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A Message from Angie



This past Saturday Science Teacher Kelly Rafferty-Brulport and Science Curriculum Coordinator Jamie Allen accompanied a group of ten sixth grade students to the [Massachusetts Region V Middle School Science & Engineering Fair](#). **Joseph Catto, Will Hnath, Hope Manigat, Mandy Chukwu, Hannah Cabrera, Casey Dempsey, James McCrorey, Jada Flavin, Zachary Hall, and Fisher Roman** presented their work along with 110 other students representing schools from all over the region. Region V covers schools from over 90 towns in [southeastern Massachusetts](#).

At the fair our students presented their science Exhibition of Mastery experiment, materials, and visuals to a series of judges. The judging criteria focused on what the

scope and results of their work. As usual our students made us proud with both their work and their confidence in presenting it to an audience. This first trip is sure to become an annual tradition.



Fisher Roman received an honorable mention for his project on water filtration systems and will be moving on to the statewide [Massachusetts Middle School Science & Engineering Fair](#) on May 11th at Worcester Technical High School. We wish Fisher the best as he moves forward in the competition. Congratulations to Fisher and all of our sixth grade participants! Thank you to Kelly Rafferty-Brulport for all of her hard work preparing students for the competition.

In other academic news, the spring testing season has officially begun. While standardized testing is certainly not the most exciting aspect of teaching and learning, it is an important piece of the puzzle that helps us determine the needs of our students and our curriculum. Testing remains a statewide graduation requirement, a contributor to college admission decisions, and a gateway to scholarships. Yesterday our students in grades 8-10 took the [PSAT](#). This exam is excellent practice for the [SAT](#) and provides us with valuable data as we push students and our program toward college readiness. While students in grades 8-10 took the

environment with adults they know. Our goal is to make what is an anxiety provoking rite of passage for most students less stressful. We are incredibly proud of how hard our students worked yesterday. Thank you to the Guidance team for making our testing day a success.

Late last month our tenth grade students took their first round of [MCAS](#) exams with the completion of the English Language Arts test. Our younger students will begin testing following the April vacation. Please make note of the testing dates below. It is important that students are in school on testing days and that they arrive at school well rested and having had breakfast. This year all MCAS testing with the exception of the high school science exams are next-generation MCAS tests that are completed online. The next-generation MCAS is a more challenging exam than the legacy MCAS. This exam was designed to raise the bar for our students in an effort to create an exam that is aligned with expectations at the college level. I presented to a parent audience about the next-generation test, the transition to the test, and its scoring earlier this year. The slides from that presentation are available [here](#).

This is the first year that high school students are taking the next-generation MCAS exam and the shift represents a significant change. More information from the [Department of Elementary and Secondary Education](#) about the high school next-generation MCAS is available [here](#). Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns. Testing is an important aspect of schooling, but also a stressful one. We have an incredibly skilled counseling team that can help.

I hope that all of our students and their families find time to relax and enjoy the time off next week.

Angie Pepin
Principal, South Shore Charter Public School

| Level | English Language Arts MCAS | Math MCAS | Science MCAS |
|-------------|----------------------------|------------------|--|
| Level II | April 29 April 30 | May 20 May 21 | 3 rd and 4 th grade not tested |
| Level III | April 24 April 26 | May 14 May 16 | May 20 (5 th grade) May 21 (5 th grade) 6 th grade not tested |
| Level IV | April 23 April 25 | May 13 May 15 | May 20 (8 th grade) May 21(8 th grade) 7 th grade not tested |
| High School | March 26 March 27 | May 21 May 22 | June 4 (9 th grade) June 5 (9 th grade) |

SSCPS students have raised close to \$4,000!

All fundraising should now be complete and have been turned into the front desk or to Heather and Kevin in the P.E. department.

SSCPS Student Declan Hickey Needs an Accessible Van
Please Join Us in Raising Funds for This Important Cause

[Yoga for Declan's Accessible Van](#)

Thursday, April 18, 2019, 7:30 PM

[Declan Hickey's New Van](#)



Please Join Us for an Evening of Celebration and a Potluck Dinner

Thursday, April 11, 2019

Stetson Hall, 6 South Main Street, Randolph

6:00-6:15 Welcome

6:15-6:45 Buffet Dinner

6:45-7:00

Award Winning Stomp Dynasty Step Team Performance

7:00-7:15 Dessert

7:15-7:30 Clean-up

Bring a Dish!

can enjoy the evening

- Let us know if you need an aluminum pan for a Sterno heating tray

Convenient Parking!

Parking is available at the parking lot at the Randolph Square Plaza behind Stetson Hall on South Main Street at the intersection of Rte. 28 and 139. Additional street parking is available on Howard Street, across from Stetson Hall, off Union Street.

Volunteer!

If you would like to volunteer to help set up, serve, and/or clean up, or if you have questions, please email Parent Coordinator [Natacha Webster Julien](#).

SIGN UP HERE

This is an SSCPS family event. Students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. This is not a drop-off event.

From the Development Office

The South Shore Charter Educational Foundation needs your help!

We have raised \$20,472 toward our Annual Fund Giving Campaign to date. Revenues raised through our Annual Fund allow us to upgrade our library, improve our facilities, purchase SmartBoards, musical instruments, athletic equipment, classroom supplies, and install water filtration systems. If every family contributes to our Fund, we hope to achieve our \$75,000 goal this fiscal year.

You can make a fully tax-deductible donation [online here](#). Your employer may even participate in a matching gift program. Please check the link [here](#).

You can mail Annual Fund contribution to SSCEF, P.O. Box 512, Accord, MA 02018. Thank you for your continued support!

Save the date for Grandparents Day on Thursday, May 30th, and Thursday, June 20th for the Brockton Rox Baseball Game!

Please don't forget to fill out the
[2019 Annual Parent Survey](#).
All comments may be sent directly to

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| Wednesday | 04/10 | High School Music Workshop Fundraiser “The Beatles” | 6-7:00pm |
| Thursday | 04/11 | Level I Kindness Matters to Road to Responsibility | |
| Thursday | 04/11 | Level III and Level IV FITs to Zildjian | |
| Thursday | 04/11 | International Food Night at Stetson Hall , Randolph Register today! | 6-7:30pm |
| Friday | 04/12 | 3 rd Quarter Grades Distributed | |
| Saturday-Sunday | 04/13-04/21 | Middle/High School Trip to Scotland and England | |
| Saturday-Tuesday | 04/13-04/16 | High School Trip to Philadelphia | |
| Monday-Friday | 04/15-04/19 | Spring Break – No School | |
| Tuesday | 04/23 | Level IV ELA MCAS | |
| Wednesday | 04/24 | Level III ELA MCAS | |
| Wednesday | 04/24 | New Students Entering Grades 5-8 Enrollment Registration and Information Session | 5:30-7:30pm |
| Thursday | 04/25 | Level IV ELA MCAS | |
| Thursday | 05/25 | Parents Association Meeting in the Music Room at 100 | 7-8:30pm |

Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website www.sscps.org every Wednesday.

Here are links to upcoming events and other items of interest.

- [Food Service](#) –April and May Order Forms and Menus are available!
- **Order your 2019 Yearbook!** Order online at www.coffeepond.com and use password: **bluejaguar** or complete an order form available at the front desks
- [SSCPS Counseling Department](#) offers workshop information and resources for students and families
- Visit our new online option to [purchase](#) SSCPS apparel
- Please visit our [Giving](#) link for information regarding *The Fund for SSCEF*
- Community Service Opportunity: [Carry5 Walk for Water](#)
- [Spring After School Art Class for Grades 1-4](#)
- [Sign Up's After School STEAM Class for ages 8-12](#)

Please contact Pam Algera at palgera@sscps.org to submit SSCPS items for publication.

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Schedules by Level:

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