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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The end of the school year is marked with specific rituals that define our school and who we are as a community. We celebrate graduation during the first weekend of June as a way of saying goodbye, and we also take the opportunity to thank our graduating seniors for who they are and the mark they have left our school as they become our newest alumni. These last days of the school year are filled with final exams, awards ceremonies, beach and field days, and celebrations. As this school year comes to a close, and as these celebrations continue, it is important to reflect on the year that has passed, and how we will look forward to the new school year in beginning in August.

This year we have seen so many wonderful new things, from Annie Jr. to ABA Law Day, our students never cease to amaze us with their talent, hard work, and knowledge. It is nice how amidst our older traditions like our concerts and fashion show, we have been able to make room for new traditions. August to today has been a year of looking back at the past twenty years and recognizing who we are as a school, but also looking to the future and what we have the potential to become.

Years from now, when we look back on this year, its definitive marker will be the unprecedented amount of snow that fell for months. Your patience and perseverance through those days when the snow was high and the sunlight was short helped us make it through together. Our facilities team, led by Mark Flanagan, deserves a tremendous amount of credit for making sure the building was safe and the snow was clear throughout the long winter months. Thank you.

Change is never easy. This year we faced many challenges presented by the Department of Education with aplomb. Our students were prepared and ready to take on the MCAS and the PARCC. In addition to our wonderful students and faculty, I would also like to thank Dee Delaney, our school wide administrative assistant, Ralph deGennaro, our Director of Technology, and Joseph McSheffrey, also from the technology department, for all of their help with the MCAS and the PARCC assessments. They have done yeoman's work. Thank you.

And of course, our families have also put forth an amazing amount of work this year. At the June Parents Association Meeting we honored all of our parent volunteers who have donated time and talent to make our school a strong and supportive place for our students. Our parents teach FIT, volunteer in classrooms, organize events, bravely chaperone field trips, work in the library, craft fun projects, tirelessly fundraise, support our school wide events, and serve on the Board of Trustees. Even today, parent volunteers have been busy cooking and organizing the faculty luncheon. Thank you to all of our volunteers:

Hira Akhtar	Marie Blaise
Siama Akhtar	Sheri Blanchard
Leslie Alden	Linda Boudreau
Paul Alden	Karen Boyle
Heidi Aylward	Emma Broderick
Myriam Azer	Deb Brown
Leigh Baltzer	Valerie Brown
Rich Bamberry	Lisa Bumbalo
Christine Barry	Julie Burke
Carolyn Beauregard	Colette Bycinte
Kerry Benjamin	Marissa Carson
Frank Bennett	Maura Carson
Kim Beshere	Danette Carter
Solange Bien-Aime	Mary Carter

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oyle	Lori Childs
Broderick	Amy Christoferi
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Carson	Kim Dalton
Carson	Tim Dalton
Carter	Charles Dannison
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Andrea Feeney Steve Feenev Michael Flanagan Michele Frank Denise Gallion Annette Golden Debra Goldenberg Michelle Gouthro Gema Grav Kerry Griffin Susie Guthro Deirdre Hall Kristen Hamilton Tom Hamilton Sharon Hampton Amy Hanscom Michael Harris Christina Harvey Mark Harvey Meredith Harward Renee Hearn Katrina Hebert Maureen Hebert Michael Hebert Soria Hennebury Aisling Hickey Coreen Higgins Steve Hillson Tina Hillson Kerry Hnath Donna Hogan Caitriona Hollowed Cheryl Ann Hurley Tara Iorio Caitlin Isabel Kim Isabel Jenn Jordan

Catherine Kagiri John Kelleher Amy Kelly Priscilla Kelly Anatoli Korosidis Judy Lally Alene LaRosa John LaRosa Kris LaRue Diana Latimer Candy Lee David Lee Holly Lee Ken Lee Alexis Levitt Maura Longueil Alan Lussier Jessica Lussier David MacDonald Kerri MacDonald Kim MacDonald Scott MacDonald Iris Mahegan Tanya Maniscalco Daniela Manning Betsy McCall Jamie McCarthy Donna McCrorey Kathyleen McDonald Adrienne McDougall Megan McKee Tony McKernan Ashley Medeiros Yeemay Miller Karen Moylan Eileen Moynihan

Kathy Muse Tom Muse Marie Nelson Dawn Nevarez Wanjivu Nganga Ade Olaove Stephanie Olsen Mary Oxner Myrlande Pamphile Deb Paquette Lisa Parsons Jessica Pennino Rene Petersen Justina Pettinelli Stephanie Phillips Jenn Pina David Poggenburg Kendra Polefka Mike Polefka Peggy Pucillo Annette Reel Helene Reinoso Glen Rice Edwin Rivera Laura Rivera Debbie Rogers Theona Royer Jennifer Rubin Courtney Rudinoff Paul Rudinoff Nancy Schaefer Flynn Jennifer Schoonover Stephanie Seal Lillie Seeger Kevin Shantler Caitlin Sheils Ana Silveira

Richard Smith Moses Sowale Barbara Stephens Patrick Strackman Mike Strahm Damian Sullivan Kimberly Sullivan Stacey Sunnerberg Yoshiko Takeishi Lauren Teller Marc Tiernev Julianne Tilden Jason Trask Kathleen Trask Elizabeth Vanderveeneen Maryellen Vanderveen Lisa VanWinkle Christina Walsh Gwen Watchorn Leanne Whitcomb Steve Whitcomb Cissy White Bethany Whitemyer David Whitemyer

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Looking forward, this summer we will be launching the first phase of our outdoor spaces renovation. We will continue to raise money for this effort over the summer. It is our intention to get as much of the work done as possible and we once again will rely on your ongoing support. For more information on this effort and how you can help, please go directly to our website, www.sscps.org. This summer work will mark the beginning of project over two years in the planning.

Thank you for being part of our school community. I wish you a happy and restful summer.

Kirsten Mullen

Alicia Savage – <u>asavage@sscps.org</u>

Wednesday	06/17	Level II Year-End Awards	10:00am
Wednesday	06/17	Early Release Day	12:00pm
Wednesday	06/17	Parent Association Teacher Appreciation Luncheon	
Thursday	06/18	Level III Year-End Awards at the Gym followed by a celebration back in the Level III Great Room	9:00-10:00am
Thursday	06/18	8 th Grade Award Ceremony at the Gym	10:30-12:00pm
Thursday	06/18	Last Day of School – Early Release	12:00pm

Level IV Final Exam Schedule June 16-18

	Tuesday 6/16	Wednesday 6/17	Thursday 6/18
8:15-8:30	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting
8:30-10:00	A Block	C Block	E Block
10:00-10:30	Break	Break	Break
10:30-12:00	B Block	D Block	8th Grade Award Ceremony

High School Final Exam Schedule June 16-18

	Tuesday 6/16	Wednesday 6/17	Thursday 6/18
8:15-8:30	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting
8:30-10:00	A Block	C Block	E Block
10:00-10:30	Break	Break	Break
10:30-12:00	B Block	D Block	Exam Make-up

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calling all coffee drinkers! Do you like fresh, high-quality coffee grown in Costa Rica and roasted locally? Do you gain an enormous sense of satisfaction by helping SSCPS students go on the trip of a lifetime? Well, "Charter Beans" coffee is right for you! To help fund-raise for the high school trip to Costa Rica next year, group leader Ryan Gillespie and fellow travelers will be selling 1-pound bags of coffee for \$14 each throughout the summer into the next school year. Coffee amigo Troy Quimby of Bold Coast Coffee in East Machias, Maine imports coffee beans grown in the Tarrazu region of Costa Rica and because of his passion for everything Costa Rica, has given us a tremendous discount to allow us to reap maximum benefits from our coffee sales. Thank you, Troy! If you would like some of this premium blend, Ryan is happy to deliver to you! You can contact him at rgillespie@sscps.org to place an order or ask for more information. Gracias!

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Please remember to pick up your child's medication from the health office by June 18, 2015. Medication not picked up will be disposed of. Also, please remember that all medication orders need to be renewed for the 2015-2016 school year.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

The Library has closed for the year, and all materials are now due. Please return any books to your child's pod teacher OR to Bev Bruce's room on Level 2 (room 318) before Tuesday June 16th to avoid being billed for missing items. Check under car seats, in backpacks, or around your home! If you have lost a book, please email Bev at bbruce@sscps.org or call x336. Thank you!

NEWS FROM ATHLETICS



With the Women's World Cup currently in action, the high school girls soccer team took some time on Monday after school to watch some of the best soccer in the world. The Lady Jags watched an exciting Germany vs. Thailand game. Picture below are some of the Lady Jaguars soccer team.

WEEKLY UPDATES ARE EMAILED AND POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AT <u>WWW.SSCPS.ORG</u> EVERY WEDNESDAY – TO RECEIVE A PAPER COPY PLEASE CONTACT PAM ALGERA EXT. 103 OR EMAIL <u>PALGERA@SSCPS.ORG</u> Thank you to all who participated in the recent TARGET THANKS A BILLION campaign.
Our school raised **\$875** and we thank Target and YOU!

Here are other easy ways to help our school.

With the Target Red Card, our school will get 1% of your purchases as long as you sign up! This year, we received a check for \$1319.63.



With the Stop and Shop card, they give back to SSCPS as well through the A+ school reward. Register your card and our school earns money!



Become a sponsor for the 7th annual SSCPS Harvest Run and Family Walk on October 17th, 2015. Your sponsorship will provide high visibility and promotion of your business before, during and after the event! Please contact Laurie Dannison with any questions and ideas at Idannison@sscps.org.













- You can send Box Tops to school anytime. Please place in a ziploc bag or envelope. Drop off at the front desk. Include your POD name and your name (optional)
- ☐ The POD who earns the most by April 2016 will receive a Prize.
- Please ask Family and Co-workers to save their Box Tops throughout the year.

Each Box Top is worth 10¢ for our school

Over 80,000 K-8

schools participate

Box Top earnings \$\$ are sent to SSCPS in December and April

SSCPS can use Box Tops 55 to buy whatever we need

Box Tops do <u>Expire</u> so please check date the coupon

Lifetime Box Tops Earnings for SSCPS: \$8,443.65

Special Thank You to Bethany Whitemyer for being the SSCPS Box Top Coordinator for the past 5 years.

Irene Hackett will be the new SSCPS Box Top Coordinator for 2015-16

Please register at: www.boxtops4education.com to:

- View School Earnings
- View Participating Products
- View School Ranking

- Get Recipes
- * Earn Coupons

Enter Sweepstakes



Ends July 12, 2015



Ends December 15, 2015





6/15/2015 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Contact Info:
Friends of Holly Hill Farm
Holly Hill Farm
236 Jerusalem Road , Cohasset, MA 02025
www.hollyhillfarm.org 781-383-6565

Holly Hill Farm Media contact: jbelberhollyhill@hotmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Cohasset Farmers Market Opening Day June 18, 2:00 – 6:00pm

Holly Hill Farm will be offering fresh, organically grown produce at Opening Day of the Cohasset Farmers Market, located on Cohasset Common, North Main Street, Cohasset. Many other vendors, local crafts, live music and pony rides. EveryThursday from 2 – 6pm through October 15th. http://cohassetfarmersmarket.com/

Holly Hill Farm Stand Open

Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00 – 6:00pm

The Farm Stand is now open weekends from 11am – 6pm, featuring our organic greens, asparagus (for a limited time), sugar snap peas and seasonally available produce. We still have organically grown seedlings for your vegetable gardens, including some unusual tomatoes and flowers. Shop daily from the stands outside the Main Barn. Holly Hill Farm. 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset 781-383-6565 www.hollyhillfarm.org

Summer Camp at Holly Hill Farm: Dig, Grow, Harvest June 8 – August 28

Call TODAY to register your child for Summer Camp at Holly Hill Farm. There is much to discover, taste and enjoy at Holly Hill. There is limited space available with 12-weeks of programming designed for kids ages 3 – 18. Visit our website for details or call <u>781-383-6565</u>.

Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. www.hollyhillfarm.org

Rise & Shine Yoga at Holly Hill Farm Saturdays, 8 – 9 am beginning June 13

Linda Storm leads a one hour morning class on Saturdays at Holly Hill Farm. Begin your weekend with a mindful yoga practice outdoors. Please bring your own yoga mat, towel, sunscreen, bug spray and water bottle. Friends of Holly Hill Farm members, 10 weeks \$100, Drop ins \$12. Non Members, 10 weeks \$120, Drop ins \$15. No class on July 4. Through August 22. Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. www.hollyhillfarm.org

Movies and Munchies at the Farm, 236 Jerusalem Rd., Cohasset 02025 781-383-6565, hollyhilfarm.org Alternate Wednesdays beginning June 17 – August 12 7 - 10 pm

Join us for our Summer Films & Food series! Held outdoors, thought provoking films will be shown on the back of the Tomato Barn. Munchies baked in our masonry oven will be available for a fee. Event is postponed to the following Wednesday in the event of rain.

June 17th feature will be **Queen of the Sun: What Are the Bees Telling Us? (<u>queenofthesun.com</u>) Jenny DeFreitas owner & beekeeper of Jenny D's Bees,** (<u>cohassetfarmersmarket.com/?page_id=1696</u>) a beekeeper for 4 years, maintaining 20 hives will present an educational program prior to the movie, complete with honey tasting!

July 1st movie will be **Symphony of the Soil**. 104 minute feature documentary filmed on 4 continents that shows soil is a complex, living organism, the foundation of life on earth. Join us for a composting demonstration and discussion prior to the movie. Guests who bring organic materials to contribute to our compost bins will receive a special treat. Movies are free of charge and munchies are available for a fee. Holly Hill Farm.

Farm-to-Table Dinner with Chef Sam Cabral Curtis has been changed to July 25th!

Kick off your summer and join us for our Farm-to-Table Dinner with Chef Sam Cabral Curtis from The Corner Stop Eatery in Hingham. 5 course prix fixe dinner will feature organic produce from Holly Hill Farm and meat or fish sourced sustainably and locally. \$125 per person for *Friends of Holly Hill Farm* Members, \$150 per person non-members. Wine and beer pairings are included. For review of 2014 Dinner

see http://www.hinghamfoodie.com/food/farm-to-table-dinner-at-holly-hill-farm-featuring-the-corner-stop/
Proceeds will support educational programs at the Farm and at local schools.

Holly Hill Farm. 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. 781-383-6565 www.hollyhillfarm.org

2nd Annual Sustainable Garden Tour Saturday, June 27, 10 am – 3 pm

Mark your calendars! Last year's Sustainable Garden Tour was so popular, we've made it an annual event. Local gardeners from around the South Shore will open their gardens to our guests. The Tour will focus on sustainable, naturally/organically maintained gardens. See up close how gardeners keep backyard chickens, care for beehives, raise goats and utilize composting systems that feed their soil. Private homes, educational gardens at Holly Hill Farm, a Food Pantry garden and a Hingham school garden are featured. Come and gather creative ideas for your own garden. Tickets are \$25 prior to June 27 and \$30 the day of the tour. Tickets are available on our website. You may pick up your prepaid ticket or purchase in person beginning June 24th at Holly Hill Farm and at Kennedy's Country Gardens in Scituate, Route 3A. Holly Hill Farm. 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. 781-383-6565 www.hollyhillfarm.org

Introduction to Wood Fired Baking Workshop with author and cook, Paula Marcoux Saturday, July 11, 6 pm - 10 pm

Join local Food Historian and author of <u>Cooking with Fire</u>, Paula Marcoux for a four hour workshop of how to cook using a wood-fired oven. Evening will include specific techniques, tools and recipes to accompany the baked goods hot from the oven. Beverages will be included. Maximum 8 people. Please register by calling Holly Hill Farm. 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. **781-383-6565** www.hollyhillfarm.org

Farm Pantry: A Community Service Program for Teens ages 15 - 18 Ongoing opportunities through November Free – Family Membership suggested

This rewarding program for teens is fast becoming one of our most popular! Students explore organic growing methods as they help to sow, grow, harvest and deliver fresh produce for local food pantries in Cohasset and Hull, as well as, Father Bill's Place, a community shelter in Quincy. Early in the season, tasks help ensure the successful growth of crops. Later in the growing season the focus shifts to harvesting crops. Students are welcome to attend one, two or all twelve sessions! Participants will exit the program with documented hours of community service (a graduation requirement for some local students), a letter of recommendation and a sense of meaningful accomplishment in helping to make fresh, local produce available to clients at food pantries. Interested students are required to complete an application and write a letter of interest in order to participate. Forms are available on our website. Questions? Contact Education Director Jon Belber at 781-383-6565

or jbelberhollyhill@hotmail.com Holly Hill Farm. 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. www.hollyhillfarm.org

SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS: THE WEEKLY HARVEST

Recently the farm educators both hosted school field trips for Cohasset first and third graders. They sowed bean seeds, planted potatoes in the *Education Garden* and transplanted kale for the Summer camp participants to enjoy. Soon, the teachers will plant beans at the Foster school in Hingham and potatoes at the Jacobs school in Hull. With all the snow and extended school days, the kids at schools have more opportunities to plant at their school farm gardens.