



Thursday	11/29	Concussion Training – Mandatory Meeting for Parents	5:00pm
Friday	11/30	Zumbathon and Movie Night –see attached flyer	6:30pm
Saturday	12/01	Parents Association	8:00am
Mon-Fri	12/03-12/07	High School Spirit Week	
Tuesday	12/04	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony	10:00am
Tuesday	12/04	Teacher Holiday Luncheon – see below for details	
Tuesday	12/04	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Tuesday	12/04	SSCEF Meeting	6:00pm
Wednesday	12/05	High School Quincy College Information Night	5:00pm
Wednesday	12/05	High School Cultural Trip Information Night	6:00pm
Friday	12/07	High School Semi Formal – Hanover Elms	7:00-10:00pm
Save the Date!	12/12	Annual Winter Concert – Hingham High School	6:00pm

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Last week was Thanksgiving and in my observation of classrooms earlier that week I saw some wonderful lessons about the holiday. I saw one which connected the words thankful and grateful and children were asked to write about things for which they were thankful and grateful. In honor of the season and the wonderful teaching I see every week here at SSCPS I thought I would try to complete such an assignment for this report and write about some things for which I am grateful and thankful that have happened in the past year.

I am grateful for the start of the school year and its annual new beginning. It is wonderful to be in a profession where there are such strong cycles and patterns and yet there is a sense of progress and growth. There is enough continuity and enough change, enough new kindergarteners each year and graduates we have known since kindergarten.

I am grateful to the teachers of SSCPS because they share with me a commitment to knowing all of our students and teaching them all well. When I was a twenty-three I got to know the artist Frank Stella and I asked him for a job in his studio. He told me that he worked with all kinds of caustic materials and that I did not need to work for another artist, that I had what was needed. He told me that what had been essential for him was finding a peer group and together they had changed art. He told me that if artists found each other at the right moment then with that collective energy and thought something new could come into the world. In the seventeen years where my primary profession was making art I had many friends and artists that I admired but I never found that collective group. I am thankful that here at SSCPS I do have such a group of peers and collectively we are making something new. It feels very good to be part of a great experiment that after eighteen years really works. As an artist I did not find the group Frank Stella talked about finding and which made a difference for him. I am thankful I have found that group in my current profession, teaching. It was not the group I thought I was looking for but as Robert Frost tells us, “way leads on to way” and Mick Jagger tells us, “you get what you need.”

I am grateful to work in a collective school administration with amazing support staff who makes us collectively better than we are as individuals. I love working with folks who are wise, insightful and principled, who “know” from experience, who see the details, and who are efficient. I talk at times to sixth graders who tell me that they are sad that I will not be their principal next year. I tell them that I am not sad because I will still see them and that they are going to have a principal who really understands and is much better than I would ever be when they are older. I am thankful that I work for a leader who wrote this sentence in last week’s update, *“Yet there we were on a Saturday afternoon sitting in the music room discussing successful life outcomes, human potential and a goldfish bowl.”* It was a sentence I had never read or thought before but encapsulated the dilemma of our school’s accomplishment and the pain in not being able to help more students. If in the rush of Thanksgiving you missed Alicia’s report please read it as it gives an accurate picture of where we are as a school and where we are going.

<http://jaguarstyle.com/sscps.org/About/News%20and%20Events/Update/2012-2013%20Update/11+21+2012%20Update.pdf>

I am grateful for books, music, art, and thankful for my garden, cold frame and the radio.

I am grateful that my mother is living a life which still has moments of joy. In the last three or so years she has had primary progressive aphasia and her speech and understanding of the world has gotten smaller with each week but she is still my mother. As her ability to relate to the larger world has changed, she has almost become the essence of herself. I am thankful to all of the people who help take care of her and especially to my father who has shown me what love looks like in its ending chapters. I have always admired him but never more than now in his 85th year.

I am thankful for my children and my wife Katy. I am grateful for this school, its children and families.

Ted Hirsch thirsch@sscps.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Teacher Holiday Luncheon!

Calling all bakers, cooks, and purchasers for our Annual Teacher Holiday Luncheon. The luncheon will take place on Tuesday, December 4, this is the half day. We will need main dishes, side dishes, salads, desserts, drinks and paper goods. You can drop off your item in the morning at drop off or at pickup. If you would like to donate, please contact me directly at klb.rjc@verizon.net.

The luncheon hosts about 80 staff members and they love the assortment of food that is sent in by our families. They look forward to our luncheons every year! Thank you for your generous donations.

Karen Boyle Parent of Richie and Jonathan (HS) and Caroline (Level II)

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>.

April showers bring May Flowers!

The Waste Watchers would like thank the parents of Andri Mahegan for donating a variety of tulip bulbs to our project. The students planted them in various areas out front and at the entrance of the school. They can't wait until the spring to see the results of their hard work.



Once again a big thank you to all the supportive families at our school!

ATHLETICS

Concussion Training

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 Athletic Director jkay@sscps.org (781) 982-4202 ext. 305

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PROJECTS AND WORKSHOPS?

Recreational Engineering Workshop

Dear SSCPS Community: We regret to inform you that due to circumstances, we must respectfully withdraw ourselves from the Clorox Power a Bright Future Contest. We will continue our endeavors to build a new playground and to find a new grant to fund it. If you have any suggestions for new opportunities for new grants, please contact the Recreational Engineering Workshop at dhajrizaj@sscps.org or call 781-982-4202 x 152. Thank you for your cooperation and support!

Aquatics Workshop

Movie night fundraiser, on NOVEMBER 30, 2012 to raise money to build an aquarium in the front lobby of the school. It is from 6-8, check in starts at 5:30. Tickets cost \$4.00 per person PRESALE and \$5.00 at the door or \$10.00 per family. There will be food available for purchase and complimentary popcorn. The movies are JAWS (OPEN TO ONLY HIGHSCHOOL) and FINDING NEMO (OPEN TO ALL). Please feel free to bring a blanket or beach towel to sit on. We hope to see you there!

Art Workshop!

Looking for Holiday gift ideas, looking for a return on your investment? Each year the High School Art Workshop hosts a live **Art Store** in the front lobby. The work is offered by current Art Workshop students, alumni and staff. Please be sure to check out the array of items in the front lobby cabinets and gallery space behind the front desk. Great for one of a kind high quality art for that special someone. All sales return a commission to the school's Art Workshop. **Find something that you would like to purchase?** Easy, either call Marianne @ x 304 or see Jo Feldman at the front desk.

Theater Workshop

Do you have an unused couch that you are looking to part with? The High School Theater Workshop is looking for a pale, dull colored, small couch (loveseat or settee) for their production of 'Sweep Under Rug'. It should be a piece of furniture that you are considering donating as they cannot guarantee the condition upon return. Please contact Cynthia Chapman at cchapman@sscps.org (a picture of the couch is also requested) if you are able to help.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Please join us THIS Saturday for the next PA meeting beginning at 8am.

Highlights:

- Angie Pepin, HS Principal will present "Bullying and Cyberbullying: Statistics, Prevention, and Intervention"
- We will again have SSCPS string backpacks available for \$15... great gift for the holidays... and proceeds support FOOT THE FLOOR. Bring your checkbook...
- Volunteer Opportunity: Selling Xmas Trees at South Shore Landscaping Supply on December 8th... sign up for a time...
See you Saturday!!! Lisa Harvey-Mone

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 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.

COMMUNITY INTEREST

Holly Hill Farm is having the 4th Annual **Holly Day Fair** on Saturday December 1st from 11 am to 3 pm in the heated greenhouse located at 236 Jerusalem Road in Cohasset. There will be a unique selection of fine quality handmade gifts by local area artists, holiday crafts for children, delicious food, music by Ragweed of Scituate and hay rides all in the beautiful setting of an historic New England farm. Admission to the vendor area is free and a portion of all sales benefit the *Friends of Holly Hill Farm*, the non-profit education center that uses the farm as its outdoor classroom and teaches in over 20 school gardens in 8 South Shore towns. Shop locally this holiday and support both the artists and farm and school garden education. During the fair, visit the Tomato Barn from 1 - 3 pm to make your own wreath for the holiday season. We will provide the grapevine base and the locally gathered organic greens and guide you to a lovely finished wreath that will stay green through the New Year. Cost is \$20 for *Friends of Holly Hill Farm members*, \$25 for non-members. Please pre-register by calling [781-383-6565](tel:781-383-6565). For directions and more information, visit www.hollyhillfarm.org.

Girl's Night Out! Charity Shopping Event to benefit Susan G Komen 3-day team "No More Goodbyes". Thursday, November 29th 6-9pm at the Whitman Knights of Columbus, Bedford Street in Whitman.

Coming in January! Science MasterMinds labs for kids in preschool through high school. For more information visit www.sciencemasterminds.com. Classes are held at Skills for Living, Accord Park, Norwell.

**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

**WANT A TRIP TO DISNEY,
\$2000.00 CASH,
A TRIP TO THE WHITE MOUNTAINS,
OR A KINDLE?**

Rockland-Hanson Rotary has chosen SSCPS as a partner in their Community Raffle again this year!

SSCPS receives 70% of all ticket sales sold by SSCPS.

Each ticket is \$5.00 or 5 tickets for \$20.00

Drawing to take place on Sun, Jan 27, 2013 at
The Rockland-Hanson Rotary Pizza Bowl
Whitman Hanson High School

**If you would like to buy tickets or
get tickets to sell to friends, relatives and neighbors,
please contact:**

Denise Demaggio ddemaggio@sscps.org or 617-653-8246

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.



Breakfast Order Form
Breakfast for the Month of December, 2012
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, December 4, 2012

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

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 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, December 4, 2012

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

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 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

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