



Wednesday	12/05	Executive Committee Meeting	8:00am
Wednesday	12/05	High School Quincy College Parent Meeting	5:00pm
Wednesday	12/05	High School Cultural Trip Information Meeting	6:00pm
Thursday	12/06	Governance Committee	5:30pm
Friday	12/07	High School Semi-Formal – The Elms in Hanover	7:00-10:00pm
Saturday	12/08	Debate Lincoln-Sudbury	6:45am-7:00pm
Monday	12/10	Level III Frog Pond Field Trip	
Wednesday	12/12	Annual Winter Concert – Hingham High School	6:00pm
Thursday	12/13	High School Music Workshop field trip to Allston	
Thursday	12/13	School Council	3:45pm
Friday	12/14	Personnel Committee	7:30am

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Yesterday we inducted 14 new members into the National Honor Society in a ceremony that celebrated the many accomplishments of this exceptional group. Induction into the National Honor Society recognizes student excellence in the four areas required for membership: scholarship, leadership, community service, and character. These four areas are not only the foundation for National Honor Society, but they echo what we stand for at South Shore Charter Public School: inspiring every student to excel in academics, service, and life. The process for student selection is rigorous. Juniors and Seniors that meet GPA requirements are provided with the opportunity to apply for membership. Next, students must complete an application that outlines their activities, leadership positions, and community service projects. Along with the application students are asked to submit an essay that describes how they have demonstrated excellence in the four characteristics during their high school years. A team of faculty members then meets to discuss each of the applicants and consider their applications.

For the first time this year I sat in on this process and had the pleasure of reading all of the essays. It was so satisfying to read about the significant accomplishments of these students and to hear about how much students have both learned here at SSCPS and given back to this community. Students were asked not to be modest, a request that many told me was difficult. Leaving modestly aside allowed students to share the many things they do outside of this building that we don’t see everyday. I was struck by how hard they work and how much they are juggling. Our students not only put their all into what they do here, but many are committed to significant service projects in their towns, are heavily involved with their religious communities, devote a great deal of time to sports outside of the school, work at afterschool jobs, and are balancing all of this with often complicated social and families lives. I found some excerpts particularly striking and thought that the community would benefit from hearing a line or two from each new member’s essay.

“As for character, my school and I share the same ideals. South Shore Charter Public School is a place where everyone is accepted.”

“There are many causes I believe in strongly and I will stand up for them to the best of my ability.”

“As a student at this school I am required to complete a designated amount of hours of community service per year. What began as a compulsory exercise has bred a love of service in me; as an older student I find myself volunteering often. Through service I earn the satisfaction of helping others and provide useful services to people that need them most.”

“Whenever I have the chance to help someone I take that chance to help them. I know to keep my head held high and to look toward the future while doing anything I can for others along the way.”

“When I started my high school years I wanted to do the best that I could. I started 9th grade earning second honors all throughout the year but I knew I could do better. Starting my sophomore year I pushed myself even harder. I wanted to become a first honors student. That year I took Chemistry, the hardest class I had ever taken. I didn’t know if I could handle the complex content but I took the time to study and asked for extra help. My confidence started to build. I worked hard to achieve; I was able to put myself out there and not be afraid to speak.”

“I have always taken pride in my work and I do my best to complete assignments to their fullest. I have the charter school to thank for this academic confidence. The teachers I have been with have pushed and prepared me to continue to make progress throughout high school.”

“I tend to ‘think outside the box’ and go against common ideas, substituting them with what I believe to be right.”

“I am a hard worker and a strong individual. When I put my mind to something, I do everything in my power to achieve it. When I make a commitment, I stand by it.”

“I have learned the significance of being a devoted student as well as a reliable employee. I organize my time in a way that allows me to perform the necessary duties of a student. I plan out each day so that my time is not wasted. The skills this experience is teaching me will always be needed.”

“I have loved learning my entire life always throwing myself, headfirst, into the topics presented to me.”

“I have been a mentor assigned to two young swimmers on my swim team. Here I am responsible for helping them with goal-setting, skill development for swimming and for life, and anything else they may need help with. I have developed a strong bond with these young swimmers and they often come to me for help in more than just swimming.”

“My next step in service is to complete my Eagle Project and give back to this school. It is a way of showing gratitude to my second home, for helping me become the individual I am today.”

“I have never been a leader for anything. I was never a captain in dodgeball or picked to head a project. Others were put in a place of power instead of me but when there was a chance to step up I did. When things start to fall apart, I come in and help clean up the mess. Each day I get better at being the leader I know I can be. I believe that SSCPS brings out the best in me. I feel like I can be me, no one else.”

This is truly an outstanding group. Congratulations new members of the National Honor Society!

Matthew Algera
Kathryn Aucella
Jonathan Boyle
Chad Bruce
Kaisaac Griffin

Jessica Guerrier
Jessica Hoffman
Kiserian Jackson
Grace Moore
Melanie Sullivan

Adam Thermitus
Tyler Tsang
Emily Wolongevicz
Kayleigh Wright

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Level III Needs Helmets for Field Trip in Early December - Do you have a helmet (bike, hockey, ski, snowboard, other) that you would be willing to donate or lend for the Level III skating field trip to the Frog Pond in Boston in early December? Level III would like to continue the Annual Skating Tradition but not all students have the required helmets. Even if you do not have one perhaps a neighbor or friend has a child who has outgrown their old helmet and no longer needs it or is willing to lend it for the day. If you can help make this field trip a possibility the students would really appreciate it. There will be a box in Level III (on the round table outside of Joyce's room) for any helmets. If you are lending the helmet (instead of donating it) please label it clearly indicating that the helmet is being lent and who owns it so we can be sure you get it back.

Thank you SSCPS Families and Staff! Sincerest thanks for the many donations of clothing and cash as part of the "Uniform Drive" for the Sovereign Avenue School in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Dozens of students have received new school clothes, and send their love and appreciation for our community's generosity!

Missing Visitor Badges - The front desk is now down to eight (8) visitor badges. Please check your homes and cars and if you accidentally removed the badge from school we would really appreciate it if you would return them. Many thanks from the Front Desk

SSCPS MathCounts! The SSCPS chapter of MathCounts held its first meeting last week, and was a great success. We meet from 3-4:15 in Jody's room on Level IV. There is no cost, the club is open to any 6-8th grader regardless of math ability. <http://mathcounts.org/>. Contact Jody Regan for more information X362 or jregan@sscps.org.

SSCPS Afterschool Chorus - The SSCPS Afterschool chorus, lead by Jane Money, will perform holiday selections at the upcoming Winter Concert on December 12th. The last rehearsal for this session will be Monday, December 10th. Stay tuned for information on a new session.

Teacher Holiday Luncheon! Thank you to all of the families that donated to the teacher luncheon today. The teachers are always amazed at the wonderful food that is sent in. A special thanks to Gwen Watchorn and Priscilla Kelly for helping to set up, serve and cleanup! SSCPS is truly a wonderful school for our children!!
Karen Boyle

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PROJECTS AND WORKSHOPS?

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.

Level III Cyber Citizens

On November 20th, 2012 the Cyber Citizens sponsored a Manage Your Anger Day. This was a day to recognize that while it is perfectly normal to have anger, you need to learn how to manage that anger and express it in a mature and responsible manner. The Cyber Citizens made pamphlets with tips and pointers on how to manage your anger. The Cyber Citizens also made hot chocolate and offered a free cup to any student who was willing to sign the Peaceful Petition. Currently, we have over 200 signatures pledging to be peaceful in their school and communities. If you would like a copy of the pledge or want to see pictures of the morning please go to www.cybercitizens.weebly.com.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

The Development Office will be selling SSCPS backpacks from 3-4 pm in the front lobby the week of December 17th. Each backpack is \$15 and all proceeds go to the Foot the Floor Gymnasium Campaign.

COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATE

The Community Service Committee this year will be focusing on community service projects within the school community and highlighting those students and/or families. Please forward to us what you and your students are doing to. We want to hear about your projects and support you in whatever way we can. If you are struggling to come up with ideas check out the list of organizations on our school web site which are a great source for volunteering you and your student's time. Some of organizations want older student's high school age and this is noted on the web site next to the organizations name.

With the holidays upon us it is the perfect opportunity to help those less fortunate than ourselves and let our students participate in the act of giving. Food drives, toy drives warm clothing drives, adopting a family for the holidays, sending holidays cards to the military are excellent ways to do this. Below are families that are doing such projects.

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.

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 room in level III 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, a lot of the time this is the only way they receive books. The collection box is located outside of Donovan's Room in level III, and any donations would be greatly appreciated!

Please contact Beth Toma at JToma85103@aol.com with your ideas.

**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**

DINING FOR A CAUSE

Wednesday, December 12th

SSCPS Winter Solstice Concert at 6:00pm at Hingham High School

Want dinner to be prepared for you?

We encourage you to bring your family and friends
to dinner at:

Papa Gino's of Norwell

10 Washington Street Norwell, MA 02061
(Queen Anne's Corner- near Hannaford Supermarket)

Papa Gino's is donating 20% of your total bill to SSCPS!



**Look for a
flyer in next
week's**

**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

Breakfast Order Form
Breakfast for the Month of December, 2012
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

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, December 11, 2012

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

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

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

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