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Weekly Update | December 5, 2018

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Happy Hanukkah to all families and friends celebrating this week!

I have spoken of a thousand points of light, of all the community organizations that are spread like stars throughout the Nation, doing good. We will work hand in hand, encouraging, sometimes leading, sometimes being led, rewarding. We will work on this in the White House, in the Cabinet agencies. I will go to the people and the programs that are brighter points of light, and I will ask every member of my government to become involved. The old ideas are new again because they are not old, they are timeless: duty, sacrifice, commitment, and a patriotism that finds its expression in taking part and pitching in.

~ President George H.W. Bush, Inaugural Address, January 20, 1989.



December brings with it many terrific events and happenings here at South Shore Charter Public School. This is the time of year when student work within the art and music department shines. Our first Winter Concert will be tomorrow evening for students in grades 5-12. The Winter Concert for students in grades K-4 will be next Wednesday, December 12. For those of you new to SSCPS, our Winter Concerts are an important SSCPS tradition that brings our school community together to celebrate our commitment to student achievement and the arts.

Thank you all members of the Parents Association for a lovely luncheon this afternoon. Your generosity and culinary expertise were greatly appreciated by faculty and staff members. Thank you, Deb Paquette for organizing this very special afternoon once again this year.



There will be an SSCPS Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday, December 13, 2018. This meeting will review the Charter School End of Year Financial Report that will be submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Education. This report will be voted on at the December meeting. Board of Trustee meetings are open public meetings and all are invited to attend.

The End of Year Financial Report provides significant information regarding charter school funding. At our school we determine our annual budget based upon projections from per pupil tuition. As a regional charter school we receive students from 26 sending districts. While each sending district has a different tuition number, the formula remains the same. This is the “Chapter 70

The formula begins with a base, the foundation budget determined by the state. The state makes this determination from student enrollment, a wage adjustment factor, and inflation. State funding is combined with a local contribution from a city or town. The local contribution consists of property taxes, income, and any municipal revenue growth that may be factored into the funding equation. These two income sources make up the per pupil tuition that follows each student into their district public school, vocational school, or charter school. It is this formula that has caused some concern within many public school districts.

The state is aware of the concern that comes with charter school growth and has developed some funding practices in response to public school district concerns. Although the per capita tuition follows the student, the state reimburses each sending district 100 percent of the per capita tuition for the first year of a student's enrollment in the charter school. The state reimburses sending districts 25 percent of the per capita tuition for the next six years. This reimbursement does not occur if a student chooses to attend a vocational school or a private school.

This year our numbers look good. We have increased our faculty and staff and have made decisions to ensure that our student to teacher ratio remains low. We remain committed to the belief that outside of the home a strong teacher has the greatest impact on student achievement.

Alicia Savage

Executive Director, South Shore Charter Public School

Thursday	12/06	Principal's Parent Coffee at 100 Longwater Circle	8:30am
Thursday	12/06	School Council	3:30pm
Thursday	12/06	5-12 Winter Concert at the Hingham High School Auditorium	6:00pm
Friday	12/07	Grades 1-4 - 1 st Trimester Report Cards Distributed	
Saturday	12/08	High School Debate Team to Lincoln/Sudbury	
Wednesday	12/12	K-4 Winter Concert at the Hingham High School Auditorium	6:00pm
Thursday	12/13	INPAC Meeting at 100 Longwater Circle	6:30pm
Thursday	12/13	Board of Trustees Meeting Governance Committee	7:30pm 6:00pm

Personnel Committee

7:25pm

Note: All meetings will be held at 700 Longwater Drive

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.

- [CORI and Volunteer Information and Instructions](#)
- [Food Service](#) – **December** Order Forms and Menus are available!
- **Order your 2019 Yearbook!** Place your order by January 1 for a \$5.00 discount. Order online at www.coffeepond.com and use password: **bluejaguer** or complete an order form available at the front desks
- **From the Health Office:** [December Nutrition News](#)
- [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
- Check out the weekly newsletter for [Holly Hill Farm](#)
- SSCPS Student's, Fionn Pina Parker and Larkin Tanner, band **Not Today** will be performing at Scituate's Holiday Stroll on Friday, December 14 at 4:45pm at 116 Front Street.

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

School Documents

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