



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I would like to thank all members of the SSCPS community who patiently wait in the pick-up line for children every day. I know the logistics of dismissal time pose some challenges. Please know that we are working hard to ensure that the pick-up line moves as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Please remember that there is no crosswalk anywhere in the front area. Students are not permitted to cross our parking lot, traverse the driveway, and walk through the woods into our neighbor's parking lot for a waiting vehicle.

With your help we will continue to improve the process and ensure student safety at all times.

Thank you. Alicia Savage

Wednesday	10/17	Early Release Parent Teacher Conferences	12:00pm 1:00-4:00pm
Thursday	10/18	Education Committee	3:45pm
Thursday	10/18	Board of Trustees Committee and Board Meeting Schedule	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance Committee • Development Committee • Personnel Committee • Facilities Committee • Finance Committee • Board of Trustees 	5:00pm 5:30pm 5:30pm 6:15pm 6:15pm 7:30pm
Friday	10/19	HS Workshop Field Trip to MIT Museum	
Thursday	10/25	Grades K-4 Literacy Night	6:00-7:00pm

Dear SSCPS Community,

Last week my son was involved in what could have been a tragic house fire. He woke up coughing and realized the room he was sleeping in was on fire. He escaped with the shirt on his back. I am very fortunate to have my son alive. The cause of the fire is believed to be electrical. Please double check that you have working smoke detectors throughout your house, especially in sleeping areas.

Ellen - Level IV, Math teacher

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We are now deep in the middle of October and about one sixth of the school year has passed. We are entering a phase of the school year with some of the greatest potential for learning. Routines for most students have been established and energy and enthusiasm are high. As a school it is a time of the year where we reach out to families and try to help them support their child's learning. On Thursday, October 25th we have Literacy Night and on Thursday, November 8th we have Math Night. I will write briefly about both but I urge you to read or reread last week's Update where Alicia Savage wrote eloquently about the role of reading aloud to children in a child's education. In summary, her piece said that books are where the words are, that the world lives symbolically in those words, and that reading to children is an essential part of a child's education.

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 and 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.

Please come to Literacy Night on October 25th from 6:00 – 7:00 for students in Kindergarten through grade four.

A corollary to Literacy Night is Math Night on Thursday, November 8th. Math Night at SSCPS is a curriculum night where we will discuss exactly what we are striving to teach in math, and how. We will explain how you can help your children. Math Night is open for all adults of K – 6th grade families. We urge you to come and learn more about how you can support your child's math education.

If you have any questions about Literacy Night, October 25th from 6:00 – 7:00 or Math Night November 8th from 6:00 – 7:00 please contact me at thirsch@sscps.org. Ted Hirsch K – 6 Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Level III News!

In Science, 5th Graders are focusing on how soil forms and the process of decomposition. They will be making TerraAqua Columns in class over the next several weeks to further investigate decomposition. We are asking for donations of empty, plastic, capped 2-liter bottles, which can be delivered to Mac's room before or after school. (They're the kind that seltzer and soda come in.) Thank you in advance.

Level III will be introducing a new session of FIT before the end of October. If you would like to know what FIT schedule your child has before it's published, please email Joyce at jdandrow@sscps.org.

Show your school spirit! South Shore Charter Public School backpacks are now available in the Development Office for \$15. All proceeds from the sales of these multi-pocket backpacks will support the Foot the Floor Special Gymnasium Campaign. We have a limited quantity, so get them while supplies last! For more details contact Joanna McCarthy, Director of Development at jmccarthy@sscps.org or 781.982.4202 x109.



Water Jugs Needed!

The Art Department is looking for empty gallon size water jugs for an upcoming project. Please drop them off in the Art Room. Thank you!

2012 Yearbooks!

We have a very limited supply of last year's Yearbooks available, at a very reduced price! You can get a hardcover (only 1 left) for only \$15 and a soft cover (only 8 left) for only \$10! These won't last long, so if you'd like one, please see Dee or call her at extension 159.

SSCPS Afterschool Music - Private music lessons are beginning at SSCPS for the following instruments: Guitar, Bass, Drums, Piano, Violin, Viola, Cello, Flute and Voice. Please contact Music Teacher Geoff Roman groman@sscps.org for further information if you are interested in participating.

ATHLETICS

The Middle School soccer team picked up their second win of the season yesterday defeating Excel by the score of 1-0. Dorothy Tilden scored the winning goal for the Jaguars in the second half. With only seconds to go, Excel was awarded a penalty kick only to have their hopes of a tie broken by Jerome Sullivan in net.

Jerome made the save on the penalty kick preserving the victory for his team. The Team plays this Friday at home against Calvary Chapel.

The High School Boys soccer team continued their hot play with a win on Monday against Academy of the Pacific Rim. The boys won the match by a score of 4-2. The boys improved their record to three wins, five losses, and two ties. In the standings they are currently a couple spots away from the playoffs, but their play as of late shows they are a playoff caliber team. They have not lost in their last five games and look to continue their great play to make a push for the playoffs. Junior Chad Bruce currently leads the league in scoring with nine goals and four assists, while senior Brendan Ford is sixth with six goals and five assists. Senior keeper Pat Sullivan leads the league with eighty-two saves.

The High School Girls picked up a victory on Sunday against Match Charter School. They won 2-0. Goals were scored by eighth grader Elissa Evans and freshman Christine Nwafor. Evans and Nwafor have led the Jaguars' offense this season as Evans leads the team with three goals and Nwafor has two.

Upcoming Dates:

10/18 Cross country Meet- 4 pm, Elms Bank Conservation, Wellesley

10/19 Middle School Soccer vs. Calvary Chapel- 3:30 pm, Southfield, South Weymouth

10/20 High School Girls vs. Salem Academy - 10 am, Southfield, South Weymouth

10/20 High School Boys vs. Salem Academy - 11:30 am, Southfield, South Weymouth

SKI CLUB –Students grades 7-12 interested may pick up a flyer at the front desk or email palgera@sscps.org no later than Monday, October 29th for information.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE



We now have nearly 10 families who have come forward to support the Foot the Floor Special Campaign. We welcome support for the gym floor at any level and plaque dedications start at \$100. Get creative! Maybe you are an alum and would like an inscription in honor of your class year....or maybe there was a special teacher you and others would like to get together to honor. Please contact Joanna McCarthy, Director of Development for further details at jmccarthy@sscps.org/781.982.4202 x109.

COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATE

New England Wildlife Center will be holding its annual pumpkin trail, Night of a Thousand Faces, Friday 26th and Saturday 27th of October from 6PM-8PM. Everyone is invited to come carve the pumpkins that will be showcased on the trail. Bring the whole family in to carve pumpkins Wednesday 24th, Thursday 25th 10AM-7PM, & on Friday 26th 10Am-3PM. Pumpkins and carving supplies will be available for all. Make sure you come back on the event night to find your pumpkin on the trail!

When you make a donation of a freshly carved pumpkin(s) you will receive a ticket that can be redeemed for one free admission to the pumpkin trail on Oct. 26th or 27th. Free admission is for one (1) valid Friday October 26th and Saturday October 27th. Fresh pumpkins may be carved at home and dropped off on the same day or brought and carved at the Center. Carving supplies will be offered at NE Wildlife Center. Feel welcome to bring your own carving kit as well. *Free admission tickets are limited to one (1) per family. For more information please contact the Center @ 781-682-4878

This year we would like to know what all of our students are doing so we can come up with a list to share with the rest of our school community through the school year. Please email Beth Toma at JToma85103@aol.com with this information.

Help Me Help Animals...

One Can = One Meal! Fourth grader, Savannah Aylward, Krista's pod, has decided to help the animals of the Kingston Animal Shelter. She is collecting cat and dog food, treats, toys and paper towels. A collection box has been set up in the Level II great room. Savannah will collect items for the month of October. Please consider sending a donation to support her community service project.

**Need something do this weekend with
the family and don't mind taking a ride**

COME JOIN US AND HELP SUPPORT

THE FRIENDS OF JACOB ROY FUND

**This Sunday OCTOBER 21st AT
FRANCES FARM IN REHOBOTH FROM 9-4**



10 year old Jacob Roy, son of Dan (NEATTA member and Farm Pull Committee Chairman) and Holly Roy of Rehoboth is battling leukemia. As we all know the medical bills can be devastating. All proceeds will go directly to the "Friends of the Jacob Roy Fund" to help with their medical bills.

**ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULLING
(FREE TO SPECTATORS)**

**BAKE SALE, HAYRIDES, FACE PAINTING,
RAFFLES, SILENT AUCTION, TOUCH A
TRUCK AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!**

Tell your friends, family and neighbors.

*WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP OUT SO THIS A
GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO HELP JACOB AND EARN SOME
COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS. FOR MORE INFORMATION YOU CAN
EMAIL ME AT JDAZDJ@AOL.COM OR CALL ME AT 781-585-6023*

**CHILI'S IS PROUD TO SUPPORT
SOUTH SHORE CHARTER
SCHOOL**



With each flyer presented on 10/17/12 night, Chili's will donate 10% of the sales you bring in to your organization. Let us do the cooking and support South Shore Charter School at the same time.

South Shore Charter School Event is:
October 17th, 2012
from 11 am - 11pm

only at:
Chili's - HINGHAM
6 Whiting Street
Hingham, MA 02043
781-740-1313 - www.chilis.com

We look forward to seeing you here.



One Back Night flyer required with each check to receive credit for the sale. Sale cannot be included in donation amount without.



Grandparents and Special Friends Day

November 6, 2012

Dear Parents and Guardians,

South Shore Charter Public School will be hosting our fifth annual Grandparents and Friends Day. This day is for grandparents and friends to come to our school and learn about our innovative educational programs. From projects and workshops, to Singapore Math and Core Knowledge, grandparents and friends of students in Level I, II, and III will be able to share the daily experience of their grandchild or friend on a unique and personal level.

The day will begin at 10:00 and will end at 12:00 for early release. Students may be dismissed with their grandparents or friends with your permission. Please let us know who you would like to receive an invitation by filling out the bottom section of this letter and sending it in with your child, or via e-mail to info@sseps.org no later than Wednesday, October 17, 2012.



Thank you for all you do.

Child's Name: _____

Pod: _____ Number of Guests: _____

Guest(s) Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I give my permission for my daughter/son _____ to be released
with _____ on November 6, 2012.

Breakfast Order Form
Breakfast for the Month of October, 2012
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
10/29 – 11/2

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 October, 2012
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, October 23, 2012

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

Week of Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
10/29 – 11/2

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 or skim milk 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 \$2.50. A note from the office will go home that afternoon for reimbursement.

Breakfast Order Form
Breakfast for the Month of November, 2012
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, October 30, 2012

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
11/5 – 11/9

Week of Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
11/12 – 11/16

Week of Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
11/19 – 11/23

Week of Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
11/26 – 11/30

Number of Breakfasts ordered _____ X \$1.50

Less credit due

Total Amount Enclosed

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

\$ _____



South Shore Charter School
November, 2012
Catered by Essence of Thyme

Breakfast

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 Krispy Rice Graham Crackers Orange Juice Milk	6 Yogurt WW Lemon Dinosaur Grahams Orange Juice Milk	7 Honey Wheat Bagel w/Jelly Fruit Cocktail Milk	8 Raisin Bran WW Apple Cinnamon Waffle Grahams Orange Juice Milk	9 Cornflakes Graham Crackers Orange Juice Milk
12 NO SCHOOL	13 Toasty O's WW Apple Cinnamon Waffle Grahams Orange Juice Milk	14 Breakfast Sandwich Orange Juice Milk	15 Yogurt WW Apple Cinnamon Waffle Grahams Orange Juice Milk	16 Corn Flakes WW Blueberry Waffle Grahams Orange Juice Milk
19 3.6 oz. WW Banana Muffin Orange Juice Milk	20 Yogurt WW Lemon Dinosaur Grahams Orange Juice Milk	21 Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Orange Juice Milk	22  HAPPY THANKSGIVING	23 NO SCHOOL
26 Whole Grain Cinnamon Roll Orange Juice Milk	27 3.6 oz. WW Apple Muffin Orange Juice Milk	28 Honey Wheat Bagel w/Jelly Fruit Cocktail Milk	29 Breakfast Sandwich Orange Juice Milk	30 3.6 oz. WW Blueberry Muffin Orange Juice Milk

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

* Complies with NSLP

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



South Shore Charter School Grades K-8

November, 2012

Catered by Essence of Thyme

LUNCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 BBQ Chicken on a Bun Potato Puffs w/Ketchup Tangerine Milk	6 EARLY RELEASE	7 Beef & Bean WW Burrito Brown Rice Cauliflower Pineapple Chunks Milk	8 Chicken Quesadilla Spanish Rice Squash Tangerine Milk	9 American Chop Suey Green Beans Whole Wheat Roll Apple Milk
12 NO SCHOOL	13 Macaroni & Cheese Broccoli Peaches Milk	14 Hamburger on WW Bun Sweet Potato Fries w/Ketchup Baked Apple Slices Milk	15 Crunchy Asian Salad Cucumber Pineapple Chunks Milk	16 Mexican Chicken WW Wrap Brown Rice Southwestern Beans Tangerines Milk
19 Chicken Alfred w/Ziti Broccoli Orange and Applesauce WW Blueberry Waffle Grahams Milk	20 Meatballs on WW Sub Baked Sweet Potato Tangerine Milk	21 EARLY RELEASE	22  HAPPY THANKSGIVING	23 NO SCHOOL
26 Chicken Alfred w/Ziti Broccoli Applesauce Whole Wheat Roll Milk	27 Turkey and Gravy Sweet Potato Peaches Whole Wheat Roll Milk	28 Chicken Caesar Salad WW Wrap Tomatoes Cucumber Pears Milk	29 Cheese Pizza w/Veggies Italian Beans Apple Milk	30 Ziti & Meatballs Corn WW Lemon Dinosaur Grahams Grapes Milk

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

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South Shore Charter School Grades 9-12
November, 2012
Catered by Essence of Thyme

LUNCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 BBQ Chicken on a Bun Potato Puffs w/Ketchup Tangerine Pineapple Chunks Milk	6 EARLY RELEASE	7 Beef & Bean WW Burrito Brown Rice Cauliflower Juice Milk	8 Chicken Quesadilla Spanish Rice Squash Tangerine and Raisins Milk	9 American Chop Suey Green Beans Whole Wheat Roll Apple and Peaches Milk
12 NO SCHOOL	13 Macaroni, Cheese & Ham Broccoli Peaches Whole Wheat Roll Milk	14 Hamburger on WW Bun Sweet Potato Fries w/Ketchup Baked Apple Slices and Pears Pretzels Milk	15 Crunchy Asian Salad Baby Carrots Pineapple Chunks Honey Wheat Dinner Roll Milk	16 Mexican Chicken WW Wrap Brown Rice Southwestern Beans Tangerines Orange Juice and Milk
19 Chicken Alfred w/Ziti Broccoli Orange and Applesauce WW Blueberry Waffle Grahams Milk	20 Meatballs on WW Sub Sweet Potato Tangerine Raisins Milk	21 EARLY RELEASE	22  HAPPY THANKSGIVING	23 NO SCHOOL
26 Chicken Alfred w/Ziti Broccoli Applesauce Honey Wheat Dinner Roll Milk	27 Turkey and Gravy Sweet Potato Fries Carrots and Peaches WW Cinnamon Roll Milk	28 Chicken Caesar Salad WW Wrap Tomatoes and Cucumber Pears WW Blueberry Waffle Grahams Milk	29 Cheese Pizza Italian Beans Fruit Cocktail Apple Milk	30 Ziti & Meatballs Corn WW Lemon Dinosaur Grahams Grapes Milk

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

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