



Update

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The South Shore Charter Public School held the first Open House of the enrollment season this past Saturday. Within three hours over two hundred people came through our doors to meet our faculty as well as learn about our curriculum and unique model of education. Prospective students posed questions about the day-to-day life of an SSCPS student. Families came to us with many questions about our student expectations and what we are able to offer each student as they strive to meet those expectations. Many questions were about specific programming; we answered many questions about our nationally recognized art program, as so many of our sending districts have been forced to cut these programs. Other parents asked about our rigorous music program. Others asked very specific questions about our Honors and Advanced Placement options at the high school. Families who wanted to place a child in our Level I and II programs asked excellent questions about Singapore Math, multi-age grouping, and our low student to teacher ratio. As pressing as these questions were, the most frequent and urgent of all were the questions surrounding the enrollment lottery.

Charter school enrollment is interesting. It is a combination of deliberate choice and random fate. Aristotle, once a teacher, addressed the relationship between the two when he wrote about excellence. He wrote, "Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives – choice, not chance, determines your destiny."

That relationship is where we currently reside. Families make a choice by filling out an application, yet once the application is complete and submitted, this choice transforms to chance. Deliberate and random are seldom used to describe the same process. Yet there we were on a Saturday afternoon sitting in the music room discussing successful life outcomes, human potential and a goldfish bowl.

Our progress is real. We are absolutely delighted that our next five years will be a time of growth. Within the next five years our high school will expand to 200 students. Over sixty additional families will see their choice transform into opportunity. I would like to thank the Massachusetts Department of Education and Commissioner Mitchell Chester for supporting our charter amendment and granting us the means to increase educational opportunity for so many families on the South Shore.

None of this would be possible without our faculty. Thank you to our faculty who, in addition to working hard every day, devoted their time and effort on a Saturday afternoon ensuring our open house would be a success. I would also like to thank our parent and student volunteers who donated their time on Saturday to give excellent tours, answer questions, bake snacks, and give our prospective families a true feeling of what it is like to be part of our school community.

The Alden Family
 Katie Aucella
 Kerry Benjamin
 Catie Bowman
 Michelle Ciambriello
 Rachel Ciambriello
 Niamh O'Connell Dalton
 Charles Dannison
 Laurie Dannison
 Gema Gray
 Jacob Gray
 Brian Kelly
 Priscilla Kelley
 Alexis Levitt
 Maya Levitt
 Noah Levitt

Richard Levitt
 Andri Mahegan
 Iris Mahegan
 Brian Malnati
 Hope Malnati
 Laurine Pean
 Debbie Shepherd
 Zack Shepherd
 Kelsey Shipps
 Desmond Sullivan
 Kanya Syllian
 Gwen Watchorn
 Cyndi Wormald
 Katie Wormald
 Samantha Wormald

We have much to be thankful for this year. I would like to wish all of our families a very happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy this special time with your family and friends.

Alicia Savage
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Wednesday	11/21	Early Release Day	12:00pm
Thurs & Fri	11/22 & 11/23	Thanksgiving – No School	
Tuesday	11/27	8th Grade Field Trip to Best Chevrolet	
Wednesday	11/28	Level IV PE Field Trip to Providence College	
Thursday	11/29	Athletic Department Concussion Training	5:00pm
Friday	11/30	Zumbathon and Movie Night	6:30-8:30p

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Join the SSCPS Chapter of MATHCOUNTS, - “a national enrichment club and competition program that promotes middle school math achievement” – Open to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Come to our first meeting, Wednesday November 28th, 3:00 – 4:30 PM in Room 208 on Level IV. For more information contact Jody Regan jregan@sscps.org (x 362) or see <http://mathcounts.org>.

ATHLETICS

The Fall Awards Ceremony held on November 16th had a great turnout. The Athletic Department would like to thank all the parents for their support. The gym space was filled to capacity with enthusiastic family members and lots of positive energy from the student athletes. The coaches did a great job giving their athletes the recognition they deserved from all the hard work and time they put in throughout the season. It was a nice way to officially close the successful Fall season. Thanks again to everyone that attended. Without you there would not be an athletic program.

SSCPS soccer players were acknowledged for their stellar play this season by the Massachusetts Charter Sports Athletic Organization. For the girls, junior Katie McCormack was selected to the MCSAO All League Team for her play as goalie and freshman Christine Nwafor was an All League Honorable Mention. For the boys, senior forward Brendan Ford was selected as an All League Honorable Mention, while junior Chad Bruce was selected as the league's Most Valuable Player. Great job!

The Fall season is over, which means basketball season is upon us. Practices will begin next week for all teams. This year we will have three teams. Girls basketball, consisting of players from grades 7-12, will be coached by Level III teacher Jenn Johnson. Middle School boys basketball (grades 7-8) will be coached by former MCSAO Basketball standout and 2012 SSCPS graduate Marvin Alcindor and will be assisted by SSCPS parent Damian Sullivan. High School boys basketball will be coached by Level IV teacher and Athletic Director Joe Kay. Players will receive their practice schedules and game schedules at their first practice.

Due to the physical play of basketball and the need to keep athletes safe, parents of athletes are required to attend concussion training. This will be part of the preseason meeting on Thursday, November 29th at 5pm in the great room of the high school. Any parents who attended this training in the fall will be excused from this as they already went through the training. A letter will be mailed to each player's family with more information.

Joe Kay, Level IV History

Athletic Director

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HEALTH OFFICE

The Health Office will be measuring the BMI (Body Mass Index) of all students in grade 1, 4, 7 and 10. The BMI screening is a state mandated program to help the people of Massachusetts maintain a healthy weight. The results of the screening compare your child's height and weight to other children of the same age and sex. Parents will be notified of the results only if your child's BMI is above or below the healthy weight percentile. Please notify the Health office if you do not want your child to participate in this program.

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 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

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

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!

Liam Nelson – Level III For over a year Liam Nelson level III has been collecting aluminum soda cans and their tabs. The cans are delivered every two or three weeks to Hull seaside Cat Rescue. The tabs are twisted off and collected for Shriner's Children's Hospital Burn centers. The hospital treats all children suffering from burns at no charge.

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. Also to share community service events in your community Please email Beth Toma at JToma85103@aol.com with this information. Also check out the list of organizations on the school web site for other opportunities.

**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**

Holiday Tree Sale Fundraiser
Saturday, December 8th



11:00am – 7:00pm
South Shore Landscape Supply
171 VFW Drive, Rockland

For every tree sold \$5.00 will be donated to SSCPS!
Please spread the word to your family and friends

Parent Representatives needed for this event
If you are available contact Lisa Harvey-Mone molimu@gmail.com

SSCPS MOVIE NIGHT & Zumbathon

sponsored in part by **HINT WATER**

WHEN: Friday, November 30TH, 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.



Southeast Cyclones Learn to Skate & Learn to Play Hockey Programs



A copy of the player's birth certificate & insurance information is required at registration/first session. All skaters must register with USA Hockey (a link on the website or here: usahockey.secycloneshockey.org).

Learn to Skate Program: \$125

This is a constructive and fun 4-month program that begins with your child's first strides on the ice and culminates with them having obtained the ability to skate while meeting new friends. The goal of this program is to have your child gain confidence on the ice while developing their skating abilities.

We accomplish this by using fun games and group skating drills all under the direct supervision and instruction of our professional skating staff. Each child is required to wear an HECC (Hockey Equipment Certification Council) approved helmet, they may also wish to wear knee and elbow pads, gloves/mittens and nylon pants.

This program will begin on December 1, 2012 and run through March 2013, at Zapustas Arena in Randolph. Children ages 4 - 10 are welcome to join!

Learn to Play Hockey Program: \$200

This is a 4-month program requires that your child has some skating experience prior to joining, the ability to move around the ice without a stick or help and to be able to get up on their own after falling. Imagine your child's smile and sense of satisfaction each week as they are introduced to the sport of ice hockey.

This program will run on Saturday mornings at Zapustas Arena in Randolph, with games at 7:30 a.m. to 8:20 a.m. Each team will consist of at least 6 players, both boys and girls, ranging from approximately 5 years of age to approximately 10 years of age. They will play 3 on 3, cross-ice, with two games going on per hour. There will be instruction offered by coaches, but the main purpose is to build an understanding and love of the game, while being able to play. There will also be a practice session on Sundays that will run from 11:40 a.m. - 12:40 p.m. for all Learn to Play Hockey participants at the Zapustas Arena. The program will begin on October 6, 2012 and run thru March 2013, giving your player(s) over 40 hours of ice time. A shirt will be provided, however, all necessary equipment will be the parents' responsibility (i.e., skates, pads, stick, helmet, gloves, etc.).

Children age 4 - 10 are welcome to join!

Register on-line at www.registration.secycloneshockey.org or click here for more information:
LTSLTPH.secycloneshockey.org

If you would like more information, you may contact the registrar at registrar@secycloneshockey.org or call 781-963-0723.

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.

Lunch Order Form
Lunch 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 lunch will be ordered.*

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

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

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

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

Number of Lunches ordered _____ X \$3.00

Less credit due

Total Amount Enclosed


\$ _____

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.



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 HAPPY	26 	27 HOLIDAYS	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 EARLY DISMISSAL	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 EARLY DISMISSAL
24	25 HAPPY	26 	27 HOLIDAYS	28

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

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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 EARLY DISMISSAL	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 EARLY DISMISSAL
24	25 HAPPY	26 	27 HOLIDAYS	28

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

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Please visit our website or learn more about additional South Shore YMCA educational programs including:

- Early Learning Center, Norwell
- Learning Center, Quincy
- Nature Center, Franklin's, Norwell
- YMCC@Quincy

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School Age Child Care- Software & Norwell

The South Shore YMCA offers a quality School Age Child Care Program (SACC) that helps place in a safe, supportive environment that fosters the physical, cognitive, social, and emotional growth of each child. Its office to support the family unit and provide developmentally appropriate activities programs that encourage fun (and learning), but also the love of learning.

- Open Monday through Friday...Before School & After School options
- Grades K-4
- Early Release from school dismissal until 4pm
- 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 snacks

We believe in positive methods of child guidance/ discipline. Our staff utilizes age-appropriate, non-verbal and verbal tools to help children function in their world. We strive to recognize each child's own cultural identity while celebrating unique and celebrating differences through play and positive interactions.



Other Locations

Dorset (Norwary)
1 Norwalk Street
Norwary, MA 02061

Norwary (Norwary)
425 Norwary Street
Norwary, MA 02061

Norwary (Norwary)
125 Norwary Street
Norwary, MA 02061

Norwary (Norwary)
200 Norwary Street
Norwary, MA 02061

Low (Norwary)
100 High Street
Norwary, MA 02061

South Shore (Norwary)
100 South Shore Street
Norwary, MA 02061

Low (Norwary)
100 Low Street
Norwary, MA 02061

General Information

Family Events

- Family Night
- Board Game Night
- Peppercorn & Movie Night
- 'A Knowledge Test' Family



School Vacation Programs/Holidays (YOUTH SHORE YMCA AT MILL POND), Norwary

Registration positions are available approximately one month prior to vacation starting and can be found at your child's program site or on our website www.southshoreymca.org under the Youth Development tab.

- Program requires a separate registration position and fee
- Vacation each program operates Monday - Friday from 8:00am-6:00pm on the Mill Pond branch
- Activities include art & craft projects and recreational games
- Themed based activities and events
- Daily snacks

Financial Assistance is available and applications are available on site and on www.southshoreymca.org

The Annual Support Campaign provides the financial assistance to share everyone has access to South Shore YMCA programs, membership and services. Learn more about volunteering for this year's Annual Support Campaign at www.southshoreymca.org!

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