



Due to weather conditions the Back to School Picnic will be held on Friday.

Thursday	09/08	Volunteer Orientation	8:30am
Friday	09/09	Back to School Picnic – see attached flyer	4:00-6:00pm
Monday	09/12	Facilities Committee	6:00pm
Tuesday	09/13	Level II and Level III Back to School Parent Night	6:00-7:30pm
Wednesday	09/14	Executive Committee	8:00am
Wednesday	09/14	Level I Back to School Parent Night	6:00-7:30pm
Thursday	09/15	Volunteer Orientation	8:30am
Thursday	09/15	Level IV and High School Back to School Parent Night Senior Parent Night	6:00-7:30pm 7:30-8:15pm
Friday	09/16	SEPAC	8:30am

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 7TH

We have completed five days of school and classes are going full swing; summer is drawing to a close with Labor Day passed and the fall equinox two weeks away. The news is full of the tenth anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001. In the past few days I have been hearing accounts of that day and I have been thinking of the day ten years ago when so much changed. Our seniors were in second grade when the planes hit the Twin Towers and the Pentagon, and heroically landed in a field in Pennsylvania instead of the US Capitol. For most of the generation of students now here at SSCPS they were too little to remember much of that day and more than a third of them were not yet born. As the ten year anniversary approaches it seems fitting to take stock and to remember where we were as individuals, as a school and as a society ten years ago and where we are now. September 11th is no longer a current event yet it is not statically placed into a sure context of codified history; it is an event that requires reflection. On Friday September 9th each Level will commemorate September 11th in its own special way.

In the past ten years our school, as a charter school, has been an important part of education reform in Massachusetts and the country. There are more and more students in charter schools every year and charter schools collectively are helping our country to improve how we educate students. I believe that what we are doing here is an important step among the hundreds of steps made by schools to make a difference. We are here to build a school that educates students who care about the past, themselves and the wider world. We at SSCPS have been doing this not through extra money or better facilities but through extra effort. Here are three examples I have seen already this year of the extra efforts that have been the hallmark of SSCPS since its founding: a teacher who has taken on an extra section to make the educational experience better for the students; a parent who reassured her child that our intentions for her educational schedule were in her best interests and took the time to come in and understand the details; and a second grader who had been scared of the woods and now thinks of them as a soothing place of peace. Those are tree

elements of our school all doing more, teachers, families and students, all three doing the extra task and putting in extra effort to make this a better place.

Next week, we are holding “Back to School Nights” for every level of the school. These information sessions are an important way to learn in detail about our school and our plans for the year. Every year we make changes and we want all families to come. These nights are important tools to give all our students the education they deserve and I urge you all to be here. Please do not bring elementary age children unless that is the only way you can attend. We want you to be able to focus on communicating with the teachers and level coordinators about the coming year.

The schedule is:

Levels II and III Tuesday September 13th from 6:00 – 7:30

Level I Wednesday September 14th from 6:00 – 7:30

Level IV and High School Thursday September 15th from 6:00 – 7:30

I am looking forward to seeing you all.

Please contact me at thirsch@sscps.org or (781) 982-4202 Ext 108 if you have any questions.

DISMISSAL

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, happily 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.

ON THE LEVELS

THE YEARBOOKS HAVE ARRIVED!

If you have ordered a yearbook, look out for its arrival in your child’s backpack. 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!

ATTENTION STUDENTS GRADES 5-8

Interested in playing Middle School Soccer – Come to an informational meeting on Thursday, September 8th 3:30-4pm in Donovan Fauvelle’s Room 310.

COMMUNITY INTEREST

GIRL SCOUTS - DAISYS

The Daisy troop (grades K-1) is in need of a leader. The Daisy troop will not continue this year unless someone steps forward. We have some older students who are willing to assist with the Daisy troop to lend a hand to the adult leader.

Meetings for the older girls (Brownies/Juniors/Cadettes/Seniors) will be held on select Wednesdays from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. and run from the end of September 28 through June 6. If you are able to be a Daisy troop leader, contact a troop leader. (Brownies): Heidi Alyward, (508) 685-3718, summer_skies@msn.com; Maureen Hebert, (781) 837-8952, mhebert@metlife.com; (Junior/Cadette/Seniors): Stacy Rousseau (781) 961-4071 or (781) 727-9784; faemoon3@gmail.com; Beth Farmer, bfarmer12@verizon.net, (781) 826-2025.

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EVERY WEDNESDAY – TO RECEIVE A PAPER COPY PLEASE CONTACT PAM ALGERA EXT. 103
OR EMAIL PALGERA@SSCPS.ORG**

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Parents Association

Welcome to the new school year! We had a wonderful first meeting last night... THANK YOU all for coming out in the rain! If you missed it... stay tuned and plan to come next month! We had a committee fair last night to inform everyone of great volunteer opportunities on our various committees. Please see the information below for a listing each committee, their goals for the year and the ways that you can help out.

Stay connected by joining the SSCPS Parents Google Group ...

To subscribe simply send email to sscpsparents+subscribe@googlegroups.com

We have lots of great things planned for this year including dining-for-the-cause, family nights and exciting events... beginning with the Back to School Picnic, rescheduled for Friday from 4-6.

Thanks for all you do!

SSCPS PA Committees 2011-2012

2011-2012 Arts & Music Committee

Committee Description:

The Arts & Music Committee is for all those who have a love for the Arts and Music Events who want to work to bring them closer to our students at SSCPS. We have so much going on here on the south shore and in Boston that we should take advantage of! Through this committee we hope to bring the community closer through school events, off-site trips, and an increased awareness of the positive impact the Arts have on children.

Committee Goals for 2011-2012:

1. My initial goal is to **COMMUNICATE** the various opportunities our students have to participate in and/or enjoy artistic events on the south shore. Examples of events include theater productions, musical concerts, museum exhibits, etc.
2. A second goal is to coordinate FIELD TRIPS outside of school to attend artistic events. For example, if there is a theater production in Norwell that is appropriate, I will work to arrange for tickets (possibly at a discount) and organize a SSCPS group to attend.
3. I would also like to have the Arts come to us! In June I met with the Outreach Director at the South Shore Conservatory to discuss the possibility of having musical lessons or musical programs offered at school. I am waiting to hear back from her.

Specific tasks/examples of type of help needed:

IDEAS!!!!

2011-2012 Community Service Committee

Committee Description:

Research and communicate to students and families what Community Service opportunities are available through the different South Shore communities, United States and internationally.

Committee Goals for 2011-2012:

1. Find out what is available by town in the South Shore area for Community Service opportunities listing it by month and throughout the year.
2. Give students, and their families, ideas about what to do for Community Service by level (grade).
3. Communicate information via school web site/ PA web site and schools weekly update.
4. Ask students to share what are currently doing for Community Service.
5. Survey families to find out what they have done in the past for Community Service.
6. Find out what Community Service Scholarships are currently available for High School students.

7. Publish a book at the end of the year sharing what students have done through Community Service.

Specific tasks/examples of type of help needed:

1. Helping to research what is available for Community Service on the South Shore and communicating this to Community Service Chair.
2. Developing a survey to find out what students and families have done in the past for Community Service.
3. Helping to publicize Community Service opportunities to the school community.
4. Researching what scholarships are available for High School students.
5. Assist in publishing a book at the end of the school year highlighting what students have done through Community Service.

2011-2012 Fundraising Committee

Committee Description:

The fundraising committee organizes/plans fundraising and social activities for the school to support the PA.

Committee Goals for 2011-2012:

1. Have a group of parents help re-implement the Touch-A-Touch Fundraiser. Organize event and/or contact local public services agencies and construction companies to donate trucks.
2. *** Gather a group of creative parents to brainstorm and plan fundraising activities! Meet once a month or so as a group. ***
3. Have a group of parents who would volunteer for specific projects (Dine-for-a-Cause, Touch-a-Truck, Annual Auction, or let me know what you are passionate about!) This is for parents who are interested in helping, but can't commit to a monthly schedule.
4. Gather creative and fun ideas for future events! Please describe your ideas.

Specific tasks/examples of type of help needed:

See above goals for task examples!

2011-2012 Health & Safety Committee

Committee Description:

This committee guides the development of the health curriculum, safety policies and relations with various medical centers, adherence to related health laws, anti-smoking programs, drug prevention programs, medical policies and procedures.

Committee Goals for 2011-2012:

1. Since health & safety has not had a huge presence at Sscps, I wanted input from parents before I created descriptions etc.

Specific tasks/examples of type of help needed:

2011-2012 Library Committee

Committee Description:

The SSCPS library runs on volunteers. This committee is responsible for all aspects of ensuring the library is run as efficiently and effectively as possible by coordinating library times with the teachers and volunteers, implementation of procedures to improvement process flows and work with the school administration to establish common goals. In addition, the Library Committee is responsible for the ongoing management of the library collection, fundraising to acquire new materials, writing grants and participating in the creation of an expanded library/media center.

Committee Goals for 2011-2012:

1. Automate the school's library
2. Identify and install software that will be used to keep track of the books and magazines owned by the library.
3. Install all aspects associated with the software, cataloging book inventory and creating library cards for the students and teachers.
4. Complete the inventory process to fully automate the library
5. Ensuring the library inventory can be accessed by all classrooms allowing them to find books related to EOM or class subjects.
6. Implement programs to improve the efficiency and general appearance of the library
7. Identify and purchase reference books that will complement the school's curriculum and projects.

Specific tasks/examples of type of help needed:

Committee Chair – Responsible for coordinating all volunteers and teacher's library time. In addition, the Library Committee is responsible for overseeing all aspects with the ongoing management of the library collection, fundraising to acquire new materials, writing grants and participating in the creation of an expansion. Establishes and ensures completion of the yearly goals.

Committee Member – This volunteer may either be responsible for or assist with the book fare and fundraising efforts to acquire new materials to enhance our current collection, make suggestions for the purchase of new materials and make improvement suggestions. Assist with the timely completion of the yearly goals. This position may even work as a library aid volunteer.

Teacher's library aid volunteer – You will be in charge of all aspects associated with the library during your assigned time. Duties include, responsible for the students while they are in the library, assisting them with appropriate book choices, checking books in and ensuring the library is in good order for the next class that visits.

Library organizer – You will be in charge of the general appearance of the library. Check in any book that has been left in the book drop, reshelv any book that is on the return cart and reorganize books on the shelves.

Note: Duties outlined are general and may not be all inclusive.

2011-2012 Volunteer Committee

Committee Description:

The Volunteer Coordinator compiles information from those willing to volunteer and shares it with faculty and staff and then compiles the volunteer needs of the school and communicates with those willing to volunteer about specific "assignments" and opportunities to volunteer at the school.

Committee Goals for 2011-2012:

1. Make a questionnaire available to parents to help build a database to be used by other committee's that are looking for volunteers.
2. Attend Volunteer Orientations for new parents.
3. Collect questionnaires and enter info into a database. Create a Volunteer e-mail group.
4. Collect Volunteer Sign-In Sheets and log Volunteer Hours.
5. Create a list for each level coordinator of parents on their level who have completed a CORI and a confidentiality agreement.

Specific tasks/examples of type of help needed:

Periodically get an updated CORI list from Pam and add to lists given to level coordinators.

Represent the Volunteer Committee on back to school nights and other events.

Collect information about where and when we need Volunteers and send it to Pam to be put in the weekly Update.

2011-2012 Welcoming & Events Committee

Committee Description:

Contact families of new, incoming SSCPS students to welcome them into the school community, and to provide them with information about the school and the Parents Association.

Committee Goals for 2011-2012:

1. Coordinate the Back To School Picnic.
2. Contact families new to the school to welcome them into the school community, answer questions, provide information about the Parents Association and how to stay informed about the school, and put them in touch with a Parent Partner in the same grade as their child(ren).
3. Assist the school with Open House Nights (fall and spring) by providing parent volunteers and refreshments for the night of the event.
4. Assist with development of Welcome to the Level guidebooks.

5. Encourage each grade/level to hold a family social event during the year.
6. Assist with coordinating content on website so parents have up to date information.

Specific tasks/examples of type of help needed:

Parent Partners – parent willing to reach out to families new to the school in the same grade as new student to welcome them to the school community and answer questions.

Open House Night – greet families visiting the school at Open House Night and answer questions. Provide refreshments (drinks and light snacks) for event.

Welcome to the Level Guidebooks – assist with developing content and layout for guidebooks and work in conjunction with school for final approved copy.

Social Events – promote grade/level family social and find person(s) to spearhead event for each grade/level

2011-2012 Special Education Parent Advisory Council

Description:

The Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) is a parent advisory council established to assist parents and families of children with learning differences and special needs. SEPAC seeks to enhance the services and supports needed for our children so they can thrive and reach their potential.

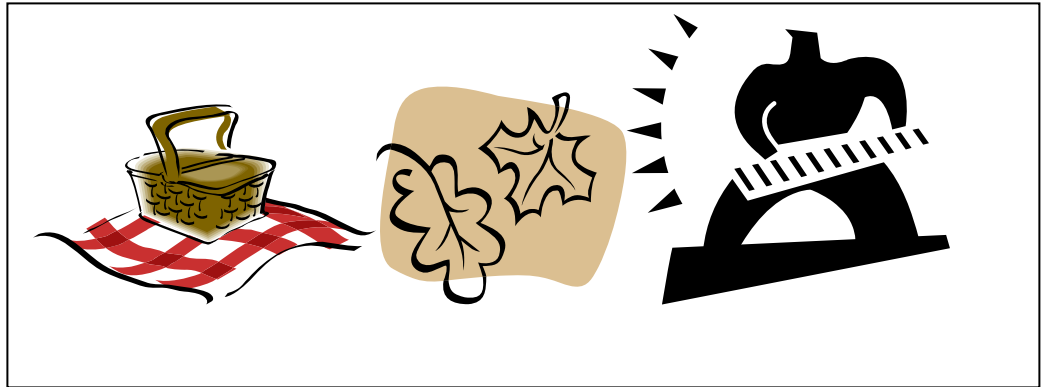
SEPAC Goals for 2011-2012:

1. Develop a mission statement.
2. Update SEPAC Bylaws.
3. Getting more members to be a part of this council
4. Getting meeting updates/news out to more interested people.
5. Seeing what our members need, for example; workshops that would be of interest.

Matt will be hosting a Basic rights workshop (date to be decided at/right after the first SEPAC Meeting)

Specific tasks/examples of type of help needed:

SSCPS Welcome Back Picnic



Who: All members of the SSCPS community

What: An evening of fun, food and friends



When: New Date and Time
Friday, September 9, 2011 4 p.m.-6 p.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 13, 2011

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

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.



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!**



South Shore Charter
September 2011 Catered by Essence of Thyme

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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