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### A Message from Alicia

The end of the school year is upon us. Fun field days, trips to Georges Island and Canobie Lake Park, the Color and Jaguar Games, beach days, and the final award ceremonies, all mark the end of an amazing school year. Children are exceptional in so many ways. It has been a joy watching our students grow and learn over the past school year. I hope you take some time this summer to relax and enjoy the longer days and lighter schedule that these upcoming days will bring.

This year we learned much about our school community as we welcomed new families into the fold. We are grateful that so many of our new families made many positive contributions to our school community. We are also thankful that our new families were made to feel welcome throughout the year by our entire parent community. We are very fortunate. Our school community does not define itself by any one district. Our school's identity comes from all of our sending cities and towns. It is the diversity of our students, our families and our faculty that define the South Shore Charter Public School.

Yesterday I had the pleasure of joining the Parents Association for coffee and conversation during our Parent Appreciation Coffee. We recognize the important role our families play in our school community. Our parent volunteers support teaching and learning in countless ways. They volunteer in classrooms, help with field days, set up tables for craft days, chaperone field trips, run our library, organize dances and international food nights, run water stations at the road race, design baskets for the auction, and sit on the Board of Trustees. This generosity of time and talent really knows no bounds. Without this support we could not offer the academic and enrichment programming that makes our school such a special place to be.

This year we had over 220 parent, grandparent, faculty, and friend volunteers donate over 3,000 hours of time and talent. The overwhelming support of our school from our families can not be understated. Thank you.

**Thank You SSCPS Volunteers**

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*Eighth Grade Awards Ceremony ~ June 19, 2019*

Lastly, today we celebrate our eighth grade students as they make the transition to high school. There is much to celebrate. Our eighth graders entered middle school as children and have emerged as young adults ready to take on the next four years of high school. For our students and teachers at the middle school, today is a bittersweet day. Students say goodbye to what has been familiar and are now ready to move on and up to 700 Longwater Drive. We are so proud of them. I thought it would be a wonderful way to end this last Update of the school year by including the words of Level President Gabe Swisher Rosa as he spoke to his fellow classmates at the Eighth Grade Award Ceremony today.

Enjoy and have a restful summer.

Alicia Savage, Executive Director  
South Shore Charter Public School

**Gabe Swisher Rosa**  
June 19, 2019

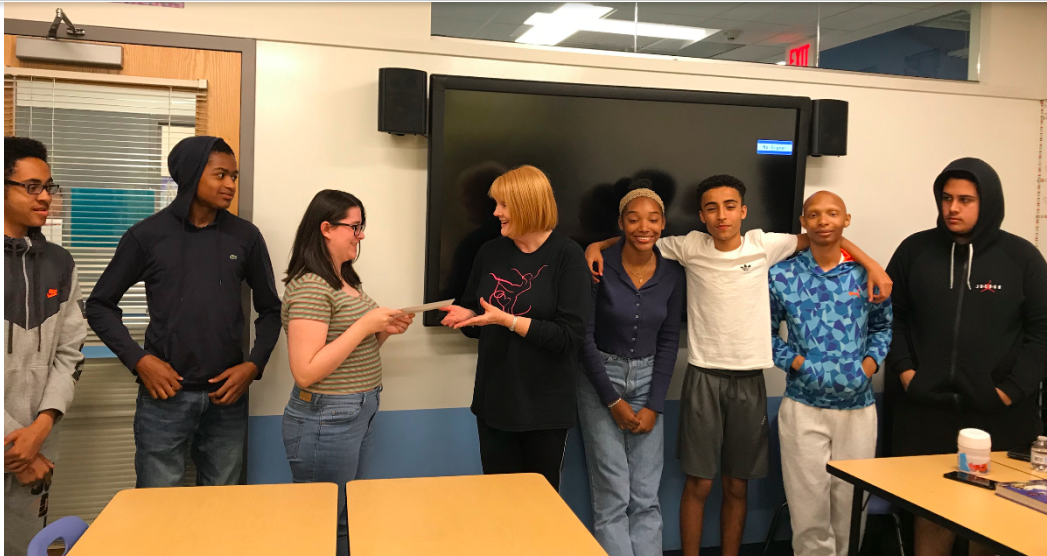
Most people don't look back at middle school thinking it was the best time of their lives. Actually, there are at least a thousand books, shows, and movies talking about how horrible middle school is. Honestly though, I thought middle school was great. Not better than kindergarten, or first grade, or second grade, etcetera, but still great. Maybe it was the students, teachers, or the actual school itself that made middle school so horrible for the kids in those stories, but that's what made it so great for me.

Now a lot of eighth graders are thinking one of two things: he's kidding right, or how did they get him to say all that, while others are just counting down the seconds until school is finally over. Just stay with me, I'm not done yet. Level four was definitely like any car trip where my mom is driving, a bumpy ride. There were definitely many times where I wanted to yell, whether at a

going into a situation it can be very difficult. Something that has really helped me is Emily Merwin's *I don't want you to know, I want you to think*.

Going into a midterm or final exam, especially a science one, can be very overwhelming and it can be hard to memorize everything. Luckily with science, you don't have to stress about memorizing every single letter on your study guide, you have to stress about actually developing a basic knowledge of how the things on your study guide work. At this school you have to stay organized, with binder checks being able to put a huge dent in your grade. This has created a bit of a struggle for me because I am very disorganized. My locker is almost always a mess, my backpack is filled with random books, and my binders are always falling apart. I am so disorganized every year I have had to clean out my locker during at least two classes. Leaving this school though, I will have gained plenty of organization tactics. I was put in Jane's organization Fit in 6th grade, Haley's organization Fit in seventh grade, and Emily's organization Fit this year. All of these Fits have helped me learn how to keep things organized which was really helpful then, and will be very helpful in the future.

As President I have learned a lot of things about you level four. I have learned that Nick is your first choice to dance and sing "I'm a little Teapot." I have learned that you are so easily trolled by Greg. I mean come on guys, there was no way that Greg was giving away a total of 20 homework passes just for remembering to say a word on the first day of school. I have learned that you will laugh at almost anything. And I have learned that you guys love to bother the student council for a field trip, but when we give you one you complain. We tried, but it's kind of hard to haul around over 160 kids places, I mean my dad complains about hauling around four. Alright, it's rewind time. We are going to go back to *I don't want you to know, I want you to think*: you don't have to know what's going to happen you just have to think about things with creativity and courage. This not only applies to academics but to life. For all of the seivies who might want to run next year, do it. At first I didn't know what was going to happen. I first thought that I would stand up, make a fool of myself, sit down, and ultimately lose. And that did happen to me. In seventh grade I lost the seat of vice president to one of the greatest level vps a level president can ask for. But the next year, this year, I ran again. I got up, gave my speech, sat down, and ultimately won. For all of my fellow eighth graders, don't say I don't know what happens next and get scared or discouraged. Think about what could happen next, there are some things that could happen that are scary or discouraging, but how plausible are they. Now focus on the stuff that is plausible, the goodies. Like jelly beans there are going to be a couple goodies that are bitter, but the rest will be sweet. Now think about how sweet these goodies can get, because if you don't, you get stuck thinking about the bitter jelly beans and the scary discouraging jelly bean wannabes. Everyday something terrifying could happen. A beam could fall down off the ceiling right now, but its not, and instead you get to listen to me, which is awesome. Go home today remembering that this moment is the beginning of the rest of your life, whether you are almost eight graders, almost high schoolers, or already adults, you control what happens next.



This year, the Cultural Diversity Workshop once again raised funds for the United States Foundation for the Children of Haiti. Students held bake sales, a milkshake sale and a raffle. The workshop leader, Maeve Carson presented a check of \$612.68 to the representative of the foundation, Terri Fortin. Terri assured students that the funds will be used to help the Orphanage School that the organization funds in Haiti because the students are in desperate need of school supplies. The students of the CD Workshop felt proud that they were able to assist a school in need.

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This past Saturday, Level II teacher Laura Bosse and her daughter, dropped off the donations collected for Paws for a Cause at the Scituate Animal Shelter. Thank you to all those who donated!

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From the Development Office

Say “Thanks” to an inspiring SSCPS teacher or staff member!

Everyone appreciates a pat on the back, especially those who work in our public school. Say thanks to a great teacher - or administrator - by making a donation in his or her name to SSCEF: *Honor A Teacher or Staff Member Campaign*. All donations go toward providing innovative enrichment programs in the South Shore Charter Public School system. These are programs in literacy, science, technology, music and the arts, as well as

Honorees receive a handwritten card notifying them that a gift has been made in their name.

The campaign runs until June 30th.

Make an online donation easily on our [website](#), or mail a check payable to SSCEF and write the name of the teacher/staff in the memo and mail to P.O. Box 512, Accord, MA 02018.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness on behalf of the Development Office at SSCPS!

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Please save the date for Thursday, June 20th to head to the Brockton Rox game with your SSCPS friends! This event is open to all and scheduled the day after the last day of school due to the home game schedule with the Rox.

Click [here](#) to purchase your \$10 per person ticket.

Wednesday	06/19	Last Day of Classes	12:00pm
Thursday	06/20	Brockton Rox Game Click <a href="#">here</a> to purchase your \$10 per person ticket.	
Wednesday	07/03	Executive Committee Meeting at 100 Longwater Circle	8:00 am
Thursday	07/11	Board of Trustees Retreat at 700 Longwater Drive	8:30am



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

- **Looking for bus transportation for 2019/2020.** Contact Sue @ 781-267-1388 or [FCCtransportation@comcast.net](mailto:FCCtransportation@comcast.net) or Putney Transportation contact Norma at [nlaurent@putneytrans.com](mailto:nlaurent@putneytrans.com)
- **Food Service – June** Order Forms and Menus are available!
- **Order your 2019 Yearbook!** Order online at [www.coffeepond.com](http://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
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