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A Message from Alicia

It would seem that student success surrounds us. Last week we received some exciting news. Maryellen Stohlman-Vanderveen '15 has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship. As a recipient of this prestigious award, Maryellen will be representing the United States as she travels to the Czech Republic where she will teach in the Moravian region in Moravsky Krumlov. Maryellen is currently a senior at Smith College and will be graduating in May with a major in philosophy and a minor in psychology. While a student here at SSPCS, Maryellen was a member of the National Honor Society and was a terrific writer for *Charter Ink*. Recently, Maryellen wrote, "I am incredibly grateful for the experiences and education that I had during my time at Charter which definitely helped me prepare for college."

Congratulations Maryellen for such amazing academic achievements at Smith College and for receiving the Fulbright Award. We are proud of you.



We are very proud of the work of our alumni and of the work our current students are engaged in. As our students look forward to the upcoming school break, the faculty and administration are having important conversations about what the upcoming school year should offer for students on all levels. For some levels, this conversation is about curriculum, what has worked, what needs to be improved, and what holds strong. At other levels, this conversation is more about programming, what courses should be offered, and what is the best possible course sequence in each of the core subject areas.

The conversation also surrounds our hallmark programming of Projects and Workshops. These courses are what makes us unique. Projects and Workshops provide the pedagogical framework for all of our classes. Inquiry-based and project-based learning are where we see the greatest strides in student growth. Some Projects and Workshops frequently evolve and change to meet the needs of our student population. While others, like the High School Art and Music Workshops, remain more constant. As we have experienced some enrollment growth, so too have we experienced growth in our course offerings. These past two years have seen some exciting additions to our Projects and Workshop courses.



Mock Trial 2019

One of the most recent additions to our Workshops is the High School Mock Trial. Now in its second year, the Mock Trial Workshop provides our students the opportunity to learn and practice elements of litigation including how to prepare for a case. In Mock Trial, each team is assigned one side of a case and student plays a designated role in preparing for that case. Part of that preparation is learning about both sides of the case and the different approaches to the main issue. In Mock Trial students are able to practice the steps of a trial themselves. They learn how to draft and deliver opening statements and closing arguments. They develop effective techniques for direct and cross examination. And they learn how to research the facts of the case and the issues surrounding the case.





Last week I had the opportunity to watch students present their opening statements addressing the timely issue of the scope of police power in enforcing immigrant action at the border. Students had to introduce the topic, address the relevant statute 8 USC s. 1357, and then present their position. The work is thorough and exhaustive, and clearly, our students love it.

On Friday, March 22, our students traveled to the Massachusetts Bar Association Mock Trial Competition at Faneuil Hall in Boston to watch the finals and plan for next year. Kudos to our students, Benny Anteneh, Seguin Ashley, Shannon Daly, Liam Doherty, DJ Faivre, Gage Kane, Monica Karongo, Lindsay Lamy, Dakota Losee, Drew MacDonald, Maddy Milanoski, John O'Keefe, Grace Ozturk, Jackson Walsh, Afrin Zafar, and their coach Margaret Bulger for a second successful year of working in the Massachusetts Bar Association High School Mock Trial program.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of our families and friends who came out to support our school on Friday evening. It was wonderful to see so many families getting together. Special thanks to the Auction Committee, Laurie Dannison, and our wonderful parent volunteers for bringing us all together.

Alicia Savage
Executive Director, South Shore Charter Public School



From the Development Office

Thank you to all the students, teachers, parents, and staff members that made our Annual Auction a big success this past Friday. We had a packed house and the room looked beautiful with the many auction items and all of the student artwork and projects.

Thank you to our sponsors that helped us raise close to \$40,000 for the South Shore Charter Educational Foundation:

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A special thank you to Christina and Mark Harvey for donating the most delicious desserts for our guests. And thank you Maura Longueil from Abbey Knoll Photography for taking photos throughout the evening! We are so grateful to have you all part of our community.

Thank you staff members Laurie Hogan, Danielle Bayer and Geoff Peterson for working together to perform at the beginning of the comedy show. And a big congratulations to John Landy, the winner of our 50/50 raffle!

We are all fortunate to be part of a wonderful community at SSCPS.
Thank you for supporting our school.

Laurie Dannison, Director of Development



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All comments may be sent directly to
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Thank You!



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Wednesday	04/03	NHS Hosting Blood Drive at 700 Longwater Drive Please Register Here	11am-7pm
Thursday	04/04	School Council Family Engagement Taskforce <i>The taskforce needs your input. Learn more, come to a meeting, or give online feedback.</i>	3:40pm 4:45pm
Friday	04/05	Grades 10, 11, 12 New Student Registration and Shadow Day	
Friday	04/05	3 rd Quarter Ends for Grades 5-12	
Saturday	04/06	Grade 6 Regional Science Fair Regis College Weston	
Monday	04/08	4 th Grade Field Trip to Commonwealth Museum	
Tuesday	04/09	Grade 11 SAT's Grades 8, 9, 10 PSAT's	
Wednesday	04/10	Grade 9 New Student Registration and Shadow Day	
Wednesday	04/10	National Honor Society to St. Paul's Science Fair	
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	

Important Links

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 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*
- From the Health Office: [March Nutrition Newsletter](#)
- Community Service Opportunity: [Carry5 Walk for Water](#)
- [Spring After School Art Class for Grades 1-4.](#)

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