



Update
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Welcome and welcome back to another exciting year of learning and growth at the South Shore Charter Public School. Today is a very special day for our nation; today marks the fiftieth anniversary of the March on Washington. Less than a year later, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was passed and the nation had a new compass with which to calculate the protection of constitutional rights within the public education system. The outgrowth from the "I Have a Dream" speech given that day by Dr. Martin Luther King brought much needed change and has helped shape our public education system for the better. Although there remains work to be done, we are truly fortunate to be a part of public education and have classrooms and hallways that reflect the message of the day fifty years ago.

I am very happy to report that our opening day went smoothly and it was truly wonderful to see our new and returning students arriving to school with backpacks, summer reading projects, books, and pencils ready to learn from the moment they walked through the doors. The efforts of a summer of hard work and preparation were evident on every level, but none more so than our high school. The high school has grown and our increased enrollment is well underway. There were many new faces, and many familiar faces, and all took a tour of the new area and new room numbers.

There have been some faculty transitions since the August letter to families. On Level II we are excited to have our very own William Tramontana as our new Learning Services teacher. Elizabeth Esmond has accepted a position in another school system closer to her home. Bill holds a Bachelor of Science from Westfield State University. Prior to his arrival at SSCPS, Bill has taught in the Hull Public Schools as a Title I Reading and Math teacher, a Math Coach, and a Special Education teacher. We are very fortunate that Bill has accepted this position and we are looking forward to another year of student achievement on Level II.

We have had an exciting new project come up over the summer. Thanks to an innovative idea from Donovan Fauvelle and William Tramontana, we will be building a new outdoor classroom and a walkway that will lead us from the back of the building to the front door area. This project is truly a combined effort. Derby Street Shoppes has donated five thousand dollars to the project. Our very own parent/architect Steve Watchorn has designed the classroom landscaping. On Monday faculty volunteers spent the day excavating the site. Thank you to all who participated - Bill, Lenny, Matt, Emily, Donovan, Mark, Joe, Paul, and Ted. Tomorrow forty-four graduate students from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government will be arriving to do the actual building of the outdoor classroom and walkway. This has been an exciting project and a very ambitious undertaking for the first week of school.

Please note that we will have school on Friday with an early dismissal at noon. I wish you a very happy Labor Day weekend.

Alicia E. Savage
Executive Director

Friday	8/30	Early Release	12:00pm
Monday	9/02	Labor Day – no school	
Tuesday	09/03	Parents Association Meeting	7:00pm
Friday	09/06	Mandatory Soccer Meeting for parents & players	5:00pm

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Welcome back to all student athletes and families. The Athletics Department is excited to start another year of sports. We hope to have another great year at SSCPS. The website will be updated once all schedules are finalized. The following are important dates to start the fall season:

High School Soccer

8/28, 8/29, 9/3- Soccer Conditioning 3:30-5:00

9/4, 9/5, 9/6- Practice 3:30-5:00 (Hanover YMCA-transportation provided)

9/6 Mandatory Parents Concussion meeting- 5:30 High School Great Room

Cross Country

8/29 afterschool-Sign-up/Meeting in Rachel's Room (202) schedules will be passed out

9/11 5:00 Mandatory Parents Concussion Meeting

Girls 7-12 Volleyball

8/29 Afterschool-Meeting in Jenn Johnson's Room (211)-schedules and information provided

9/11 5:00 Mandatory Parents Concussion Meeting

Middle School Soccer

9/4 Afterschool -Sign-up/Meeting in Donovan's Room (317)-Permission forms, schedules, and information will be given

9/11 5:00 Mandatory Parents Concussion Meeting

SSCPS IS PROVIDING A PAPER COPY OF THE 1ST UPDATE OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. 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

Pickup Procedures from the Student Handbook

All of us share a common interest at dismissal time of getting all of the students safely, calmly, happily and efficiently into their correct vehicles. Our first goal is safety; second a calm and fair system where we all can feel like we have been treated by one another in a fair manner; and then third efficiency. When we follow these procedures we are modeling teamwork and cooperation, two of our school's founding principles. Following these procedures will help us maintain neighborly relations with the other tenants of Longwater Circle and help with the long range financial health of the school.

- The campus is closed to pick up traffic before 3:00 PM. We will ask you to return if you arrive before because we do not have space on campus and this can cause difficulties with fire lanes.
- **Only pick up students at the front or the back doors**, other pick up points put students' safety and our community relations at risk. You may find that planning to arrive between 3:10 and 3:20 works better for your family.
- There is no cell phone use on campus once active pickup begins.
- Do not pick up on Longwater Circle as this area is restricted to bus pick up
- Follow the lines and arrows painted on the pavement to assist with traffic flow.
- Never drive faster than five miles per hour on campus.
- All drivers are to stay in their cars and staff members will help your child get into the car.
- If your student or any student in your carpool is not present when you come to pick-up that student, a staff member will ask you to pull into a designated waiting area to keep the line moving.
- All K – 8 students not picked up by 3:25 will be directed to a supervised area. All high school students not picked up by 3:25 will be directed to the High School Great Room.
- For an emergency, when an appointment requires an exact 3:00 dismissal, we ask that you pick up your student at or before 2:30.
- Any person who does not cooperate with these procedures will be asked to meet with the Principals.
- Follow the direction of staff at all times and cooperate with other drivers.
- SSCPS reserves the right to transport any student not picked up by five thirty, or any student left waiting for longer than half an hour following a school based event, to the local police department for supervision.

Level I and II

Before-School Fitness Program

Spearheading this fitness program are SSCPS parents Janet Daley and Jessica Lussier with support from Iris Mahegan, Justina Pettinelli, Julie Burke and Priscilla Kelly. The program is inspired by the Reebok Foundation's BOKS program; all the parent fitness leaders have been trained by Reebok. This is a free before-school fitness program being offered to any child in Level I or Level II however participation will be on a first come first served basis, there is room for 40 participants. The program takes place each Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning in the PE space with a start time of 7:30 (drop off beginning at 7:20) and an end time of 8:10, after which the children will be escorted from the gym to the school. The session will run from September 9th through November 27th.

If you would like your child/children to participate in this program please complete the below information and place it in the envelope at the front desk labeled "BOKS – Morning Fitness" by September 4th. Once we know the full list of participants, each family will be notified by email. A separate form must be completed for each child.

Please understand involvement in this program requires a commitment of three days a week for the duration of the 12 week program.

ALL requested information is required

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

I would like my child to participate in the BOKS Morning Fitness Program

Childs' Name: _____ Pod Teacher: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Email: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Breakfast Order Form
Breakfast for the Month of September/October, 2013
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, September 3, 2013

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 9/9 – 9/13 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 9/16 – 9/20 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 9/23 – 9/27 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 9/30 – 10/4 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Number of Breakfasts ordered _____ X \$1.65

Less credit due _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

Lunch Order Form
 Lunch for the Month of September/October, 2013
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, September 3, 2013

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 9/9 – 9/13 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 9/16 – 9/20 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 9/23 – 9/27 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 9/30 – 10/4 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Number of Meals ordered _____ X \$3.25

Less credit due

Total Amount Enclosed

_____ \$ _____

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

Choice of 1% milk, skim milk or orange juice is included with the purchase of a meal or can be purchased separately for 30 cents.

Please note: If your child has forgotten lunch, a cheese sandwich will be provided at the cost of \$2.25. A note from the office will go home that afternoon for reimbursement.