



Update
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Academic Achievement Knows No Bounds

There is nothing to be prouder of than academic achievement. To succeed academically, a student must work hard, assume responsibility for their own learning, and know when to rely upon the commitment of a teacher to move forward and excel. This is no small task. However, once a student has succeeded academically, doors open and the world becomes nothing but possible.

Here at the South Shore Charter Public School we are exceedingly proud of **ten** of our students who now stand in front of this open door. This year we have a high number of students in the graduating class of 2012 who have qualified to receive the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. These students have excelled on the Spring 2010 Grade 10 MCAS and are now eligible to receive four years of free tuition to a Massachusetts state college or university.

Congratulations to our Adams Scholars:

Taylor Gorman
Jonathan Jackson
Kristeen Lau
Sarah Martin
Austin Matthews
Daniel McHugh
Kolin Perry
Polina Shpilker
Stacey Tchouanguem
Derek Wholley

This level of scholarship is difficult to attain. Our students, parents, and faculty should be recognized for the tremendous amount of effort inherent to this accomplishment. These students have not only achieved high academic honors within their senior class, but within their sending districts as well. In a traditional district school, students who perform at the top 25 percent of their class receive this scholarship. As a charter school, our students are eligible by being in the top 25 percent of their class, or in the top 25 percent of their sending district's senior class. In the class of 2012 over 35 percent of our students have been awarded this opportunity. We are very proud that once again, our students have achieved at this high level and now reside at the top of their sending districts as well.

Not enough can be said about our faculty. From our Kindergarten classrooms to Advanced Placement Calculus, our faculty continues to work hard moving our children forward. Every day they relentlessly beat a path to that door – they research, collaborate, invigorate, persevere, and most importantly, believe that every student can achieve. Congratulations and thank you. Your efforts make possibility a reality.

Alicia Savage – asavage@sscps.org

Thursday	11/03	School Council	3:45pm
Friday	11/04	SEPAC	8:30am
Friday	11/04	Harvest Road Race wrap up meeting	2:00pm
Saturday	11/05	SSCPS Fall Campus Clean up	9:00am
Saturday	11/05	Middle School Cross Country Championship Meet Franklin Park in Dorchester	10:00am
Tuesday	11/08	Level IV Parent Coffee	8:20am
Tuesday	11/08	K-6 Parent Math Night	6:00-7:00pm
Wednesday	11/09	Executive Committee	8:00am
Wednesday	11/09	Book Fair	
Thursday	11/10	Grandparents Day	
Thursday	11/10	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Thursday	11/10	7-12 Grades Distributed	
Friday	11/11	Veteran's Day – no school	

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Fall Campus Clean-Up

Get some exercise while spending a few hours outdoors with your kids, meet other families, and strengthen friendships all while helping clean up the school grounds before winter hits! The fun fall cleanup at SSCPS is scheduled for Saturday, November 5th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The purpose of the cleanup is to get the school grounds ready for winter by raking leaves, trimming plants, sweeping, and generally making the outside of the school look neat. We encourage you to bring the whole family and help our school with this effort, but please remember that children cannot be dropped off at this event. Please feel free to bring any of the following tools: work gloves, rakes, shovels, brooms, clippers and leaf blowers as well as tarps. This is also a great opportunity for students to earn Community Service Hours. The building will not be open during the 3 hours except to use the bathroom so please plan accordingly. The Community Service Committee will serve light refreshments for all volunteers. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in keeping our school green and clean! See you November 5th!

ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

The Library Committee is hosting the annual Fall Book Fair on **Wednesday November 10th and the morning of Thursday November 11th** to coincide Grandparents'/Special Friends Day. This event is a major fundraiser for the library, and profits are used to purchase new books for the library. This year we will use the funds to fill out our informational text section with more current titles. We have again partnered with local bookseller Storybook Cove in Hanover (www.storybookcove.com) to provide an outstanding selection of titles for K-12 students. The collection is available for browsing on both days, and the list is available online at their website. Teachers have signed up to bring their classes to the fair to develop their 'wish lists', and students will bring home the list of books plus an order form for purchases. **Checks should be made out to SSCPS.** ** "Holiday Holds": If you would like to order books as holiday presents, mark those titles on your order form with an 'H'. Those books will be delivered separately from the rest of your order. **The order forms are due Tuesday November 14th, and the books will be delivered to your child before the holidays.** Questions? Please email them to librarian@sscps.org.

ART NEWS

Reminder all **Original Work orders** (artwork, order form and check) are due back **Monday Nov.7th**. There is an envelope in every pod for drop off and at the front desk. If you have any questions please call Marianne at x304.

Last chance to see high school student work at **Starbucks on Rt. 3A** in the Crow Point section of Hingham. Work will be switched out next Wednesday.

High school Art Workshop students are working with various papers in preparation of the Fashion Show Dec. 23rd. Some of their original ideas are shown in and on the front cabinets in the lobby. See what paper has done for them! Also please take a moment to observe the gallery display "**The Planes on the Face**" adjacent to the front lobby. Students worked with **fine artist John Kilroy**, assisted by **Adele Kilroy** who also modeled for the group. The work is in progress but was too exciting to keep under wraps.

ATHLETICS

The Jaguar soccer teams have had by far the most successful season to date!

The **High School Soccer** team completed their regular season last week and is looking ahead to the playoffs at the #3 seed-the best seeding for SSCPS to date! They will play on Saturday at 4:00pm at Thayer Academy in the Quarter Finals. If they win, the Jaguar's will continue on to the Semi's on Sunday at Thayer Academy for a 12:00pm contest. Please show your support Saturday at Thayer-Admission for adults will be \$4.00 and students \$2.00.

The **Middle School Soccer** Team continued their winning ways last Friday by defeating McAuliffe by a score of 3 to 2. Abby Cerilli, Tevin Francois and Paul Sullivan all had goals in the win. Van Harting had an exceptional game in goal, while Jerome Sullivan, Noeime Trocher and Dylan Shepherd all had outstanding games. The long bus ride back wasn't as bad as we all thought thanks to Mrs. Shepherd, who supplied us with a snack for the bus ride home.

The Middle School Soccer team will be playing today at 4:00pm at Abington High School against Excel Academy for the Championship in the first ever tournament for middle school charter schools! Congratulations on an already incredible season.

Good Luck to all in their post season play!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PROJECTS & WORKSHOPS!

In the Level IV S³ (Students, Sailing, and the Sea), we have been researching the Cape Wind Project, a 130 turbine wind farm proposed for Nantucket Sound. Through research with the iPads our students decided if they supported or were against the project. We then went on to have an organized debate on the topic, which consisted of an introduction, a rebuttal, answering questions, and a summary/conclusion. The debate proved to be very successful and swayed all of the undecided people to supporting the project. We are now beginning to follow the Volvo Ocean Race that will take six teams of sailors around the world. We will later take a course to earn our Mass State Boating License.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Next Tuesday night November 8th from 6:00 – 7:00 PM we will have Singapore Math Night for Levels I, II and III families. We very much hope you can come and visit with your child's math teacher. On Math Night we will describe and explain how we teach math here at SSCPS. We have had Math Night three times before and every time we have invited families the response of those who attend has been very grateful. For next Tuesday night we would like to have at least six adults for every teacher. Please tell your friends to come to Math Night!!!!

On Monday morning I heard strains of Bach organ music coming from the music room. I had to go in and hear for myself. Wardie Mannix is an organist and she was sharing the sound of Bach organ music with the children when inspiration struck. She reached out to Ralph "Rio" DeGennaro, our new IT director, for help as the organ is both a visual and an aural experience. In a matter of moments Rio had the room connected

to the internet and pictures of some of the world's great organists playing some of the great organs were there for all of us to see. It was inspiring as we saw the organists playing these instruments that were whole environments. There were huge pipes and multiple keyboards, hundreds of stops, the pedals, and oh, the sculptures that put Walt Disney to shame!!! As the small children reveled in the experience I heard a girl say as she watched the coordination of the organist's feet and hands, "It would take twenty years to learn that." No wonder there is an expression regarding wisdom coming from "the mouths of babes." Thanks to Wardie and Rio and children as it is always good to be learning. I sure learned on Monday.

Yesterday at a coffee a parent challenged a statement I made that said we do not want the children to be stressed in the process of learning. She was right to challenge me as there is a need for the right kind of stress. This morning as I was swimming I was thinking about athletic training. I am a swimmer and in the summer I swim with a coach whose work I think about all winter. I know that I will get coached again next summer. One thing I learned last summer was about the balance between aerobic practice and anaerobic practice. Now, I am far from an expert but my understanding is that in aerobic practice you are building up strength and work at a steady pace. This is very good for you but for further improvement you need to push yourself beyond that steady state and go into an anaerobic state. Learning is like that. Sometimes we should push our students and ourselves in an aerobic way with not too much stress. We need aerobic practice to build up strength. But other times we need to push harder and increase the stress. I love the feedback that we get from parents as it forces me to go into that anaerobic state. Keep pushing us and making us better. Getting better feels good and is worth being challenged so that we too have just the right level of stress!

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ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Don't cry over spilled milk."

Level 2: "Don't put all your eggs in one basket."

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER CELEBRATION! November 3rd is School Spirit Day. All Students/Staff are encouraged to wear Blue and White or SSCPS apparel to support our teams. Go Jaguars! Congratulations on a great Fall Season!

COSTUMES FOR A CAUSE: THE WASTE WATCHERS ARE AT IT AGAIN!

Please donate your costumes to the Waste Watchers project. We plan to sell the used costumes next Fall, and we hope to use the profit to help fund a trip to next year's Student Summit. Last year, students had the opportunity to present their project at Bowdoin College with students across New England. Please bring your costumes to Room 308, Sarah's Pod, Level II. Thank you, and thanks to everyone who participated in our costume swap last month.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Community Service Committee will be researching different ideas and posting current and ongoing opportunities that are available for students/families. If you know of an event that is coming up in the near future please **email Beth Toma** at JToma85103@aol.com so this information can be share with the school community.

Miscellaneous Community Service Ideas

Pencil Project - This organization is looking for individual, families and schools or community minded groups to get involved. You will be matched with a needy school that is in need of pencils. There are many schools either out of the country or here in the USA that can benefit from the pencils that you will collect. You are responsible for setting your own goals and the time frame in which you will collect them. If you interested in participating in this project contact– thepencilproject.com and they will give you instructions on how to proceed.

Community Service Animals and Animal Shelters Contact your local animal shelter and ask them what items they are need of such as: cat and dog food, blankets, towels, portable cages, paper towels. Raise

money for homeless or sick animals by collecting coins. Sponsor a walk-athon, read-athon, bowl-athon backed by pledges and donate to local animal shelters.

Make-A-Wish Foundation

Since 1980, the Make-A-Wish Foundation has enriched the lives of children with life-threatening medical conditions through its wish-granting work. The Foundation's mission reflects the life-changing impact that a Make-A-Wish experience has on children, families, referral sources, donors and sponsors and entire committees. To find out how you can help contact this organization at http://wish.org/about/our_mission

Trail work Days with Friends of Blue Hills Get Out, Get Dirty

For directions and details trailwork@FriendsOfTheBlueHills.org Join Friends of the Blue Hills on trail work in the Blue Hills Reservation. Pre-registration is not required. Trail work from 9am- 1pm. Saturday, November 12; Saturday, December 10

Kids Care Meal Packaging -Friday, November 11, 2011

The Sanctuary 185 Plain Street Marshfield (located above Pudding Hill Preschool) Volunteer for an hour and participate in the largest kids care meal packaging in New England; 50,000 to help local food banks. Go online to sign-up for a time slot between 3 pm and 9 pm, www.SanctuaryMarshfield.org

COMMUNITY INTEREST

ARTS AND MUSIC

- The weekend of November 4-6 the junior company will perform "Guys and Dolls Junior.". It will be an hour and a half performance. Tickets are \$15 and there is greatest availability right now on Saturday the 5th at 7pm.

GUYS & DOLLS JR.

In the classic style of Bugsy Malone, picture this beloved classic reenacted with all the talented youth from A.C.T. Set in New York City, Guys and Dolls is full of colorful characters, floating dice games, high rolling gamblers, sassy showgirls, and one upright, uptight missionary doll who attempts to get everyone to follow the fold! Favorite songs include: Adelaide's Lament, Luck Be A Lady and Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat. A large cast will allow many students to participate. Performances are Friday, November 4 @ 7:00 pm, Saturday, November 5 @ 7:00 pm and Sunday, November 6 @ 3:00 pm. If these performances sell out, an additional performance will be added on Saturday, November 5 @ 4:00 pm.

- On December 17th at 4pm, we can get the best discount for "A Christmas Carol." It is a 2 hour show and tickets are normally \$34 but we can get them for \$26. They are holding 30 seats for us right now but will release 2 weeks before the show. We can then all drive over to Sal's Pizza for a nice dinner!

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

November 25 - December 18, 2011

On Christmas Eve, three spirits visit the miserly Scrooge and whisk him away on a journey through memories of his childhood and glimpses of his future. In one haunted evening, Scrooge sees the error of his ways and repents just in time for a glorious Christmas morning. This timeless Charles Dickens' classic has become a South Shore tradition, with its charming storybook sets, ghostly special effects and joyous holiday music.

**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**

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Parents Association

Last night, at our monthly PA meeting, we voted to create an ad hoc committee: Technology & Communications Committee. T&CC will oversee the PA website, the administration of the Parent Google group, and the PA newsletter. Gary MacDougall was elected to be the chair of the committee.

Congratulations to Gary! Thanks for being a good sport!!



15% of the sales goes to the school!!!!

Look for a flyer in this update!

Your grandparents and special friends can plan to take the kids out for lunch!

The next eating out opportunity is ...
November 10th, 2011
Grandparents & Special Friends Day
at
Bertucci's of Hingham (Derby Street Shoppes)
Dining from 11am—10pm.

BERTUCCI'S
BRICK OVEN PIZZERIA.

Last year's Annual Fund obtained a **parent participation** rate of **only 36%**. This year we have to do better! No amount of money is too small! And the money raised helps provide vital educational opportunities for our kids!



This year we are aiming to at least **DOUBLE** our parent participation. The magic number is 72%!

If you have not received a copy of the new PA newsletter, please send me your email address (molimu@gmail.com) or pick up a hard copy at the front desk.

Stay connected by joining the SSCPS Parents Google Group and visiting the NEW PA Website ...

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

The website address is: <http://sscpsparentsassociation.homestead.com>

And, as always, thanks for all you do!



**ENJOY A DELICIOUS MEAL
AND GIVE TO A GREAT CAUSE**

Bertucci's of Hingham

Thursday, November 10th, 2011
11:00 AM - 10:00 PM

When you present this flyer 15% of what you spend will be given
to the South Shore Public Charter School.
Dine In, Carry Out or Delivery.

ITALIAN
Bertucci's
RESTAURANT

90 Derby Street
Hingham, MA 0204
p: 781.740.4405

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Breakfast Order Form
Breakfast for the Month of November, 2011
*Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, November 8, 2011*

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____
*Please **CHECK** off the day breakfast will be ordered.*

Week of Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
11/14 – 11/18

Week of Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
11/21 – 11/25

Week of Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
11/28 – 12/2 # _____

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 November, 2011
*Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, November 8, 2011*

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
 11/14 – 11/18
 or
 Hamburger
 Veggie

(circle one)

Week of Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
 11/21 – 11/25

Week of Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
 11/28 – 12/2 #_____

Number of Meals ordered	_____	X	\$3.75
Number of Slices of Pizza ordered	_____	X	\$1.75
Number of Hamburgers/Veggie ordered	_____	X	\$3.75
<i>Less credit due</i>			_____
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.



South Shore Charter
November 2011

Catered by Essence of Thyme

BREAKFAST

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7 Apple Jacks Whales Juice Milk	8 Golden Grahams Lemon Grahams Juice Milk	9 Yogurt Blueberry Grahams Juice Milk	10 Frosted Mini Wheats Whales Juice Milk	11 No School
14 Cheerios Apple Grahams Juice Milk	15 Whole Wheat Cinnamon Roll Juice Milk	16 2 oz Raisin bran Juice Milk	17 Yogurt Fruit Parfait Juice Milk	18 Whole Grain Banana Muffin Juice Milk
21 Corn flakes Apple Grahams Juice Milk	22 Apple Jacks Whales Juice Milk	23 Yogurt Clodhoppers Juice Milk	24 No School	25 No School
28 Cheerios Whales Juice Milk	29 Corn muffin Juice Milk	30 Golden Grahams Lemon Grahams Juice Milk	12/1 Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Jelly Juice Milk	12/2 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
7 Chicken Parmesan and Ziti Green Beans Applesauce Milk	8 Cheese Ravioli Peas Fruit Roll Milk	9 Jamaican Beef patty Mashed potato Carrots Milk	10 No Lunch Early Release	11 No School Veterans Day
14 Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap Carrots and celery Fruit Milk	15 Turkey and Gravy Mashed potato Carrots Roll Milk	16 Stuffed Shells Baked apple slices California Medley Milk	17 Sweet and Sour Chicken Stir Fry Veggies Rice Fruit Milk	18 BGood
21 Italian Hot Pocket Mixed Vegetable Fruit Milk	22 BBQ Chicken Mashed potato Roll Peas Milk	23 No Lunch Early Release	24 No School Thanksgiving	25 No School
28 Herbed Baked Chicken Stuffing Carrots Scalloped Potato Milk	29 French Toast sticks Hash Browns Baked sliced Apples Sausages Milk	30 Steak and Cheese Sub Fries Green Beans Milk	12/1 Chicken Nuggets Potato wedges Peas Roll Milk	12/2 Pizza

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