



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
Saturday	09/15	High School Soccer – Season Opener – Weymouth	10:00am
Tuesday	09/18	Volunteer Training	8:30am
Thursday	09/20	Board of Trustees – Committee Meetings and Board Meeting	5:00-9:00pm

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## **PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Welcome back to school! It’s been an exciting two weeks catching up with our returning students and getting to know the students new to our school. I am incredibly impressed with the positive attitude, high level of motivation, and readiness to learn that I see in our students in my travels around the building. The pieces are in place for another productive and happy academic year.

With the start of the school year comes the launch of fall sports for students at the middle and high school levels. This year there is an extremely high level of excitement and an impressive number of students participating. We had over 100 students sign up to join teams for the 2012 fall season! Joe Kay, our new Athletic Director, has worked tirelessly to secure fields, schedule games, prepare paperwork, and hire coaches. His work is building on the foundation created by Heather Fredette in the years she served in this role. As an Athletic Director within the Massachusetts Charter School Athletic Organization (MCSAO), Joe must work with the Athletic Directors of the other schools within the league to negotiate game dates and locations. This means that he does not always have as much notice prior to events as he would like. Joe will be using this Update and the website to keep families informed as changes come up. We hope to see many of you at games this fall supporting our teams.

It is exciting and encouraging to see the athletics grow and improve at our school. Some benefits of team sports such as improved physical fitness, leadership development, and better teamwork are apparent. Other skills develop as a result of busy teenagers needing to find balance between school, sports, and their social lives. In my experience student athletes have strong time management skills as they need to make sure that they keep up with their studies while devoting a great deal of time to practices and games. I look forward to seeing our students reap these benefits over the course of the season. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

-Angie Pepin 781-982-4202 x102 [apepin@sscps.org](mailto:apepin@sscps.org)

## **ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS**

The Athletic Department is excited to announce the official beginning of the soccer season at SSCPS. After two weeks of hard work and effort in practices the High School soccer teams will be kicking off their regular season on Saturday against Boston Collegiate Charter at our home field of Southfield off Route 18 in South Weymouth. The girls begin their match at 10:00 am with the boys following directly after. The boys and girls are very excited, so please come support the Jaguars in this Saturday.

The middle school soccer season will begin on Tuesday, September 18th against Excel Charter at Constitution Beach in East Boston. Check in next week's Update for the results of these games!

Upcoming Games for the following week:

High School Boys  
9/18 @ Boston Prep  
9/19 Home vs. Community Charter

## **FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**

Big news! The Parent's Association is already at 100% participation in the 2012-2013 Annual Fund Drive! Many thanks to Lisa Harvey-Mone and the Parents Association for their outstanding efforts! Contributing to the Annual Fund is fast and easy online. Visit: <http://www.sscps.org/donate-now/> . Please consider donating today! Also, don't forget to visit our Facebook Page.

## **SEPAC**

The *Mission* of the **South Shore Charter School SEPAC** is to establish better understanding of, respect for and support of special education to meet the needs of all SSCPS students with learning differences. To that end, SSCPS SEPAC works to:

- Promote a network of parents of children with special needs and provide the forum to share information.
- Promote better understanding and communication between parents/guardians and school officials.
- Advise the Director of Learning Services and School Committee on operations and development of special education programs, parent and teacher training needs and help to develop policy.
- Promote communication between SSCPS SEPAC members, local, State and National organizations, councils and groups.
- Promote communication and programs within the community to encourage understanding, acceptance and inclusion.

For more information about SEPAC with <https://sites.google.com/site/sscpssepac/>

## **PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

**Parent Representatives to School Council and Education Committee** will be appointed: If you are interested in serving on either of these committees, please email Lisa Harvey-Mone [molimu@gmail.com](mailto:molimu@gmail.com)

**School Council:** Consisting of six parents, six teachers, three students, and the Principals, the Council provides advice to the Principals and the Executive Director on budget, policy, curriculum, school evaluation, schedules, and discipline matters, while also keeping the Board of Trustees informed of developments in the School. School Council meets on the second Thursday of the month at 3:45pm unless otherwise noted. We would like to have a parent representative from each level +1 additional parent.

**The Education Committee** of the South Shore Charter Public School is comprised of the Executive Director, the two principals, the five level coordinators, a Board of Trustee member and parents/guardians of students. The committee is a deliberative body that makes recommendations to the school on educational matters. It studies the performance of the SSCPS students and guides the school administration on educational planning and assessment. It is important for the group to hear the input and values from families of a variety of ages. One K-6 parent & one 7-12 parent is needed for each committee. Education Committee meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 3:45pm.

**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.

**Welcome back to school and to a new year of Box Tops For Education!** Last year our school earned over \$800 by collecting Box Tops and this year we hope to raise \$1000. Please keep an eye out for Box Tops on dozens of products including Cheerios and other General Mills cereals, Yoplait yogurt, Avery office products, Hefty and Ziploc bags, and Betty Crocker baking mixes. You can find a complete list of products, as well as coupons, recipes, and other ways to earn Box Tops at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com). Please send your Box Tops to school and have your student put them in the envelope by the front desk. When preparing your Box Tops for submission please take a few minutes to cut along the dotted lines and only send the actual Box Top. Also, please note that Box Tops have expiration dates and do not send in any expired Box Tops. Get your family, friends, and coworkers involved and have them save their Box Tops for you too! If you have any questions please contact Bethany Whitemyer at [bwhitemyer@rcn.com](mailto:bwhitemyer@rcn.com). Thank you.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Health and Safety Committee this year will be sending out information that may be beneficial to your family. This month's information is listed below regarding IMPACT baseline concussion testing. This is a test that is done before your child suffers a concussion. This is not just for athletes, my son suffered a concussion while goofing around with his friends.

Karen Boyle, Health and Safety Chair  
Parent of Richie and Jonathan (HS) and Caroline (level II)

South Shore Medical Center now offers Saturday baseline concussion testing once per month. ImPACT™ (Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing), a neurocognitive concussion evaluation system. It is a computerized exam used to successfully diagnose and manage concussions. South Shore Medical Center is pleased to announce that we are now offering Saturday Baseline ImPACT testing once per month, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. every 3rd Saturday of each month in our Norwell location.

What does this mean? It means that the ImPACT test is administered before beginning a contact sport or other physical activity. Information from this test in an uninjured state can then be used for comparison should a head injury occur in the future. Think of it as a preseason physical of the brain.

Is there a cost? There is a \$25 fee for administration of the test that will be collected upon check in prior to the test. Because Baseline concussion tests are not covered by insurance companies, we will not bill your insurance company for this service. To schedule an appointment, call 781-878-5200.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATE



As we know having our students being involved in community service helps our students become caring and compassionate individuals. If you have a student that is reluctant to do this by themselves make it a family event. It will bring you closer as a family and helping others besides.

Check out the very long list of organizations on our school website [www.sscps.org](http://www.sscps.org) that can help you find an organization that fits your family. This list will be updated throughout the school year.

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](mailto:JToma85103@aol.com).

### Upcoming Community Service Events

Organization	Date	Place
ALS Society- Walk	Saturday, September 29	Castle Island, Boston
Autism - Walk	Sunday, September 30	Suffolk Downs, Boston
Walk for Kaya through Jordan Hospital	Saturday, October 13	Jordan Hospital, Plymouth
Breast Cancer Society- Walk	Sunday, October 14	DCR Hatch Shell, Boston

## COMMUNITY INTEREST

**Holly Hill Farm in Cohasset** is offering 2 fun afterschool programs this fall. "Autumn Secrets" on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 pm is an opportunity for children ages 5-8 to discover the changing seasons around the farm's diverse habitats – fields, woodland trails, and the pond. "Goodnight Chickens, Goodnight Horses, Goodnight Farm" is a chance for children ages 7-12 to visit and care for the animals living in the barnyard; collect eggs, bring food, water and care as we tuck the animals in for the night on Thursday afternoons from 4-5 pm. Lynn Rizzotto is offering a special sketching workshop at the farm for grandparent/grandchild teams, "Keeping a Nature Sketchbook," on Sunday September 16 from 10-11:30 am. And join us Wednesday mornings for a series of workshops on topics including packing healthy lunches, organic gardening with season extension strategies, composting, arranging fall flowers, and planting and roasting garlic. Please preregister for all programs and workshops as space is limited. Holly Hill Farm is located at 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. For directions and more information, visit [www.hollyhillfarm.org](http://www.hollyhillfarm.org).

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### **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](mailto:coffinwife@gmail.com), or call 617-347-2283.

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# SAVE THE DATE

## Harvest Run

*Road Race – Fitness Walk*

**Saturday, October 13, 2012**

*Wompatuck State Park*

*Hingham, MA*

*5K (3.1 miles)*

### **Race Schedule**

9:00 – 10:45: Registration and number pick-up

11:00: The Harvest Run begins!

\*Refreshments will be provided after the race

### **SSCPS Families and Staff Discount**

*SSCPS families and Staff discount only available prior to Race Day  
at SSCPS*

SSCPS Student Registration - \$10.00

SSCPS Family Registration - \$ 35.00

### **Registration**

*Available online at SSCPS.org or  
<http://www.racewire.com/events.php?id=405>*

Pre-Registration - \$20.00

\*Postmarked by 9/22/12

Registration - \$25.00

\*From 9/23/12 – Race day



## 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. 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 24<sup>th</sup> and end on December 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 \$7.00 per week. Scholarships are available to those who qualify. Please contact Kristine Shipps at [kshipps@sscps.org](mailto: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](mailto:heatherdans@yahoo.com).

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



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



**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent / Guardian Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent / Guardian Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Main Telephone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Level / Teacher** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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](mailto:kshipps@sscps.org) for details.

Breakfast Order Form  
Breakfast for the Month of August/September, 2012  
**Due to the office by 3:00 pm, \*Tuesday, September 18, 2012**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Pod Teacher/Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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 18, 2012**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Pod Teacher/Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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

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.*