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A Message from Alicia

I am writing to you today after witnessing two wonderful performances brought to us by Bright Star Touring Theatre. Earlier this morning Level III students were treated to the performance *Heroes of the Underground Railroad* which told the amazing story of men and women escaping slavery and the abolitionists who helped them along the way.

Level IV students watched *Let It Shine: The American Civil Rights Movement 1955-1968*. This live theatre performance brought to light an important part of the Civil Rights journey and an understanding of our nation's ability to grow and change. To watch history come to life was a special experience. Thank you to all teachers on Levels III and IV who helped make today's events possible.



In New England, February brings with it some challenging weather. Snow may be fun to look at and play in, but it can make traveling to and from school difficult. Inclement weather often creates school closures and delays. Because The South Shore Charter Public School serves students from over twenty-six school districts, we serve more constituencies than a traditional public school district. On most occasions it is difficult to predict the weather the night before the storm. However, we do try to make the delay or school closure calls as early as possible so families have some time to make childcare arrangements. As you can imagine, road conditions may vary greatly from one community to the other. Some of our school districts are in coastal neighborhoods, others are inland, and commutes from each city and town varies with each snowstorm.

When school is closed or the opening has been delayed we notify families by telephone and email. However, there have been times when these systems were not operational. We also encourage families to check our school website www.sscps.org, our Facebook page, or Twitter @SShoreCharterPS. School closing information may also be found on the following television and radio stations:

WATD Radio

Fox 25

WCVB Channel 5

WHDH Channel 7

WBZ Channel 4

NECN

Calling a snow day or delayed opening is not an exact science. We monitor state and local forecasts and work closely with the Norwell Police and Fire Departments. There are occasions when we look to our sending districts, but that does not always prove to be the best indicator of whether or not to hold school. Last year there were times that school would be canceled in some local school districts but open in other districts. There were many times last year

experienced significant power outages, while others did not. In all cases, we try to make the best call for the greatest number of families. The safety of students and staff remains our number one priority, and we greatly appreciate the cooperation and understanding families extend to us on those days when getting to and from school is difficult.

If you feel storm conditions make your commute too challenging, please feel free to exercise your right to keep your child home. As a parent, guardian, or caregiver, it is ultimately your decision whether or not to send your child to school on inclement weather days when school remains open. If the roads surrounding your home are not clear, your decision to keep your child home is understandable. A call or an email to the front desk will let us know the reason for your child's absence and we will record that absence accordingly.



As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you have.

Sincerely,

Alicia Savage, Executive Director

From the SSCPS Board of Trustees

The Governance Committee is seeking nominations to serve on the Board of Trustees beginning July 2019. Click here for [more information](#) on the process and for the [online application](#). Any questions should be directed to pgoodale@board.sscps.org

Day	Date	Event	Time
Saturday	02/02	Level III Bridge Building Fit to Wentworth	
Tuesday	02/05	Junior Parent Night at 700 Longwater Drive	6:30-8:00pm
Wednesday	02/06	Executive Committee Meeting	8:00am
Wednesday	02/06	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Thursday	02/07	School Council	3:40pm
Thursday	02/07	School Council's Parent Engagement Task Force	4:45-6:15pm

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](#) – February 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
- Afterschool Art Classes: [Grades 1-4](#), [Grades 5-8](#)

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

School Documents

[Accountability Plan](#)

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[School Improvement Plan](#)

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Schedules by Level:

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