the high school coordinator and will now be the high school learning services English teacher. We are thrilled Jared has taken on this new venture and are looking forward to working with Jared in this new role.

Many of you may already know Nicole Peterson who worked with us last year as a substitute teacher. This year Nicole will be joining SSCPS as our high school Spanish teacher. Nicole holds a Bachelor of Arts in Latin American Studies and Anthropology/Sociology from Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, New York and a Master of Education in World Languages from DePaul University in Chicago. Nicole has extensive experience teaching Spanish at the Chicago International Charter School and Chicago Virtual Charter School and has also successfully reached the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro! Nicole is experienced in sailing education and has served as a sailing instructor for the Nantasket Nor'easters High School Sailing Team in Hull and been a sailing instructor at Nantucket Community Sailing and the Cohasset Yacht Club. Bienvenido Nicole!

Joining us on Level IV are Walter Duncan and Joseph Kay. Walter holds a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish Language and Literature from Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana and has extensive experience as a reading instructor at KIPP DC: WILL Academy, Washington, DC. Walter has served as the Director of Administration at The Brooklyn

Waldorf School in Brooklyn, New York and has been the Program Coordinator at the College Pathways Project. Walter will be teaching English. Joseph Kay holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Southern Maine. He also holds a Masters of Education from Lesley University. Joseph has taught at the Brookwood School in Manchester by the Sea, Massachusetts. Joseph will be teaching History on Level IV.

Joining our faculty as our new music teacher will be Geoffrey Roman. Geoffrey holds a Bachelor of Science in Music Performance from Central Michigan University and has attended the Suzuki Teacher Training Program at the Suzuki Institute of Boston. He has taught at the Foster Elementary Public School in Hingham and at the Suzuki Institute of Boston. Geoffrey has experience with the Pontiac/Oakland Symphony Orchestra and has performed with World Music Ensembles.

Joining our faculty in the Spanish language department is Maria Lappas. Maria will be teaching Spanish K-6 while Karina Nelson is on maternity leave. Maria comes to us from the IES Language Organization and the Pembroke Public Schools where she launched an after school Spanish enrichment program for elementary students. Maria holds a Master in Spanish from Simmons College and also holds a Bachelor of Science in Marketing from Bentley College. Maria speaks Modern Greek as well as Spanish and has studied both Spanish and Greek abroad. Maria has lived and worked in Athens, Greece for four years.

Joining us as our new Speech Language Pathologist is Jessica Lincoln. Jessica holds a Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders from the University of Massachusetts, School of Public Health and Health Services at Amherst and a Masters of Arts in Communication and Science Disorders from the University of Central Florida in Orlando. Some of you may remember Jessica when she served as our Speech Language Pathologist Assistant two years ago. We are thrilled to have her back!

Many of you may have already met our new Director of Learning Services, Matthew Tondorf. Matt comes to us from the Boston Public Schools where he served as the Program Director of Special Education at Media Communications Technology High School and The English High School. Matt holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Kent State University and a Master of Special Education from the University of Massachusetts, Boston. Matt has extensive experience in outdoor education programs, including Project Adventure and Outward Bound. His experience also includes the research and development of inclusive education models in Boston and New York City.

We are also pleased to report that our former Director of Learning Services, Jo Feldman, will be staying on in a new and exciting role. Jo will be part of our communications team and will be working on our new website. We are absolutely thrilled that Jo has chosen to remain part of our SSCPS family. Her outstanding work continues in a new capacity.

We are very excited about the latest additions to our faculty and we look forward to the year that lay ahead.

Alicia Savage

Friday	9/02	Early Release Day	12:00pm
Monday	9/05	Labor Day – No School	
Tuesday	9/06	Parents Association Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	9/07	Back to School Picnic – see attached flyer for details	5:00pm

SSCPS IS PROVIDING A PAPER COPY OF THE 1ST UPDATE OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. 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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – AUGUST 31ST

Yesterday was the first day of school. It was so exciting to see all of the returning students transformed by summer. It was equally exciting to see the new students entering South Shore not as visitors or potential students but as members of the school. The children were filled with joy as they streamed into school. It was not only the children who had a certain glow but also the adults – the teachers, parents, grandparents and friends. A new year was beginning. Many of the adults were here and looked this way despite struggling through difficult situations and travel caused by Irene. The adults were focused on making a good school better.

One of the highlights for me in a day filled with highlights was when a parent came up to me and said, “Ted, for you this must be like your ‘New Years,’” and that was true. It felt so good to be understood as it was like New Years for me only better. There was the promise of a new beginning, the teachers were ready, and they had visions of lessons and learning, pleased with their new roles and duties, with their new classes. The students had a certain strut as they felt their new status, *yes they were in first grade now, second grade, Level II, Level III, yes they were now a sophomore, and yes they were now a senior.* They were seeing old friends, making new friends. Their confidence was everywhere as they accepted compliments, *yes they had grown taller, yes they did have a new haircut, yes they did have a great new shirt, yes they had lost some teeth, and yes they had had a good summer.* But it was not only the people who were ready. The new spaces worked, the new skylights shined and the building was all set to go; we are in year 17 and we are just hitting our stride. The school year is only one day old but it already appears to have a character, a character of accomplishment and getting things done.

We are grateful to you for your children and will give them the best care we can. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at thirsch@sscps.org or at (781) 982-4202 Ext. 108

DISMISSAL

We have had two dismissals this year and they are going well for the most part but we want you to all follow the same protocols to ensure as safe a dismissal as possible. At dismissal safety is our first concern. We will not permit students to leave campus to be picked up off site. We thank you for your patience and we know that as the patterns of the routine get learned the process will be smoother and smoother. Please read the procedure carefully.

Pickup Procedures - from the 2011-2012 Student Handbook (page 37)

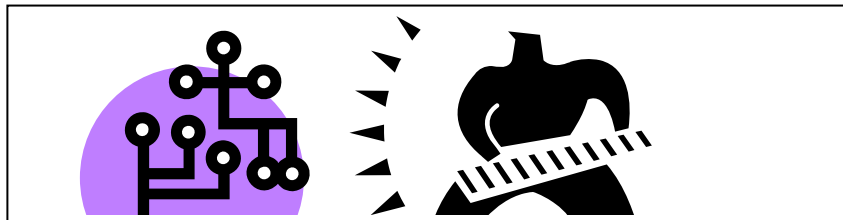
All of us share a common interest at dismissal time of getting all of the students safely, calmly and efficiently into their correct vehicles. Our first goal is safety; second a calm and fair system where we all can feel like we have been treated by one another in a fair manner; and then third efficiency. When we follow these procedures we are modeling teamwork and cooperation, two of our school's founding principles. Following these procedures will help us maintain neighborly relations with the other tenants of Longwater Circle and help with the long range financial health of the school.

- The campus is closed to pick up traffic before 2:45 PM. We will ask you to return if you arrive before because we do not have space on campus and this can cause difficulties with fire lanes.
- **Only pick up students at the front or the back doors**, other pick up points put students' safety and our community relations at risk. You may find that planning to arrive between 3:10 and 3:20 works better for your family.
- There is no cell phone use on campus once active pick-up begins.
- Do not pick up on Longwater Circle as this area is restricted to bus pick up
- Follow the lines and arrows painted on the pavement to assist with traffic flow.
- Never drive faster than five miles per hour on campus.
- All drivers are to stay in their cars and staff members will help your child get into the car.
- If your student or any student in your carpool is not present when you come to pick-up that student, a staff member will ask you to pull into a designated waiting area to keep the line moving.
- All K – 8 students not picked up by 3:25 will be directed to a supervised area. All high school students not picked up by 3:25 will be directed to the High School Great Room.
- For an emergency, when an appointment requires an exact 3:00 dismissal, we ask that you pick up your student at or before 2:30.
- Any person who does not cooperate with these procedures will be asked to meet with the Principals.
- Follow the direction of staff at all times and cooperate with other drivers.
- SSCPS reserves the right to transport any student not picked up by five thirty, or any student left waiting for longer than half an hour following a school based event, to the local police department for supervision.

THE YEARBOOKS HAVE ARRIVED!

If you have ordered a yearbook, look out for its arrival in your child's backpack. Yearbooks are being sent home on Thursday, September 1st and Friday, September 2nd. For our recent alumni, look for your yearbook in the mail. There will be more yearbooks available for sale at the Back to School Picnic on Wednesday, September 7th!

SSCPS Welcome Back Picnic



Who: All members of the SSCPS community

What: An evening of fun, food and friends

When: Wednesday, September 7, 2011 5p.m.-7p.m.

Where: SSCPS 100 Longwater Drive Norwell, MA

Why: See old friends
Meet new friends
Listen to the music of our very talented students

How: Bring your family
Bring a blanket
Bring a picnic dinner for your family
Bring an appetizer or dessert to share (*peanut free*)
Bring a smile

Contact Maureen Hebert at mhebert@metlife.com if you have any questions.



The SSCPS High School Student Board will be selling hot dogs, burgers, and veggie burgers at the Back to School Picnic again this year. All proceeds will go towards student events and activities.

Hot Dogs \$2.00
Hamburger \$3.00
Cheeseburger \$3.50
Veggie Burger \$4.00

Questions? Contact Student Board Advisor, Mary Carter 781-982-4202 x306

Breakfast Order Form
Breakfast for the Month of September, 2011
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, September 6, 2011

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 9/12 – 9/16 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 9/19 – 9/23 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 9/26 – 9/30 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.

Lunch Order Form
 Lunch for the Month of September, 2011
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, September 6, 2011

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 9/12 – 9/16 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
 Hamburger or Veggie Burger
(circle one)

Week of 9/19 – 9/23 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
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Week of 9/26 – 9/30 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
 Hamburger or Veggie Burger
(circle one)

Number of Meals ordered	_____	X	\$3.75
Number of Slices of Pizza ordered	_____	X	\$1.75
Number of Hamburgers/Veggie Burgers ordered	_____	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 35 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
September 2011 Catered by Essence of Thyme

BREAKFAST

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 NO SCHOOL Labor Day	6 Golden Grahams Lemon Grahams Juice Milk	7 Yogurt Blueberry Grahams Juice Milk	8 Frosted Mini Wheats Whales Juice Milk	9 Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Jelly Juice Milk
12 Cheerios Apple Grahams Juice Milk	13 Whole Wheat Cinnamon Roll Juice Milk	14 2 oz Raisin bran Juice Milk	15 Yogurt Fruit Parfait Juice Milk	16 Whole Grain Banana Muffin Juice Milk
19 NO SCHOOL Professional Dev. Day	20 Apple Jacks Whales Juice Milk	21 Corn flakes Apple Grahams Juice Milk	22 Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Jelly Juice Milk	23 Yogurt Clodhoppers Juice Milk
26 Cheerios Whales Juice Milk	27 Corn muffin Juice Milk	28 Golden Grahams Lemon Grahams Juice Milk	29 2 oz Raisin Bran Juice Milk	30 Yogurt Granola Bar 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!**



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LUNCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 No School Labor Day	6 Chicken Parmesan and Ziti Broccoli Apple Milk	7 Hot Dog on a Bun Potato Wedges Corn Milk	8 French Toast Stick Sausage Pattie Baked Apple Slices Potato Puffs Milk	9 Pizza
12 Cheese Ravioli Broccoli Fruit Roll Milk	13 Cod Sticks Green Beans Applesauce Roll Milk	14 Turkey and Gravy Mashed Potatoes Carrots Roll Milk	15 Chicken Quesadilla California Medley Grapes Milk	16 BGood
19 No School Professional Dev. Day	20 Ziti and Meatballs Broccoli Apple Roll Milk	21 Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap Celery Sticks Watermelon Milk	22 Beef and Cheese Burrito Beans Fruit Milk	23 Pizza
26 Herbed Baked Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Roll Milk	27 No Lunch Early Release	28 American Chop Suey Green Beans Apple Roll Milk	29 Italian Hot Pocket Corn Orange Milk	30 BGood

* All Meals include 8 ounce Choice 1% or Lowfat Chocolate Milk

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