



Update
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Revised

Thursday	09/06	Back to School Picnic	5:00-7:00pm
Monday	09/10	Level I Back to School Parent Night	6:00-7:30pm
Tuesday	09/11	Volunteer Training	8:30am
Tuesday	09/11	Mandatory Fall Athletics Parents Meeting	5:00pm
Tuesday	09/11	Level IV and High School Back to School Parent Night	6:00-7:30pm
Tuesday	09/11	Senior Parent Night	7:30pm
Wednesday	09/12	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Thursday	09/13	School Council	3:45pm
Thursday	09/13	Level II and Level III Back to School Parent Night	6:00-7:30pm
Friday	09/14	SEPAC – Panera Bread – Hanover	8:30am

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

BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC

WHERE: SSCPS

DATE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2012

TIME: 5:00PM – 7:00PM

STUDENTS WILL BE SELLING: PIZZA – \$2.00 PER SLICE WITH COMPLIMENTARY WATERMELON

WATER OR JUICE - \$1.00(ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE GOING TOWARDS THE EUROPE TRIP)

BRING A BLANKET, PICNIC DINNER AND A NUT FREE DESSERT TO SHARE.

COME MEET NEW FRIENDS, CATCH UP WITH OLD FRIENDS AND ENJOY AN EVENING OF LIVE MUSIC FROM SSCPS MUSIC WORKSHOP, FACE PAINTING FROM SSCPS ART WORKSHOP & CRAFTS.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I am excited to start a new year of writing Updates and telling you some of what I experience here at school. I write these reports to try to open up the window of what we do, believe, and accomplish here at South Shore Charter Public School.

At the end of the first day last week I said to whoever would listen that it was our best first day ever. Pam Algera and Angie Pepin told me that I say that every year. I paused for a moment and said that it was possible that each first day had been the best one yet. But I also know that, as a parent told me last year, for me the first day of school is my New Year's Day and I am always happy on that day.

We have now had five full days of school and as Alicia wrote in her report last week so many children seem to have had wonderful summers. There are so many happy, rested and purposeful children who learned so much over the summer. There are children who are taller, stronger and wiser. They seem to be so ready for school. I too had a good summer and there are many memorable and regenerative moments from the summer that have me rested and ready for the year.

I would like to describe one of those moments as it involves my own learning. The air on the morning of August 15th was very still, there was a bit of fog and it was a high enough tide for a swim in the bay. Before work that day I did my typical swim, which is a three lap mile between some steps and a pier. The water was soft, flat, and relatively warm, and I while I swam I thought only of swimming. As I finished my swim it started to rain and I looked at the surface of the water. I love seeing rain drops hitting the surface of the water. While I was looking at the rain I noticed beautiful distinct stripes of differently reflective water. The stripes had beautifully undulating curved shapes and there seemed to be about six of them. I then realized that these were the tracks of my swim moved by the steady current towards Hull Gut. I had disturbed the warmer surface with colder water from below. I had made a mark in Hull Bay. This pattern was ephemeral but the memory was not, nor was the knowledge I had gained by looking closely. I had seen stripes like these in the bay for years. I had admired them but never thought of a cause. I now look at them from a position of greater understanding of their cause, differences in water temperature. We all learn from our own position but there is a special resonance for the things we discover on our own. In the three weeks since that August day there have been several days still enough to see the stripes caused by an incoming current or a passing boat. Before that day I had never thought about the reason for those stripes; now I do.

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.

If you have any questions about anything that we are doing here in school in grades K – 6 please contact me by e-mail at thirsch@sscps.org.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

On September 11th, at 5pm in the Music Room at SSCPS there will be a mandatory preseason meeting for all fall athletes and parents. The meeting will go over the newly implemented concussion policy. The preseason meeting will also cover expectations and other requirements for the season. Schedules, athletic fees, transportation, and any other concerns or questions that Athletic Director Joe Kay or Principal Angie Pepin can address will be discussed. If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please contact Joe Kay jkay@sscps.org.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Want Money? The PA has funds to distribute to worthy causes and projects! If you are a teacher, staff member, student, or parent, you can request funds from the PA. Fill out the attached Grant Request Form completely and return it to PA Treasurer Elissa Dennis before Thursday, September 20th to be considered.

COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATE



It is hard to believe that summer has come to an end and the school year has started. Hopefully over the summer your students were able to work on their community service requirements. If you are not sure as to how many hours/credits your students needs for this academic year check on the school web site or with your student's teacher.

As many of us realize community service is such an important part of our student's education. It helps them become responsible, caring, and compassionate students which will help them now and in their future.

If you struggle with finding out what to do for community service there is now a list on the school web site listing many organizations that welcome participation of students and their families. This list is updated throughout the school year.

The Community Service Committee will be researching events coming up through the school year and communicating this information through the school weekly update and on the SSCPS website.

We would love to hear about what community service events that are happening in your community or events that you may know about in other areas on the South Shore. Please email Beth Toma at JToma85103@aol.com .

SSCPS PA Financial Request – Fall 2012 **Requests Due by Thursday 9/20/12**

Date:

Total Amount Requested*:

Date Required:

Description of request (be specific!):

Supplier Information

Company Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Fax Number

Website:

People who will benefit if request is granted:

Submitted by

Name:

Title:

Email Address:

Telephone Number:

*Amount requested must include any and all taxes, labor, set-up charges, delivery fees, etc. Do the research and make sure the amount requested is completely accurate and/or get realistic quotations from the proposed vendor. Requests with incomplete information will not be considered. Attach any supporting documentation necessary to help the Task Force make an informed decision.

Return form to PA Treasurer Elissa Dennis no later than Thursday, 9/20/12. There will be an envelope at the front desk, or email me coffinwife@gmail.com, or call 617-347-2283.



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 11, 2012*

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

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 11, 2012

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

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

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

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.