



**SAFETY MEASURES AT SSCPS**

The safety of students, faculty and staff are of utmost importance at SSCPS. Over the past few weeks the school’s Crisis Team has been collaborating with the Norwell Police Department to plan for a critical incident drill. This drill, in addition to fire drills, is part of our routine safety procedures and protocols. Our last critical incident drill was in October 2009 and went smoothly and securely. Our faculty, including new faculty, have been preparing for this year’s drill. We will be conducting this same practice critical incident drill in December.

The purpose of the critical incident drill is to familiarize students, faculty, and staff with lock down procedures should there ever be an emergency in the building. During this drill all classrooms and offices will be secured. Students, faculty, staff, and all others in the building at that time will remain in secured areas. All visitors, including parents, in the building at the time of the drill are required to remain in a secured area until the lock down exercises conclude.

As outlined in the Student Handbook on page 26, students are not allowed to carry cell phones on their persons from 8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This must be adhered to in order to be compliant with lock down protocols. Students should **not** use cell phones to make calls or text during the drill. Cell phone use during a real emergency can cause police response lines to overload thus impeding rescue efforts.

It is imperative that students take this drill seriously. Please talk to your child about the importance of this drill and following the directions of our faculty. If you have concerns about your child’s level of stress or anxiety during the drill, please contact the school immediately. It is imperative that your child feel safe and secure at all times. This drill serves as an important tool to prepare our students, faculty, and staff for an emergency situation within our building in the unlikely event that one would ever occur.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12/01</b>	<b>Ski Club forms due</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12/01</b>	<b>Europe Trip information session</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12/02</b>	<b>SEPAC</b>	<b>8:30am</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12/03</b>	<b>Parents Association Meeting</b>	<b>8:00am</b>
<b>Mon-Fri</b>		<b>High School Spirit Week</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12/06</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington DC Trip information session</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12/06</b>	<b>SSCEF</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12/07</b>	<b>Holiday Teacher Luncheon</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12/07</b>	<b>Professional Development Early Release</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12/08</b>	<b>School Council</b>	<b>3:45pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12/09</b>	<b>High School Winter Semi – Weymouth Elks</b>	<b>7:00-10:00pm</b>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Calling all cooks, bakers and purchasers!!!**

On December 7, 2011, the PA will be hosting our annual Holiday Teacher Luncheon. This is a 1/2 day for the students. The teachers and staff look forward to our luncheons every year. They are always amazed at the delicious items that are sent in by our families.

Please help us make this luncheon another success by offering to bring one or more of the following: main dishes, side dishes, salads, drinks, desserts, paper products and whatever else you would like to send in. I will be in the lobby in the morning to collect items that may need to be heated or dropped off or you can drop them off at pickup at 12:00.

If you would like to send in an item for the luncheon, please let me know at [klb.rijc@verizon.net](mailto:klb.rijc@verizon.net) so I can make sure we have enough. We are serving over 80 teachers and staff members.

Karen Boyle  
Parent of Richie and Jonathan (HS) and Caroline (Level II)

Heather Dans  
Parent of Olivia (Level II) and McKenna (Level I)

**2012 Yearbook!** The yearbook is going to be on sale starting Dec. 6 for a pre-sale discounted rate of \$40.00, before school, lunch and after school...Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays until Dec 23. Better than ever, at least 5 pictures of every student, delivery by Senior Dinner for Seniors and June 1 for SSCPS families. Order early to save money!

**SSCPS 2011-2012 Directory has arrived!** Please note that each family will receive one copy of the directory, so check your child's backpack starting today.

### **The Book Fair orders have arrived!**

All 'holiday hold' orders can be picked up at the front desk. Many thanks for supporting our library with your purchase, and happy reading! We hope that you will also consider using our vendor, Storybook Cove in Merchants Mall (Hanover), for future book purchases as well ([www.storybookcove.com](http://www.storybookcove.com)).

*The Library Committee*

**SSCPS Ski Club** - students grades 7-12 - For information visit the SSCPS website:  
[www.sscps.org/student-life/academics/](http://www.sscps.org/student-life/academics/)

## ART NEWS

The great display of **high school student fashion pieces** from last year's show, Coffee Bean Bag attire was greatly complimented by **Starbucks** district manager this past week. We will be researching creating a greater connection with the coffee mogul since there are such fans of our creative talent here at SSCPS.

The vendor that donated the coffee bean bags for last year's show is opening his first coffee site in the harbor area in **Hingham. Red Eye Roasters** is located directly across from Stars and has requested some of these fashions for his interior. Grand Opening will be this Saturday and **our fashions** will be exhibited. Please stop by for a drink (free tastes on Sat.) and mention you are from SSCPS. We all like to let our supporters know that we support them as well.

Speaking of the annual **Fashion Walk**, please keep, **December 23<sup>rd</sup>** open if you would like to see this years pieces. Hint, hint, we are trying to keep them under wrap.....can you guess?

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PROJECTS & WORKSHOPS!

**High School World Heritages** workshop has been exploring the concepts of culture and heritage and what these themes mean across the globe. Over the past few weeks we have been focusing on African culture in terms of music, dance, games and crafts. Currently the students are creating recycled paper beadwork, a tradition common to Uganda, feel free to stop by and check it out! Also, we have been soliciting feedback throughout the community in regards to our heritage day celebration in the spring. If you have any ideas that you would like to share with us, please send them our way.

**Level IV Helping Hands** project has been helping around the school and has been learning about the components of an effective team. So far this year, we have been cleaning the perimeter of the school property and cleaning the inside by helping teachers clean their rooms. The teachers had us clean their rooms by scraping gum off the bottom of desks and washing windows. As far as big projects, our project has embarked on designing and building bookshelves for teachers. We are looking forward to helping the library in the near future by building a drop off box for books. Through all our projects we have been learning about teamwork and have been reflecting about this process in our journals.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

At the start of this week, my partner in Principal-hood here at SSCPS, Angie Pepin, returned to school after having a baby last summer. It is so good to have Angie back. Emily Merwin filled in for Angie with dedication, insight, organizational skill, focus and wonderful intuition and we have had a good fall. Emily is excited to be getting back full time to the teaching and leadership of Level IV. The entire administrative team is grateful to Emily for the work she has done this fall and to the way the faculty and staff have in typical charter school fashion pitched in and made the school hum. Thanks Emily!!!!



## NOVEMBER 2011 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

*Samantha Kaylaes McDonough*  
Newbury College  
Johnson and Wales University

*Deanna Marshall*  
Sienna College  
King's College

*Christina Santiago*  
Newbury College

## ON THE LEVELS

### SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Don't cry over spilled milk."  
Level 2: "It's on its last legs."

Judy Pritchard on Level I is collecting snow pants (used or new) to ensure that all Level I children are able to play in the snow at recess this coming winter. Snow pants may be dropped off at Cassandra's Kindergarten class (room 311). Thank you!

**To all Current 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents:** We have been approved to organize a trip to **Washington, DC** for 6<sup>th</sup> graders in **June, 2011**. There will be an informational meeting on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested should attend the meeting in Room 207 at 6:00pm at school.

**To all Current 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents:** We have been approved to organize a trip to **Europe** (Paris, Provence, and Barcelona) for 6<sup>th</sup> graders for **April, 2013**. There will be an informational meeting for this year's current 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Anyone interested should attend the meeting in Room 207 at 6:00pm at school.

**Congratulations to two of our eighth grade students**, Lauren Walsh and Rachel Ciambriello, have won the Editor's Choice Award. As a result, they are now published poets in the book Acclaimed: 2011 Poetry Collection. They entered their poems into a contest last May, upon the suggestion of Katie Walsh in English class. Rachel's poem, "Robots," and Lauren's poem, "A Bird's Freedom," were selected out of many students' poems around the country. They displayed the necessary components that the editor was looking for by showing "solid fundamentals of creative writing, but also the ability to illicit an emotional response." Please congratulate Lauren and Rachel when you see them for this impressive feat!

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

There are so many families this time of year that could use some support and help. This would be a great opportunity for a community service. Collect toys for children (helping out the Marine Corps Toys for Tots drive) or adopt a family that could use your help over the holidays by getting a list of what they might need. Connect your local Child and family Service Organization to find out how you can help.

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**

**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. **Web site** <http://www.wildlife-education-center.com/volunteering/>

### **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.

## **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...

1. 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
2. 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 accommodate 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 Southeastern Philharmonic Orchestra "Sounds of the Season"**

Thursday, December 8, 2011 – 7:00 pm

The Lantana, 43 Scanlon Drive, Randolph

**Tickets: \$20 adults \$15 seniors \$10 children**

**(Ticket price includes a dessert buffet. Cash bar is available.)**

*Please come and enjoy an evening with the Southeastern Philharmonic Orchestra, the oldest continually running community orchestra in the country.*

Young and old alike will be dancing in their seats to the music of the season. Let Maestro Robert Babb take you on a holiday journey that will have you anxiously awaiting Santa's arrival. **All proceeds benefit pediatric programs at South Shore Hospital.**

**To purchase tickets contact: Anatoli Korosidis (781) 308-3421**

**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)**

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

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Pod Teacher/Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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

Week of [ ] Monday [ ] Tuesday [ ] Wednesday [ ] Thursday [ ] Friday  
12/12 – 12/16

Week of [ ] Monday [ ] Tuesday [ ] Wednesday [ ] Thursday [ ] Friday  
12/19 – 12/23

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 December, 2011  
**Due to the office by 3:00 pm, \*Tuesday, December 6, 2011**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Pod Teacher/Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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

Week of 12/12 – 12/16   
  Monday   
  Tuesday   
  Wednesday   
  Thursday   
  Friday  
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Week of 12/19 – 12/23   
  Monday   
  Tuesday   
  Wednesday   
  Thursday   
  Friday

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>			_____
<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b>			<b>\$ _____</b>

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**

*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!**





**South Shore Charter**  
**December 2011**  
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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>
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