



*Update*  
**November 16, 2011**  
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Wednesday	11/16	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night	6:30-7:30pm
Thursday	11/17	Level III field trip to Wheelock	
Thursday	11/17	Education Committee	3:45pm
Thursday	11/17	SEPAC Basic Rights Workshop	4:30pm
Thursday	11/17	Development Committee	5:00pm
Thursday	11/17	Finance Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	11/17	Board of Trustees	7:00pm
Friday	11/18	SEPAC (meeting at Panera Bread Hanover)	8:30am
Saturday	11/19	Enrollment Open House	1:00-3:00pm
Wednesday	11/23	Early Release	12:00pm
Thursday & Friday	11/24-11/25	Thanksgiving Break – no school	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **HELP NEEDED SATURDAY AND SUNDAY**

**SHAW'S HANOVER - ROUTE 139 SATURDAY AND SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19 & 20**

**GET COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS  
SSCPS/ROTARY RAFFLE TICKET SALES**

SHAW'S IN HANOVER HAS ALLOWED US TO SET UP A TABLE TO SELL  
RAFFLE TICKETS FROM ROCKLAND – HANSON ROTARY  
PROCEEDS BENEFIT SSCPS!

PRIZES INCLUDE:  
**A TRIP TO DISNEY *OR* A TRIP TO CALIFORNIA WINE COUNTRY *OR* \$2,000 CASH**

**PLEASE CONTACT DENISE DEMAGGIO TO SIGN UP AND HELP OUT  
[DDEMAGGIO@SSCPS.ORG](mailto:DDEMAGGIO@SSCPS.ORG)**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Next week it will be Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is a wonderful day to celebrate the bounty of the harvest and the things for which we are grateful. All of our lives can be difficult and one of the most memorable things my son Ben ever said to me, when he was about nineteen, was, "Dad, even easy lives are hard." What makes our lives, whether they are hard or easy at the moment, better every day is saying thanks. Here at SSCPS I see so much to be thankful for and I would like to detail three things I am grateful for this week as we prepare for Thanksgiving.

Last Wednesday Amy Vandenberg and Beth Dodge took the Garden Project to a beach in Scituate where we met up with Jonny Belber. Together we collected seaweed to put on the students' garden at Holly Hill Farm. For the past ten years students from SSCPS have collected seaweed to build the soil in their garden. Before we gathered the seaweed, we gave a small lesson on giving back to the soil to replenish the nutrients we take from the soil when we harvest. The idea is simple: to reap we must restore and the seaweed is an almost perfect fertilizer. After the lesson we then worked gathering seaweed from the beach. It was a beautiful day with warmth and joy and remarkably hard working and well behaved children. There was one child in particular whom I noticed because the year before he had needed direction and constant monitoring to work in the openness of the beach. This year he had taken the wonderful energy that he had always exhibited and worked and worked all day. No adult ever needed to talk to him except to compliment him on his work. It was a testament to him, to the learning that had gone on over the past year, and to his teachers. I was very proud and grateful.

Yesterday Claire Overlee came up to me and said, "Ted do you have a minute? I want to show you the students' writing." Claire then read to me from students' work. All of the pieces of writing were clear, informative and focused with interesting and thoughtful sentences about the Mayans. I learned interesting things I had not know about Mayan civilization. One of the writing samples was so well composed that it was even round. While I was impressed and pleased by the students' work, what made me even happier was the joy of the teacher. I was very proud and grateful.

Last night I got the following e-mail from Cyndi Wormald who, under Velma Begley's direction, is coordinating and directing parent volunteers in the First Grade Globe Project. For those new to SSCPS all first graders make their own paper mache globes and they have for many years. It is a huge undertaking that is worth the effort as the students keep the globes for years. I have two in my house, one fifteen years old and the other nine years old. We are only able to continue this huge undertaking year after year because of the amazing work of parents. Here is an e-mail that Cyndi wrote to me last night with the subject line, *Accomplishment*

*Hi Ted,*

*I am just so proud of our "Globe Team", I had to share it with you. Today we surpassed our previous record of 14 globes with an outstanding 15 globes! We would have done a few more, but we ran out of stands!!! How awesome is that??? I brought in 3 old chlorine buckets today to use too!! Also, I know this will make you proud. We had 2 of our globes implode and cave in. I remembered how you repaired one last year. Deb Paquette and I figured out how, and the loading dock became the operating room. We ever so carefully and successfully replaced and paper mache bandaged the patients (globes). We have layer two half done, should be done by next week. Thought you might like a cheerful update!*

I did want that cheerful update and when I saw the beauty of the globes this morning I was even more proud and grateful.

Last Sunday my mother-in-law, Jane Lacy, died after a long illness and I would like to thank everyone who has reached out and made this week better for me and my family. It is good to be supported and so good to give thanks for the life that Jane led with such power and spirit. *Ted Hirsch thirsch@sscps.org*

## ON THE LEVELS

### SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Let the cat out of the bag."

Level 2: "One rotten apple spoils the whole bunch"

**2011-2012 Yearbook!...**Look for information about the new Charter Yearbook to be coming out in the next issue! Better than ever, at least 5 pictures of every student, delivery by Senior Dinner for Senior's and June 1 for SSCPS families.

### **Bottle and Can Drive**

Need to get rid of some plastic bottles and cans? Bring them to the SSCPS! Jordan Lussier and Mia Strahm are running a bottle and can drive to fundraise for a SMART DOCUMENT CAMERA! This assistive tool will enable teachers share important information more efficiently and creatively, to a larger audience. How can you help? Bring in your EMPTY plastic water bottles and aluminum cans and deposit them into the boxes labeled "BOTTLE AND CAN DRIVE" located at the front and back door. There are flyers located at the front desk if you would like anymore information. We hope you can help us succeed in our ambitious goals of purchasing a SMART DOCUMENT CAMERA!

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

The **Dalton Family** is will be collecting spare change for the Jeffrey Coombs Memorial Foundation. The Jeffery Coombs Memorial Foundation is hosting their 5th Annual Holiday Gathering for Mass. families of deployed, fallen or injured troops, from Iraq or Afghanistan wars. In addition to the party they provide all the children with gift cards to Target. The money raised will be given to Christie Coombs, (widow of Jeffrey, who was killed in the 9/11 attacks), so that she may buy the gift cards. If you would like to donate to the cause or give a Target gift card of \$10.00 please contact Kimberlee Dalton 781-985-0721 or send some spare change in with your child. We will be collecting until Dec. 2nd. Collection jars with be in Level 1 (Olivia & Victoria), Level 3 (Amelia), Level 4 (Abigail) and High School (Tyler). Also, if you know of a family that would be eligible to attend the holiday party, please contact Christie directly at 781-982-1608. Thank you

There is now a list of organizations on the school web site under Community Service that you can use as a resource to find volunteer opportunities. This list will be updated through the year. If you know of an event that is coming up in the near future, please email Beth Toma at [jtoma85103@aol.com](mailto:jtoma85103@aol.com)

### **Miscellaneous Community Service Ideas**

#### **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](http://wish.org/about/our_mission)

#### **New England Wildlife Foundation**

One of the Center's education programs is its volunteer program. Volunteering at the Center is all about learning. It is also about doing something for the community, especially the community of wild animals that live in and among our neighborhoods. There is no age limit to volunteering. Anyone can come to the Center and participate in caring for animals and helping the Center provide for its own unique community. Volunteers work on special events like our "Night of a Thousand Faces" Halloween event. Volunteers also conduct tours, raise money, walk the llama and goat, clean, feed and exercise reptiles, conduct birthday parties, and assist in the exams of animals for the Odd Pet Vet. Volunteers work along side wildlife biologists, veterinarians, interns, and other volunteers. The Center embraces and encourages mentor style hands-on apprentice-type education and work. <http://www.wildlife-education-center.com/volunteering/>

#### **Friends of the Blue Hills**

There is a variety of volunteer opportunities at the Blue Hills:

**Trail Maintenance** Help increase the biodiversity of the Blue Hills by helping to control invasive species. Whether you want to help weed for a day, help track invasive species for a season or have fun with your family for an afternoon, you'll find something in the new BioWatch Program.

**Adopt-a-Trail:** It's not just for highways and traffic islands. Contact us and choose a trail (or section of trail), or ask for a suggestion. We'll provide training - and furnish you with a tip sheet and report form. Adoption commitments are for one year. Just let us know via snail mail or e-mail each time you work on

the trail, if you need help, and the state of the trail before and afterwards. For more information -**Call 781-828-1805** or email: [info@FriendsoftheBlueHills.org](mailto:info@FriendsoftheBlueHills.org).

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

**Email:** For directions and details [trailwork@FriendsOfTheBlueHills.org](mailto: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, December 10

**Teen Life (for grades 9-12)**

Teen Life is a wonderful resource for high school students to research what is available for volunteering. The benefits of helping others or working with a worthy cause can be one of the most rewarding experiences of your lifetime. Volunteering helps you develop a heart for giving. Discover the wider world around you. Foster meaningful relationships. And even build your resume. Teen Life showcases a countless number of non-profits who specifically work with teens. So, search this web site to find the organization and service work that best interests you. Join Teen Life web site and you will receive updates to let you know any new information that becomes available. Go to their web site <http://www.teenlife.com> and sign up today.

**Cradles to Crayons**

The Cradles to Crayons (C2C) Giving Factory is a hub of civic engagement providing thousands of volunteers with the opportunities to help individual children in-need. Together youth and adults inspect, sort, and package new and like-new donations into customized "C2C Kid Packs". Anyone age 5 years and above can volunteer at the Giving Factory and have a fun service experience while making a tangible impact on the lives of local children who need your help. For more information visit their web site at <http://cradlestocrayons.org>

**ARTS AND MUSIC**

Hello SSCPS, I am happy to announce that in **January of 2012**, we have the opportunity to launch an after school music instruction program at SSCPS! Geoff Roman, one of our music teachers, an accomplished musician and instructor, has agreed to offer both group and individual lessons to our students at incredibly affordable rates. He is also able to arrange for instrument rental! In order for us to launch this program in the most effective way possible, we need to know who is interested in lessons and in what capacity. Here are the options...

Group 45 minute lesson in violin, viola, or cello  
-\$18 per week for a 17 week period = \$306  
-Instrument rental approximately \$10 per month  
-Maximum of 12 students per group  
-3rd graders and above

Individual 30 minute lesson in violin, viola, cello, or guitar.  
-\$30 per week for a 17 week period = \$510  
- Instrument rental approximately \$10 per month  
-Students in all grades are welcome

**Lessons will be offered on a first come, first serve basis. But we want to accomodate as many children as possible, so please let me know if you are interested.** This is such an amazing opportunity. My daughters, 6 and 8 years old, have been studying violin for the past year, and they absolutely love it! Call me at 781-534-5698 or email me at [heatherdans@yahoo.com](mailto:heatherdans@yahoo.com) if you have questions.

*Thanks! Heather Dans Arts & Music Chair*

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.

## COMMUNITY INTEREST

The South Shore YMCA School Age Child Care Program at the South Shore Charter Public School gives children an opportunity to participate in activities that are fun, challenging, and developmentally appropriate for each of our program participants. The program is designed to create an enthusiasm for learning while promoting physical, intellectual, emotional, and social well-being and growth. The program runs daily from 2:45-6:00pm at the school and vacation programs are also offered. For more information, please contact Jamie Whitcomb at 781-829-8585 x262 or visit our website at [ssymca.org](http://ssymca.org).

**WEEKLY UPDATES ARE EMAILED AND POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.SSCPS.ORG](http://WWW.SSCPS.ORG)  
EVERY WEDNESDAY – TO RECEIVE A PAPER COPY PLEASE CONTACT PAM ALGERA EXT. 103  
OR EMAIL [PALGERA@SSCPS.ORG](mailto:PALGERA@SSCPS.ORG)**

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# SSCPS APPAREL CLOSEOUT SALE

We have the following items in stock for a quick sale at reduced prices just in time for the holidays:

- SSCPS Jacket (1) Adult Medium \$20
- SSCPS running pants \$15 (1) Adult Large & (1) Youth Large
- SSCPS Full zip fleece jacket \$20 (1) Adult Small, (1) Adult Med, (1) Adult Large, (1) Adult XLG
- SSCPS Full zip fleece jacket \$20 (1) Youth Medium, (1) Youth Large, (1) Youth XLG
- SSCPS Hooded Sweatshirt with front logo \$18 (1) Adult Medium Gray
- SSCPS Hooded Sweatshirt with back logo \$18 (1) Adult Medium Blue & (1) Youth Large Gray
- SSCPS Crewneck Sweatshirt with one logo front \$15(1) Adult Medium Blue & (1) Youth Large Gray
- SSCPS Crewneck Sweatshirt with back logo \$15 (1) Adult Medium Gray & (1) Youth Large Blue
- SSCPS Long Sleeve T Shirt \$10 (1) Adult Large Gray
- SSCPS Flannel Pants \$20 (1) Youth Small, (1) Adult Medium, (1) Adult Large, (1) Adult XXL
- SSCPS Polo Shirt \$25 (1) Adult Medium
- SSCPS Scarf \$8
- SSCPS Bus Event Short Sleeve T Shirt \$5 (16) Youth Medium, (5) Youth Large, & (13) Youth XLG
- SSCPS Bus Event Short Sleeve T Shirt \$5 (1) Adult Medium, (1) Adult Large, & (6) Adult XLG

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## ORDER FORM

Circle Items Above and Make Check Payable to SSCPS or pay by Credit Card

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Pod Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Credit Card (circle)    Visa    Master Card    Discover    American Express

Amount to be Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ 3 or 4 digit security code \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_









**South Shore Charter**

*December 2011*

*Catered by Essence of Thyme*

**BREAKFAST**

<b>Monday</b>		<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>Thursday</b>		<b>Friday</b>	
5	Apple Jacks Whales Juice Milk	6	Golden Grahams Lemon Grahams Juice Milk	7	Yogurt Blueberry Grahams Juice Milk	8	Frosted Mini Wheats Whales Juice Milk	9	Corn flakes Apple Grahams 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	Corn flakes Apple Grahams Juice Milk	20	Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Jelly Juice Milk	21	Yogurt Clodhoppers Juice Milk	22	Corn muffin Juice Milk	23	Apple Jacks Whales Juice Milk
26	Vacation	27	X	28	X	29	X	30	X

\* 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 Sweet and Sour Chicken Stir Fry Veggies Rice Fruit Milk	6 Cheese Tortellini Peas Fruit Roll Milk	7 <b>No Lunch</b>  <b>Early Release</b>	8 Beef and Bean Burrito Spanish Rice Green Beans Fruit Milk	9 BGood
12 Jamaican Beef patty Mashed potato Carrots Milk	13 Ziti and Meatballs Baked Apple Slices Broccoli Milk	14 Chicken Patty on a Bun Scalloped Potato Mixed vegetables Milk	15 Cod Sticks Potato wedges California Medley	16 Pizza
19 Meatball Sub French Fries Peas Milk	20 Buffalo Chix Wrap Carrots Grapes Milk	21 Chix. Parmesan and Ziti Applesauce Green Beans Milk	22 Hamburger on an Bun Potato Puffs Mixed vegetables Milk	23 <b>No Lunch</b>  <b>Early Release</b>
26 -----	27 V A	28 C A T	29 I O N	30 -----

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