

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Today is the first day of autumn. And as fall is the season of change, I find it fitting to write to you today about change and its importance to who we are as a school. Just as a new school year is important for children's growth, a new school year brings growth for our school as well. This week we were able to open our new outdoor play areas, and it was exciting to see our students playing on the structures for the first time. Equally exciting is the upcoming opening of our new school library. We are working hard to ensure that the library will be open for circulation by the beginning of October. As the leaves around us slowly change color, it is wonderful to see how much we have evolved while adhering to who we are as an educational institution and community.

It is that dedication to our core principles that makes us approach change in a thoughtful way. We knew this to be true in September of 2012 when the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education approved the amendment to our charter granting an increase in student enrollment from 540 to 610. This amendment has allowed our high school to increase enrollment to 200 students. As this enrollment increase progressed over time, our entire K-12 school has changed and grown in positive ways.

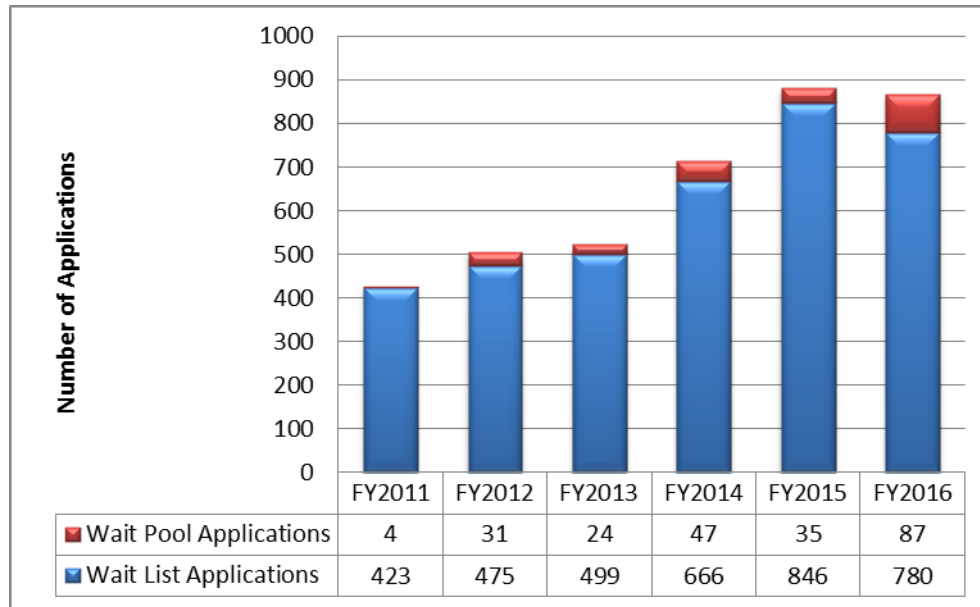
We as a school have relied on a plan that has ensured change will lead to growth. In order to map our expansion, a strategic plan was developed in the spring of 2013. The strategic planning process was a comprehensive undertaking involving students, parents, families, faculty, administration, members of the Board of Trustees, members of the Foundation, and interested parties from the community over the course of one full year. These combined efforts created vision that has provided a compass by which the school has been navigating. We have now been able to reach many of the initiatives outlined within the strategic plan, not only expanding our academic offerings, but also the Library/Informational Literacy and Facilities goals we once feared too far-reaching. It is exciting to realize that the changes we wrote about three years ago are now becoming our reality.

As we approach the end of our last amendment, we have come to realize the need for a new one. On June 19, 2014, the Board of Trustees voted to establish an ad hoc committee to study the possibilities surrounding another school expansion. Comprised of parents, teachers, school administration, members of the Board, as well as members of the Foundation, the committee spent one year studying the current conditions of the school, the conditions surrounding the enrollment lottery, as well as possible outcomes including expansion. The committee reported to the Board of Trustees at every meeting of the academic school year.

Following one year of continuous meetings to review options and outcomes the Board voted in favor of applying for an amendment to the charter that would thereby increase the enrollment capacity for the South Shore Charter Public School. On July 31, 2015, our school submitted the amendment request to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Within the amendment we outlined our need to increase student enrollment from 610 students to 1,500 students. This would amount to an increase of 890 students over time should we decide that we have the capacity to do so.

This is a large step. We are seeking this amendment to continue much of the work we began with the last amendment; to increase our course offerings and to improve our facilities. Our school is seeking to increase enrollment in response to the ongoing concern of the number of prospective students relegated to the wait list or

wait pool over the last three years. As many families with siblings on our wait list know, enrollment for the 2015-2016 academic school year was exceedingly competitive. As we rapidly approach the vision articulated within the strategic plan, reducing the number of children on the waitlist continues to be the greatest challenge of the South Shore Charter Public School. The chart below illustrates the number of students unable to enroll at the South Shore Charter Public School over a six-year period.



Students on Wait List and Wait Pool February 2015

Our school has determined that the growing number of student applications, resulting in the growing number of prospective students added to the wait list following the enrollment lottery, clearly demonstrates a significant need to increase enrollment at all grade levels. Unlike what some other charter schools have done in the past, the South Shore Charter Public School does not have a wait list that rolls from year to year. All wait list numbers have been generated from the enrollment lottery in February from a new list of applicants. Additionally, we know that most of our wait list families are not on multiple wait lists. Their choice is to attend the South Shore Charter Public School, yet admission remains elusive.

It is this circumstance we seek to change. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has begun the process of reviewing our amendment request. As this process unfolds, and we are once again presented with change, we will be providing updates within the Weekly Update and at Parents Association and Board of Trustees meetings. And as always, I welcome your questions and thoughts.

Alicia Savage – asavage@sscps.org

Wednesday	09/23	PA Grant Requests Due	
Thursday	09/24	High School Costa Rica Trip Information Meeting	6:00pm
Thurs-Fri	09/24-09/25	Senior Class Retreat	
Thursday	10/01	PA Grant Committee Meeting	6:30pm
Save the Date!	10/17	2015 Harvest Run at Wompatuck State Park	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Show your school spirit!

Make sure you check out our new apparel line by the front desk! Order forms are available for any sizes that may not be available. Email ldannison@sscps.org or pick up a form at the front desk. We will place a "holiday order" that will be due on October 26th with guaranteed delivery by the week of November 16th. Thank you for your support!

Harvest Run sponsor forms!

Please help raise funds for our outdoor spaces by having your children get sponsorships for our 7th annual Harvest Run Road Race next month! Even if your child is not participating in the race, they can still get sponsors. Just fill out the attached sponsorship sheet and have your child return it to the front desk by October 16th. The top two fundraising pods will each receive a pizza party from Papa Gino's, and the top three individual fundraisers will receive a gift card of their choice from iTunes, Dick's, Michael's Arts and Crafts and Target!

Yearbook

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. Someday your student will want to look back, too. Buy them a little time - buy them a yearbook! To order online go to www.coffeepond.com, to login use school password: bluejaguar. Parents may submit a personalized page that will appear in the back of the book for their senior at these rates: Full page \$150, 1/2 pg. \$75, 1/4 pg. \$50. *There are still a few 2015 books left just email Christine at cbodnar@sscps.org to get yours!*

**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**



Harvest Run

5K ROAD RACE - FITNESS WALK

Saturday, October 17, 2015
Wompatuck State Park

SSCPS FAMILY REGISTRATION

Family Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone#: _____
 Email: _____

Waiver Must Be Read and Understood:

I know that running is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter or run this event unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the run. I assume all risks associated with running in this race including, but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, the effects of weather, including high heat and/or humidity, the conditions of the road and traffic on the course, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, and in consideration of your acceptance of my application, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release South Shore Charter Educational Foundation, South Shore Charter Public School and the town of Hingham, MA, and all sponsors, their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event.

Signature : _____ Date: _____

Individual Names	Runner/Walker Up to 2 runners, unlimited walkers *\$5.00 each additional Runner (Please specify runner or walker)	Age on Race Day Gender M/F	Shirt Size *2 shirts included \$10.00 each additional *Guaranteed to those who register by September 30th*
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Pre-Race Number and T-Shirt Pick-Up:

Friday, October 16, 2015 2:00–6:00pm
 Marathon Sports
 134 Washington Street, Norwell, MA

Race Schedule:

7:30-8:45am Registration and t-shirt pick-up
 9:00: The Harvest Run begins!
 Refreshments provided after the race

SSCPS Family Registration \$50
 (cash or check only payable to SSCEF)
 *2 t-shirts (\$10.00 per additional t-shirt)
 *2 runners (\$5.00 per additional runner)
 *unlimited walkers

SSCPS Student/Faculty Registration \$20
 Register online at
<http://www.harvest2015.racewire.com>
 *Use promo code "Jaguars"

All funds raised will be used to develop outdoor spaces for health and recreation at SSCPS



2015 HARVEST RUN SPONSOR SHEET

Attention students! Win a pizza party for your class if your pod raises the most money! Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 fundraisers. Prizes include gift cards to Game Stop, Target, Michaels Craft Store, iTunes, Dick's Sporting Goods, Sky Zone passes and more!

Please use this sheet to keep track of every sponsor you receive for the road race. Bring this sheet, along with the donations you collect, to school by Friday, October 16th and leave at the front desk in the Harvest Run folder!

Student Name _____ **Pod/Advisor** _____

	Sponsor Name	Amount
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Putney Transportation is now taking reservations for the *Brockton R2 Line*, set to begin services October 5th. Rates are starting as low as \$125 a month.

For more information, please contact us:

Email: services@putneytrans.com

Phone: 1(800) 531-1257.

SSCPS PA Financial Grant Request – Fall 2015

Requests Due by 9/23/15

Grant Request Information

Date:

Total Amount Requested*:

Date Required:

Beneficiaries of the grant (please provide the individual(s), grades, levels or project that will benefit):

Description of request (be specific, use the reverse side if necessary):

***Amount requested must include all charges associated with this request** (taxes, labor, set-up charges, delivery fees, etc.). Do the research and make sure the amount requested is completely accurate and/or get realistic quotes from the proposed vendor. **Requests with incomplete information or estimated costs cannot be considered.**
Attach any and all supporting documentation necessary to help the Task Force make an informed decision.

Supplier's Information

Company Names (2):

Address:

Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

Websites:

Submitter's Information

Name:

Title:

Email Address:

Telephone Number:

Can the grant taskforce contact you if we have questions while reviewing your request (meetings are generally held in the early evenings)? (Y/N):

If yes, after hours contact information:

Submitting this request

Return this form and all supporting documentation to PA Treasurer, Mickey Ciambriello, either by

- Placing in the "PA Grant Requests" envelope at the front desk or
- Email to Ciambriellofamily5@gmail.com

Deadline: No later than September 23, 2015

Question: Send an email to Ciambriellofamily5@gmail.com or call Mickey at 617-640-4443

Authorization for funding this request

Taskforce meeting date:

Taskforce decision:

PA treasurer approval:

Holly Hill Farm & Friends

9/21/2015 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

Holly Hill Farm & Friends 8th Annual DISCOVER THE WOODS 5K Trail Race and 1 Mile Fun Run, Saturday, October 3, 2015 Woodland 5K trail run along the paths surrounding fields of organic vegetables, flowers and herbs starts at 10am. 1 mile fun run/walk along salt marsh meadows and shady trails starts at 11am. Visit our resident farm animals and enjoy post-race refreshments. Prizes for top finishers from Marathon Sports and Chipotle. Register by October 2nd and you will be entered into a drawing for gift certificates for our Farm Stand. This race benefits the Frank H. White Scholarship Fund that makes visits to Holly Hill Farm possible for those who may need financial assistance. Detailed information and sign up online at www.hollyhillfarm.org Holly Hill Farm. 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset 781-383-6565

NEW CLASS! Knitting 101 at Holly Hill Farm, Four Wednesday evenings starting October 14, 6-8pm, Carrie Weinstein, Instructor Whether you have no knitting experience, need a refresher or simply want to knit a project with a fun group of folks, this is the perfect class for you! During the 4-week period, you will learn the basic concept of knitting: how to cast on, knit, purl, bind off and read an easy pattern. You will then apply these skills to make a simple cowl and a basic hat, if time allows. For those with a bit more know how, this is a great opportunity to learn some new skills by tackling a more advanced project with supervision. You will need to bring your own materials. Cost is \$80 and you provide your own supplies. Call/email 781-383-6565 or cprenticehollyhillfarm@verizon.net for a suggested materials list for the cowl and hat or with any questions. Join us if you've ever had the desire to learn this incredibly gratifying, creative, relaxing craft!

Winter Herbal Remedies Workshop with Jessica Grabowski, Herbalist

Saturday, October 24, 2015 from 10:00 to noon

Salves and lip balms are the perfect introduction into the wonderful world of plant medicine. They're also really easy to make! In this hands-on class, you will discover how to make herbal infused oils, and then turn them into healing salves or lip balms that will be perfect for you to use during the winter months or give away as gifts.

Come empower yourself by learning how to make your own herbal medicine, it's simple and fun!! \$12 Members/\$15 Non-members. Additional \$5 materials fee paid separately to Jessica Grabowski. Call to reserve at 781-383-6565, www.hollyhillfarm.org 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, 02025

Cohasset Farmers Market, Thursdays 2:00 – 6:00pm

Holly Hill Farm offers fresh, organically grown produce at the Cohasset Farmers Market, located on Cohasset Common, North Main Street, Cohasset. Many other vendors, local crafts, and live music. Every Thursday from 2 – 6pm through October 15th. For weekly notification of specific produce and other delicious offerings in the Farm Stand, send your email address to: friendsofhollyhillfarm@gmail.com Holly Hill Farm. <http://cohassefarmersmarket.com/>

Holly Hill Farm Stand Open

Our Farm Stand Hours are Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00 – 6:00pm

We grow and sell our fresh, organically grown produce including: Juicy tomatoes, Swiss chard, kale, arugula, crisp cucumbers and more! Jean creates magnificent organic bouquets from our flower fields. Sweet! Holly Hill Honey is here! We partner with local organic farms such as Langwater Farm in North Easton. Our delicious corn is IPM (Integrated Pest Management) from Lipinski Farm in Middleboro. We have many other offerings, such as handmade soaps and candles from Back to Basics, goat milk soap from West Elm Farm. Back by popular demand, organic Red Gravy sauce from Valicenti Pasta Farm in NH. **Brown Boar Farm will make deliveries of their sustainably raised pork and beef on September 26th. See our website for link to their price list for 2015 and info on pre-ordering.** For weekly notification of specific produce and other delicious offerings in the Farm Stand, send your email address to: friendsofhollyhillfarm@gmail.com Holly Hill Farm. 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset [781-383-6565](tel:781-383-6565) www.hollyhillfarm.org

Farm Pantry: A Community Service Program for Teens ages 15 - 18

March 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](tel:781-383-6565) or jbelberhollyhill@hotmail.com Holly Hill Farm. 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. www.hollyhillfarm.org

Lunch Order Form

Lunch for the Month of October, 2015

Due to the office by 3:00 pm, ***Tuesday**, September 29, 2015

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

*Please circle **one** choice per each day lunch is ordered.*

Week of	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
10/5 – 10/9	Reg or Salad	Reg or Salad	Reg or Salad	Reg or Salad	Reg or Salad
Week of	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
10/12 – 10/16	NO SCHOOL	Reg or Salad	NO LUNCH	Reg or Salad	Reg or Salad
Week of	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
10/19 – 10/23	Reg or Salad	Reg or Salad	Reg or Salad	Reg or Salad	Reg or Salad
Week of	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
10/26 – 10/30	Reg or Salad	Reg or Salad	Reg or Salad	Reg or Salad	Reg or Salad

- Option A = Regular Lunch Choice
- Option B = Salad Lunch Choice
- Can only choose 1 (one) option

Number of **Regular Lunches (A)** ordered _____ X \$3.30

Number of **Salads (B)** ordered _____ X \$3.30

Less credit due _____

Total Amount Enclosed

\$ _____

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.



**South Shore Charter School
OCTOBER, 2015**

BREAKFAST

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 Cereal Fruit Orange Juice Milk	6 WG Cinnamon Roll Fruit Orange Juice Milk	7 WG Bagel Fruit Orange Juice Milk	8 3.6 oz. WW Banana Muffin Fruit Orange Juice Milk	9 3.6 oz. WW Chocolate Chip Muffin Fruit Orange Juice Milk
12 COLUMBUS DAY	13 Frosted Mini Wheats Fruit Orange Juice Milk	14 HIGH SCHOOL 9-12 ONLY 3.6 oz. WW Apple Muffin Fruit Orange Juice Milk	15 Marshmallow Mateys Apple Cinnamon Waffles Fruit Orange Juice Milk	16 Honey Wheat Bagel Fruit Orange Juice Milk
19 Cinnamon Toast Crunch Fruit Orange Juice WW Grahams Milk	20 3.6 oz. WW Banana Muffin Fruit Orange Juice Milk	21 WG Croissant Fruit Orange Juice Milk	22 3.6 oz. WW Apple Muffin Fruit Orange Juice Milk	23 WG Cinnamon Roll Fruit Orange Juice Milk
26 Marshmallow Mateys Apple Cinnamon Waffles Fruit Orange Juice Milk	27 3.6 oz. WW Blueberry Muffin Fruit Orange Juice Milk	28 WG Cinnamon Roll Fruit Orange Juice Milk	29 3.6 oz. WW Chocolate Muffin Fruit Orange Juice Milk	30 Cinnamon Toast Crunch Fruit Orange Juice WW Grahams 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**

Name: _____
 Grade: _____
 Room: _____



South Shore Charter School K-8
OCTOBER, 2015

LUNCH Circle A or B

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 A Meatball Sub Potato Wedges Carrots B Salad w/Crispy Chicken & WW Pita Bread Milk	6 A Sliced Chicken Sandwich Chickpea Salad B Salad w/Crispy Chicken & WW Pita Bread Milk	7 A Cheese & Bean Burrito Corn B Salad w/Crispy Chicken & WW Pita Bread Milk	8 A Crispy Chicken Salad Wrap Baby Carrots B Salad w/Crispy Chicken & WW Pita Bread Milk	9 A Cheese Pizza Potato Wedges Broccoli B Salad w/Crispy Chicken & WW Pita Bread Milk
NO SCHOOL COLUMBUS DAY	13 A Grilled Chicken Over Veggie Pasta Salad B Salad w/Grilled Chicken & WW Pita Bread Milk	NO SCHOOL K-8	15 A Chicken Caesar WW Wrap Cucumber Slices B Salad w/Grilled Chicken & WW Pita Bread Milk	16 A Cheese Pizza Carrots Italian Beans B Salad w/Grilled Chicken & WW Pita Bread Milk
19 A Hamburger on WW Roll Baked Beans B Salad w/Tuna & WW Pita Bread Milk	20 A Ham & Cheese Sandwich Carrots B Salad w/Tuna & WW Pita Bread Milk	21 A American Chop Suey Green Beans Honey Wheat Dinner Roll B Salad w/Tuna & WW Pita Bread Milk	22 A Ranch Tortellini Salad Baby Carrots B Salad w/Tuna & WW Pita Bread Milk	23 A Cheese Pizza Broccoli Potato Wedges B Salad w/Tuna & WW Pita Bread Milk
26 A Cheese & Bean Burrito Corn B Salad w/Turkey & WW Pita Bread Milk	27 A BBQ Chicken on WW Bun Cucumber w/Dressing B Salad w/Turkey & WW Pita Bread Milk	28 A Cheeseburger Mac Broccoli Honey Wheat Dinner Roll B Salad w/Turkey & WW Pita Bread Milk	29 A Buffalo Chicken WW Wrap Baby Carrots B Salad w/Turkey & WW Pita Bread Milk	30 A Cheese Pizza Italian Beans B Salad w/Turkey & WW Pita Bread Milk

* All Meals include Choice of 1% or Skim Milk. Circle a Choice of 1% or Skim Milk

* Complies with NSLP Regulations

Please make a meal choice by circling which meal desired each day

*Fruit will be served with ALL meals

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Name: _____

Grade: _____

Room: _____



South Shore Charter School 9-12
OCTOBER, 2015

LUNCH Circle A or B

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 A Meatball Sub Potato Wedges Carrots B Salad w/Crispy Chicken & WW Pita Bread Milk	6 A Sliced Chicken Sandwich Chickpea Salad B Salad w/Crispy Chicken & WW Pita Bread Juice Milk	7 A Cheese & Bean Burrito Corn B Salad w/Crispy Chicken & WW Pita Bread Milk	8 A Crispy Chicken Salad Wrap Baby Carrots B Salad w/Crispy Chicken & WW Pita Bread Juice Milk	9 A Cheese Pizza Potato Wedges Broccoli B Salad w/Crispy Chicken & WW Pita Bread Milk
NO SCHOOL COLUMBUS DAY	13 A Grilled Chicken Over Veggie Pasta Salad B Salad w/Grilled Chicken & WW Pita Bread Milk	EARLY DISMISSAL Grades 9-12	15 A Chicken Caesar WW Wrap Cucumber Slices B Salad w/Grilled Chicken & WW Pita Bread Milk	16 A Cheese Pizza Carrots Italian Beans B Salad w/Grilled Chicken & WW Pita Bread Milk
19 A Hamburger on WW Roll Baked Beans B Salad w/Tuna & WW Pita Bread Milk	20 A Ham & Cheese Sandwich Carrots B Salad w/Tuna & WW Pita Bread Milk	21 A American Chop Suey Green Beans Honey Wheat Dinner Roll B Salad w/Tuna & WW Pita Bread Milk	22 A Ranch Tortellini Salad Baby Carrots B Salad w/Tuna & WW Pita Bread Milk	23 A Cheese Pizza Broccoli Potato Wedges B Salad w/Tuna & WW Pita Bread Milk
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