



FROM THE 7- 12 PRINCIPAL

Last Saturday, June 7th, we celebrated our newest class of South Shore Charter Public School graduates at our 19th commencement. The end of the year is full of exciting events and milestones for our students but commencement is what all of us, K-12, are ultimately working toward. Graduation at South Shore Charter Public School truly is a celebration of our entire community and it is the culmination of many years of hard work on the part of students, parents, and teachers. This was made clear on Saturday. At our ceremony any Senior who chooses to do so may speak. This year Katie Aucella, Chad Bruce, Cory Clark, and Jonathan Boyle took that opportunity. All four of them explained to us that they had personally come far since they entered kindergarten. In doing so they demonstrated how much we have matured as an institution in those years. They were incredibly impressive. Our graduating students chose Lora DeSalvo as their commencement speaker. Her powerful words which spoke directly and personally to our students reminded all of us that our students are leaving us to go into an incredibly challenging world. I know that they are ready for that challenge.

Seeing the class of 2014 graduate was particularly emotional for me because I have worked with so many of these students for so long. Back when we used to place students in Project across Levels and I taught on Level III, several of these students were in my Project as third and fourth graders. They helped me acclimate to the culture of the school and helped shape me as a teacher in my first years here. I taught more than half of them math, history, or both when they moved up to Level III. Nineteen of our 36 graduates were here as fifth and sixth graders. When this group moved up to Level IV I went with them and was their history teacher. Not quite done with this group yet, I stepped into the 7-12 principal role during their eighth grade year and followed them up into the high school. It has been an honor to watch them grow and learn. This time I will not be moving up with them, but I look forward to hearing about what the next stage brings. I will miss them.

Graduation is the culminating event in a busy Senior season. In order for Senior events and graduation to run smoothly many people put in a great deal of effort. I'd like to thank Mark Flanagan and Paul Norkus for their work to make sure that the event spaces were prepared, beautiful, and comfortable. Pam Algera, who is behind the scenes of all SSCPS events, deserves thanks for her extensive work on the graduation details from invitations to diplomas. I also need to thank Jo Feldman and Kathy Sobol for their help with rehearsal, set up, and the graduation reception. Finally, I'd like to extend a special thank you to Mary Carter, our Director of Guidance, for her orchestration of Senior Project, prom, Senior Dinner, and graduation. Most importantly Mary worked tirelessly all year with our Seniors to guide them through the college application process and their internships as she prepared them for the next steps in their lives.

The arrival of graduation signifies the wind down of the school year and the beginning of our 7-11th grade students preparing for final exams. Final exams are an important measure of student progress and an opportunity for students to demonstrate what they have learned over the course of the school year. The data from final exams helps students assess their progress and informs the work of our teachers. Below please find the final exam schedules for both Level IV and the High School. **High School students are dismissed at 12:00 on Thursday 6/12, at 10:30 on Friday 6/13, and at 12:00 on Monday 6/16.** Please make arrangements for your students to be picked up at that time. Students that need to make up an exam may do so on Tuesday, June 17th, or on Wednesday, June 18th. Make up exams should be arranged directly with teachers.

On Tuesday, June 17th students on Level IV will have their Eighth Grade Awards Ceremony beginning at 10:30am over at the PE space. Parents may go directly to the PE space for the event. Following the ceremony there will be a small reception for students and their families at the same location. We will have a sign-out sheet available at the PE space for families that would like to take their eighth grader home following the ceremony.

Level IV Final Exam Schedule June 12-13, 16

	Thursday 6/12	Friday 6/13	Monday 6/16
8:15-8:30	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting
8:30-10:00	A Block	C Block	D Block
10:00-10:30	Break	Break	Break
10:30-12:00	B Block	Project Reflection	E Block

High School Final Exam Schedule June 12-13, 16

	Thursday 6/12	Friday 6/13	Monday 6/16
8:15-8:30	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting
8:30-10:00	Block A	Block C	Block D
10:00-10:30	Break	Break	Break
10:30-12:00	Block B	NO EXAM	Block E

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Wednesday	06/11	4th Quarter Ends	
Thursday	06/12	Level III Spanish Lunch	
Thursday	06/12	Level III Dan's Theater Performance in the SSCPS Music Room	5:30pm
Thurs-Mon	06/12- 6/16	Grades 7-11 Final Exams – See schedule above	
Friday	06/13	SSCEF Golf Tournament – Indian Pond Country Club	
Friday	06/13	Level II Forges Field - Rain Date Monday, June 16	
Friday	06/13	Level III Field Day	
Monday	06/16	Kindergarten Beach Day	
Mon-Tues	06/16-06/17	Grade 6 Final Exams	
Monday	06/16	Level III Theater Project Performance at SSCPS	7:00pm
Tuesday	06/17	Level I Beach Day	
Tuesday	06/17	High School Canobie Lake	
Tuesday	06/17	Level IV Award Ceremony at the SSCPS Gym	10:30am
Tuesday	06/17	Level II Award Ceremony	1:00pm
Tuesday	06/17	SEPAC Meeting at 43 Townsend Street Rockland	7:00pm
Wednesday	06/18	Level I Field Day	
Wednesday	06/18	Level III Award Ceremony	10:30am
Wednesday	06/18	Early Release – Summer Vacation Begins	12:00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2014 Yearbook

The Yearbook Committee only has 4 copies remaining for purchase at the school. You may still order online or complete the attached order form by June 17. To order online go to www.coffeepond.com, to login use school password: bluejaguar.

Level III News

- 6th Grade Recognition Ceremony on 6/18 at 10:30 on Level III
- Spanish Field Trip to El Sarape Restaurant on 6/12
- Please ask to see your student(s)' artwork and school papers from this last quarter

Volunteer Appreciation

A big shout-out and thank you to Elizabeth van der Veen for all of her volunteer efforts for this year. Please let us know if we inadvertently missed you from the list of volunteers. We appreciate the work and time from all.

HEALTH OFFICE

Please pick up all medications in the Health Office before the end of the school year. All medication not picked up will be disposed of. Medication authorization forms must be updated for the 2014-2015 school year if your child will require prescription medication to be administered at school. Please remember to check expiration dates on medications such as inhalers and Epipens before bringing them to the Health Office.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Upcoming Events

Name of Organization	Dates	Info
Whitman Public Library - Volunteer	ongoing	781-447-7613
Birthday Wishes Hanover - Host a goody bag stuffing party to provide a party to homeless children.	ongoing	www.birthdaywishes.org
Easton Children's Museum - Volunteer	continuous	www.childrensmuseumineaston.org
Quincy Animal Shelter-Volunteer dog walker	ongoing	www.quincyanimalshelter.org
Fidelis Hospice Braintree Knit lap blankets for hospice patients.	ongoing	Fidelis Hospice 781 848-3678

If you would like to share a community service event that is happening on the South Shore please email Sarah Collins, Community Service Chairperson, at sazzifrazz78@yahoo.com.

COMMUNITY INTEREST

News from Holly Hill Farms

June 11 - b. good Fundraiser 5 pm – 9 pm

Have dinner at the b.good restaurant at Derby Street and a portion of all sales will be donated to the Friends of Holly Hill Farm to support farm & school garden programs around the South Shore. Kale and Quinoa bowl entree will feature kale grown by students in school farm gardens at many of our partner schools! Holly Hill Farm. 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset [781-383-6565](tel:781-383-6565) www.hollyhillfarm.org

June 21 - Bird Walk 8 am – 10 am \$5

Explore the trails with local bird enthusiast, Sally Avery. Always a popular program, Sally's Bird Walk will both educate and inspire you to learn more about the birds that share our fields, forests, shores and landscapes. Holly Hill Farm. 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. [781-383-6565](tel:781-383-6565). www.hollyhillfarm.org

June 21 – August 30 (no class July 5) Yoga on the Farm Saturday Mornings 8 am – 9 am 10 classes for \$100 for Members / 10 classes for \$120 Non-Members \$12 drop-in for Members / \$15 drop-in for Non-Members Linda Storm will help you start each weekend off in balance, with a peaceful and energizing yoga class on the Farm. All levels are welcome. Bring your mat, towel, water, bug repellent and a friend to this popular series. Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, [781-383-6565](tel:781-383-6565) www.hollyhillfarm.org

June 25 - Shop at Whole Foods!

Do your shopping at Whole Foods at the Derby Street Shoppes in Hingham and 5% of sales will be donated to the Friends of Holly Hill Farm to help continue our educational programs!

June 9 – August 15 SUMMER CAMP!

Limited space is available, so don't delay! Holly Hill Farm has exciting, fun and creative programs for kids ages 3 – 18. From our *Baby Spinach* program for children ages 3 & 4, through the *Farm Pantry* program for teens aged 16-18, there is something for everyone! Visit our website for details. Holly Hill Farm. 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, [781-383-6565](tel:781-383-6565) www.hollyhillfarm.org

July 23 - Wild Edibles with Russ Cohen 6pm – 8pm \$12 Members / \$15 Non-Members

Greens, weeds and maybe a mushroom, too. Follow our local expert and learn to identify wild plants for food and beverages. Russ will discuss methods for preparation, seasons of availability, habitats and nutritional value of the most common and appealing wild plants found in this region. Holly Hill Farm 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset [781-383-6565](tel:781-383-6565) www.hollyhillfarm.org

**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**



THE PATHWAY TO FUN AND BETTER HEALTH IS PAVED WITH YOUR SUPPORT

Physical education, health, and team sports...

Environmental sustainability, water conservation and biodiversity...

Math, engineering, and live special events

How are these all connected? Through an interconnected project to improve our outdoor space that will allow our kids to participate in the design and building of a new and improved backyard where they can jump and climb, see, touch and experience nature all as part of a living laboratory in their regular school day.

Our goal is to fully utilize the outdoor space at the South Shore Charter Public School by providing outdoor equipment, an amphitheater and educational areas for students in grades K-12. But, it will only happen with your help.

Join our team and help us move one step closer to a newly paved hardtop area by donating today, because **Together Everyone Achieves More.**

You can donate at <http://www.sscps.org/donate-now/>

Click on "Pathways" in the donation program section.



2014 YEARBOOK

Inspired by You

It's That Time...

Dear Parent:

The 2014 yearbook is now in progress and all the memories of the 2013-2014 school year will be published forever in print. A yearbook is a trip back to those fun times in school when friends were forever and life was an exciting promise. It captures that feeling and brings those times back again and again. Someday your kids will want to look back, too. Buy them a little time — buy them a yearbook!

So please fill out the order form below, calculate and attach your payment, and bring or mail to the main office today!

Student name _____

Home Phone (in case there are any questions on order) _____

Homeroom _____ Grade _____

Order Options : Check the box next to the option of your choice and mail payment with completed form to the address listed below. Books will be distributed in June.

2014 Hardcover Yearbook - 25.00

Total Amount Enclosed (cash or check): _____

Please make checks payable to: South Shore Charter Public School

Send completed form and payment to: SSCPS 2013 Yearbook
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