



FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Welcome and Welcome Back to the South Shore Charter Public School!

We have had five wonderful days of school and I want to thank you all for the great start. It is because of you, your children and our thoughtful, hardworking and determined teachers that we have begun the year with such success. In these Updates I will try to give you a picture of some of the things I see in the school and to give you a sense of what I am thinking about. In my work with teachers this year my focus is on a phrase written by the cognitive scientist Dan Willingham, "Memory is the residue of thought." Today I will share with you two memories and indirectly give you a sense of my thought. One of the memories is from the summer and one is from last Friday.

In early August I was walking from my house to meet my wife, Katy, as she got off the commuter boat from Boston at Pemberton Pier in Hull. From a distance I saw two boys sitting on the wall overlooking the bay and I thought how nice to be young and allowed to be at the pier. When I got closer I realized that not only did I know those boys but that they were not so young. They were about to go to college. Thirteen years earlier they had started Kindergarten at our school. The three of us talked and the young men were full of confidence and promise about their futures, one at UMass College of Engineering in Amherst and the other in the honors program at BU. In two weeks they would be off at school but they still looked and seemed young to me. We see everything from our current experience but I remember how old I felt when I was their age. I remember in imprecise ways the person I was then and how at seventeen I thought of myself as an adult but I now saw those two as boys. I also remember what it felt like when my children went off to kindergarten for the first time. How accomplished they seemed; how sophisticated I thought they were but I also remember how I felt when I was teaching kindergarten, first and second grade and how young the kindergarteners seemed every fall.

This year I have been thinking a great deal about kindergarteners because I will be teaching one of the sections of kindergarten on Fridays. Last Friday I had my first day and it was more wonderful than I had expected with the teaching more interesting, the children more attentive and my focus greater. I saw brave children, honest children and hardworking children. And then there was the question that has had me thinking and talking for the past four days. Melissa Freitas and I were teaching an introductory math lesson and we were talking about numbers. I was showing attributes of "fourness" when a student asked, "Why are there so many more numbers than letters?" As a younger teacher I would have heard that question and lost myself in the question and the mind of the questioner. I would have talked about symbols and combinational systems and the class would have gotten off-track, but perhaps because of all the wonderful teaching I have observed in my role as Principal, on Friday I said something like, "That is a wonderful question. Let me think about that question and we will talk about it later." Melissa and I taught the lesson and the students learned and thought about what we had intended. At lunch I sat with the child and the two of us talked about letters and numbers. I am not sure how interested he was in what we said; it was lunch, after all. But I will remember the child and the question and perhaps I will see that child on some summer day with a friend and they will tell me what they are planning to do with their lives as they go off to college.

Many thanks for the start of the year. The energy we feel was on full display at last night's Parents Association meeting where about sixty folks came to put their shoulders to the wheel of the Project that is South Shore Charter.

And what would be the start of the year without a comment about drop-off and pick-up? The following e-mail came from a parent:

“Can you add a "Drop Off" procedures section in an upcoming Update? I drop off at the front door entrance every morning and at least three mornings out of 5 someone has left their vehicle parked in the drop off lane, with the driver nowhere in sight. It really messes up the flow. Also it might be nice to remind drivers to use directional signals to let other drivers know your intentions.”

We do not have a formal “Drop-Off Policy” but we ask you to stay in your cars and not block the flow of traffic. Students entering the building through the back door should exit their vehicle on the driver's side while students being dropped off at the front door should exit their vehicle on the passenger's side. The formal “Pick-up Procedure” which is from the Student Handbook may be viewed at

<http://files.sscps.org/browsable/About/News+And+Events/Update/2013-2014+Update/08+28+2013%20Update.pdf>

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Friday	09/06	Mandatory Soccer Parent/Player Meeting	5:30pm
Monday	09/09	Level I Parent Back to School Night	6:00-7:30pm
Tuesday	09/10	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Wednesday	09/11	Mandatory Athletic Parent/Player Meeting	5:00pm
Wednesday	09/11	Level IV and High School Parent Back to School Night	6:00-7:30pm
Wednesday	09/11	Senior Parent Meeting	7:30pm
Thursday	09/12	School Council	3:30pm
Saturday	09/21	SAVE THE DATE! Back to School Picnic	3:00-5:00pm

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

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Volunteer Survey

See all the opportunities for volunteering available at our school and suggest new ones too!

Complete the survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SSCPSvolunteer-survey>

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

Bring this
flyer with you!

LET'S RAISE SOME DOUGH FOR SSCPS

Tuesday, September 10th

SSCPS has a half-day. We encourage you to bring your family and friends
to lunch and/or dinner at

Louie's
Famous Pizza
Restaurant



988 Bedford Street (Rte. 18) Abington Court, MA 02351

781-871-0033 or 781-878-9613

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

Breakfast Order Form
Breakfast for the Month of September/October, 2013
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, September 10, 2013

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

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 10, 2013

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

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

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

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

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.



South Shore Charter School August/September, 2013

Breakfast

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Aug. 26	27 WG Cinnamon Roll Orange Juice Milk	28 3.6 oz. WW Apple Muffin Orange Juice Milk	29 Frosted Mini Wheats WW Lemon Dinosaur Grahams Orange Juice Milk	30 WW Croissant w/Jelly Apple Milk
Sept. 2 LABOR DAY	3 3.6 oz. WW Apple Muffin Orange Juice Milk	4 Corn Flakes WW Blueberry Waffle Grahams Orange Juice Milk	5 Toasty O's WW Apple Cinnamon Waffle Grahams Orange Juice and Milk	6 Cinnamon Raisin Bagel w/Jelly Orange Juice Milk
9 3.6 oz. Blueberry Muffin Orange Juice Milk	10 WG Cinnamon Roll Orange Juice Milk	11 Plain Bagel Orange Juice Milk	12 3.6 oz. WW Chocolate Muffin Orange Juice Milk	13 WW Croissant w/Jelly Apple Milk
16 2 oz. Frosted Flakes Apple Juice Milk	17 3.6 oz. WW Banana Muffin Orange Juice Milk	18 3.6 oz. WW Chocolate Muffin Orange Juice Milk	19 WG Cinnamon Roll Orange Juice Milk	20 3.6 oz. WW Apple Muffin Orange Juice Milk
23 Cinnamon Raisin Bagel w/Jelly Orange Juice Milk	24 3.6 oz. WW Chocolate Muffin Orange Juice Milk	25 WW Croissant w/Jelly Orange Juice Milk	26 3.6 oz. WW Apple Muffin Orange Juice Milk	27 WG Cinnamon Roll Orange Juice Milk
30 2 oz. Frosted Flakes Orange Juice Milk	Oct. 1 WG Cinnamon Roll Orange Juice Milk	2 3.6 oz. WW Apple Muffin Orange Juice Milk	3 Frosted Mini Wheats WW Lemon Dinosaur Grahams Orange Juice Milk	4 3.6 oz. WW Apple Muffin Orange Juice Milk

* All Meals include choice of 1% or Skim Milk.

Complies with NSLP Regulations

ALL MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

***Before placing your order, please inform the school if you have a food allergy!**



South Shore Charter School K-8 August/September, 2013

Lunch

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Aug. 26	27 Chicken Tenders Potato Puffs w/Ketchup Whole Wheat Roll Plums Milk	28 Pancakes w/Syrup Sausage Patty Sweet Potato Baked Apple Slices Milk	29 Turkey Ranch WW Wrap Cucumber Fruit Cocktail Milk	30 EARLY RELEASE
Sept. 2 LABOR DAY	3 BBQ Chicken on a WW Bun Sweet Potato Fries w/Ketchup Apple Juice Milk	4 Jamaican Beef Patty Southwestern Beans Corn Tangerine and Milk	5 Chicken Alfredo w/Ziti Broccoli Applesauce Milk	6 Chicken Caesar Salad WW Wrap Cucumber Pears Milk
9 Chicken Tenders Potato Puffs w/Ketchup Whole Wheat Roll Fruit Cocktail Milk	10 EARLY RELEASE	11 Buffalo Chicken WW Wrap Chickpea Salad Peaches Milk	12 American Chop Suey Broccoli Whole Wheat Roll Orange Juice Milk	13 Sweet & Sour Chicken Brown Rice Chinese Style Vegetables Banana Milk
16 Beef Hot Dog on a WW Roll w/Ketchup Baked Beans Fruit Cocktail and Milk	17 Chicken Parmesan Over Ziti Carrots Apple Milk	18 Chicken Stir Fry Brown Rice Chinese Style Vegetables Orange Milk	19 Beef & Bean WW Burrito Corn Banana Milk	20 Cheese Pizza Broccoli Corn Peaches Milk
23 Hamburger on a WW Bun w/Ketchup Baked Beans Apple and Milk	24 EARLY RELEASE	25 WW Chicken Quesadilla Green Beans Banana Milk	26 Pancakes w/Syrup Sausage Patty Sweet Potato Baked Apple Slices Milk	27 Turkey and Gravy Potato Puffs Whole Wheat Roll Orange Milk
30 Macaroni & Cheese Broccoli Whole Wheat Roll Peaches and Milk	Oct. 1 Meatballs on a WW Sub Sweet Potato Banana Milk	2 Chicken Tenders Potato Puffs w/Ketchup Whole Wheat Roll Fruit Cocktail Milk	3 Jamaican Beef Patty Southwestern Beans and Corn Fruit Milk	4 Cheese Pizza Green Beans Potato Wedges Fruit Milk

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South Shore Charter School 9-12 August/September, 2013

Lunch

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Aug. 26	27 Chicken Tenders Potato Puffs w/Ketchup Whole Wheat Roll Fruit Cocktail and Plums Milk	28 Pancakes w/Syrup Sausage Patty Sweet Potato Baked Apple Slices Milk	29 Turkey Ranch WW Wrap Cucumber Fruit Cocktail Banana Milk	30 EARLY RELEASE
Sept. 2 LABOR DAY	3 BBQ Chicken on a WW Bun Sweet Potato Fries w/Ketchup Pineapple Chunks Apple Juice and Milk	4 Jamaican Beef Patty Southwestern Beans and Corn Tangerine Orange Juice and Milk	5 Chicken Alfredo w/Ziti Broccoli Whole Wheat Roll Applesauce and Milk	6 Chicken Caesar Salad WW Wrap Cucumber Pears Orange Juice and Milk
9 Chicken Tenders Potato Puffs w/Ketchup Whole Wheat Roll Fruit Cocktail Milk	10 EARLY RELEASE	11 Buffalo Chicken WW Wrap Chickpea Salad Peaches Milk	12 American Chop Suey Broccoli Whole Wheat Roll Pineapple Chunks Orange Juice and Milk	13 Sweet & Sour Chicken Brown Rice Chinese Style Vegetables Mandarin Oranges Banana and Milk
16 Beef Hot Dog on a WW Roll w/Ketchup Baked Beans Fruit Cocktail and Milk	17 Chicken Parmesan Over Ziti Carrots Apple Orange Juice Milk	18 Chicken Stir Fry Brown Rice Chinese Style Vegetables Orange Apple Juice and Milk	19 Beef & Bean WW Burrito Corn Banana Orange Juice Milk	20 Cheese Pizza Broccoli Corn Peaches Milk
23 Hamburger on a WW Bun w/Ketchup Baked Beans Apple and Milk	24 EARLY RELEASE	25 WW Chicken Quesadilla Spanish Rice Green Beans Peaches and Banana Milk	26 Pancakes w/Syrup Sausage Patty Sweet Potato Baked Apple Slices Milk	27 Turkey and Gravy Potato Puffs WG Cinnamon Roll Orange and Peaches Milk
30 Macaroni & Cheese Broccoli Whole Wheat Roll Peaches and Milk	Oct. 1 Meatballs on a WW Sub Sweet Potato Banana Apple Juice Milk	2 Chicken Tenders Potato Puffs w/Ketchup Whole Wheat Roll Fruit Milk	3 Jamaican Beef Patty Southwestern Beans and Corn Fruit Juice Milk	4 Cheese Pizza Green Beans Potato Wedges Fruit Milk

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