



Athletics at the South Shore Charter School has even more accolades to celebrate. We recently learned that our very own Heather Fredette has been voted the Massachusetts Charter School Athletic Organization's Soccer Coach of the Year! Heather was nominated for this outstanding distinction by a group of her peers from all team leagues.

"It is time Heather got the recognition she deserves," said Jack O'Brien, Executive Director of MCSAO. "She is very dedicated...a wonderful young lady."



Congratulations Heather and thank you for an amazing season!

Thursday	12/08	School Council	3:45pm
Friday	12/09	High School Semi Formal Weymouth Elks	7:00-10:00pm
Friday	12/10	Auction Committee meeting	8:30am
Wednesday	12/14	Winter Concert – Hingham High School	6:00pm
Thursday	12/15	Education Committee	3:45pm
Thursday	12/15	Development Committee	5:00pm
Thursday	12/15	Finance Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	12/15	Board of Trustees	7:00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last chance to join the SSCPS Ski Club - students grades 7-12 - For information visit the SSCPS website: www.sscps.org/student-life/academics/

Annual Auction Meeting Friday, December 9th at 8:30am Anyone interested in offering ideas and/or volunteering with the auction or if you are unable to attend the meeting but have ideas or suggestions please email ddemaggio@sscps.org.

All raffle tickets and money are due Friday, December 9th to Denise Demaggo.

ART NEWS

The **Original Work** orders have arrived and we distributed next week. If you would rather pick up your order at the Art Room instead of having delivered to your child please let me know by calling x304. Anticipate orders to come home next Wed. the 14th. Thank you for participating in this fund raiser for the visual arts and if you have any issues please let me know.

Mark your calendars, the annual **Fashion Walk**, presented by the high school Art Workshop students, is scheduled for Friday, December 23rd. If you are interested in attending please email mbuckleycurran@sscps.org to reserve a seat. This year's Fashion Walk will be held in the new PE Space and all parking for that event will be at 104 Longwater Drive. More details to follow.

Looking for some **Christmas and Hannukah gifts**, created by our talented **High School Art Workshop Students**? Be sure to check the front glass cabinets next Wed.(Dec 14) to see what original creations you could purchase. The student's **The Art Store** is off line at the moment (rebuilding) but items will be displayed for viewing and purchase. The students have set the store up to market Art Workshop students and staff items. A small commission is taken and put in the workshop fund raising account, but the majority of the purchase price goes directly to the artist. Please check out the talented students and staff.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PROJECTS & WORKSHOPS!

On November 18, the Conservation Project went to the Blue Hills Reservation to eliminate Japanese Knotweed, an invasive species from Japan. The entire project helped chop it down and stack it into piles. The Department of Conservation and Recreation picked up our piles and disposed of them. We worked for two hours with Kens Jones, from Friends of the Blue Hills who organized the event for us. We cleared Japanese Knotweed from the sidewalk area for half a mile. It was taking over areas of the park that are inhabited by native species. This event has gotten us closer to destroying Japanese Knotweed.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

After leaving SSCPS during the summer for the birth of my daughter, I am happy to say that I am officially back at school full time. While I enjoyed every minute of my maternity leave, it feels good to be back working with our students and faculty. I'm enjoying the opportunity to connect with students and to support our terrific 7-12 faculty. I am glad that I have been able to speak to so many parents and students. Everyone is quickly catching me up on all that has happened over the last few months. This is certainly a busy place! The warm welcome from parents and students has made my return to work so much easier. Thank you.

Schools, especially charter schools, are places of constant change and SSCPS is no different. In my absence our school has continued to evolve and make progress. Thanks to a great deal of hard work and many late nights on the part of Emily Merwin as well as the willingness of everyone on staff to pitch in, I am finding that things have continued to move in the direction of higher student achievement and a stronger school community. Bev Bruce said it best when I spoke to her during one of my visits prior to my return. She told me that Emily was doing an excellent job of representing my values in her role as Acting Principal. I've found that that was absolutely the case. Thank you, Emily.

I look forward to the rest of the school year and encourage you to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Angie Pepin apepin@sscps.org 781-982-4202 x102

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "Great oaks from little acorns grow."

Level 2: "On the warpath."

K – 6 Parent/Teacher Conferences

Next Tuesday, December 13th, after school teachers have set aside time for conferences to discuss the progress reports sent home last Friday. Please contact Dee Delaney if you would like to meet with your child's teacher. Thank you, Ted Hirsch

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!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The holiday season is a joyous time for children and their families. The Home for Little Wanderers is trying to make sure the holiday season is Happy for those children who don't have a family to celebrate the holiday with or families that need a little help. There is a box in the front lobby to help collect donations of new unwrapped toys or gift cards to help with the "Big Wishes for Little Wanderers Gift Drive". If you are donating a gift card there will be an envelope at the front desk. Below is the Top Ten list from the Home for Little Wanderers website. If you are interested in additional ideas you can go to

http://www.thehome.org/site/PageServer?pagename=events_big_wishes_giftideas

Thank you in advance, Shepherd Family - Ashley (10th grade), Zachery (8th grade), Dylan (7th grade)

TOP TEN

Requested Items:

Gift cards

Hooded sweatshirts for older youth

XL coats for young men and women

Age-appropriate electronic games and board games for teens

Flannel pants (large sizes)

Balls (basketball, soccer, football)

Products for all hair types

Fleece socks (adult sizes)

Bath towels

Age appropriate DVDs (no R-Rated movies)

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.

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 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.

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

Dining for a Cause:

We have schedule TWO vendors for
December 14th
(day of The Winter Concert)

Sal's Pizza is right down the street
from the school... High Street (cross
over route 53)to Grove Street ... res-
taurant is behind the Mobil (on the left
side of Grove Street)

Nona's homemade is in
downtown Hingham at 19 Main Street.
Next to Brewed Awakenings.



Present this ticket to
the cashier and 20%
of your total sale will
be donated back to
the South Shore
Charter School.

Valid only Wednesday
December 14th.

LET'S RAISE SOME DOUGH!

FOR

South Shore Charter Public School

Sal's PIZZA

LOCATION:

**SAL'S PIZZA
9 GROVE STREET
NORWELL, MA**

DATE:

Home of the 19" 3lb. PIZZA December 14, 2011

Straight From Boston's North End

10% from your total order donated to SSCPS
Bring your friends, your family, and your appetite!

Pre-Order for YEARBOOK 2011-12

The SSCPS Yearbook 2011-12 is going to be bigger
and better than ever!

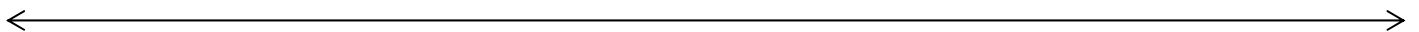
Reserve your copy by
December 23 and save \$10 off of the price!

Delivery at Senior Dinner for seniors and all others June 1!

Great holiday present!

Money, cash or charge must be received by December 23.
Orders after December 23 will not receive the \$10 savings.

Questions? Kathryn @ khahn@sseps.org



Name _____

paid 40.00 check cash
2010-11 yearbooks on clearance for \$15.00 ask Kathryn

Breakfast Order Form
 Breakfast for the Month of December, 2011
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

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
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, December 13, 2011

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

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

Number of Meals ordered _____ X \$3.75

Number of Slices of Pizza ordered _____ X \$1.75

Number of Hamburgers/Veggie 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 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.

Breakfast Order Form
 Breakfast for the Month of January, 2011
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 1/3 – 1/7 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 1/10 – 1/14 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 1/17 – 1/21 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 1/24 – 1/28 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 1/31 – 2/4 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Number of Breakfasts ordered _____ X \$1.50

Less credit due _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

Lunch Order Form
 Lunch for the Month of January, 2012
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 1/2 – 1/6 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
 Hamburger or Veggie (circle one)

Week of 1/9 – 1/13 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 1/16 – 1/20 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
 #_____

Week of 1/23 – 1/27 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
 Hamburger or Veggie

(circle one)

Week of 1/30– 2/3 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

Less credit due

Total Amount Enclosed

_____ \$_____

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January, 2012
Catered by Essence of Thyme

Breakfast

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 NO SCHOOL	3 Frosted Mini-Wheats Whales Juice Milk	4 Cheerios Apple Grahams Juice Milk	5 Raisin Bran Juice Milk	6 Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Jelly Juice Milk
9 Golden Grahams Lemon Grahams Juice Milk	10 Frosted Mini-Wheats Whales Juice Milk	11 Raisin Bran Juice Milk	12 Cheerios Apple Grahams Juice Milk	13 NO SCHOOL Professional Dev. Day
16 	17 Whole Wheat Blueberry Muffin Juice Milk	18 Plain Bagel Juice Milk	19 Corn Muffin Juice Milk	20 Honey Wheat Bagel Jelly Juice Milk
23 Whole Wheat Cinnamon Roll Juice Milk	24 Frosted Mini-Wheats Juice Milk	25 Cheerios Cinn. Grahams Juice Milk	26 Yogurt Blueberry Grahams Juice Milk	27 Corn Flakes Apple Grahams Juice Milk
30 Corn Muffin Juice Milk	31 Plain Bagel Jelly Juice Milk	2/1 Frosted Mini-Wheats Whales Juice Milk	2/2 Yogurt Blueberry Grahams Juice Milk	2/3 Raisin Bran Juice Milk

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

***Before placing your order, please inform the school if you have a food allergy!**



South Shore Charter
January 2012
Catered by Essence of Thyme

LUNCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 NO SCHOOL	3 Ziti and Meatballs Baked Apple Slices Broccoli Milk	4 Turkey and Gravy Mashed potato Carrots Roll Milk	5 French Toast Sticks Hash Browns Baked sliced Apples Sausages Milk	6 BGood
9 Sweet and Sour Chicken Stir Fry Veggies Rice Fruit Milk	10 Stuffed Shells Baked apple slices California Medley Milk	11 Steak and Cheese Sub Fries Green Beans Milk	12 Chicken parm sub Tater tots Green Beans Milk	13 No School Professional Dev. Day
16 No School Martin Luther King Day	17 Cheese Tortellini Green Beans Roll Apple Milk	18 Chicken Nuggets Potato wedges Peas Roll Milk	19 Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap Carrots and celery Fruit Milk	20 Pizza
23 Meatball Sub French Fries Peas Milk	24 Jamaican Beef patty Mashed potato Carrots Milk	25 Herbed Baked Chicken Stuffing Carrots Scalloped Potato Milk	26 American Chop Suey Peas Apple Roll Milk	27 BGood
30 Chicken Patty on a Bun Tater Tots Green Beans Milk	31 Italian Hot Pocket Mixed Vegetable Fruit Milk	2/1 Chicken Quesadilla Carrots Fruit Milk	2/2 Turkey and Gravy Mashed potato Carrots Roll Milk	2/3 Pizza

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