



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Welcome and welcome back to another exciting year at the South Shore Charter Public School. I am happy to report a very successful opening day filled with many happy faces. These past two days have been filled with new sneakers, stuffed backpacks, and lots of smiles. It is terrific to see so many students have had a wonderful summer and are returning to school ready to learn. Yesterday I had the privilege of visiting classrooms on the very first day of school. One of the classrooms I visited was one of our Kindergarten classrooms. It is easy to forget all you learn in kindergarten, yet within moments I was reminded of what a rich curriculum there is for students entering school for the very first time. Whether students were being introduced to place value or how to use a hand dryer, the lessons were meaningful and well received by our youngest learners. Kindergarten remains a magical place.

Since I last wrote to you in the August letter we have had two new additions to our faculty. This brings our new faculty count from eight to ten. Laurie Hogan will be joining our ESL department as a long-term substitute for Rachel Jones who will be out on maternity leave. Laurie holds a Bachelor's degree in Telecommunications from Pennsylvania State University and a Master's degree from Boston College in Higher Education Administration. Before joining SSCPS, Laurie worked at Harvard University and taught in the Boston Public Schools. She is currently working on her Master of Education in Teaching English as a Second Language and will be a wonderful addition to our faculty.

We would also like to welcome Deana Tondorf, a new paraprofessional in June's first and second grade class. Deana holds a Bachelor of Science in Communications from Keene State College and is currently enrolled in the Teacher Certification Program at Bridgewater State College. Deanna was a student teacher at the Maquan Elementary School in Hanson and has taught reading, writing, math and independent living skills at the Jolicoeur School in Manchester, New Hampshire. Please join me in welcoming Deana.

I would like to wish all of our families a very happy Labor Day weekend. Please note that we will have school this Friday with an early dismissal at noon.

Alicia E. Savage
Executive Director

Friday	08/31	Early Release	12:00pm
Monday	09/03	Labor Day – no school	
Tuesday	09/04	Volunteer Training	8:30am
Tuesday	09/04	Parents Association Meeting	7:00pm
Thursday	09/06	Back to School Picnic	5:00-7:00pm

SSCPS IS PROVIDING A PAPER COPY OF THE 1ST UPDATE OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. 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

DISMISSAL

Pickup Procedures from the Student Handbook

All of us share a common interest at dismissal time of getting all of the students safely, calmly, happily and efficiently into their correct vehicles. Our first goal is safety; second a calm and fair system where we all can feel like we have been treated by one another in a fair manner; and then third efficiency. When we follow these procedures we are modeling teamwork and cooperation, two of our school's founding principles. Following these procedures will help us maintain neighborly relations with the other tenants of Longwater Circle and help with the long range financial health of the school.

- The campus is closed to pick up traffic before 2:45 PM. We will ask you to return if you arrive before because we do not have space on campus and this can cause difficulties with fire lanes.
- **Only pick up students at the front or the back doors**, other pick up points put students' safety and our community relations at risk. You may find that planning to arrive between 3:10 and 3:20 works better for your family.
- There is no cell phone use on campus once active pickup begins.
- Do not pick up on Longwater Circle as this area is restricted to bus pick up
- Follow the lines and arrows painted on the pavement to assist with traffic flow.
- Never drive faster than five miles per hour on campus.
- All drivers are to stay in their cars and staff members will help your child get into the car.
- If your student or any student in your carpool is not present when you come to pick-up that student, a staff member will ask you to pull into a designated waiting area to keep the line moving.
- All K – 8 students not picked up by 3:25 will be directed to a supervised area. All high school students not picked up by 3:25 will be directed to the High School Great Room.
- For an emergency, when an appointment requires an exact 3:00 dismissal, we ask that you pick up your student at or before 2:30.
- Any person who does not cooperate with these procedures will be asked to meet with the Principals.
- Follow the direction of staff at all times and cooperate with other drivers.
- SSCPS reserves the right to transport any student not picked up by five thirty, or any student left waiting for longer than half an hour following a school based event, to the local police department for supervision.

Parents Association

2012-2013

Greetings SSCPS Families!

As an SSCPS parent, you are automatically a member of the SSCPS Parents Association!

Welcome!

Please join us at our first monthly meeting:

September 4th

(6:30 social time to meet, greet, and chat) 7-9pm meeting

The job of the Parents Association is;

- Ⓜ To inform the school community of important events and information
- Ⓜ To promote communication between the parents, students and the school
- Ⓜ To engage families and build a strong community
- Ⓜ To coordinate volunteers throughout the school
- Ⓜ To raise funds to provide additional supplies and programs
- Ⓜ To advocate for students and work toward school improvement

Our first family event: The Back to School Picnic - September 6th 5-7pm

(See the flyer in this mailing)

If you have any questions, concerns or ideas, please do not hesitate to contact any of us! Our schedule and contact information are on the back of this page.

We look forward to seeing you at PA meetings!

Please come help us with this important work!

2012 – 2013 SSCPS Parents Association Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at the school.

Tuesday meetings run from 7-9pm and Saturday meetings run from 8-10am.

Join us one half hour prior to our Tuesday meetings and one half hour following our Saturday meetings –for time to socialize with each other, ask questions/get assistance and learn more about how you can help.

Tuesday, September 4, 2012	Saturday, February 2, 2013
Tuesday, October 2, 2012	Tuesday, March 5, 2013
Tuesday, November 13, 2012*	Tuesday, April 2, 2013
Saturday, December 1, 2012	Tuesday, May 7, 2013
Tuesday, January 8, 2013	Tuesday, June 4, 2013

(*2nd Tuesday because of election)

2012-2013 SSCPS Parents Association Officials

Position	Name	e-mail	Phone	Kids in grade(s)	Town
Chair	Lisa Harvey-Mone	molimu@gmail.com	617-763-1533	3rd	Rockland
Vice Chair	Kerry Griffin	rockgriff@verizon.net	781-733-2073	6th & 7th	Rockland
Secretary	Melissa Freitas	melissafreitas@msn.com	781-337-9724	4th	Weymouth
Treasurer	Elissa Dennis	coffinwife@gmail.com	617-347-2283	K & 4th	Brockton
Arts/Music	Heather Dans	heatherdans@yahoo.com	781-534-5698	2nd & 4th	Marshfield
Fundraising	Gwen Watchorn	sgwatchorn@gmail.com	781-982-8971	2nd & 4th	Rockland
Library	TBA				
Welcoming	Iris Vals/Mahegan	valsdottir@gmail.com	857-246-2811	3rd & 5th	Weymouth
Community Service	Beth Toma	jtoma85103@aol.com	781-413-6910	8th	Weymouth
Volunteer co-chair	Jessica Lussier	jessicalussier5@gmail.com	781-961-2720	6th & 7th	Holbrook
Volunteer co-chair	Priscilla Kelly	priscilla.kelly@verizon.net	781-820-5661	3rd	Rockland
Health/Safety	Karen Boyle	klb.rjc@verizon.net	781-733-3160	4th, 11th, & 12th	Rockland
Technology/Communications	Gary MacDougall	gary@macdougall.biz	781-337-3285	8th & 12th	Weymouth
Bylaws	Gema Gray	gemagrays@verizon.net	781-963-7363	10th	Holbrook
Kindergarten	Janet Daley	jemsdaley@comcast.net	781-812-1535	K & 3rd	Weymouth
1st	Caitriona Hollowed	caithollowed@gmail.com	781-340-0513	1st	Weymouth
2nd	Denise Demaggio	ykeeclpr@verizon.net	781-826-5632	2nd & 7th	Hanson
3rd	Cyndi Wormald	cindavesam@yahoo.com	781-871-5373	3rd & 7th	Rockland
4th	Melissa Freitas	melissafreitas@msn.com	857-205-8712	4th	Weymouth
5th	Iris Valsdottir	valsdottir@gmail.com	857-246-2811	3rd & 5th	Weymouth
6th	Jessica Lussier	jessicalussier5@gmail.com	781-961-2720	6th & 7th	Holbrook
7th	Kerry Griffin	rockgriff@verizon.net	781-733-2073	6th & 7th	Rockland
8th	Bethany Whitmyer	bwhitmyer@rcn.com	781-681-3586	6th & 8th	Rockland
9th	Mickey Ciambriello	micgiociam@verizon.net	617-640-4443	6th & 9th	Abington
10th	Renee Hearn	hearn781@yahoo.com	781-878-5671	6th & 10th	Abington
11th	Karen Boyle	klb.rjc@verizon.net	781-733-3160	4th, 11th, & 12th	Rockland
12th	Karen Boyle	klb.rjc@verizon.net	781-733-3160	4th, 11th, & 12th	Rockland
Student Representative	Katie Aucella			11th	Marshfield



ANNOUNCING A BRAND NEW PROGRAM AT SSCPS!!!

South Shore Charter Public School Chorus



Under the direction of Boston City Singers



Hello SSCPS Families,

I am thrilled to announce the formation of The South Shore Charter Public School Chorus! This brand new program, designed for students in grades 2-6, will be run by Ms. Jane Money, Founder, Artistic & Education Director of the famed Boston City Singers and our own Wardie Mannix.

Since 1995, members of The Boston City Singers have performed music from many ages and cultures, while learning music concepts (melody, rhythm, harmony, timbre, dynamics, form, style, and performance practice) and musical skills (theory & sight-reading). Vocal technique and musical literacy are taught using a variety of approaches, including Kodály methodology and music literacy homework.

In line with the Boston City Singers' mission, Jane and Wardie aspire to train and inspire the musician, student and ambassador in each singer. Our shared vision is to provide the highest level of musical training and wide-ranging performance opportunities to young people, to inspire personal development, celebrate diversity and foster goodwill within our city and surrounding towns. As advocates for the performing arts, we are partners with our community and ambassadors to the world. In achieving this, our singers will develop a lifelong love of music and the heart to live in a world of differences.

The 10 week program will be held each Monday afterschool from 3:15-4:15m. It will begin on September 24th and end on December 10th. In addition to Jane and Wardie, we will have two high school students at each session to serve as mentors. I will be at each session as well.

Our goal is to have a chorus of 40 students who will grow in their musical ability, develop greater self confidence, and strengthen their sense of community and belonging at SSCPS.

The cost to participate in this program is \$70, which is just \$7.00 per week! Scholarships are available to those who qualify. Please contact Kristine Shipps at kshipps@sscps.org for details.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please complete the application below and either email it to me or bring it to the front desk at school by September 17. Feel free to contact me at heatherdans@yahoo.com or at 781-534-5698.

**Thank you,
Heather Dans
PA Committee Chair, Arts & Music**



South Shore Charter Public School Chorus
Application for SSCPS students grades 2-6



Mondays 3:13pm-4:15pm
starting September 24th

Student Name _____

Address _____

City, Zip Code _____

Parent / Guardian Name _____

Parent / Guardian Email Address _____

Main Telephone Number _____

Level / Teacher _____

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Breakfast Order Form
Breakfast for the Month of August/September, 2012
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, September 4, 2012

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 9/10 – 9/14 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 9/17 – 9/21 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 9/24 – 9/28 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 August/September, 2012
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, September 4, 2012

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 9/10 – 9/14 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 9/17 – 9/21 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 9/24 – 9/28 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Number of Meals ordered _____ X \$3.00

Less credit due

Total Amount Enclosed

_____ \$ _____

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

Choice of 1% milk, skim milk or orange juice is included with the purchase of a meal or can be purchased separately for 30 cents.

Please note: If your child has forgotten lunch, a cheese sandwich will be provided at the cost of \$2.00. A note from the office will go home that afternoon for reimbursement.