



HAPPY CHANUKAH

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

December has arrived. With December comes one of the busiest times of the school year. As the calendar year winds down, our students rev up with all that is happening in our classrooms, our hallways, and throughout our community. Our school traditions, the Fashion Walk, the Winter Concert, and now the school musical, bring much festivity and happiness to everyone. This past week was one filled with anticipation and celebration, and it is only just the beginning.



What happens in our classrooms every day continues to shine. On Friday, December 4, the South Shore Charter Public School received a visit from Commissioner Mitchell Chester and Associate Commissioner Cliff Chuang from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. With all that is currently happening at the Department of Education, we feel very honored that the Commissioners took time from their schedules to visit our school. The Commissioner and Associate Commissioner stayed for over two hours visiting classrooms as well as meeting our students and faculty members.

Two of our high school students led the Commissioner and the Associate Commissioner on a school-wide tour. The group visited three classrooms. The first classroom visited was Sheina's Level I math class. The Commissioner and Associate Commissioner were treated to an exciting math lesson where students were working independently and together to solve problems. The second classroom visited was Rachel's history class on Level IV. There both the Commissioner and the Associate Commissioner learned about writing sentences to evoke emotion within the reader. The third visit was to an inclusive math class in the high school. There the Commissioner and the Associate Commissioner gained firsthand experience at being a tenth grader as Ed, Terry, and Alvin taught a comprehensive geometry curriculum to a variety of learners.



Following the student tour, the Commissioner and the Associate Commissioner were able to meet and talk with many of our teachers. The final interview of the day was with a group of our students who all did an excellent job describing a day in the life at the South Shore Charter Public School. Both Commissioner Chester and Associate Commissioner Chuang commented on how much they enjoyed speaking with our students and teachers.



This visit came at an important time for the South Shore Charter Public School. Not only are we celebrating twenty years as an educational institution, we are celebrating teaching and learning that works for all students. Commissioner Chester and Associate Commissioner Chuang had many questions about who we

are as a school and our place within the charter school movement. The Commissioner asked some insightful questions about the current student population, the proposed expansion, student achievement and curriculum, as well as our inclusive model for special needs and ELL students.

Friday was also Opening Night for *High School Musical*. Congratulations to the South Shore Charter Public School Players on a wonderful performance on Friday and Saturday evenings. The musical was performed at the Cardinal Cushing Center in Hanover and it did not disappoint. Opening night was filled with all of the excitement only an SSCPS performance can bring. Our students from Level III, Level IV, and the High School have been working on this production for three months. The result was both wonderful and fun.

The choreography for this production was nothing short of amazing, and orchestrated by our very own students. Equally amazing were our students' singing voices. The audience was treated to many excellent student performances, and to a surprised delight, faculty members were part of the show as well. It was thrilling to witness one of our high school thespians holding her own during scenes with a faculty member who was clearly a seasoned actor. Both evenings were truly a showcase of student talent and representative of our school's commitment to the arts.

No great production arrives on the stage without great effort. Thank you to all of our students, faculty, parent volunteers, and the indefatigable art department for putting on a great show. A special thank you to Laura and Edwin Rivera who so willingly gave of their time and talent to make this production a reality.

Alicia Savage – asavage@sscps.org

Thursday	12/10	School Council	3:30pm
Thursday	12/10	Board of Trustees Personnel Committee Development Committee Finance Committee	7:30pm 5:30pm 6:00pm 7:00pm
Friday	12/11	Parents Association hosting Annual Teacher/Staff Holiday Luncheon	
Friday	12/11	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Save the date!	12/16	SSCPS Annual Winter Concert - Hingham High School, Hingham	6:00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calling all bakers, cooks and purchasers for our Annual Teacher/Staff Holiday Luncheon

The luncheon will take place on Friday, December 11th. This is the half day. We will need main dishes, side dishes, salads, desserts, and drinks. You can drop off your item in the morning at drop-off or at dismissal/pickup, but **morning drop-offs are preferred**. There is no way to reheat food, so we would prefer hot dishes be dropped off at dismissal, although Crock-Pots can be dropped off **anytime**. The luncheon hosts about 90 faculty/staff members, and they love and appreciate the assortment of food that is sent in by our families. They look forward to our luncheons every year!

If you would like to donate, please contact me directly at jpettinelli777@gmail.com.

Thank you for your generous donations! Justina Pettinelli, Parent of Christian Pettinelli (Level III)

Get your shopping done and keep your school spirit thriving throughout the holiday season!

SSCPS winter hats, hoodies, pjs bottoms, long sleeve t-shirts and camo t-shirts are available for purchase. Limited sizes are here so contact Laurie Dannison with your order at ldannison@sscps.org Happy holidays everyone!

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!*

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PROJECTS AND WORKSHOPS?

The Level IV Theatre Project is spearheading the *Toys for Tots* drive at South Shore Charter Public School. *Toys for Tots* is a non-profit program run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve to help provide new toys for children in need. If you wish to donate please bring a new, packaged and unwrapped toy and place it in the *Toys for Tots* box located on Level IV before December 18, 2015. Thank you for your generosity and continued support. If you have any questions please contact Abbey Farmer, President of the Level IV Theatre Project, or Shawn Connors, Director of the Level IV Theatre Project.

The Level III Sci Fi Project asked volunteers to make Thanksgiving Day Cards for the elderly and received over 100 cards that were dropped off at the [Royal Norwell Nursing & Rehabilitation Center](#) in Norwell. Cards were made by both Level II and Level III students. The Project will be collecting more in December for Christmas, Chanukah and Kwanzaa. If you are interested, please bring the cards to Donovan Fauvelle's Room.

The Level IV Healthy You Project is selling bracelets and key chains now through December 18, 2016.

ART NEWS

The Fashion Walk - Mark your calendar for **December 23 at 11:15 am**. The Art Workshop students will be doing their annual fashion show. All are invited to attend. Please RSVP to the Marketing Workshop led by Ryan Gillespie, x 157 to reserve a seat.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Level IV Global Graphics Project

The Global Graphics Project is collecting stamps for the *Friends of the Homeless of the South Shore*. When shopping at Shaw's or Star Market, just say "Yes!" when they ask if you would like Saver Stamps. There is a folder at the front desk that says "Global Graphics Stamp Collection" on it. We will take care of the rest. The Saver Stamps will be used to give homeless people kitchenware when they get their own apartments. Thank You.

Gently Used and New Children's Book Collection

Shannon Daly in Rachel's room in Level IV is collecting slightly used or new books for children, ages 2 to 14, whose parents are students at the Adult Learning Center in Brockton. Each year, all the adult learners and their children are invited to come and choose books that they can take home to create an at home library. The Learning Center relies on donations from community members to make this give-away possible, a lot of the time this is the only way they receive books. The collection box is located outside in the front lobby at the front desk, and any donations would be greatly appreciated. The holidays are a great time to clean out those bookcases to make room for new books!! For larger donations please contact Barbara at barbara6910@msn.com

The Guardian Center – 888 Main Street, Brockton, MA – 508-587-6556

The Guardian Center is in need of lap sized blankets for residents. These blankets offer comfort, warmth, and for some they are used to wear on laps to cover braces on their legs. Blankets can be made or purchased for the residents. They can be dropped off at the center as a donation. The center is always looking for visitors as well. Most of the patients have dementia. Should you want to donate time at the center please contact them directly so that you can be set up with the right people for your volunteer time.

Home for Little Wanderers: Massachusetts – Families in need to be "adopted" for the holidays. Please go to <http://www.giftdrive-thehome.org/showfamilies.php> to see families that can be "adopted". Sizes range from 2-15 members per family. If you do decide to "adopt" a family you are pledging to support the entire family including

any household items listed and individual needs. This could be a great community service opportunity to put a group together to do. Drop off instructions are on the website, and the drop off location is in Dedham, MA.

Do Something Website: Online – Check out the website www.dosomething.org. You can enter in the time you have available, things you are interested in helping, and activities you are interested in. The site will give you ideas and opportunities filtered based on what you put in for criteria!

Recycle Crayons and Markers: Waste Watchers is collecting used markers and crayons for recycling. Markers will be mailed to Crayola where they will be recycled into clean fuel to be used in homes, cars, and more! Broken crayons will be melted down to new crayons for lower grades. Any brand crayons and markers are welcome. Crayons and markers can be dropped off in front of Bill Tramontana's office in the bins.

COMMUNITY INTEREST

2015 Two Day Winter Clinic - December 30 & 31

Pre-K - 1st Grade 8:45-11:15

2nd Grade-6th Grade 11:30-2:00

Location: Pembroke Recreation Center

Open to all elementary aged South Shore residents

To register: Please contact us at: smilesclinic1@gmail.com

The focus of this clinic is to give children with special needs the opportunity to learn the fundamental skills needed for basketball and floor hockey. They will participate in drills and game like play which will be broken down as needed. The players will be learning the sport but with modifications and appropriate adaptations/accommodations that each child might need. There will be low coach/player ratios and each session will include a snack time to work on daily living and communication skills. The directors are two school-based occupational therapists who are highly trained in providing the appropriate modifications for each individual child. These directors will also be training all other staff members so they can follow through with appropriate modifications and accommodations. Extra visuals and modified equipment will also be provided. The directors have over 25 years combined experience working with children with special needs and both have playing and coaching experience at all levels. The directors will ensure each child will be successful and the clinic will be a rewarding experience!

**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**

SSCPS 2016 CALENDAR IN HONOR OF OUR 20TH YEAR!

THE HEADSTAND PRINCIPAL



**THE HEADSTAND PRINCIPAL CALENDAR FEATURES OUR VERY OWN TED HIRSCH
DOING ONE OF THE THINGS HE DOES BEST, STANDING ON HIS HEAD!**

ACT NOW! PURCHASE YOUR LIMITED EDITION COPY FOR \$20

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**FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY, PURCHASE BY CONTACTING
LAURIE DANNISON AT LDANNISON@SSCPS.ORG**

THIS IS A GREAT STOCKING STUFFER OR A GIFT FOR ONE OF THE EIGHT NIGHTS OF CHANUKAH!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



Do you have a child under 5? Are you pregnant or breastfeeding?

WIC OFFERS FAMILIES

- Personalized nutrition consultations
- Free healthy food
- Tips for eating well to improve health
- Referrals for medical and dental care, health insurance, child care, housing and fuel assistance, and other services that can benefit the whole family

Call **1-800-WIC-1007**
or visit mass.gov/wic

TDD/TTY: 617-624-5992
USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Check these guidelines to see if WIC might be right for your family.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	YEARLY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY
1	\$21,775	\$1,815	\$419
2	29,471	2,456	567
3	37,167	3,098	715
4	44,863	3,739	863
5	52,559	4,380	1,011
6	60,255	5,022	1,159
7	67,951	5,663	1,307
8	75,647	6,304	1,455

IF YOU ARE PREGNANT, YOU SHOULD COUNT YOURSELF AS TWO.



GOOD FOOD and A WHOLE LOT MORE!



¿Tiene un hijo menor de 5 años? ¿Está embarazada o amamantando/lactando?

WIC OFRECE A LAS FAMILIAS

- Alimentos saludables gratis
- Apoyo de lactancia
- Consultas personalizadas de nutrición
- Referidos para atención médica y dental, seguro de salud, cuidado de niños, asistencia para combustible y vivienda, y otros servicios que pueden beneficiar a la familia entera!

Llame al **1-800-942-1007**
o visite mass.gov/wic

TDD/TTY: 617-624-5992
El USDA es un proveedor y empleador que ofrece igualdad de oportunidades.

Verifique estas pautas para decidir si WIC es el programa adecuado para su familia.

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1	\$21,775	\$1,815	\$419
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BUENOS ALIMENTOS y MUCHO MÁS!

December Order Form

Breakfast for the Month of December, 2015

Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, December 15, 2015

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of [] Monday [] Tuesday [] Wednesday [X] Thursday [X] Friday
 12/21 – 12/25

Number of Breakfasts ordered _____ X \$1.80

Less credit due _____

Lunch Order Form

Week of Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
 12/21 – 12/25 **Reg or Salad** **Reg or Salad** **Early Release** **NO SCHOOL** **NO SCHOOL**

- 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.

Breakfast Order Form
Breakfast for the Month of January, 2016
Due to the office by 3:00 pm, ***Tuesday**, December 22, 2016

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 1/4 – 1/8 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 1/11 – 1/15 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 1/18 – 1/22 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week of 1/25 – 1/29 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Number of Breakfasts ordered _____ X \$1.80

Less credit due

Total Amount Enclosed

\$ _____

Cash or Checks may be made out to SSCPS.

Lunch Order Form

Lunch for the Month of January, 2016

Due to the office by 3:00 pm, *Tuesday, December 22, 2015

Student Name _____

Pod Teacher/Advisor _____ Grade _____

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

Week of 1/4 – 1/8	<u>Monday</u> Reg or Salad	<u>Tuesday</u> Reg or Salad	<u>Wednesday</u> Reg or Salad	<u>Thursday</u> Reg or Salad	<u>Friday</u> Reg or Salad
Week of 1/11– 1/15	<u>Monday</u> Reg or Salad	<u>Tuesday</u> Reg or Salad	<u>Wednesday</u> Reg or Salad	<u>Thursday</u> Reg or Salad	<u>Friday</u> NO SCHOOL
Week of 1/18 – 1/22	<u>Monday</u> NO SCHOOL	<u>Tuesday</u> Reg or Salad	<u>Wednesday</u> Reg or Salad	<u>Thursday</u> Reg or Salad	<u>Friday</u> Reg or Salad
Week of 1/25 – 1/29	<u>Monday</u> Reg or Salad	<u>Tuesday</u> Reg or Salad	<u>Wednesday</u> Reg or Salad	<u>Thursday</u> Reg or Salad	<u>Friday</u> Reg or Salad

- Option A = Regular Lunch Choice
- Option B = Salad Lunch Choice
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Number of **Regular Lunches (A)** ordered _____ X \$3.30

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

Less credit due _____

Total Amount Enclosed



\$ _____

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SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL
JANUARY, 2016

Breakfast

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 
4 Marshmallow Mateys Fruit Apple Cinnamon Waffles Orange Juice Milk	5 3.6 oz. WW Blueberry Muffin Fruit Orange Juice Milk	6 WG Cinnamon Roll Fruit Orange Juice Milk	7 3.6 oz. WW Chocolate Muffin Fruit Orange Juice Milk	8 3.6 oz. WW Blueberry Muffin Fruit Orange Juice Milk
11 Cereal Fruit String Cheese Orange Juice Milk	12 WW Bagel w/Jelly Fruit Orange Juice Milk	13 3.6 oz. WW Chocolate Chip Muffin Fruit Orange Juice Milk	14 3.6 oz. WW Banana Muffin Fruit Orange Juice Milk	15 NO SCHOOL
18 	19 2 oz. Cereal Fruit Orange Juice Milk	20 3.6 oz. WW Apple Muffin Fruit Orange Juice Milk	21 Marshmallow Mateys Fruit Orange Juice Milk	22 Honey Wheat Bagel Fruit Orange Juice Milk
25 Cinnamon Toast Crunch Fruit Cheese Stick Orange Juice Milk	26 3.6 oz. WW Banana Muffin Fruit Orange Juice Milk	27 WG Croissant Fruit Orange Juice Milk	28 3.6 oz. WW Chocolate Chip Muffin Fruit Orange Juice Milk	29 WG Cinnamon Roll Fruit Orange Juice Milk

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

* Complies with NSLP Regulations

PLEASE MAKE A MEAL CHOICE BY CIRCLING THE DAY BREAKFAST IS DESIRED.

ALL MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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

Grade: _____
 Room: _____



No. of Lunches: _____
 Amount Enclosed: _____

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL K-8
JANUARY, 2016

LUNCH MENU Circle A or B

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1
4 A Meatball WW Sub Green Beans B Salad w/Crispy Chicken & WW Pita Bread Milk	5 A Sliced Chicken on WW Chickpea Salad B Salad w/Crispy Chicken & WW Pita Bread Juice Milk	6 A Cheese & Bean WW Burrito Corn B Salad w/Crispy Chicken & WW Pita Bread Milk	7 A Crispy Chicken Salad WW Wrap Baby Carrots B Salad w/Crispy Chicken & WW Pita Bread Juice Milk	8 A Cheese WW Pizza Broccoli B Salad w/Crispy Chicken & WW Pita Bread Milk
11 A Hamburger on WW Roll Baked Beans B Salad w/Turkey & WW Pita Bread Milk	12 A Grilled Chicken over Veggie Pasta Salad B Salad w/Turkey & WW Pita Bread Milk	13 A American Chop Suey Green Beans Whole Wheat Roll B Salad w/Turkey & WW Pita Bread Milk	14 A Chicken Caesar WW Wrap Cucumber Slices B Salad w/Turkey & WW Pita Bread Milk	15 NO SCHOOL
18 	19 A Ham & Cheese on WW Carrots B Salad w/Tuna & WW Pita Bread Milk	20 A Oven Baked Chicken Bites Potato Wedges Honey Wheat Dinner Roll B Salad w/Tuna & WW Pita Bread Milk	21 A Cold BBQ Chicken on WW Bun Cucumber Slices B Salad w/Tuna & WW Pita Bread Milk	22 A Cheese WW Pizza Broccoli & Potato Wedges B Salad w/Tuna & WW Pita Bread Milk
25 A WG Pancakes & Sausage Potato Wedges B Salad w/Cheese Sticks & WW Pita Bread Milk	26 A Tuna in WW Wrap Chickpea Salad B Salad w/Cheese Sticks & WW Pita Bread Milk	27 A Cheeseburger Mac Broccoli Whole Wheat Roll B Salad w/Cheese Sticks & WW Pita Bread Milk	28 A Buffalo Chicken WW Wrap Cucumbers B Salad w/Cheese Sticks & WW Pita Bread Milk	29 A Cheese Pizza Italian Beans B Salad w/Cheese Sticks & WW Pita Bread Milk

* All Meals Include Choice of 1% or Skim Milk

* All Meals Comply with the National School Program

Please make a meal choice by circling which meal desired each day: Circle a Choice of 1% or Skim Milk

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Grade: _____
 Room: _____



No. of Lunches: _____
 Amount Enclosed: _____

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL 9-12
JANUARY, 2016

LUNCH MENU Circle A or B

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1
4 A Meatball WW Sub Green Beans B Salad w/Crispy Chicken & WW Pita Bread Milk	5 A Sliced Chicken on WW Chickpea Salad B Salad w/Crispy Chicken & WW Pita Bread Juice Milk	6 A Cheese & Bean WW Burrito Corn B Salad w/Crispy Chicken & WW Pita Bread Milk	7 A Crispy Chicken Salad WW Wrap Baby Carrots B Salad w/Crispy Chicken & WW Pita Bread Juice Milk	8 A Cheese WW Pizza Broccoli B Salad w/Crispy Chicken & WW Pita Bread Milk
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