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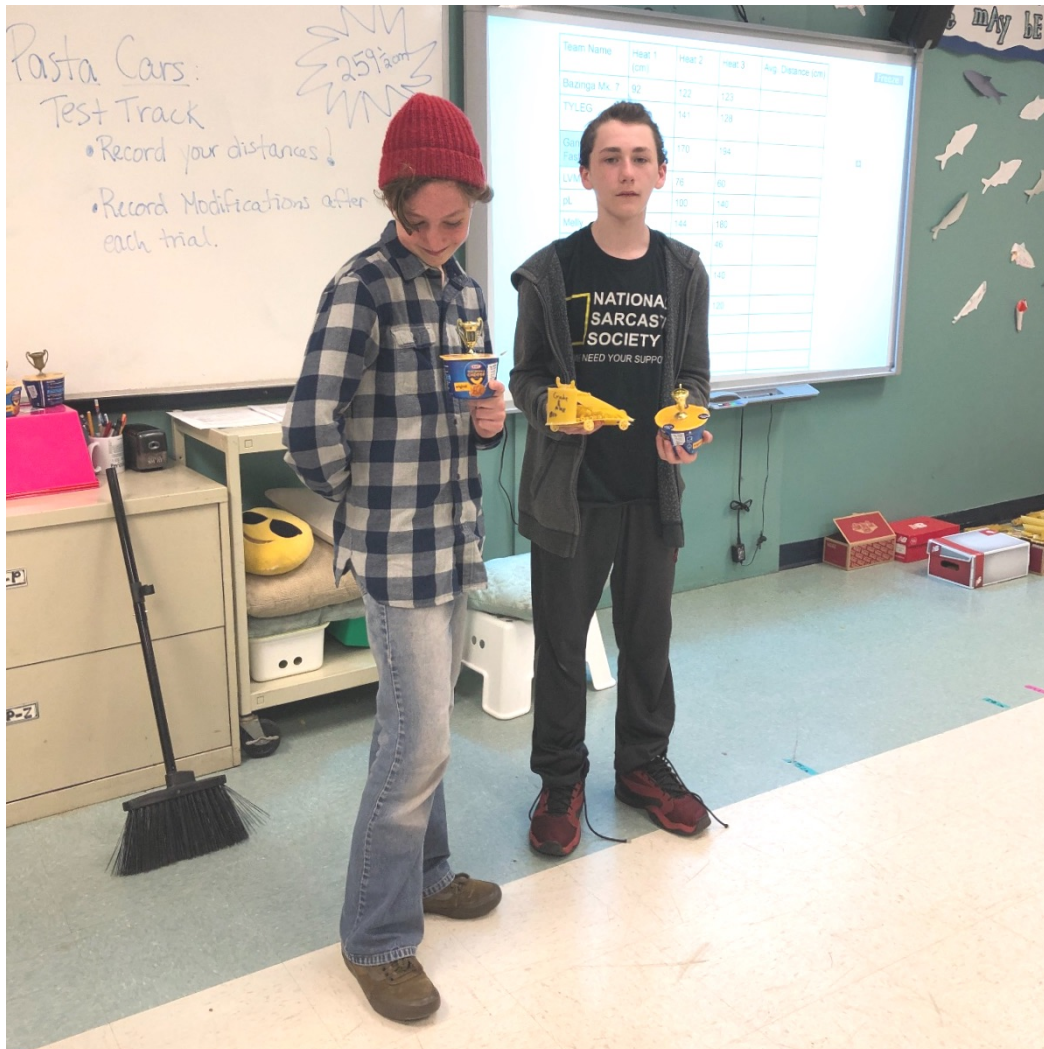
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A Message from Alicia



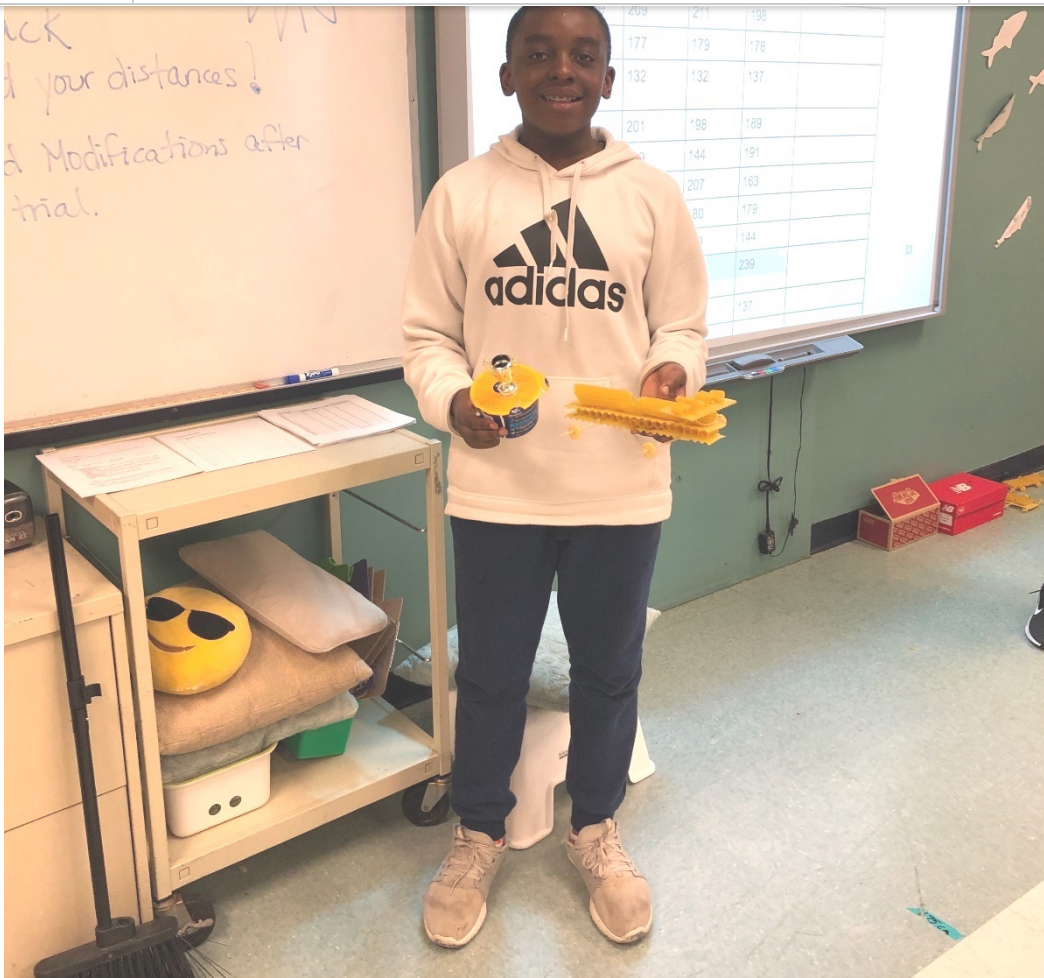
Here at South Shore Charter we are in the midst of developing our Strategic Plan and writing our Charter Renewal Application. We will use these two documents to navigate the next five years. Creating these two documents is important work for our school community. Last week a draft of the Strategic Plan was sent to the Parents

As discussions continue throughout the school year much of the focus has been on what it is that makes the SSCPS experience different from a traditional public school. When we try to pinpoint that difference, we end up at the same conclusion. It is project-based learning. This methodology defines much of the learning that occurs in our classrooms. When walking through our hallways, different translations of project-based learning can be seen in numerous forms and styles of classroom activities and lessons. No matter the subject area, project-based learning opens a door to knowledge that students may not be able to access through learning limited to seat time with a textbook.



Students in Mellissa O'Brien's science class compete in the Pasta Car Challenge. In this project-based lesson, students designed, built, and raced cars made entirely out of pasta and hot glue to see which car could travel the greatest distance.





Congratulations Cohort Winners of the Pasta Car Challenge
Gabe DosReis and Alex Walsh
Sam Oji and Amogh Athimamula
Jordan Alexandre and Jonathan Monteiro
Emma Mattuchio, Tess Carson, and Elizabeth Cheung



In addition to our core subjects, a defining opportunity for project-based learning occurs in Projects and Workshops. These classes are what define us as a school and make SSCPS a unique educational choice for families throughout the south shore.

There is no better example of project-based learning than what our Art Department does every day. As a school community, we value the arts and value what it brings to our school. The art department at SSCPS has grown significantly over the past five years. We have added resources and, most importantly, added teachers to our art program. While some of our sending districts have been forced to cut programs and lay off staff in the arts, we have made a concerted effort to do the opposite. We have targeted resources to ensure that our art program continues to grow and thrive.

We fully intend to continue this trend of support for the arts. We know the arts provide students with the opportunity to use their interests and talents to do important work. An example of the value of art and its relationship to the world may be found in [this video](#) featuring our students from [The Memory Project](#). *The Memory Project* is an international project where students share their artistic talents creating portraits of children in need. Students draw these portraits from photos shared through the Memory Project. Once complete, the portraits are flown and hand-delivered to the children. For children living in refugee camps, the portraits send the message that they are valued in a unique and personal way.

This is the second year SSCPS art students have participated in this life-changing project. Last year SSCPS students created portraits of students living in Russia under challenging circumstances. Students from SSCPS joined over 1,000 other students to give a special portrait to those children most in need. This year our students drew

in this project; Ayanna Alexandre, Ian Faulkner, Gerald Fernandez, Taria Firmin, Sydney Grier, Brian Kelly, Ainsley Lefsky, Adam Nevarez, Jenna Oleson, Kasey Daley, Neila Nortelus, and Jenna Napolitano. Congratulations to them and to their Workshop leaders Marianne Buckley Curran and Dan Vasconcellos. Your art has sent hope to children most in need of that message.

Alicia Savage

Executive Director, South Shore Charter Public School

2019-2020 Parent Association Election for SSCPS!

Survey Closes: 5/31/2019 – Click the link below to cast your vote:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/SSCPS PA Election>

New PA will be inducted at the June 11, 2019 Meeting (7:00 pm @SSCPS K-8 Building)

Thank you all for coming to cast a ballot for all Parents Association positions.

As your appointed Election Team, we are committed to ensuring the process is efficient, fair, measurable and accessible to all parents.

- Only current SSCPS Parents or Guardians may vote in this election,
- One vote per parent/guardian will be allowed,
- You must make one selection for each position,
- You are given the option to abstain from voting for a particular position if, for any reason, you choose not to (via an "I choose not to cast a vote for this position" option),
- Results will ONLY be shared on an aggregate level (e.g. # of total voters, # of votes per nominee, # that chose not to vote for a position, etc.)
- If there is a tie for a position, a second survey will be sent out only for those who need a tie-breaker,
- If you would like to self-nominate for a position that has no nominees, please insert your name with brief intro. Election will be held at June PA meeting,
- If there is a dispute or demand for a recount, at least one member of the Election Team (*Heidi Aylward, Cliff Peacock, Andrea Poudrier & Ken Poudrier*) and one school administrator will be engaged to review or recount parent/guardian submissions.

The Election Team remains committed and unbiased throughout its work on this process, and we're committed to the integrity of the SSCPS Parent Association.

Thank you for carefully considering the nominees who have stepped up to represent us.

SAVE THE DATE!



Summer Reading Book Fair is coming!

The Library Committee and Storybook Cove will be hosting the Summer Reading Book Fair from 5:30-7pm on Thursday May 30th, the evening of the K-12 spring concert, in the science room at 100 Longwater. All summer reading books will be available for purchase by cash/check/credit. This event is a fundraiser to purchase new materials for our library.

If you would like to volunteer to assist during the fair, please contact Bev Bruce at bbruce@sscps.org.

From the Development Office

Thank you for being a part of our school community! Your investment in your child's education is an important one. Parent giving is an integral part of our school's fundraising. Our goal this year is to have 100% Annual Fund participation. The members of the Board of Trustees have led the way by contributing 100% to our Annual Fund.

The South Shore Charter Educational Foundation is the non-profit organization that supports the South Shore Charter Public School by holding its mortgage and granting funds not covered by per capita tuition. We ask that all families participate! The school relies on the support of our community to provide students with the resources needed to keep class size low, to keep improving facilities, to provide books, musical instruments, and technology, and to keep our innovative project-based and service learning programs alive.

If you have participated in the Annual Fund previously, we thank you and ask you to consider increasing your support. If you have never participated, we ask you to make this a priority in your charitable giving during this fiscal year. SSCEF is a 501C(3) organization and your monetary contribution is tax deductible. Please check with your employer to see if they will match your donation, and if they offer education grants to public schools.

You can click [here](#) and make an online donation, or send a check payable to SSCEF to SSCEF, P.O. Box 512, Accord, MA, 02018. Thank you!

Level I and Level II Families - This Friday is the last day to register for our Annual Grandparents and Special Friends Day. Click [here](#) to sign up. We ask that you sign up by Friday, May 24th so we can plan accordingly. If you need handicap accessible parking, please email Sheina at sprince@sscps.org

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. Contact Laurie Dannison ldannison@sscps.org with any questions.

Wednesday	05/22	Title I End-of-Year Celebration	3:15-4:15pm
Friday	05/24	High School Jaguar Games	
Monday	05/27	Memorial Day – No School	
Tuesday	05/28	10 th Grade Field Trip to Newport RI	
Tuesday	05/28	Author <i>Sandy Stark-McGinnis</i> to visit 6 th grade	

Wednesday	05/29	10 th Grade Girls to Leadership Conference - Curry College	
Wednesday	05/29	Senior Internship Presentations	
Wednesday	05/29	Senior Dinner	
Thursday	05/30	Grandparents Day Concert for Level I and Level II at 100	1:30-2:30pm
Thursday	05/30	Annual Spring Concert – Under the Tent at 100	6:00pm
Friday	05/31	Graduation Rehearsal	
Friday	05/31	Library Books are Due	
Saturday	06/01	Class of 2019 Graduation at 100 Longwater Drive	11:00am

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.

- **News from the Library** -All library books are **DUE BACK on Friday, May 31st**. Your assistance to help your student/s locate and return all materials is appreciated. **Final bills for lost books will be mailed on June 7th**. Questions? Email Bev Bruce @ bbruce@sscps.org. Thank you! **The Library Committee**
- **From the Health Office:** Now that the rain has gone, allergy season is here! There will be a huge increase in the pollen count in the next few weeks. Please remember to give your child their allergy medication at home, so they are ready to learn at school. Also, be aware that ticks are out and the kids play outside both at school and at home. Checking your child for ticks every day is a good habit to get into for the spring/summer months
- [Click here](#) for an update on Heritage Day which was recently hosted by the High School Cultural Diversity Workshop
- **Level II Paws for Cause Project** are collecting donations for a local animal shelter. [Click here](#) for donation information
- **Food Service** – **June** 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*
- Community Service Opportunity: Join the Quinn Family and participate in the "[Fundrive](#)" for Declan Hickey

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

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