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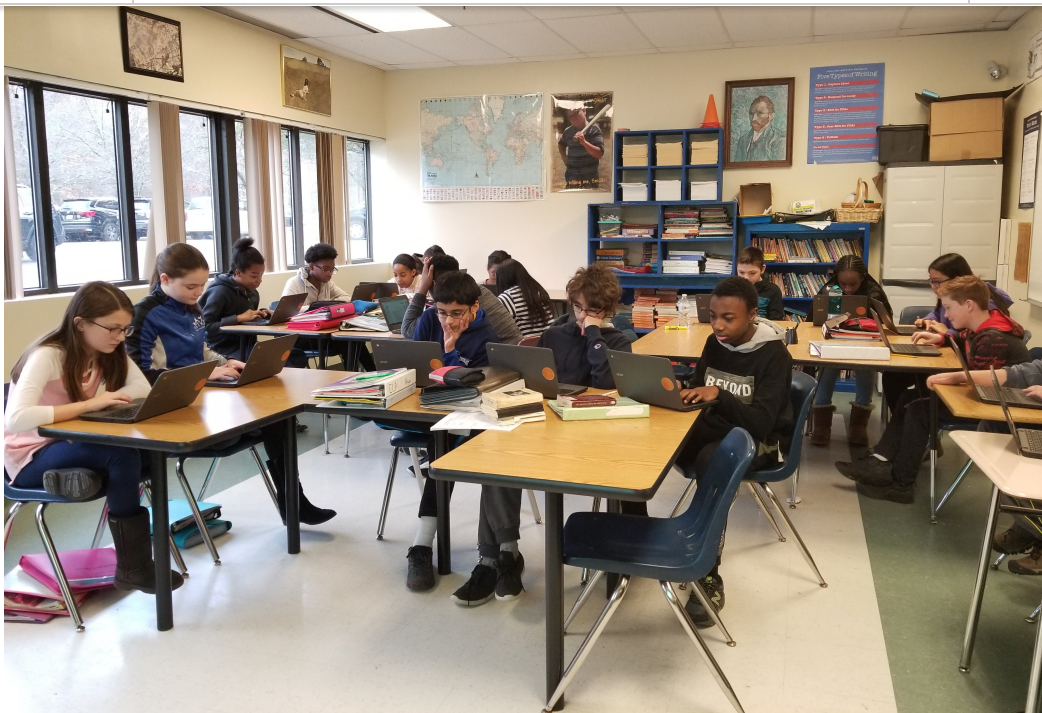
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A Message from Angie

Welcome back and Happy 2019! I hope that everyone was able to relax and enjoy time with family and friends over the break and has settled back into the school routine. Coming off the break is a busy time for teaching and learning as we approach the midpoint of the school year. Our students and teachers are hard at work! The second quarter closes for 5-12 students on Tuesday, January 22nd. Our students in grades 7-12 are not only closing the second quarter but are also preparing for midyear exams. These exams are designed by teachers to test student progress in our curriculum and the results of these exams provide important data about how our students are doing. They are important practice for the high stakes exams students will sit for in college. Students have been preparing since the start of the year through the work in their classes. They can expect teachers to provide more specific study materials this week to help them focus their efforts. The approaching extended Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend provides a terrific chance for studying. Some students may need some encouragement to take advantage of this opportunity.



Scores on midyear exams account for 10% of a student's final grade, a significant portion. Knowledge of that significance is motivating for many students and spurs a healthy level of stress that drives achievement. For other students, exams bring a great deal of stress and anxiety because of the high standards that students have set for themselves. These exams can be particularly challenging for our seventh grade students who are preparing for this type of exam for the first time. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's advisor or pod teacher if you are concerned about the level of stress your child is exhibiting. We have a highly skilled counseling team with a track record of helping students work through such challenges.



The schedule for midyear exams is below. **All students in grades 7-12 will be dismissed at 12:00 pm on Wednesday, January 23rd, Thursday, January 24th, and Friday, January 25th.** Please prepare for pickup accordingly. All Level IV students will be dismissed at the front door on those half days. On Friday, January 26th, high school students will be dismissed by 10:00 if they are not taking a make-up exam. Taking exams is exhausting for students. The early dismissal provides students with a well-deserved break.

High School Midyear Exam Schedule

	Wednesday 1/23	Thursday 1/24	Friday 1/25
8:15-8:30	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory
8:30-10:00	A-block	C-block	E-block
10:00-10:30	Break	Break	Break
10:30-12:00	B-block	D-block	Make-up exams*

*Students without a makeup exam will be dismissed at 10:00 on Friday

Level IV Midyear Exam Schedule

	Wednesday 1/23	Thursday 1/24	Friday 1/25
8:15-8:30	Pod Time	Pod Time	Pod Time
8:30-10:00	7 th Math 8 th English	7 th English 8 th Math	7 th History 8 th Science
10:00-10:30	Break	Break	Break

The start of the new year is a good time to review our pick-up procedures. We all share a common interest in getting students into their vehicles safely and efficiently at the close of the school day. Please review our pick-up procedures which can be [found here](#).

Save the date! We have booked Mary Cole from the Greater Boston Tobacco-Free Community Partnership to come in and present to families on the evening of Tuesday, January 29th. Mary will be presenting in the high school Great Room at 700 Longwater Drive beginning at 7pm.

At the session, parents can expect to learn more about what e-cigarette and vape products are, why they are harmful, how the industry is targeting children, and how to protect our children from this new face of nicotine addiction.

A growing number of children at the middle school and high school levels are impacted by the vaping trend. I encourage all parents to attend. A flyer advertising the session can be found [here](#). Information about vaping can be found at getoutraged.org.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns.

Angie Pepin
Principal, South Shore Charter Public School

From the Health Office

Now that the cold weather is upon us here are a few reminders:

All students need to remain home for vomiting/diarrhea and Fever >100. Students may return to school when Fever Free for 24 hours without medication (Tylenol/Advil). Students may return to school with symptom free (NO vomiting/diarrhea) for 24 hours. Please keep your child home if they are not feeling well.

The students go outside in all types of weather and only stay in for heavy rain or a temperature below 20 degrees. Please dress your child appropriate for the weather and to be outside, including warm coats, hats, mittens and appropriate footwear. All students should have an extra pair of clothes in their locker, in case they get wet or muddy. If you have not done so, Please send in extra clothes for your child to keep at school.

Saturday	01/12	High School Debate Team to Newton South	
Thursday	01/17	Enrollment Open House at 100 Longwater Circle and 700 Longwater Drive	5:00-7:00pm
Friday	01/18	Professional Development Day – No school for students	
Save the Date	01/29	Greater Boston Tobacco-Free Community Partnership Presentation for Families at 700 Longwater Drive	7:00pm

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.

- [High School Mock Trial Workshop Update](#)
- [Food Service](#) – January 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
- [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

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

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