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| Thursday | 06/13 | Butterfly Release | 2:00pm |
| Thurs-Mon | 06/13-06/17 | Grades 7-11 Final Exams – see scheduled below | |
| Thursday | 06/13 | Level III Social at the gym | 6:00-8:00pm |
| Monday | 06/17 | Level III Southwick Zoo | |
| Tuesday | 06/18 | High School Canobie Lake | |
| Tuesday | 06/18 | Level II Forges Park | |
| Wednesday | 06/19 | Level II Awards | 10:00am |
| Wednesday | 06/19 | Level IV Move Up Ceremony at the gym | 10:30am |
| Wednesday | 06/19 | Early Release | 12:00pm |
| Thursday | 06/20 | Level III Awards | 10:30am |
| Thursday | 06/20 | Early Release | 12:00pm |
| Thursday | 06/20 | Board of Trustees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities Committee 5:30pm • Development Committee 6:15pm • Finance Committee 6:15pm | 7:30pm |

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

What follows are some excerpts from Updates from the past year. One of the things I love about working in a school is that a school year is a cycle, now that we are coming to the end of a year it has been a tradition for me to take parts of what I have written and put them together to be a reflection back on the year that is now coming to a close. Thanks to all who have read these pieces and thanks for sending us your wonderful children.

September: Of course the story of the swim is unimportant for its change in the body of water but it is an example of having the time to watch and observe and to think. That is what summer can give to us: time to think, see, study and learn. Most of what we learn we are taught, but there are those few moments when we teach ourselves. They are very beautiful especially if we can tell them to someone else. I hope that each of you has some moment during the year when you are told by your student something that they learned because learning is one of the most beautiful things in life.

October: We host Literacy Night In October to promote reading and reading aloud to children. At SSCPS, Literacy Night is quite simple. We invite children to come to school in their pajamas and we read to them. That night we will have teachers and school staff who will read our favorite stories to the kids in several fifteen minute sessions. The children will go from room to room listening to stories with their friends. There will be no long talk about why you should read to kids (stories help explain the world, the world’s natural and social histories – stories give children voice and help us all with the emotions of being a person – stories are full of words and words are power) we will just model how to read to children. When you see a practiced reader reading it is not just the text on the page, there is the whole presence of the reader that helps draw in the child and expands the child’s mind. The children

wear pajamas to make it fun and so that they can go right to bed afterwards. If there is one thing that can rival reading for a child's education it is a good night's sleep.

November: I am grateful to the teachers of SSCPS because they share with me a commitment to knowing all of our students and teaching them all well. When I was twenty-three I got to know the artist Frank Stella and I asked him for a job in his studio. He told me that he worked with all kinds of caustic materials and that I did not need to work for another artist, that I had what was needed. He told me that what had been essential for him was finding a peer group and together they had changed art. He told me that if artists found each other at the right moment then with that collective energy and thought something new could come into the world. In the seventeen years where my primary profession was making art I had many friends and artists that I admired but I never found that collective group. I am thankful that here at SSCPS I do have such a group of peers and collectively we are making something new. It feels very good to be part of a great experiment that after eighteen years really works. ... I am thankful I have found that group in my current profession, teaching. It was not the group I thought I was looking for but as Robert Frost tells us, "way leads on to way" and Mick Jagger tells us, "you get what you need."

December: On Monday morning I came to school with anxiety but also with the resolve that I would say good morning and sweep the back walk with purpose. I was thrilled to see all of the children and adults. I thought of the 1000 South Shore Charter Public School folks who have relationships with one another through the school. On Monday I saw the same school I left on Friday before any of the children knew [about the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School], except it was a bit more beautiful because I saw happy children taught by loving adults and my anxiety lessened. It lessened more on Tuesday.

January: On Tuesday I was visiting a Level I classroom and I was present when the teacher was assigning this week's homework. The students were to learn about Susan B. Anthony and women's suffrage. The day before that it was Martin Luther King Day and Barack Obama's second inaugural speech; in his speech he mentioned Seneca Falls, Selma, and Stonewall. As he said it I thought, "wow" I did not think we were there yet. We teach our students about the first two events and it felt good that our students are learning American History and that our second graders will know what a reference to Seneca Falls means. And that they also learn about Selma. We will not teach second graders about Stonewall, that will wait until they are older, but they will learn about how the rights and responsibilities we have today were fought for by brave folks in the past. At Christmas time I was down in Greenwich Village, New York with my youngest daughter Josie. I went to Greenwich Village to buy cheese in a famous cheese store and we saw the sign commemorating Stonewall protests. Josie and I talked about gay rights and how the world has changed. Days do follow days but on some days like Monday it is noticeable how much has changed in our society. Our task as a school is to try to help you prepare your children for the inevitably different future. I think the best way to do that is with love and a lot of facts and of course lots of old fashioned work because some things don't change.

February: I know hearing the forecast on Thursday and Friday I worried that the storm might be a repeat of the Blizzard of '78. I live in Hull and I have seen the pictures of how Hull was devastated by that storm. I have read how it took the town many, many years to recover and I was worried it might happen again. I worried that I might wake up in a drowned town – thankfully that did not happen. There were lessons learned from the Blizzard of '78 and the storms since then that helped us handle this one better. I hope that you are doing okay and if you are not, please let us know and we will do what we can to support you. The South Shore had the heaviest snow and some of the worst damage. We are a community and we will do what we can to help. Please let us know how we can support your students. If there was or is a way for your children to get some fun out of the snow that helps us all.

March: Some of you have asked me if I was able to harvest food from my Hull garden every month this year as I wrote about in last years' Updates. I am thrilled to report that due to the climatic zone changing properties of a cold frame my family ate beautiful turnips and turnip greens in February and

arugula in March. Spring is coming. If you too want to cheat winter I'd love to teach you how to build a cold frame.

May: Here at school teachers have reached out to be the light that drives out darkness and I quote below from an e-mail that Judy Pritchard, one of our Kindergarten teachers, wrote on April 16th.

Hello All,

For any of you who may check their email during vacation...Melissa and I are going to attempt to collect 1000 Acts of Kindness as a response to Monday's tragedy. (We will not be addressing the circumstances with our little ones, but will tie it in to their community service experiences.) We are asking that anyone (faculty, families, or students) who is interested write down any act of kindness they may do, or have done, since Monday on a paper heart and bring it to my classroom (305). Wouldn't it be meaningful if this awful act was buried by acts of kindness??? Thank you! Judy

There are ripples of good coming from many places and may those ripples help folks heal and may those paper hearts bury much evil with kindness.

Thanks for the year and I am looking forward to the doing it all again next year. Thanks for reading.

Ted Hirsch – thirsch@sscps.org

Level IV Final Exam Schedule June 13-14, 17

| | Thursday 6/13 | Friday 6/14 | Monday 6/17 |
|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 8:15-8:30 | Morning Meeting | Morning Meeting | Morning Meeting |
| 8:30-10:00 | A Block | C Block | E Block |
| 10:00-10:30 | Break | Break | Break |
| 10:30-12:00 | B Block | D Block | Project (10:30-11:30) |

High School Final Exam Schedule June 13-14, 17

| | Thursday 6/13 | Friday 6/14 | Monday 6/17 |
|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 8:15-8:30 | Morning Meeting | Morning Meeting | Morning Meeting |
| 8:30-10:00 | Block A | Block C | Block E |
| 10:00-10:30 | Break | Break | Break |
| 10:30-12:00 | Block B | Block D | Make up Exams |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2013 YEARBOOK

The 2013 yearbook is now in progress and all the memories of the 2012-2013 school year will be published forever in print. A yearbook is a trip back to those fun times in school when friends were forever and life was an exciting promise. It captures that feeling and brings those times back again and again. Someday your kids will want to look back, too. Buy them a little time — buy them a yearbook! Just download the attached form and bring to the school or mail it in, it's that simple!

You can also order online at : www.jostensyearbooks.com

TIRE INNER TUBES NEEDED: If anyone has any used bicycle tire inner tubes, I will gladly recycle them! I am looking for approximately 20-25. Please bring them to the OT room. THANKS! Carol Wise

ATHLETICS

The Jaguars made their final run at the MCSAO Track Championships

The SSCPS High School track team finished their season on a strong note at the MCSAO championships on June 5th, at Madison Park High School. Out of the 12 charter schools competing for the championship, the boys finished in fifth place and the girls finished third. Medal winners for the boys were Ian Wright (2nd in the 800) and Kaisaac Griffin (3rd in the 800). Strong performances were also registered by Paul Sullivan (4th in the mile and 8th in the 800), Wright (8th in the 400), and a fourth place finish by the 4 x 100 relay team (Darius Anderson, Ian Wright, Jerome Sullivan, and Chad Bruce). Medal winners for the lady Jags were Melissa Theodore (3rd in the 100), Christine Nwafor (3rd in the 400) and Courtney Barry (2nd in the 800). Outstanding efforts were also provided by Jessie Lutts (11th in the 100), Abby Dalton (4th in the mile), Lauren Walsh (10th in the mile), Theodore (7th in the 200), and a 5th place finish by the 4 X 100 relay team (Theodore, Nwafor, Dalton, and Lutts).

Overall, the track team had a great season! All the team members contributed the success through practice and meets. The following members did not qualify for the championships, but their hard work and dedication made the team better as a whole.

David Benoit (400)
Abby Cerilli (4 x 100)
Jacob Gray(200)
Jessica Guerrier (100)
Liam Hartz (800)
Tyler Johnston (400, 200)
Ethan Seal (1600)
Tyler Tsang (100, 200)
Evan Whitemyer (1600)

A special thanks to all the families that attended the meets and helped by contributing snacks and drinks and kept times of the runners. Specifically, Gema Gray and the Bev Bruce, who coordinated snacks and took times at the meets. Also, Allan Bruce and David Whitemyer who took pictures of the runners, which can be found on the SSCPS Facebook page. The team would also like to thank Maureen Hebert, who volunteered her time to work with the runners and did an amazing job!

Last Call for Fall Sport Sign-Ups

Please come sign up for Fall sports in the High School great room by Heather Fredette's office for high school sports and outside of Joe Kay's room for Middle School. The sports being offered are soccer, cross-country, and girls volleyball. Volleyball is offered for girls in grades 7-12.

HEALTH OFFICE

Please remember to pick up any medications your child may have in the Health Office by the last day of school. Any medication left in the Health office after June 20th will be disposed of.

COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATE

This will be the last community service update for the school year. Remember to continue working on your student's community service requirements over the summer which will count toward their requirements for the 2013-2014 school year. This will also be my last community service update as your Community Service chair. I have enjoyed working in this position the past two years helping to support families and their students in their search for community service opportunities and seeing what students have done. Sarah Collins will be the new chair starting in August and I know she will do a great job. Have a safe and happy summer!!!!

| Name of Organization | Dates | Website |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| Relay for Life | Saturday & Sunday, June 14-15 Weymouth High School | http://main.acsevents.org |
| Bike Rides for Multiple Sclerosis | June 29 th - Boston May 4 th - Martha's Vineyard | Nationalmssociety.org |
| PAN Challenge for Adults | August 3 & 4 | http://www.pnc.org/ride/routes |

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

The Childs Family—Donate your Shoes that do not fit We are collecting shoes for a wonderful organization called **Soles for Souls/Feet Need Shoes.** This organization provides 300,000 pairs of shoes for families that need foot wear. There are boxes located in the front lobby of the school and in the Great Rooms in Level 1 and 2.

COMMUNITY INTEREST

Hello All,

I am the new Chair of the Health & Safety Committee for the Parent's Association. My goal is to provide information and offer education and programs regarding these 2 important topics.

I wanted to be sure that you are all aware of The Magical Moon Foundation (www.magicalmoon.org), located in Marshfield. This amazing foundation that serves children with cancer is also a working organic farm. Many of our students have had the good fortune to visit Donna, the owner, and tour the farm. I suggest you take a few moments to look over the website information.

In an effort to keep us all HEALTHY this summer, I wanted to make you aware of opportunities for our students to participate at the farm:

1. Kids Green Team (ages 7-13). This program will run on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10am-12pm. Its an enrichment program for children to do crafts, garden projects, and farm chores. A \$5 donation is requested whenever you child joins. Please contact the farm for signup.
2. Donna is also accepting applications for summer interns, ages 13-25 and a 2 week survival program for ages 12-22.

There will also be a fundraising Antique Show at the farm on June 15th from 9-3, so check out the site for details. Please email donna@magicalmoon.org if you have specific questions.

Regards, Heather Dans

**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**

*Fundraiser for The Magical Moon Foundation Farm
in Marshfield, Massachusetts*

Empowering Kids with Cancer

SPONSOR A BUTTERFLY!!

BUTTERFLY RELEASE June 13, 2013 2:00 P.M. at SSCPS

- **The Milkweed Project** is holding a benefit, butterfly release on Thursday, June 13, 2013 at 2:00 PM in front of South Shore Charter Public School.
- The butterflies for the release are being grown and hatched by the children in Velma's Milkweed Project. Stop by and view our hatchery!
- Sponsor a painted lady or monarch butterfly for a \$3 or \$6 donation. Donations in any amount will be welcome.
- Children who can be present at the release will enjoy the honor of releasing the butterfly they sponsor. (We hope to have extras)
- Names of all donors will be displayed, or you may donate in the name of a love one.

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Sponsor Form for Butterfly Release

(suggested amount is \$3.00, \$6.00, or more!)

Yes! I would like to make a donation to The Magical Moon

Enclosed is my donation of \$_____.

Please make checks payable to SSCPS

Name(s): _____



Donated by, or in the name of

Thank you from Velma, the Milkweed Project and Magical Moon Farm!

Bring this flyer
with you!

DINING FOR A CAUSE

THE ENTIRE MONTH OF MAY AND OF JUNE!

We encourage you to bring your family and friends to
lunch, dinner, ice cream, or mini golf at:

MAGOO'S

ICE CREAM COMPANY
190 VFW Drive, Rockland, MA 02370
T: 781.871.0210



Miniature golfing only available at Magoo's

Magoo's and Michele's are donating 20% of your total bill to SSCPS!



NICHELE'S



330 Bridge Street Rte. 3A, Weymouth MA 02191
T: 781.331.2988



The Big Bake Sale

Saturday, June 15th, 8am-1pm

The Childs Driveway, 234 North Avenue, Rockland, MA

The goal is to buy *at least* one new iPad for SSCPS!

The following day is Father's Day, so come by for a sweet gift.

To volunteer or donate baked goods, please contact Lori Childs, 781.878.5251 (h)
781.363.3209 (c)

2013 YEARBOOK

Inspired by You

It's That Time...

Dear Parent:

The 2013 yearbook is now in progress and all the memories of the 2012-2013 school year will be published forever in print. A yearbook is a trip back to those fun times in school when friends were forever and life was an exciting promise. It captures that feeling and brings those times back again and again. Someday your kids will want to look back, too. Buy them a little time — buy them a yearbook!

So please fill out the order form below, calculate and attach your payment, and bring or mail to the main office today!

Student name _____

Home Phone (in case there are any questions on order) _____

Homeroom _____ Grade _____

Order Options : Check the box next to the option of your choice and mail payment with

completed form to the address listed below. Books will be distributed in June.

2013 Hardcover Yearbook - 25.00

2013 Softcover Yearbook - 20.00 (limited quantity)

Total Amount Enclosed (cash or check): _____

Please make checks payable to: South Shore Charter Public School

Send completed form and payment to: SSCPS 2013 Yearbook
South Shore Charter Public School
100 Longwater Circle
Norwell, MA. 02061



Explore-Japan in Milton

Summer Enrichment/Exchange Program
For Girls and Boys 8-16



Milton High School (girls)
July 27 – August 13, 2013
Pierce Middle School, Milton (boys)
July 24 – August 11, 2013



Explore Japan are **FREE** 2 and ½ week enrichment/exchange programs where students learn about the many facets of Japanese and Asian culture. In the morning, the program includes workshops on Japanese arts and crafts, calligraphy, Asian popular culture, martial arts, cuisine, and a variety of interesting and fun cultural exercises. In the afternoon, students embark on field trips and participate in fun activities with a group of visiting students from Japan.

Explore Japan is for girls and boys, ages 8-16. Students learn in small groups (broken down by age) under the guidance of a Japanese teacher and a student aide. The program is held in conjunction with the visit of a group of Japanese students to the area. Each morning, students will learn about Japanese culture while their Japanese counterparts study English.

For families who host a visiting Japanese student during the program, **Explore Japan** is **FREE** for their child! That is a two+ week program, including admission and supervision on field trips – for free! Each program has a limited number of spaces available, so feel free to sign up now. For those students who are interested in attending the program without hosting a student, there is tuition for each student. **Explore Japan** is the closest thing to experiencing Asian culture without actually traveling to Asia!

Explore Japan – Daily Schedule

| | <u>Japanese Students</u> | <u>American Students</u> |
|-----------------|---|--------------------------|
| 8:45AM | All students are dropped off by their parents | |
| 9AM - 12 Noon | English Class | <u>Explore Japan</u> |
| 12 Noon – 12:30 | Lunch together | |
| 12:30 - 4:00PM | Field trips and afternoon activities together | |
| 4:00PM | All students are picked up by their parents | |

**Martial Arts - Arts and Crafts Projects – Calligraphy – Field Trips – Sports and Games
Cuisine – Music – Popular Culture – New Friends from Japan!**

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