



<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11/14</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night</b>	<b>6:00-7:00pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11/15</b>	<b>Education Committee</b>	<b>3:45pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11/15</b>	<b>Annual Fund Phone-a-thon</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11/16</b>	<b>Auction Committee meeting</b>	<b>8:30am</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11/16</b>	<b>Fall Athletics Awards Ceremony at the gym</b>	<b>3:30-5:00pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11/17</b>	<b>Enrollment Open House</b>	<b>1:00-3:00pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11/19</b>	<b>Personnel Committee</b>	<b>3:30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11/20</b>	<b>Level III sponsoring "Manage Your Anger Day"</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11/21</b>	<b>Early Release Day</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>
<b>Thurs-Friday</b>	<b>11/22 &amp; 11/23</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Break – No School</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11/28</b>	<b>Level IV PE Field Trip</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11/30</b>	<b>Zumbathon and Movie Night</b>	<b>6:30-8:30pm</b>

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Over the past year the high school faculty, administrative team and Board of Trustees have engaged in a discussion about the ideal size for our high school. In recent years the high school has expanded offerings for students in many areas and strives to keep the right balance between those expanding opportunities and the small, close knit community that makes our high school a special place. We have determined that gradually increasing the size of our high school to 50 students per grade would allow us to increase the number of AP and honors courses, expand Workshop choices, and add to the extracurricular activities and sports high school students can participate in. This small increase in size would add to the academic and social life of students, but not take away from the connections with adults our students are able to make in a high school where every faculty member can learn every student's name. Additionally, this expansion will allow us to accommodate some of the many students on the high school waitlist that are eager to join our community.

Last month the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education approved an increase in our cap for the 2013-2014 school year to allow for this change in our high school enrollment. Nineteen charter schools were up for amendments to their charter and only SSCPS and two others were brought forward for a vote. The strength of our application combined with our record of success and expanded space due to the PE area allowed us to achieve this milestone in our school's history. Many questions remain as we work to determine appropriate staffing to keep our class size stable and creatively expand secondary classroom space. We have already taken some steps in this direction. This year we have an additional 15 students in grades 9-12, our Advanced Placement course offerings have doubled, we have an additional Workshop available, we were able to field an additional sports team, and two new classrooms are opening for student use this week. The new students and programs have only enhanced our high school community.

Tonight at six Mary Carter and I will be presenting more specific information about our high school to our eighth grade families. The purpose of the information night is to answer questions and let students and their parents know what to expect of the high school years at SSCPS. While some of tonight's presentation is specifically designed for eighth graders and their families, all that are interested in our excellent high school are welcome to attend. We may all be in the same building, but it can be hard to know what is happening on other Levels. I encourage you to join us tonight or to direct any questions or concerns to me directly.

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Enrollment Open House - Saturday November 17th - 1-3**

We are looking for volunteers to greet people as they come in the door and to answer any questions about the school from a parent/student perspective. Student volunteers **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

We are also looking for NUT free snacks and small water bottles. Please e-mail [valsdottir@gmail.com](mailto:valsdottir@gmail.com) to sign up.  
Thank you, Iris Mahegan - 857-246-2811

**SAVE THE DATE: SSCPS ZUMBATHON and Movie Night** will be held on Friday, November 30th from 6:30-8:30 pm, right here on campus. Details to come! All proceeds from the Zumbathon will benefit the Foot the Floor Special Gymnasium Campaign.

### **Level III News!**

In Science, 5th Graders are focusing on how soil forms and the process of decomposition. They will be making TerrAqua Columns in class over the next several weeks to further investigate decomposition. We are asking for donations of empty, plastic, capped 2-litre 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.

## **ATHLETICS**

### **The Cross Country Season Crosses the Finish Line!**

The cross country season ended with the high school's championship race on November 6, after it had to be rescheduled due to Hurricane Sandy. The top seven runners from the high school competed against other charter schools in the league at Elm's Bank in Wellesley. Tyler Johnston and Neil Feeney were the top two finishers for SSCPS, and they came in 19th and 20th overall. David Benoit, Lauren Walsh, Zack Johnston, Liam Hartz, and Jacob Gray also represented the Jaguars.

On November 3rd, all of the middle school athletes competed in their championship race in Haverhill. Evan Whitemyer came in 7th place overall, and first for our team. Behind him were Drew Lussier and Kenny Dera. Sabrina Sprague and Alison Walsh finished first for the ladies on our team. SSCPS finished 4th overall for this season.

Before the season ended, families were invited to celebrate the regular season with a pizza dinner. Almost everyone on the team was able to enjoy spending some non-running time together and just hang out while eating A LOT of food. Thank you again to all the parents who came to races to support the athletes and helped plan and organize the pizza dinner and the Foot the Floor fundraiser. Also, thank you to Kiserian Jackson, who although injured, attended every practice and race as a Team Manager. Kiserian helped manage workouts, timed runners, and stood guard when the team would head out.

Thanks again to everyone, and congratulations to everyone on a successful season!

### **Middle School Soccer Finishes Strong!**

The Middle School soccer team concluded its season on Sunday by competing in the Massachusetts Charter School Athletic Association Middle School Soccer Tournament. The tournament was designed to have the top four teams in the league compete against each other. The Jaguars were seeded number 2 in the tourney and played a first round match up against Kipp Academy. Behind outstanding goal tending by Jerome Sullivan and a strong offensive effort made up of Chineme Uyanwune, Kevin Whittemore and Matt Whitman the Jaguars defeated Kipp by a final score of 5 to 1.

The finals turned out to be a repeat of the last game of the season with the Jaguars going up against a strong McAuliffe team. The Jaguars took an early 1 to 0 lead but came firing back tying the game 1 to 1. In the second half, McAuliffe continued their attack and scored with about 10 minutes remaining. The Jaguars looked to tie the game, but were unsuccessful. The Jaguars for the second time in a row claim second place in the league.

The Middle School Team had a successful season and were a shining example of teamwork. Jerome Sullivan led this team and set the example of how a captain should act and play. Returning to the Jaguars, Frankie Sullivan and Hallie Ferguson continued to show pride and spirit in their team. While newcomers, Stephen Oxner, Ethan Seal, and Dorothy and Daley Tilden were fantastic new additions to the team. The entire team should be proud of what they accomplished this year!

### **Upcoming Dates**

11/16 Fall Athletics Awards Ceremony, PE Space, 3:30-5:00

### **Basketball Season is Coming!**

11/19 High School Boys Sign Ups, Coach Joe Kay's Room, Afterschool

11/19 Middle School Boys Basketball Sign Ups, Joe Kay's Room, Afterschool

11/19 High School Girls Sign Ups, Coach Jenn Johnson's Room, Afterschool

## **DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**

The Development Office would like to send out a special thank you to the SSCPS Cross Country Team who pitched in to raise \$100 for the Foot the Floor Special Campaign. Your generosity, dedication and hard work make you fantastic athletes and students. We look forward to revealing your team name on the gym floor plaque in the near future.

## **PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

PA Bylaws: The Parents Association is rewriting its bylaws this year. All SSCPS parents are members of the PA, so this is your chance to make an impact on how the PA functions. The Bylaws Committee is asking for any feedback, ideas, concerns, or suggestions about how the bylaws can be changed to better reflect the work of the PA, or how the PA can do a better job representing our school's parents. Your ideas should be sent to Gema Gray, Bylaws Committee Chair, at [gemagray@verizon.net](mailto:gemagray@verizon.net) no later than Sunday, December 2, 2012. The current bylaws can be viewed at:

[http://www.jaguarstyle.com/sscps.org/Governance/Parents%20Association/12\\_07-18\\_Bylaws\\_starting\\_document.pdf](http://www.jaguarstyle.com/sscps.org/Governance/Parents%20Association/12_07-18_Bylaws_starting_document.pdf)

Anyone without internet or email access can call Gema at 781-963-7363.

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

BOOK FAIR UPDATE from the Library Committee

The annual Book Fair held last Monday and Tuesday was a tremendous success! So far, we have brought in over \$3200 in sales, which is a thousand dollars above last year's total! The committee voted to take the profits as 15% book credit and 10% cash, which will be used for magazine subscriptions, bookshelves, and other supplies to process new books.

Students, families and staff were excited about the selections that were offered by Janet Bibeau, our bookseller from Storybook Cove in Hanover. The grandparents and 'special friends' also enjoyed browsing the sale with their children on Tuesday. The best sellers were the new Diary of a Wimpy Kid (out 11/13 and delivered already) and the stunning hologram book Safari. New this year was the offering of gift certificates to the store for those who couldn't choose just one book. The books will be delivered this Friday to students- unless families requested a Holiday Hold. Parents can pick up their Holiday Holds at the front desk after Friday.

Many thanks go out to parents Sue Duchaney, Lisa Bumbalo, Kathy McDonald, Iris Mahegan, Beth Farmer, Kathy Tan, Susie Guthro, Kerry Benjamin, Caitriona Hallowed, Theona Ryder, and Priscilla Kelly

for their ongoing assistance and willingness to display and pack up books twice, tabulate LOTS of orders, and double check the final list with a smile!

Please be sure to visit Storybook Cove at the Merchants Mall (next to Joe's American Bar and Grill) to support this local independent bookstore- the owner reliably offers us the very best in children's and youth literature each year. And thanks to all families for supporting not only our library, but also your child's love of reading.

Bev Bruce (bbruce@sscps.org)  
Parent and Faculty Liaison, Library Committee

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATE**

It is so great when the Community Service Committee is notified from other SSCPS families of community service opportunities. During the last week we received the following information that we would like to share with all of you. Please help support these families with their community service projects.

### **From the McGuiness Family GEAR UP FOR WINTER!!**

In the cold winter months, children living in homeless and low-income situations face a new set of challenges. For families already stretching budgets to pay for rent, heat, and groceries, providing a warm winter coat and other winter essentials is often not an option. Kevin and Madison McGuiness volunteer monthly at the Cradles to Crayons Giving Factory and are running a winter clothing drive at SSCPS. There will be a collection box in the front lobby where you can leave new or gently-used winter essentials (coats, gloves, boots, etc). Thank you helping more than 17,000 children in Massachusetts have a warm and safe winter.

### **Gently Used and New Children's Book Collection – From Shannon Daly**

Shannon Daly in Donovan's Level III class room is collecting "slightly used" books for children, ages 2 to 14, whose parents are students at the Adult Learning Center in Brockton. Each year all the adult learners and their children are invited to come and choose books that they can take home and create an at-home library. The Learning Center relies on donations from community members to make this give-away possible. The collection box is located outside of Donovan's Room in Level III, and any donations would be greatly appreciated!

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 and to share community service events in your community. Please email Beth Toma at [JToma85103@aol.com](mailto:JToma85103@aol.com) with this information.

**WEEKLY UPDATES ARE EMAILED AND POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.SSCPS.ORG](http://WWW.SSCPS.ORG)  
EVERY WEDNESDAY – TO RECEIVE A PAPER COPY PLEASE CONTACT PAM ALGERA EXT. 103  
OR EMAIL [PALGERA@SSCPS.ORG](mailto:PALGERA@SSCPS.ORG)**

# SSCPS MOVIE NIGHT & Zumbathon

sponsored in part by **HINT WATER**

**WHEN:** Friday, November 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2012

**TIME:** 6-8 PM (movie)/6:15-8 PM (Zumbathon)

Drop your students off for movie night at school while you Zumba in the gym...or if you choose, Zumba side by side with your student. Zumba is open to students in Level 3 and up only.

Jamie Allen's High School Aquatics Workshop is raising funds for a new aquarium. They will be hosting a water-themed movie night in the school from 6 P.M. — 8 P.M. A viewing of **Finding Nemo** is available for students of all ages while a viewing of **Jaws** is available for students in the high-school only. **All tickets are \$5 per student at the door and \$4**

**in advance through the Aquatics Workshop.** Refreshments will be available. Parental sign-in and an 8 P.M. pick up time is required.

Parent Susie Guthro and her Zumba instructor friends are coming together to host our first ever Zumbathon from 6:15 P.M. — 8 P.M. in the new gymnasium space. **Adult and student tickets are available for advance purchase in The Development Office for \$20 adult/\$5 student. Tickets are \$25 adult/\$10 student at the door.** All proceeds will benefit The Foot the Floor Special Gymnasium Floor Campaign.



Breakfast Order Form  
Breakfast for the Month of November, 2012  
**Due to the office by 3:00 pm, \*Tuesday, November 20, 2012**

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

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

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

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.

Lunch Order Form  
Lunch for the Month of November, 2012

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

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

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 December, 2012  
**Due to the office by 3:00 pm, \*Tuesday, November 27, 2012**

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

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

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

Week of       Monday     Tuesday     Wednesday     Thursday     Friday  
12/3 – 12/7

Week of       Monday     Tuesday     Wednesday     Thursday     Friday  
12/10 – 12/14

Week of       Monday     Tuesday     Wednesday     Thursday     Friday  
12/17 – 12/21

Week of       Monday     Tuesday     Wednesday     Thursday     Friday  
12/24 – 12/28

Number of Breakfasts ordered \_\_\_\_\_ X    \$1.50

*Less credit due*

**Total Amount Enclosed**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

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12/3 – 12/7

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12/10 – 12/14

Week of       Monday     Tuesday     Wednesday     Thursday     Friday  
12/17 – 12/21

Week of       Monday     Tuesday     Wednesday     Thursday     Friday  
12/24 – 12/28

Number of Lunches ordered \_\_\_\_\_ X      \$3.00

*Less credit due*

**Total Amount Enclosed**

\_\_\_\_\_

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.


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**South Shore Charter School**  
**December, 2012**  
*Catered by Essence of Thyme*

**Breakfast**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Rice Krispies WW Graham Crackers Orange Juice Milk	4 Yogurt WW Lemon Dinosaur Grahams Orange Juice Milk	5 Honey Wheat Bagel w/Jelly Fruit Cocktail Milk	6 Raisin Bran WW Apple Cinnamon Waffle Grahams Orange Juice Milk	7 Corn Flakes WW Graham Crackers Orange Juice Milk
10 Toasty O's WW Apple Cinnamon Waffle Grahams Orange Juice Milk	11 Yogurt WW Apple Cinnamon Waffle Grahams Orange Juice Milk	12 Corn Flakes WW Blueberry Waffle Grahams Orange Juice Milk	13 3.6 oz. WW Banana Muffin Orange Juice Milk	14 Yogurt WW Lemon Dinosaur Grahams Orange Juice Milk
17 Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Orange Juice Milk	18 Raisin Bran WW Apple Cinnamon Waffle Grahams Orange Juice Milk	19 Plain Bagel w/Jelly Orange Juice Milk	20 Whole Grain Cinnamon Roll Orange Juice Milk	21 3.6 oz. WW Apple Muffin Orange Juice Milk
24	25  <b>HAPPY</b>	26  	27  <b>HOLIDAYS</b>	28
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\* All Meals include choice of 1% or Skim Milk.

Complies with NSLP Regulations

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



**South Shore Charter School - Grades K-8**  
*December, 2012*  
 Catered by *Essence of Thyme*

**LUNCH**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Chicken Parmesan w/Ziti Broccoli Banana Milk	4 <b>EARLY DISMISSAL</b>	5 BBQ Chicken on a Bun Potato Puffs w/Ketchup Tangerine Milk	6 Beef & Bean Burrito Rice Cauliflower Pineapple Chunks Milk	7 Chicken Quesadilla Spanish Rice Squash Tangerine Milk
10 American Chop Suey Peas Whole Wheat Roll Apple Milk	11 Macaroni & Cheese Broccoli Peaches Milk	12 Hamburger on WW Bun Sweet Potato Fries w/Ketchup Baked Apple Slices Milk	13 Asian Salad Cucumber Pineapple Chunks Milk	14 Mexican Chicken Wrap Brown Rice Southwestern Beans Tangerine Milk
17 Chicken Tenders Potato Puffs w/Ketchup Fruit Cocktail Honey Wheat Dinner Roll Milk	18 Meatballs on WW Sub Sweet Potato Tangerine Milk	19 Chicken Alfredo w/Ziti Broccoli Applesauce Whole Wheat Roll Milk	20 Turkey and Gravy Corn Peaches Whole Wheat Roll Milk	21 <b>EARLY DISMISSAL</b>
24	25 <b>HAPPY</b>	26 	27 <b>HOLIDAYS</b>	28

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

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



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

**LUNCH**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Chicken Parmesan w/Ziti Broccoli Banana Orange Juice Milk	4 <b>EARLY DISMISSAL</b>	5 BBQ Chicken on a Bun Potato Puffs w/Ketchup Tangerine Pineapple Chunks Milk	6 Beef & Bean Burrito Rice Cauliflower Pineapple Chunks Milk	7 Chicken Quesadilla Spanish Rice Squash Tangerine Raisins Milk
10 American Chop Suey Peas Whole Wheat Roll Apple Peaches Milk	11 Macaroni, Cheese & Ham Broccoli Peaches Whole Wheat Roll Milk	12 Hamburger on WW Bun w/Ketchup Baked Sweet Potato Baked Apple Slices Raisins Milk	13 Asian Salad Baby Carrots Honey Wheat Dinner Roll Pineapple Chunks Milk	14 Mexican Chicken Wrap Brown Rice Southwestern Beans Tangerine Orange Juice Milk
17 Chicken Tenders Potato Puffs w/Ketchup Fruit Cocktail Honey Wheat Dinner Roll Milk	18 Meatballs on WW Sub Sweet Potato Tangerine Raisins Milk	19 Chicken Alfredo w/Ziti Broccoli Applesauce Honey Wheat Dinner Roll Milk	20 Turkey and Gravy Corn Carrots Peaches Whole Grain Cinnamon Roll Milk	21 <b>EARLY DISMISSAL</b>
24	25 <b>HAPPY</b>	26 	27 <b>HOLIDAYS</b>	28

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Please visit our website at [yymca.org](http://yymca.org) to learn more about additional South Shore YMCA educational programs including:

- Early Learning Center, Hanover
- Learning Center, Quincy
- Newton Center Preschool, Norwell
- MDC - Quincy

Judith Farrell  
School Age Child Care Director  
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## SOUTH SHORE YMCA SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE



SOUTH SHORE YMCA AT MILL POND  
[yymca.org](http://yymca.org)

## School Age Child Care- Sotheby & Norwell

The South Shore YMCA offers a quality School Age Child Care Program (SACC) that takes place in a safe, supportive environment that focuses on physical, cognitive, social, and emotional growth of each child. We strive to support the family unit and provide developmentally appropriate activities programs that encourage not just learning, but also the love of learning.

- Open Monday through Friday...Before School & After School options
- Breaks 15-30
- Daily Release from school standard until 5pm
- 3 day minimum
- Supplies materials and equipment
- Engage in daily physical activities
- Enhance social skills through positive interactions with peers and YMCA staff
- Healthy daily meals

We believe in positive methods of child guidance/ discipline. Our staff establishes age-appropriate, clear rules for children living in fully child-like freedom in their world. We strive to strengthen each child's own cultural identity while celebrating unique and celebrating differences through play and positive interactions.



### Other Locations

Dorset Elementary  
1 Norwell Road  
Norwell, MA 02061

Norway Elementary  
400 West Street  
Norway, MA 02061

Worcester Elementary  
64 West Street  
Worcester, MA 02090

Wareham Elementary  
265 West Street  
Wareham, MA 02086

Low Elementary  
67 High Street  
Lowell, MA 02031

South Shore (South Norwell) Elementary  
100 West Street  
Norwell, MA 02061

Ware Elementary  
100 West Street  
Ware, MA 02081

## General Information

### Family Events

- Family Night
- Board Game Night
- Pajama & Movie Night
- "A Kishinev Year" Family



### School Vacation Programs/Holidays (SOUTH SHORE YMCA AT MILL POND, NORWELL)

Registration packets are available approximately one month prior to vacation starting and can be found at your child's program site or on our website: [www.soyymca.org](http://www.soyymca.org) under the Youth Development tab.

- Program requires a separate registration packet and fee
- Vacation week program operates Monday - Friday from 10:00am-1:00pm on the Mill Pond Grounds
- Activities include arts & crafts projects and recreational games
- Themed lunch/activities and events
- Daily meals

Financial Assistance is available and applications are available on site and on [www.soyymca.org](http://www.soyymca.org)

The Annual Support Campaign provides the financial assistance so that everyone has access to South Shore YMCA programs, membership and services. Learn more about volunteering for this year's Annual Support Campaign on [soyymca.org](http://soyymca.org)!

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Phone 781-829-8580 X 262