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| <b>Thursday</b> | <b>12/20</b>       | <b>Level II Roman Play</b>   | <b>1:45pm</b>                                  |
| <b>Thursday</b> | <b>12/20</b>       | <b>Personnel Committee<br/>Development Committee<br/>Finance Committee<br/>Board of Trustees</b> | <b>5:30pm<br/>5:30pm<br/>6:15pm<br/>7:30pm</b> |
| <b>Friday</b>   | <b>12/21</b>       | <b>Craft Day Level I, Level II, and Level III</b>  |  |
| <b>Friday</b>   | <b>12/21</b>       | <b>High School Art Workshop Fashion Show</b>   | <b>11:00am</b>                                 |
| <b>Friday</b>   | <b>12/21</b>       | <b>Early Release</b>   | <b>12:00pm</b>                                 |
|                 | <b>12/24-01/02</b> | <b>Vacation</b>  |  |
| <b>Thursday</b> | <b>01/03</b>       | <b>Classes Resume</b>  | <b>8:15am</b>                                  |

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last Friday in Connecticut an unspeakable event took place in an elementary school. From all accounts Sandy Hook was a good school with a skilled principal, a wise school psychologist, dedicated teachers and most of all beautiful children. The school was prepared and they did things correctly.

I know how much what has happened is sad for me and I know that it must be even sadder for others.

There is pain throughout the world. That pain is often visited on children. Children who live in war zones live in perpetual states of fear. I am usually able to close myself off from those realities. They seem so far away and we seem safe from them. Connecticut is right next door and we have beautiful elementary school children and we have dedicated elementary school teachers, and we have a wise school psychologist, and I am an elementary school principal. The pain from Sandy Hook struck close to home.

It struck even closer when I heard President Obama read the first names of the children. I have three children and he read two of my children's names, Benjamin and Josephine. He read those names slowly with time to think of each and when I heard them for the first time I heard seventeen names that matched children I see every week and many whose names I call out in greeting four mornings a week.

On Monday morning I came to school with anxiety but also with the resolve that I would say good morning and sweep the back walk with purpose. I was thrilled to see all of the children and adults. I thought of the 1000 South Shore Charter Public School folks who have relationships with one another through the school. On Monday I saw the same school I left on Friday before any of the children knew, except it was a bit more beautiful because I saw happy children taught by loving adults and my anxiety lessened. It lessened more on Tuesday.

Since Friday I have been thinking about how many relationships are involved in our school. My first thought was that it was 1000 factorial, which is all the values from 1 to 1000 multiplied by each other and is a number with around 585 digits. A figure with around 585 digits is an astronomically large figure; a figure that by comparison makes the national debt or the miles to the sun very, very small. Then I realized that many of the folks who are part of the school do not know all of the 1000 other people and I tried to think of a more accurate estimate for the number of relationships in SSCPS. For the sake of simplicity I estimated that on average each of us has a hundred relationships at SSCPS, some have many more and some many fewer. That makes a total of 100,000 relationships, a large but imaginable number. What

builds our school is 100,000 quality relationships. I am thinking about this because for me it all comes down to relationship. What we need to do to be safe is to be as loving as we can be in all of our relationships. We need to be the ones to be awake. We need to notice how other people are feeling. We need to build community with each other one conversation at a time – one good morning at a time.

Hug your children and tell them that you love them. I love being their Principal.

Ted Hirsch [thirsch@sscps.org](mailto:thirsch@sscps.org)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Yearbook Photos!** The yearbook staff is looking for any interesting photos from students, parents and faculty. Anyone interested in submitting photos of school events, sports, etc. can download them to: [replayit.com](http://replayit.com) It is easy to sign-up and register, all images will be monitored and reviewed. Thank you from the 2013 yearbook staff.

**Calling all talented students!** Sign up now! The SSCPS K-12 Talent Show is coming in January! The students traveling to Europe in April are organizing a school-wide Talent Show to be held at the Hingham Middle School on January 31st. The registration form is attached, and also is available at the front desk. All acts must register by January 9th. Please come and share your talents or just enjoy the entertainment!

## ATHLETICS

The High School boys and girls basketball teams competed in a Charter School tournament this past weekend at Simmons College in Boston. The girls won 33-20 against Salem on Saturday. Top scorers included Nicole Newcomb, Jessie Lutts, and Olivia Decius. The team's success could be seen through their defense and rebounding led by Kelsey Shipps, Imani Turner, and Christine Nwafor. On Sunday, the girls fought hard against Codman Academy but lost 34-15. Defense was fierce holding Codman at only 3 points for the first fifteen minutes of the game.

The boys lost their first game of the preseason on Saturday against KIPP Academy. They did not play as well as expected, but would come back strong on Sunday. On Sunday the boys' performance improved dramatically as they played Community Charter tough, but still lost by a few baskets. The team was led by Pat Sullivan and Gerardo Bernadotte. Pat dominated the inside by scoring 28 points and grabbing 10 rebounds, while Gerardo provided solid shooting from the outside by scoring 14 points. Please come out and support our determined teams this season. A schedule of games will be included in the first update of 2013 and also can be found on the website.

Upcoming Dates:

Preseason Basketball

12/19 Boys Middle School Basketball @ Community Day 5:15 in Lawrence

12/20 High School Boys and Girls Basketball @ Foxborough Regional

Girls begin at 3:30 with the Boys after

## DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

### Finish Your Holiday Shopping

Holiday gift ideas for your children that help support the fundraising efforts for a new gymnasium floor and SSCPS Annual Fund. SSCPS backpacks will be sold all week after school in the main entry for \$15. Vintage SSCPS t-shirts will be on sale for just \$3. All backpack and t-shirt proceeds will support the Foot the Floor Special Campaign and the Annual Fund. If you have any questions, please contact Joanna McCarthy, Director of Development at x109.

**THURSDAY ONLY:** Free SSCPS Superman style t-shirt bonus gift with purchase of backpack. Available in the lobby after school. \$15.

## 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.

### **Aquatics Workshop:**

The students in the aquatics workshop would like to thank all the people who attended our movie night on November 30, 2012. It was a very successful night and we hope all who attended enjoyed the movies! We would also like to thank all the chaperones and staff who attended the movie night as well as *HINT water* and the *99 Restaurant* for their donations.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATE**

Please let the Community Service Committee know what projects you are working on either as a family or your students are working on so the school community can help support you with these projects. Please contact Beth Toma at [JToma85103@aol.com](mailto:JToma85103@aol.com) with your ideas.

**Ruby Mc Dougall and Will Bryant** - Siblings Ruby McDougall-K and Will Bryant-HS are saving their change to buy gloves to hand out to those in need in the city. One-size-fits all would be appreciated. We will plan a trip in when we have enough. This past summer we did a similar trip and handed out fruit. Starting this week there will be a box in the front lobby of the school to collect gloves for those families who would like to help with this project. Contact me at [Adrienne.mcdougall@yahoo.com](mailto:Adrienne.mcdougall@yahoo.com) for further information.

**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 has a warm and safe winter."

## **COMMUNITY INTEREST**

**New Year's Day Woods Walk at Holly Hill Farm**, 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, Tuesday January 1, 2013 from 1 to 3 pm. Join us for a very special walk through the beautiful woods of Holly Hill Farm with experienced naturalist, Steve Ivas as our guide. Dress for the weather and meet at the main barn at 1 pm. Be sure to wear sturdy waterproof footwear. Enjoy warm cocoa at walk's end. \$5 for members of the *Friends of Holly Hill Farm* (\$15 maximum per family), \$8 for non-members (\$24 maximum per family). Leashed dogs welcome. A fabulous, informed way to start the New Year! Holly Hill Farm is also offering a number of programs for children and families in 2013 – cooking, winter nature exploration, farm animal care, February vacation program, a full moon stroll and much more. For more information, visit [www.hollyhillfarm.org](http://www.hollyhillfarm.org) or call 781-383-6565.

**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)**



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

## TAKE FLIGHT ON STAGE

SOUTH SHORE YMCA THEATRE  
Youth, Ages 6-16



**AUDITIONS:**

Friday, January 25, 4:00-6:00PM

Saturday, January 26, 1:00-4:00PM

in the BRAND NEW Emilson Arts Pavilion, 75 Mill Street, Hanover, MA

**PERFORMANCES:** April 5-7, 2013

Contact Kimberly LaCroix with any questions or to sign up for an audition:  
klacroix@ssymca.org or 781.829.8585

Participation Fee: \$225 Y Members / \$275 Community

[www.ssymca.org](http://www.ssymca.org)

### 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](mailto:ddemaggio@sscps.org) or 617-653-8246

**Registration for the Talent Show**  
*All proceeds will benefit the Europe Trip*  
**January 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm**  
Hingham Middle School

ALL STUDENTS PERFORMING IN THE SHOW MUST ARRIVE BY 5:45 PM  
ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT

**Mandatory Rehearsal:**

Level 3,4 and HS - January 28<sup>th</sup> - 3:15 pm to 4:00pm

Levels 1 and 2 - January 29<sup>th</sup> - 3:15 pm to 4:00pm

(These rehearsals will be held at the PE Space and will end promptly at  
4:00pm)

**Name of Student or Students in the Act:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Student Level:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Act:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Act:** \_\_\_\_\_

Due to time constraints, all acts must be 3 minutes or under.

Once the # of acts on each level is full, any remaining acts will be put on a waiting list.

Parent or Guardian's

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return by **January 9<sup>th</sup>** to Claire Overlee or leave at the Front Desk in the envelope marked "Talent Show".

Breakfast Order Form  
Breakfast for the Month of January, 2013  
*Due to the office by 3:00 pm, \*Tuesday, January 8, 2013*

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

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

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

Week of 1/14 – 1/18     Monday     Tuesday     Wednesday     Thursday     Friday

Week of 1/21 – 1/25     Monday     Tuesday     Wednesday     Thursday     Friday

Week of 1/28 – 2/1     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 January, 2013  
**Due to the office by 3:00 pm, \*Tuesday, January 8, 2013**

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

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

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

Week of 1/14 – 1/18     Monday     Tuesday     Wednesday     Thursday     Friday

Week of 1/21 – 1/25     Monday     Tuesday     Wednesday     Thursday     Friday

Week of 1/28 – 2/1     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**  
*January, 2013*  
*Catered by Essence of Thyme*

**Breakfast**

| Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  |
|---|--|--|---|---|
|   | 1  | 2  | 3<br>Raisin Bran<br>WW Apple Cinnamon<br>Waffle Grahams<br>Orange Juice<br>Milk | 4<br>Corn Flakes<br>Graham Crackers<br>Orange Juice<br>Milk                 |
| 7<br>Krispies Rice<br>Graham Crackers<br>Orange Juice<br>Milk                             | 8<br>Toasty O's<br>WW Apple Cinnamon<br>Waffle Grahams<br>Orange Juice<br>Milk | 9<br>Breakfast Sandwich<br>Orange Juice<br>Milk                                  | 10<br>Yogurt<br>WW Apple Cinnamon<br>Waffle Grahams<br>Orange Juice<br>Milk     | 11<br>Corn Flakes<br>WW Blueberry<br>Waffle Grahams<br>Orange Juice<br>Milk |
| 14<br>3.6 oz. WW Banana Muffin<br>Orange Juice<br>Milk                                    | 15<br>Yogurt<br>WW Lemon Dinosaur Grahams<br>Orange Juice<br>Milk              | 16<br>Cinnamon Raisin Bagel<br>Orange Juice<br>Milk                              | 17<br>Honey Wheat Bagel<br>Orange Juice<br>Milk                                 | 18<br><b>NO<br/>SCHOOL</b>  |
| 21<br> | 22<br>3.6 oz. WW Apple Muffin<br>Orange Juice<br>Milk                          | 23<br>Honey Wheat Bagel<br>w/Jelly<br>Orange Juice<br>Milk                       | 24<br>Breakfast Sandwich<br>Orange Juice<br>Milk                                | 25<br>3.6 oz. WW Blueberry Muffin<br>Orange Juice<br>Milk                   |
| 28<br>Whole Grain Cinnamon Roll<br>Orange Juice<br>Milk                                   | 29<br>Yogurt<br>WW Lemon Dinosaur Grahams<br>Orange Juice<br>Milk              | 30<br>Raisin Bran<br>WW Apple Cinnamon<br>Waffle Grahams<br>Orange Juice<br>Milk | 31<br>Corn Flakes<br>Graham Crackers<br>Orange Juice<br>Milk                    | Feb. 1<br>3.6 WW Blueberry Muffin<br>Juice<br>Milk                          |

\* 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**

January, 2013

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**LUNCH**

| Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  |
|---|---|---|--|---|
|   | 1   | 2   | 3<br>Chicken Tenders<br>Potato Puffs w/Ketchup<br>Fruit Cocktail<br>Whole Wheat Roll<br>Milk | 4<br>Meatballs on WW Sub<br>Sweet Potatoes<br>Fruit<br>Milk             |
| 7<br>Chicken Alfredo w/Ziti<br>Broccoli<br>Applesauce<br>Milk                             | 8<br>Turkey and Gravy<br>Sweet Potatoes<br>Whole Wheat Roll<br>Peaches and Milk         | 9<br>Chicken Caesar Salad on WW Wrap<br>Cucumber<br>Pears<br>Milk                 | 10<br>Cheese Pizza w/Veggies<br>Italian Beans<br>Apple<br>Milk                               | 11<br>Ziti w/Meatballs<br>Corn<br>Grapes<br>Milk                        |
| 14<br>Macaroni & Cheese<br>Broccoli<br>Peaches<br>Milk                                    | 15<br>Hamburger on WW Bun<br>Sweet Potato Fries w/Ketchup<br>Baked Apple Slices<br>Milk | 16<br>Tuna Salad Sandwich<br>Chickpea Salad<br>Pineapple Chunks<br>Milk           | 17<br>Mexican Chicken Wrap<br>Potato Puffs w/Ketchup<br>Tangerine<br>Milk                    | 18<br><b>NO SCHOOL</b>  |
| 21<br> | 22<br>BBQ Chicken on a WW Bun<br>Potato Puffs w/Ketchup<br>Tangerine<br>Milk            | 23<br>Beef & Cheese on a WW Burrito<br>Southwestern Beans<br>Orange Juice<br>Milk | 24<br>WW Chicken Quesadilla<br>Carrots<br>Banana<br>Milk                                     | 25<br>American Chop Suey<br>Green Beans<br>Raisins<br>Milk              |
| 28<br>Pancakes w/Syrup<br>Sausage Patty<br>Sweet Potatoes<br>Baked Apple Slices<br>Milk   | 29<br>Chicken Parmesan w/Ziti<br>Broccoli<br>Banana<br>Milk                             | 30<br>Buffalo Chicken on WW Wrap<br>Chickpea Salad<br>Peaches<br>Milk             | 31<br>Chicken Stir Fry<br>Brown Rice<br>Stir Fry Veggies<br>Grapes<br>Milk                   | Feb. 1<br>Turkey and Gravy<br>Corn<br>Whole Wheat Roll<br>Apple<br>Milk |

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**South Shore Charter School - Grades 9-12**

**January, 2013**

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**LUNCH**

| <b>Monday</b>   | <b>Tuesday</b>  | <b>Wednesday</b>  | <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Friday</b>   |
|---|---|---|--|---|
|   | 1   | 2   | 3<br>Chicken Tenders<br>Potato Puffs w/Ketchup<br>Fruit Cocktail<br>Whole Wheat Roll<br>Milk | 4<br>Meatballs on WW Sub<br>Sweet Potatoes<br>Fruit<br>Raisins<br>Milk              |
| 7<br>Chicken Alfredo w/Ziti<br>Broccoli<br>Whole Wheat Roll<br>Applesauce<br>Milk         | 8<br>Turkey and Gravy<br>Sweet Potatoes<br>Whole Grain Cinnamon Roll<br>Peaches<br>Milk       | 9<br>Chicken Caesar Salad on WW Wrap<br>Cucumber<br>Pears<br>Orange Juice<br>Milk           | 10<br>Cheese Pizza<br>Italian Beans<br>Fruit Cocktail<br>Apple<br>Milk                       | 11<br>Ziti w/Meatballs<br>Corn<br>Grapes<br>Milk                                    |
| 14<br>Macaroni, Cheese & Ham<br>Broccoli<br>Whole Wheat Roll<br>Peaches and Milk          | 15<br>Hamburger on WW Bun<br>Sweet Potatoes w/Ketchup<br>Baked Apple Slices & Raisins<br>Milk | 16<br>Tuna Salad Sandwich on WW<br>Chickpea Salad<br>Pineapple Chunks and Banana<br>Milk    | 17<br>Mexican Chicken on WW Wrap<br>Potato Puffs w/Ketchup<br>Tangerine and Raisins<br>Milk  | 18<br><b>NO<br/>SCHOOL</b>  |
| 21<br> | 22<br>BBQ Chicken on a WW Bun<br>Potato Puffs w/Ketchup<br>Tangerine<br>Orange Juice<br>Milk  | 23<br>Beef & Cheese on a WW Burrito<br>Southwestern Beans<br>Grapes<br>Orange Juice<br>Milk | 24<br>WW Chicken Quesadilla<br>Spanish Rice<br>Squash<br>Banana<br>Apple Juice and Milk      | 25<br>American Chop Suey<br>Green Beans<br>Apple<br>Raisins<br>Milk                 |
| 28<br>Pancakes w/Syrup<br>Sausage Patty<br>Sweet Potatoes<br>Baked Apple Slices<br>Milk   | 29<br>Chicken Parmesan w/Ziti<br>Broccoli<br>Banana<br>Orange Juice<br>Milk                   | 30<br>Buffalo Chicken on WW Wrap<br>Chickpea Salad<br>Peaches<br>Orange Juice<br>Milk       | 31<br>Chicken Stir Fry<br>Brown Rice<br>Stir Fry Veggies<br>Grapes<br>Milk                   | Feb. 1<br>Turkey and Gravy<br>Corn<br>Whole Wheat Roll<br>Apple and Raisins<br>Milk |

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