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## Weekly Update | May 1, 2019

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### A Message from Angie

Last night we welcomed over 60 families with children entering grades kindergarten through fourth grade to our school at our K-4 Registration and New Family Information Night. The bulk of these new students are entering kindergarteners, the SSCPS class of 2032! Last night's event was one of several this spring intended to ease the transition of new students and their families into our school community. We have had welcome meetings for families at our high school and middle school as well as days for our students new to the older grades to shadow current students. These first interactions with those new to the community help us to make introductions, ease anxieties, and pave the way for new friendships and partnerships.

The focus of our discussion at our New Family Information Night sessions has shifted somewhat in response to feedback from the community. Families new to our school have asked for an opportunity to learn more about the culture of our school. They want to know how our school is different from the other schools their children may have attended in the past and how to navigate those differences. Last night our new families learned some charter speak as we discussed "Levels," "FITs," "Pods," and "EOMs." We discussed the goals of Projects and stressed the importance of relationship building. We invited parents to get involved in our community.



The change in focus of the New Family Information Night is a direct result of the work that our School Council did last year as the group developed the [2018-2019 School Improvement Plan](#). That plan focused our work this year on four major goals. Improve academic performance for all students

1. Improve communication with all stakeholders
2. Improve the college planning and application process
3. Foster a safe welcoming school culture

Each of these goals has several benchmarks that set the standard for meeting that goal. New this year, we are assessing our work toward meeting each of these benchmarks in a twice yearly progress monitoring process. We completed our final

for next school year. The spring progress monitoring notes can be found [here](#).

The School Council will be wrapping up the school year at our final meeting tomorrow afternoon. The bulk of our [agenda](#) will be dedicated to finalizing the School Improvement Plan for 2019-2020. The meeting will be at 100 Longwater Circle at 3:40 in room 114. School Council meetings are open meetings all are welcome to join. As always, your input is needed and valued.

Angie Pepin  
Principal, South Shore Charter Public School

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#### FROM THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

It's that time of year! While every parent is automatically a member of the Parents Association (PA), we have a few positions that require a vote! We are opening up nominations for the 2019-2020 school year and invite you to consider YOURSELF!

Are you interested in being more involved? Care to hang out with a group of SSCPS parents and guardians once a month to make our school better? Want to be part of keeping families and school connected?

Well....joining PA might be for you! We're an integral part of engaging families to support our school. **All positions are up for nomination!**

We're kicking off the election process by inviting you to self-nominate for a position. Nominations will be accepted until 5/10/19. Please consider nominating yourself.

Once nominations have been collected, we will send another email with a survey link for you to vote for all of your PA officers, committee chairs and level/grade representatives.

We plan to close the voting by 5/31/19 and hand the PA over to the incoming group during our June PA meeting.

**If you are interested in running for a position, we invite you to self-nominate here:**

**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2G988ZR>**

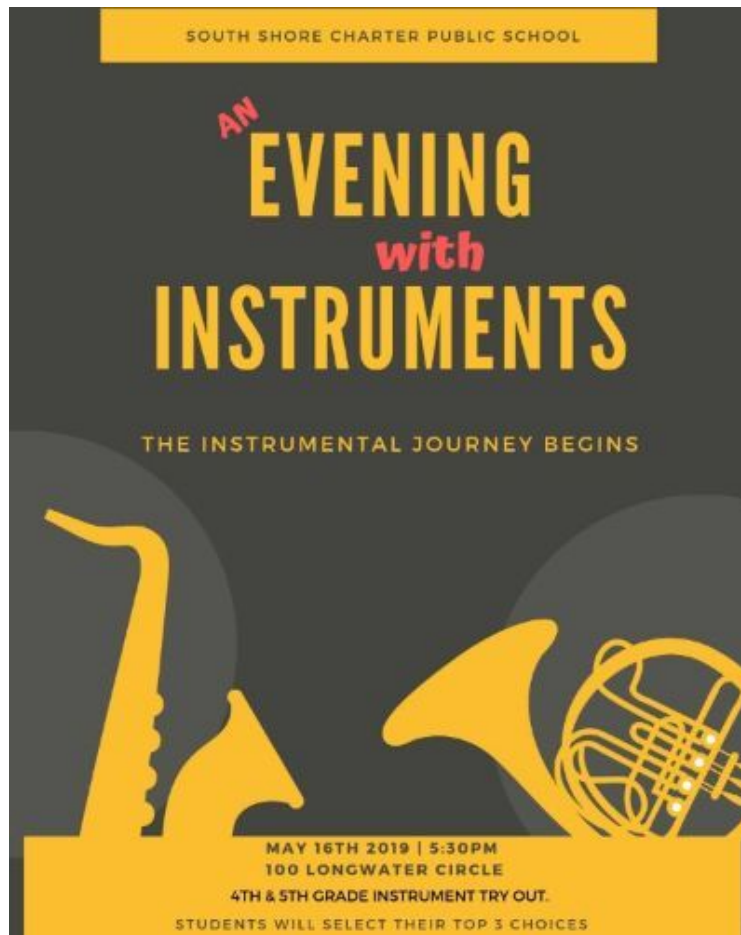
Thank you for your continued support of our children and their school. Questions can be sent to [sscpspaelection@gmail.com](mailto:sscpspaelection@gmail.com), or you can contact any member of the PA.

Heidi Aylward - [summer\\_skies@msn.com](mailto:summer_skies@msn.com)  
Ken Poudrier - [krp@pillarfs.com](mailto:krp@pillarfs.com)

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**SSCPS Student Declan Hickey needs an accessible van. Please join our fundraising efforts for this important cause. Show your support by wearing RED on Friday, May 3. All contributions may be brought into school or made on the link below.**

[Declan Hickey's New Van](#)



**[Click here for more information.](#)**

**SAVE THE DATE!**



Level	Math MCAS	Science MCAS
Level II	May 20 May 21	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> grade not tested
Level III	May 14 May 16	May 20 (5 <sup>th</sup> grade) May 21 (5 <sup>th</sup> grade) 6 <sup>th</sup> grade not tested
Level IV	May 13 May 15	May 20 (8 <sup>th</sup> grade) May 21(8 <sup>th</sup> grade) 7 <sup>th</sup> grade not tested
High School	May 21 May 22	June 4 (9 <sup>th</sup> grade) June 5 (9 <sup>th</sup> grade)



Thursday	05/02	SCHOOL COUNCIL Family Engagement Task Force	5:40pm 4:45pm
Sat-Mon	05/04-05/06	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to New York City	
Monday	05/06	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Newport, RI	
Monday	05/06	Level IV Day of Service Field Trip	
Monday	05/06	AP US Governance & Politics Exam	
Monday	05/06	Senior Finals – English, Spanish, and Elective	
Wednesday	05/08	AP Literature and Composition Exam	
Wednesday	05/08	Senior Finals – English	
Wednesday	05/08	Grade 5 Wax Museum at the Gym	
Wednesday	05/08	Class of 2021 Trip Meeting at 700	6:00pm

### ***Important Links***

Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website [www.sscps.org](http://www.sscps.org) every Wednesday.

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

- [Food Service](#) – May 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
- Please visit our [Giving](#) link for information regarding *The Fund for SSCEF*
- Community Service Opportunity: [Carry5 Walk for Water](#)

Please contact Pam Algera at [palgera@sscps.org](mailto:palgera@sscps.org) to submit SSCPS items for publication.

### ***School Documents***

[Accountability Plan](#)

[SSCPS By-Laws](#)

[School Improvement Plan](#)

[School Council](#)

### **Schedules by Level:**

- [Level I](#)
- [Level II](#)
- [Level III](#)
- [Level IV](#)

[Pick-up Procedures](#)



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