



Update
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

When I find a book I need to read again I open to the inside cover and often find an inscription revealing its original home, Room 214, Room 103, Room 210, or Room 109. A small book collection quickly becomes evidence of ten years and five different classrooms. Although classrooms would frequently change location, it was nice to know that due to student efforts of tagging and boxing, our books would go with us. Also making the trip from classroom to classroom was a large poster from the Museum of Fine Arts Boston. No matter the room number, the same poster would be hung in the front of our class above the chalkboard because that is where it fit. Written in the corner of this long and blue piece of artwork, a reproduction of a Gauguin painting, were three questions - D'ou Venons Nous/ Que Sommes Nous/ Où Allons Nous.

Students in our bilingual classroom did not need a translation of those three sentences. Seventh and eighth grade students were able to look up at the poster and understand the words that Gauguin had placed in the upper left hand corner. Not only did they understand the language; their understanding and interpretation of the piece was unmistakably clear. Those three questions posed were ones that took on a unique and early meaning to children who had only recently arrived in this country. Presented with a new social landscape, a new language, and a new way of life, these three questions took on significant weight and meaning.

After three years, by the time we had arrived in Room 103, our program was two-way bilingual as half the class became students who were native speakers of English. Within the first week of school native speakers were able to translate Gauguin's three questions- Where do we come from? What are we? Where are we going? They too were able to apply their life experience to recognize the importance of origin, establish their identity, and dream of the future. Brought to light in a classroom was that these three questions, each unique to the human experience, remained universal.

These three questions that have defined human experience throughout history are what we as a school are asking ourselves now. This week each member of our school community received a draft of the goals for our Strategic Plan. We are asking every member of our community to read through these goals, edit, comment, and suggest possible steps to achieve them. You may send your responses directly through email. Additionally, all parents are encouraged to attend a Strategic Planning meeting on March 12. Faculty and staff will meet about the Strategic Plan on March 13 and students will have opportunities for input throughout the month of March.

As we think about who we are as a school, where we have come from, and where we are going, your experience and insight are essential. Your responses will define and map our Strategic Plan. Only through a community wide effort, where every voice is heard, will we be able to know who we are, where we come from, and what the future holds.

Thank you for your consideration.

Alicia Savage – asavage@sscps.org

Wednesday	03/06	Junior Parent Night	6:00-7:00pm
Wednesday	03/06	SEPAC	6:30pm
Friday	03/08	Auction Committee	8:30am
Friday	03/08	Grades 2, 3, and 4 Boston Symphony Orchestra	
Friday	03/08	Golf Committee	1:30pm
Friday	03/08	Warnings Mailed	
Tuesday	03/12	Grade 2 Museum of Fine Arts	
Wednesday	03/13	Professional Development Day – No School for Students	
Thursday	03/14	Junior Class visit University of Connecticut	
Thursday	03/14	School Council	3:45pm
Thursday	03/14	Annual Fund Phone-a-thon	6:00-9:00pm

MARCH MCAS SCHEDULE

Subject	Grades	Dates
ELA Long Composition	4, 7, 10	March 19
ELA Reading Comprehension	10	March 21-22
ELA Reading Comprehension	7-8	March 26, 28
ELA Reading Comprehension	5-6	March 20, 27
ELA Reading Comprehension	3-4	March 26, 28

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yearbook Photos! The yearbook staff is looking for any interesting photos from students, parents and faculty. Anyone interested in submitting photos of school events, sports, etc. can download them to: replayit.com. It is easy to sign-up and register all images will be monitored and reviewed. Thank you from the 2013 yearbook staff.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Announcing the South Shore Charter Public School Annual Fund Challenge!

There is no better time than now to consider a gift to SSCPS! For a second year, an anonymous donor has challenged the SSCPS community to match their gift of \$5,000. All new and increased gifts to the Annual Fund received between February 1st and March 31st will qualify. With your help, we can maintain and enhance current programs and reach our goal of 100% participation. All gifts benefit SSCPS. Monetary donations are tax deductible.



Mail your donation today to:

SSCEF
P.O. Box 512
Accord, MA 02018

Or donate by visiting www.sscps.org

HEALTH OFFICE

Level II will be once again participating in the Pennies for Patients fund raising campaign. This is the campaign that supports the Leukemia and Lymphoma society which helps people who are affected by these diseases. The money raised will assist people in need with medical bills, transportation issues, and also support medical research. The Campaign will start on March 4th and will run for three weeks ending on the 22nd of March. The pod that raises the most money will win a Domino's pizza party. SSCPS has raised over \$ 4,000 for this great program over the past seven years. Please continue to support Pennies for Patients!

The health screenings for the 8th grade students will be conducted this month. This includes vision, hearing, height, weight and scoliosis screenings. Parents will be notified by letter if their student does not pass any of these screenings. Please contact the Health office by phone or email if you do not want your child to participate.

Thank you to Jo Feldman and family for donating a wheel chair to the Health office.

ATHLETICS

The High School Boys Basketball season has been a learning experience for everyone involved. We have been using this year as a time to build a foundation for the future. Players have grown closer throughout the season and have developed trusting relationships on the court. These relationships have translated to an all-around team effort, which has been showcased towards the end of the season. Building a team does not involve winning, but rather trusting each other, supporting each other, and dedicating yourself to the team by showing up every day and pushing fellow team members to become better players.

Despite the difficult losses the team suffered this year, many positive things have come from the season. First of all, we played hard every game and never gave up until the last buzzer. Secondly, we played with dignity whether we won or loss. All other SSCPS athletic teams, our sportsmanship was excellent. Our players consistently avoided the taunting of others, ignored bad calls made by referees, and took accountability for the losses. The players learned from their mistakes and improved throughout the year. The momentum will continue into next year as we look to dramatically improve on our 2-11 record.

Basketball is a team sport, but I cannot recap the season without talking about our only leaving Senior Patrick Sullivan. Pat is a true competitor and a great team mate. He leads by example and gives 110% in every practice and game. He has been the leading scorer, rebounder, and defender on the team and the best player on the floor many times this year. Other players who have contributed greatly throughout the season are Marvelous Abraham, Terry Alcindor, Dillon Belizaire Terrence Bellevue, Gerardo Bernadotte, Jeremy Delphonse, Christian Duplan, Liam Hartz, Precious Nwafor, Paul Sullivan, Jerome Sullivan, Sean Sullivan, and Ian Wright. Thanks for the great season!

-Coach Kay

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Strategic Planning - Parent Meeting March 12 A strategic planning process is underway which will produce a document outlining the direction our school will take over the next five years. It will guide decision-making in all aspects of the school - hiring, compensation, fundraising, curriculum planning, communications, facility improvements, extracurricular activities, etc. etc.

March is "input month" in this process. You should have received an email with the group's draft goals earlier this week. It is vital that as many parents as possible participate in the process by giving their feedback.

To facilitate discussion of the process and the topics, Gema Gray and Lizanne Moffat will be hosting a parent-only meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 6:00-9:00pm in the High School Great Room. Gema and Lizanne are two of the parents in the Strategic Planning group and they will ensure that parent feedback is incorporated into the strategic planning discussions as the process moves forward.

Please RSVP to gemagr@verizon.net if you plan to attend or have questions about strategic planning. If March 12 doesn't work for you, please let Gema know. If there is enough interest, a second meeting may be added on a Saturday later in the month. See you there!

PA Volunteer Committee's "Please Remember" list:

1. To print your first & last name when logging in as a volunteer.
2. It is important for the school and for you to log out when you are done for two reasons;
 - a. You and the school only receive 1 hour of volunteer time if you do not log out.
 - b. The school needs to know who is in the building at all times and they need you to return your badge.
3. Email Priscilla Kelly priscilla.kelly@verizon.net your volunteer hours you put in at home or record those hours on the Sign In sheets when you are volunteering next.

SEPAC (SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL)

What Is SEPAC? SEPAC stands for Special Education Parent Advisory Council.

The SSCPS SEPAC is a parent committee established to assist parents and families of children with learning differences and special needs.

Find out more at: <https://sites.google.com/site/sscpssepac/home>

NEW! Special Education Parent Support Group

Completely confidential! Come for support, to give support, or just to listen.

2nd and 4th Mondays at 8:30am at a member's home near

the school: <http://goo.gl/maps/3EXDr>

Call or email Adrienne McDougall for more information

adrienne.mcdougall@yahoo.com 508-818-8945nb

COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATE

With spring upon us check out the upcoming community service events on the South Shore, Boston, Plymouth, Natick, Waltham, Martha's Vineyard. Whether you like to walk or bike there is something for everyone which gives you the opportunity to be outside enjoying the warm weather and at the same time doing something to help others.

Upcoming Events

Name of Organization	Dates	Web site
2013 Walk for Hospice	Saturday, March 23 rd – South Shore Plaza	www.2013walkforhospice
Marathon Strides against Multiple Sclerosis	April 20 th – Hopkinton to Boston	MS.org
Arthritis Walk	May 5 th – Natick and Plymouth	Arthritis.org
Walk for hunger	Sunday, May 5-Boston Common	Projectbread.org
Avon Walk for Breast Cancer	May 18-19 th - Boston	Avonwalk.org
Brain Tumor Ride Brain Tumor Society	May 18 th - Waltham	Braintumor.org
Boston Takes Steps for Crohns & Colitis Disease	June 1, 2013-Boston Common, Boston	http://online.ccfa.org
Bike Rides for Multiple Sclerosis	June 29 th - Boston May 4 th - Martha's Vineyard	Nationalmssociety.org

Please check the web sites for further information on these upcoming events.

Walk for Hunger Pre-Walk Events

Walk for Hunger has the following events to help prepare for this walk : March 16 Sign Painting Events, March 21 Kick Off Breakfast, March 21 Team Building Workshop, April 21 Snack Bag Packing Event (must be 14 yrs old to participate in this event). Check Project Bread web site at walk@projectbread.org for further information about these events.

COMMUNITY INTEREST

Come to Holly Hill Farm on Saturday March 9 for a magical night time walk, “**Starry, Starry Night at Holly Hill Farm.**” Dress warmly and bring the whole family for a lovely walk to see the night sky, hear the winter sounds and embrace the warm chill in the air. Meet at the main barn at 7 pm and stay for hot chocolate after the walk. Cost: \$3 for *Friends of Holly Hill Farm* members (\$9 max per family); \$5 for non-members (\$15 max per family). Holly Hill Farm is located at 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. For more information, visit www.hollyhillfarm.org or call 781-383-6565.

**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**

Announcing SSCEF 18th Annual Auction *Featuring* “Taste of the South Shore”

We welcome the entire community* to the SSCEF 18th Annual Auction, enjoy a fabulous food experience at “A Taste of the South Shore”. Sample delectable culinary treats from Tosca of Hingham, Bella’s of Rockland, Mr. Dooley’s of Cohasset, and Margaritas of Weymouth, along with tastings from additional professional chefs and SSCPS parents. All proceeds from the event support the educational experience of all students at South Shore Charter Public School.
*Must be 21 or over to attend.

Friday, April 5, 2013
6 – 10 pm
The Elms
American Elm Avenue
Hanover, Massachusetts
Tickets: \$25.00 in advance; \$30.00 at the door

We are accepting donations, ad space and sponsorship opportunities. Contact Denise Demaggio for more information at ddemaggio@sscps.org

breakfast & lunch f u n d r a i s e r



Anita Marie's Coffee Shop
The best breakfast on the South Shore since 1954!
349 Union Street • Uptown Rockland • 781.878.5499

Wednesday, March 13th, 2013 • hours: 4am-2pm

Please bring this flyer and give it to your server to have
15% of all checks from SSCPS families donated back to the school!!!

SPIRIT WEAR ORDER FORM

Show your Jaguar spirit by purchasing Spirit Wear

All proceeds raised from the SSCPS Spirit Wear will support SSCPS Athletics



All apparel is gray with blue logo, with exception of back pack (blue w/white logo)

**RETURN ORDER FORM TO THE FRONT DESK: ATTN: DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN**

Friday, April 5, 2013

PRODUCT	SIZE CircleOne	Qty	PRICE	TOTAL
Kids T-Shirts	XS-S-M-L-XL		\$10.00	
Kids Hoodies	XS-S-M-L-XL		\$20.00	
Kids Long Sleeve	XS-S-M-L-XL		\$12.00	
Adult T-Shirts *2XL,3XL add additional \$2.00 *4XL, 5XL, add additional \$3.00	XS-S-M-L-XL-2XL-3XL		\$10.00 *2XL,3XL add additional \$2.00 *4XL, 5XL, add additional \$3.00	
Adult Hoodies *2XL,3XL add additional \$5.00	XS-S-M-L-XL-2XL-3XL		\$25.00 *2XL,3XL add additional \$5.00	
Adult Long Sleeve *2XL,3XL add additional \$2.00	XS-S-M-L-XL-2XL-3XL		\$15.00 *2XL,3XL add additional \$2.00	
Kids Sweatpants	XS-S-M-L-XL (Girl or Boy)		\$20.00	
Adult Sweatpants	S-M-L-XL -2XL		\$20.00 *2XL add additional \$3.00	
Back Sacks			\$10.00	
	Total QTY=		Total=	
CASH OR CHECKS ONLY: Make checks payable to SSCEF Money is due at time of order is placed.				

Student Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

NAME OUR STREET SIGN!

How would you like to see your name or child's name on our new street sign at SSCPS?



Purchase a \$5.00 raffle ticket for a chance to win your name on the sign for a year!

After one year you will be given the sign to keep!

Drawing will be held at the 18th Annual SSCPS Auction on April 5th, 2013!

Detach above and return this portion with payment to:
SSCPS - 100 Longwater Circle - Norwell, MA 02061 - Attn: Denise Demaggio

NAME OUR STREET SIGN!
South Shore Charter Public School

Name: _____ \$5.00 per raffle ticket

Child and/or Family name as it will appear on the sign:

Drawing will be held at the 18th Annual SSCPS Auction on April 5, 2013.

RAFFLES

Flag Football Tournament

CONCESSIONS

GAMES

DJ

A fundraiser for the Matthew Freitas Benefit Fund

Open to children:
Pre-K through Grade 12
- AND -
Adults Want to Play too, right?
Please Sign-up for the
Parents/Coaches Games!!
To be played at the end of the day

Questions? Volunteer? Donate?
Call David Donahue at 617-455-1255
Or Email Us

Sunday, April 28, 2013

- Rain or Shine -
8:00 a.m.

Weymouth High School
Football Field, 1 Wildcat Way

Registration Fee: \$25 (Includes T-shirt)
Mouthguard Required (Will be available for purchase)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2013

Register individually
and you will be placed on a team
-or-
Preferably Organize
a Group of 5 or Team of 10*
**in Same Division*
and email us the team members
and coach if you have one
flagfootballtournament@yahoo.com

DIV 1- 9th thru 12th grade | DIV 2- 7th & 8th grade | DIV 3- 5th & 6th grade | DIV 4- 3rd & 4th grade | DIV 5- 1st & 2nd grade | DIV 6- Pre-K & K

Organized by Matt's 2012 Flag Football Team, the Division 3 Vikings



Registration and Consent Form

Cut here

Please Print Clearly and Register Each Player Separately. This form is required to participate.

Player First Name _____ Last Name _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Phone Number: Cell _____ Home _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Grade: _____ -OR- PARENT/COACHES GAME: check here Date of Birth ____/____/____

Health Conditions: _____

T-Shirt Size: -Circle One- Youth S M L Adult S M L XL 2XL

I want and/or my son/daughter has my permission to participate in the Flag Football Tournament Fundraiser to benefit the Matthew Freitas Benefit Fund. I assume full responsibility in case of accident or injury. I hereby grant consent to any/all health care providers designated by Fundraiser Staff, to provide me or my child any necessary emergency medical care as a result of any illness/injury.

I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the Matthew Freitas Benefit Fund Staff, and any and all associated with this event including but not limited to the Town of Weymouth, Weymouth Public Schools, sponsors, coordinating groups, individuals and volunteers, and will hold them harmless for any and all injuries both physical and financial suffered in connection with this event. I attest and certify that I am and/or my child is physically fit to participate in this event. Further, I hereby grant full permission to any and all of the foregoing to use my and/or my child's likeness in all media including photographs, or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose.

Breakfast Order Form
Breakfast for the Month of March, 2013
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 3/18 – 3/22 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 3/25 – 3/29 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 March, 2013
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
3/18 – 3/22

Week of Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
3/25 – 3/29

Number of Lunches ordered _____ X \$3.00

Less credit due

Total Amount Enclosed

\$ _____

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.



South Shore Charter School
Catered by Essence of Thyme
March, 2013

Breakfast

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 On February's menu
4 Raisin Bran WW Apple Cinnamon Waffle Grahams Orange Juice Milk	5 Corn Flakes WW Graham Crackers Orange Juice Milk	6 3.6 WW Apple Muffin Orange Juice Milk	7 Honey Wheat Bagel w/Jelly Fruit Cocktail Milk	8 Rice Krispies WW Graham Crackers Orange Juice Milk
11 Toasty O's WW Apple Cinnamon Waffle Grahams Orange Juice Milk	12 3.6 WW Apple Muffin Orange Juice Milk	13 NO SCHOOL	14 WG Cinnamon Roll WW Apple Cinnamon Waffle Grahams Orange Juice Milk	15 Yogurt WW Lemon Dinosaur Grahams Orange Juice Milk
18 Corn Flakes WW Graham Crackers Orange Juice Milk	19 Yogurt WW Lemon Dinosaur Grahams Orange Juice	20 3.6 oz. WW Banana Muffin Orange Juice Milk	21 WG Cinnamon Roll WW Apple Cinnamon Waffle Grahams Orange Juice Milk	22 3.6 WW Blueberry Muffin Orange Juice Milk
25 Raisin Bran WW Apple Cinnamon Waffle Grahams Orange Juice Milk	26 Corn Flakes WW Graham Crackers Orange Juice Milk	27 3.6 oz. WW Apple Muffin Orange Juice Milk	28 Honey Wheat Bagel w/Jelly Fruit Cocktail Milk	29 Honey Wheat Bagel w/Jelly Fruit Cocktail Milk

* All Meals include choice of 1% or Skim Milk.

Complies with NSLP Regulations

ALL MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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



South Shore Charter School - Grades K-8
Catered by Essence of Thyme
March, 2013

LUNCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1
4 Chicken Tenders Potato Puffs w/Ketchup Fruit Cocktail Whole Wheat Roll Milk	5 Meatballs on WW Sub Sweet Potato Banana Milk	6 Chicken & Ziti Alfredo Broccoli Applesauce Milk	7 Chicken Caesar Salad WW Wrap Cucumber Pears Milk	8 Cheese Pizza w/Veggies Italian Beans Apple Milk
11 Jamaican Beef Patty Southwestern Beans Tangerine Green Beans Milk	12 Macaroni & Cheese Broccoli Peaches Milk	13 NO SCHOOL	14 Ziti w/Meatballs Corn Grapes Milk	15 Hamburger on WW Bun Sweet Potato Fries w/Ketchup Baked Apple Slices Milk
18 Mexican Chicken Wrap Potato Puffs w/Ketchup Tangerines Milk	19 BBQ Chicken on Bun Sweet Potato Fries w/Ketchup Tangerine Milk	20 Beef & Bean Burrito Cauliflower Banana Orange Juice Milk	21 Chicken Quesadilla Carrots Banana Milk	22 American Chop Suey Broccoli Apple Honey Wheat Dinner Roll Milk
25 Pancakes w/Syrup Sausage Patty Sweet Potato Baked Apple Slices Milk	26 Chicken Parmesan w/Ziti Broccoli Banana Milk	27 Buffalo Chicken on WW Wrap Chickpea Salad Peaches Milk	28 Chicken Stir Fry Brown Rice Chinese Style Vegetables Grapes Milk	29 Early Release GOOD FRIDAY

*All Meals include 8 ounce Milk - Choice of 1% or Skim

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South Shore Charter School - Grades 9-12
Catered by Essence of Thyme
March, 2013

LUNCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1
4 Chicken Tenders Potato Puffs w/Ketchup Fruit Cocktail Honey Wheat Dinner Roll Milk	5 Meatballs on WW Sub Sweet Potato Banana Apple Juice Milk	6 Chicken & Ziti Alfredo Broccoli Honey Wheat Dinner Roll Applesauce Milk	7 Chicken Caesar Salad WW Wrap Cucumber Pears Orange Juice Milk	8 Cheese Pizza Italian Beans Fruit Cocktail Apple Milk
11 Jamaican Beef Patty Southwestern Beans Green Beans Tangerine Apple Juice and Milk	12 Macaroni & Cheese Broccoli Peaches Whole Wheat Roll Milk	13 NO SCHOOL	14 Ziti w/Meatballs Corn Grapes Milk	15 Hamburger on WW Bun Sweet Potato Fries w/Ketchup Baked Apple Slices Apple Juice Milk
18 Mexican Chicken WW Wrap Potato Puffs w/Ketchup Tangerines Raisins Milk	19 BBQ Chicken on WW Bun Potato Puffs w/Ketchup Tangerine Peaches Milk	20 Beef & Bean Burrito Cauliflower Banana Raisins Milk	21 Chicken WW Quesadilla Spanish Rice Squash Banana Apple Juice and Milk	22 American Chop Suey Green Beans Apple Raisins Milk
25 Pancakes w/Syrup Sausage Patty Sweet Potato Baked Apple Slices Milk	26 Chicken Parmesan w/Ziti Broccoli Banana Orange Juice Milk	27 Buffalo Chicken on WW Wrap Chickpea Salad Peaches Orange Juice Milk	28 Chicken Stir Fry Brown Rice Chinese Style Vegetables Grapes Milk	29 Early Release GOOD FRIDAY

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