

## FROM THE K-6 PRINCIPAL

Last weekend we as Americans experienced a horrible hate crime and act of terrorism in the Orlando Pulse Nightclub shooting. It was the most deadly shooting in our history and one that targeted our most frequently victimized minority group, the LGBT community. It was and is horrible. The shooting was another piece of evidence that there are bad people in this world but our message to our children and to each other should be that there are more people who are filled with love than those filled with hate. There is a poster of Martin Luther King, Jr. outside my office that quotes from the following passage:

The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral,  
begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy.  
Instead of diminishing evil, it multiplies it.  
Through violence you may murder the liar,  
but you cannot murder the lie, nor establish the truth.  
Through violence you may murder the hater,  
but you do not murder hate.  
In fact, violence merely increases hate.  
So it goes.  
Returning violence for violence multiplies violence,  
adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars.  
Darkness cannot drive out darkness:  
only light can do that.  
Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.

In these Updates I often write about the cycle of the school year. Our school's cycle runs independently of the individual family, national and international cycles that are concurrently spinning. But our cycle is porous and is influenced by a child's illness, a new baby, a birthday, a move, a tragedy -- all of the joys, sadness, triumphs and crises of the larger and smaller worlds. An event of the importance of the Pulse Nightclub shooting does come into our school and does have impact on our days within our small community. Our school is a part of and in that wider world. But we are also removed and separate from that larger world because our school is a world for children. Right now the routines and rituals of the end of the year have great drive and power and they protect us a bit from the current national tragedy.

Yesterday I saw an example of one of our own traditions and patterns that are connected with the end of the school year: the first and second graders' trip to Nantasket Beach in Hull. In fact this event was so powerful that I forgot about Orlando for a while. There were about 90 six, seven, and eight year olds, and assorted younger siblings and many family members and teachers at the beach. I live in Hull and I go to that beach about three or four times a week all year round. But there is nothing like taking ninety kids to the beach. All I could see or remember at that moment was love and joy. But it was not just the power of the beach and the beauty of the day, it was the power of the SSCPS school and SSCPS education. It was the power of the values the children have learned, many of them from you but also many of them from school. On the way to the beach the children sang these songs:

*"This Land is Your Land"*  
*"America the Beautiful"*  
*"Peace Like a River"*  
*"My Country 'tis of Thee"*  
*"Bingo"*

It was very therapeutic for me to hear those songs and to think that that was what the children wanted to sing. It was not a political act on their part to praise our country or to sing old songs it was just a way to have fun. But it felt political to me. It seemed to be following Martin Luther King's message that only light can drive out darkness and only love can drive out hate. It reminded me that the larger arc of history is changing in good ways as well as in bad.

At the June concert I don't know how many of you could discern the words these children sang when they sang "When the Saints Go Marching In". The first and second graders sang new words that had been written by the students in Sheina's Pod. These are the words they sang,

"When the Saints go marching in  
Oh when the Saints go marching in  
We are going to be the color of the rainbow  
When the Saints go marching in"

Now I am nearly certain that they did not mean any direct reference to the LGBT community when they made up those words. I believe that what our children meant when they wrote and sang those words was that they were going to embrace everything and be open. So as we face a truly horrific and terrible event, remember that there are lots of good folks around and many things are better now than they were when we were children.

One example of a new good thing in this world is the South Shore Charter Public School.

At this time of year I typically recap the year with portions from each of our months but this year I thought it was more important to write about the beach and the shooting. The recapping of the year will have to wait for another year.

May you all have a summer of joy and may you all find a chance to do something that gives you as much happiness as taking 90 first and second graders to the beach gives me.

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

## **FROM THE 7-12 PRINCIPAL**

June is moving quickly and the school year is winding down, though in many ways this is the busiest time of year. EOM presentations, awards ceremonies, and the completion of the curriculum are keeping our students and faculty incredibly busy.

With less than a week to go, our 7th-11th grade students and their teachers are looking ahead to final exams as they finish classes and review the year's work. Final exams are an important measure of student progress and an opportunity for students to demonstrate what they have learned over the course of a school year. The data from final exams helps students measure their progress and informs the work of our teachers, who are always looking ahead to next year and striving to be better.

Below please find the final exam schedules for both Level IV and the High School. **Students in grades 7-11 are dismissed at 12:00 on Thursday 6/16, and on Friday 6/17. They are released at 10:00 on Monday 6/20, unless they have an exam to make up.** Please make arrangements for your students to be picked up at that time.

On Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 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. Please note that high school students do not have school on Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.

### High School Final Exam Schedule June 16-20

	Thursday 6/16	Friday 6/17	Monday 6/20
<b>8:15-8:30</b>	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting
<b>8:30-10:00</b>	A Block	C Block	E Block
<b>10:00-10:30</b>	Break	Break	Break
<b>10:30-12:00</b>	B Block	D Block	Make-up Exam

### Level IV Final Exam Schedule June 16-20

	Thursday 6/16	Friday 6/17	Monday 6/20
<b>8:15-8:30</b>	Pod Time	Pod Time	Pod Time
<b>8:30-10:00</b>	A Block	C Block	E Block
<b>10:00-10:30</b>	Break	Break	Break
<b>10:30-12:00</b>	B Block	D Block	Project

I hope that everyone enjoys a well-deserved summer break! Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Angie Pepin - [aepin@sscps.org](mailto:aepin@sscps.org)

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>06/15</b>	<b>Buddy Bench Dedication hosted by DBR Workshop</b>	<b>2:30pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>06/16</b>	<b>Level II Forges Field</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>06/16</b>	<b>Level IV and High School Final Exams – Early Release</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>06/17</b>	<b>Level III Georges Island</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>06/17</b>	<b>Level IV and High School Final Exams – Early Release</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>06/20</b>	<b>Kindergarten Beach Day</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>06/20</b>	<b>Level IV and High School Final Exams</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>06/20</b>	<b>Level II Awards</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>06/20</b>	<b>Early Release Day</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>06/21</b>	<b>Level III Awards</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>06/21</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Award Ceremony at the SSCPS Gym</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>06/21</b>	<b>Last Day of School and Early Release</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Design, Build, and Repair welcomes Colin's Buddy Bench to SSCPS

South Shore Charter Public School is proud to announce that our campus will be the next home to a Buddy Bench. The Buddy Bench is used as a neutral setting for children on the playground to talk to others and get along. The



idea was created to eliminate anyone from feeling alone and to foster new friendships on the playground. The Buddy Bench is in loving memory of Colin Maroney, a Weymouth student. Colin's mother, Lisa Maroney, was kind enough to donate the Buddy Bench to our community to build positive connections among students. The Design, Build, and Repair Workshop in the high school put the bench together. The DBR Workshop has been sharing the message of Colin's Bench to the lower levels and will present the Buddy Bench on June 15th at 2:30pm in its new home in

our playground area. We hope to see you there!

### FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Please remember to pick up all medications your child may have in the health office. Medication that is not picked up by June 22, 2016 will be disposed of. Also please remember all current prescription medication orders expire on the last day of school and must be renewed for the 2016-2017 school year.

### FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

We are so close to our Annual Goal! We are over \$42,000 and have two weeks to raise our final dollars toward the Annual Fund. The Fund pays for Project and Workshop expenses for all our students, as well as music, arts, and athletic programs. If you are able to support us this last month, with an additional or new donation, please send your fully tax deductible amount today. We need your help to sustain these vital programs.

*Mail your donation to: SSCEF, P.O. Box 512, Accord, MA, 02018, or drop off a check in the envelope at the Front Desk, or [Donate Now](#) online. Thank you for your continued support! Also make sure to check if your company matches your donation [HERE!](#)*

### Brockton Rox game sold out

Thank you to everyone who signed up for the game next week. We look forward to celebrating the last day of school together at the game on Tuesday, June 21st. The Rox game raised \$800 toward the South Shore Charter Educational Foundation!

**Shop on Amazon?** Link your [amazon account](#) to the South Shore Charter Educational Foundation. It takes a minute and is easy money for our school. Pass on the link to family and friends!

**SSCPS Spirit Wear:** Limited sizes left for school apparel. Email Laurie D. at [ldannison@sscps.org](mailto:ldannison@sscps.org) for more information. Thanks for all your support. It's been great to see the students wearing SSCPS gear all year!

### YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

The 2016 yearbook has arrived and all the memories of the 2015-2016 school year are published forever in print. You may still order online by June 14<sup>th</sup> go to [www.coffeepond.com](http://www.coffeepond.com), and use school password: bluejaguar. or *email Christine at [cbodnar@sscps.org](mailto:cbodnar@sscps.org) to get yours today!*

**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)**

South Shore Charter Public School  
2016-2017 CALENDAR

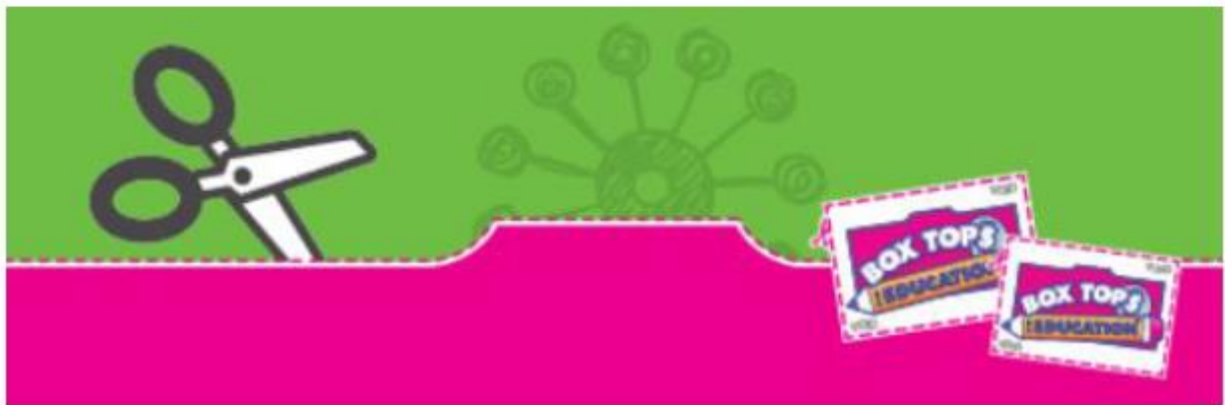
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Approved by Board of Trustees 05/12/2016

# SSCPS Box Top Submissions for 2015-2016

Keep up the great work!

Thank You!



**2015 - 2016 EARNINGS: \$417.50**

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2015-2016 \$417.50

Lifetime Box Tops Earnings \$9,171.95

**ACCOUNT BALANCE**

We pay out earnings twice yearly in December and April. Balance current as of 06/15/16.

Remaining balance from previous year	\$310.80
Earnings	\$417.50
Paid	\$726.30
Balance	\$2.00

**THANK YOU**

Comments/Questions – Please contact Irene Hackett – Box Tops Coordinator for SSCPS

Hackett\_Irene@yahoo.com

# **S.M.I.L.E.S 2016 SUMMER CLINICS**

## **SPORTS CLINICS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

**Sports Fun for Everyone!**



**S.M.I.L.E.S (Sports and Motor Individualized Learning Experience for kids with Special Needs)**

### **Summer Clinics**

**June 28-30 9:00-12:30 (ages 5-11)**

**August 2nd.-4th. 9:00-12:30 (ages 5-11)**

**August 22nd-23rd 8:30-10:30 (ages 3-5)**

**August 22nd-23rd 11:00-1:30 (ages 6-11)**

**Cost: \$185(3 day clinic) \$110 (2 day clinic)**

**Location: Pembroke Recreation Center**

**email: [smilesclinic1@gmail.com](mailto:smilesclinic1@gmail.com)**

**To register and for more information:**

**[www.smilesclinics.weebly.com](http://www.smilesclinics.weebly.com)**

The directors are two school-based occupational therapists who are highly trained in providing the appropriate modifications for each individual child. The directors have over 30 years of combined experience working with children with special needs and both have playing and coaching experience at all levels. The focus of these clinic are to give children with special needs the opportunity to learn the fundamental skills needed for different sports. There will be low coach/player ratios and each session will include a snack/lunch time to work on daily living and communication skills.

The directors will ensure each child will be successful and the clinic will be a rewarding experience!

# *Coming This Fall!*

## THE WIZARD OF OZ Jr.



*Auditions to be held  
September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> after school*

### **CALLING ALL:**

**Singers, Dancers, Actors, and Back Stage Help!**

### **Open to grades 2-12**

Level III, Level IV, and High School students should prepare a song from the show if interested in a lead part.

*More information will follow  
over the summer.*

*Stay tuned!*





# 2016 YEARBOOK

Inspired by You

## It's That Time...

Dear Parent:

The 2016 yearbook is now in progress and all the memories of the 2015-2016 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, attach your payment, and send it in or drop it off to the front desk.

Student name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**Ordering** : Put number of books in order and mail payment with completed form to the address listed below. Books will be distributed in June.

2016 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 2016 Yearbook  
South Shore Charter Public School  
100 Longwater Circle  
Norwell, MA. 02061

# Holly Hill Farm & Friends

6/13/2016 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Contact Info:

*Friends of Holly Hill Farm*

Holly Hill Farm

236 Jerusalem Road , Cohasset, MA 02025

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

781-383-6565

Holly Hill Farm Media contact:

[jbelberhollyhill@hotmail.com](mailto:jbelberhollyhill@hotmail.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### **COHASSET FARMER'S MARKET**

**Thursdays from 2:00- 6:00pm located on Cohasset Common, North Main Street, Cohasset**

Holly Hill Farm offers fresh, organically grown produce at the Cohasset Farmer's Market. June 16 we will have salad greens, arugula, pea shoots, Swiss chard, kale, head lettuce, snap peas and snow peas. Many other vendors, local crafts, live music and pony rides. [Cohassetfarmersmarket.com](http://Cohassetfarmersmarket.com)

### **HOLLY HILL FARM FARMSTAND**

OPEN on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00-6:00pm featuring seasonally available organic produce. Now offering our greens, arugula, pea shoots, Swiss chard, kale, head lettuce, snap peas and snow peas. For weekly notification of specific produce and other delicious offerings in the Farm Stand, send your email address to [friendsofhollyhillfarm@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhollyhillfarm@gmail.com). Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Rd., Cohasset 781-383-6565. [Hollyhillfarm.org](http://Hollyhillfarm.org)

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR TEENS AT HOLLY HILL FARM!**

The Spring Farm to Food Pantry Program is for teenagers aged 13-18. The spring program has begun but we welcome new participants. Complete your community service requirements this spring and summer at Holly Hill Farm, growing, harvesting and delivering produce to local food pantries. Program runs every Friday and Saturday from 10am-noon until mid June when additional summer hours are Monday through Friday, 9am-noon. Contact Education Director, Jon Belber at 781-383-6565 or [jbelberhollyhill@hotmail.com](mailto:jbelberhollyhill@hotmail.com)

### **HOLLY HILL FARM SUMMER CAMP FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS 2016! REGISTRATION INFO AT OUR WEBSITE!**

Would you and your children like to spend a week or more at Holly Hill Farm this summer? Your neighborhood, organic farm has a wide variety of fun, exploratory, creative, intriguing programs for all ages. Kids ages 3 and 4 can taste spinach, help feed the animals, sow seeds, sing songs and more. Children ages 7 and 8 can spend a morning at the marsh, discover the education garden, make compost, help in the barnyard and enjoy some harvested produce. Preteens ages 9 and 10 can compete in an obstacle course, trail running, Frisbee golf, healthy smoothies, etc. Teenagers can prepare for an exciting overnight at the Farm. And adults can spend a week honing gardening skills and cooking vegetables for a special *Parents Go to Camp Too* program. Go to our website and click on the **Camp Sign Up photo** to learn more about individual sessions and to register early. Sessions begin June 6 and continue through August 26. Call/email 781-383-6565 or [friendsofhollyhillfarm@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhollyhillfarm@gmail.com) [Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, 02025](http://Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, 02025).

### **YOGA ON THE FARM BEGINS ON JUNE 18!**

**8 Saturdays from 8:00-9:00am, 6/18, 6/25, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13 (no class on 7/2)**

Linda Storm has been teaching yoga classes at Holly Hill Farm for six years. In this one hour morning class, you can begin your weekend practicing a mindful, outdoor yoga session surrounded by birdsong and breezes from the nearby ocean. In the event of rain, class will be held inside the Tomato Barn. Please bring your own yoga mat, towel, sunscreen, bug spray and water bottle. (Linda has extra natural bug spray/sunscreen). Friends of Holly Hill Farm members cost is \$80, non-members \$96 prior to first class (pro-rated if you miss first class but join remaining

classes). Drop-in rates are \$12 members, \$15 non-members. Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, MA 02025. Email [friendsofhollyhillfarm@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhollyhillfarm@gmail.com) Website: [hollyhillfarm.org](http://hollyhillfarm.org) Phone: 781-383-6565

### **3rd ANNUAL SUSTAINABLE GARDEN TOUR, SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 10:00-4:00PM**

Mark your calendars! Local gardeners from Scituate, Cohasset and Hull will open their gardens to our guests. The Tour will focus on sustainable, naturally and organically maintained gardens. See up close how gardeners keep backyard chickens, care for beehives, grow fruit and utilize composting systems that feed their soil. Private homes, educational gardens at Holly Hill Farm, a Food Pantry garden and a Scituate school garden are featured. Come and gather creative ideas for your own garden. Tickets are \$25 prior to June 25 and \$30 the day of the tour. Tickets are available on our website. You may pick up your prepaid ticket or purchase in person at Holly Hill Farm beginning June 22. Children 18 and under FREE. [Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, 02025 hollyhillfarm.org](http://Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, 02025 hollyhillfarm.org) 781-383-6565 [friendsofhollyhillfarm@gmail.org](mailto:friendsofhollyhillfarm@gmail.org)

### **Weed Walk and Talk, Saturday, June 25, 10:00am-noon**

Local herbalist, Jessica Grabowski will lead a stroll at beautiful Holly Hill Farm. Learn the benefits of many local, common weeds that are growing right beneath your feet and even in your own backyards. Learn the nutritional value you can get from freshly picked weeds and adding them to a salad or their medicinal properties that many of us overlook. Come wander among these magical plants and never look at a weed the same way again. \$12/person Members, \$15/person Nonmembers [Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, 02025 hollyhillfarm.org](http://Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, 02025 hollyhillfarm.org) 781-383-6565 [friendsofhollyhillfarm@gmail.org](mailto:friendsofhollyhillfarm@gmail.org)

### **SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS**

Recently the farm teachers at Holly Hill have been busy heeling in Summer crops such as the Three Sisters: corn, climbing green beans and winter squash at the East and South schools both in Hingham. Also, grade 2 at the Jacobs school in Hull planted tomatoes and onions. Before school lets out, the students at the Martinson school in Marshfield will plant potatoes and carrots. Much to sow and hopefully much to harvest come Autumn.