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Weekly Update | November 28, 2018

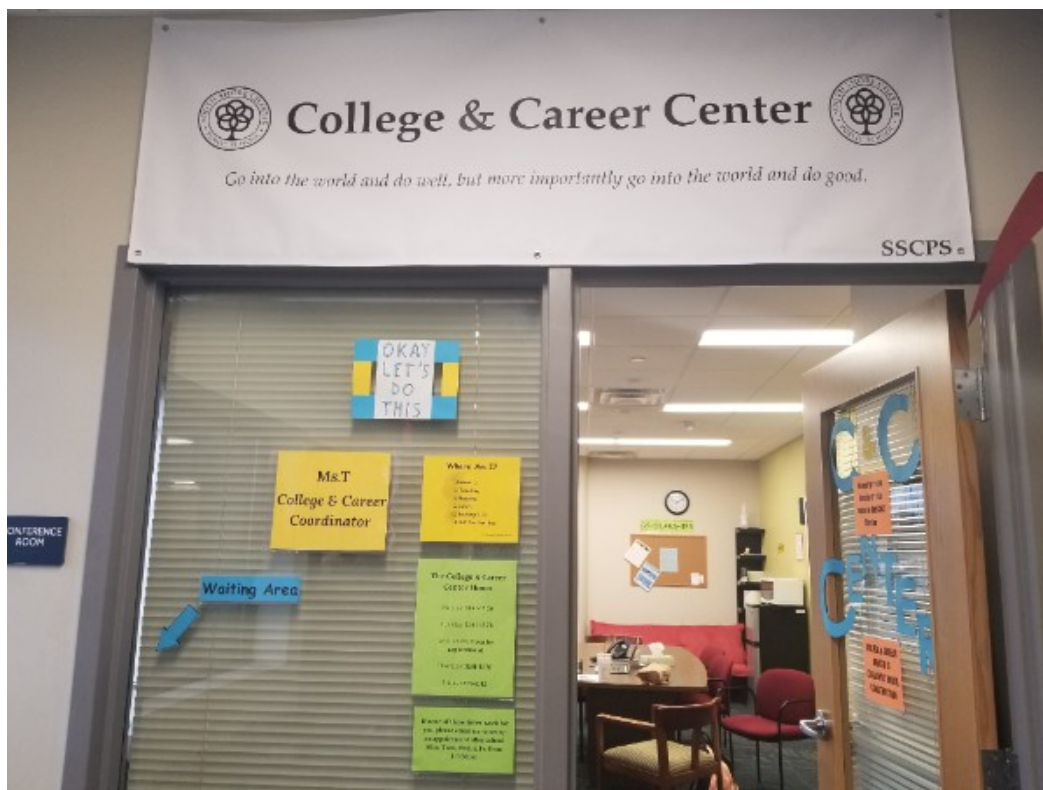
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A Message from Angie

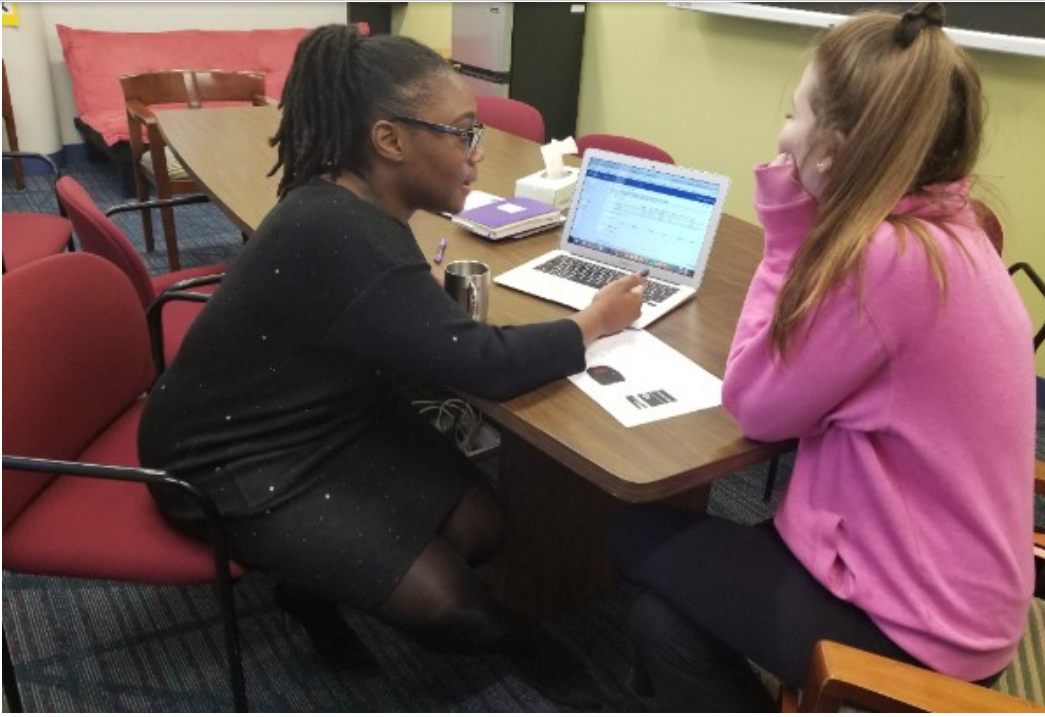


As November draws to a close many of our Seniors are putting their first round of college deadlines behind them with their Early Decision and Early Action applications. Increasingly our students are choosing to apply to college Early Action requiring them to meet application deadlines in November and early December. As of now, the Guidance Department has already processed 220 college applications. Forty-seven percent of our seniors have already applied to college! Early applications have existed for decades but have been on the rise in

students receive an early response, generally in December, to their application but do not have to commit to the college until the standard commitment date of May 1. Applying early can reduce stress as students spend less time waiting for a decision and it provides students with more time to consider their decision and to prepare for college. In some instances, it may provide admissions advantages and access to a different pool of scholarship funds.



The approach to those deadlines can be incredibly stressful for students and for the families and teachers that support them. Finally clicking submit on the application signifies the culmination of a long, complicated process that truly begins when students enter school in kindergarten. Our faculty works hard to provide students and their families with the information and assistance that they need to manage the process successfully and to alleviate some of the related anxiety. We have a strong team committed to this work and are continually reevaluating the needs of our students and making necessary adjustments. This year Mary Carter, Director of Guidance, continues to work with our Juniors and Seniors both in preparing students to meet our High School Exit Standards and in the application process. Earlier in their high school careers, Stephanie Chery lays the foundation, working one on one with ninth grades students on high school adjustment, appropriate course placement, study skills, and college entrance testing. Additionally, Raf Kosakowski, high school math teacher, and Nora Broderick, English Curriculum Coordinator, are running our SAT test preparation program for our Juniors working toward taking the SAT in the spring.



Last year we expanded our department with the introduction of the College and Career Center. Guidance designed the Center to provide further help for students as they narrow down their college lists, perfect their essays, research and apply for scholarships, complete applications, explore majors and careers, and make their final decisions about the next step after high school graduation. Though it was only staffed on a part-time basis, the center was able to support a large number of students and roll out some new initiatives including several on-the-spot admissions events that allowed students to get immediate admissions decisions. Building on the success of last year, the College and Career Center is now a full-time operation run by SSCPS alum and former Level IV teacher, Stacy Tchouanguem. We are thrilled to have Stacy on board! In a short time, Stacy has created a warm, welcoming, approachable space that helps students feel comfortable and less intimidated by the college and career process. She is currently working with students individually and in small groups to wrap up the early round of applications and to begin work on regular decision applications. Because of the change to the Senior calendar, our twelfth grade students will have access to counseling services from Mary, Stephanie, and Stacy right through the all important May 1st college commitment date. Please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of our Guidance team if your child needs further support with this process or with managing the stress that comes with it. As always, I welcome hearing your questions, concerns, and celebrations.

Angie Pepin

Principal, South Shore Charter Public School

Annual Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheon**Wednesday, December 5, 2018****Location: New SSCPS Space at 700 Longwater Drive**

The luncheon will take place on the half day, Wednesday, December 5th. We will need main dishes, side dishes, salads, desserts, and drinks.

The luncheon hosts about 150 faculty/staff members, and they love and appreciate the assortment of food that is sent in by our families. They always express their sincere appreciation to everyone.

If possible, **please** try to drop off your item in the morning at drop-off. This helps save time in the afternoon. You may also drop any items off at before dismissal, especially if it's a hot item, since there is no way to reheat food, although Crock-Pots can be dropped off **anytime**.

Please follow the "Drop Off Donation" signage at 700 Longwater Drive.

If you would like to donate or volunteer, please contact me directly at debbielbundrick@yahoo.com

Thank you in advance for your generous donations. They are greatly appreciated.

Deb Paquette

Parent of Kayleen and CJ (Level IV)

Wednesday	11/28	1 st Trimester Ends	
Wednesday	12/05	Early Release Parent/Teacher Conferences by Appointment	12:00pm 1:00-5:30pm
Wednesday	12/05	Parent Association Hosts Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheon	
Thursday	12/06	Principal's Parent Coffee at 100 Longwater Circle	8:30am
Thursday	12/06	School Council	3:30pm
		Winter Concert Schedule	
Thursday	12/06	5-12 Winter Concert at the Hingham High School Auditorium	6:00pm
Wednesday	12/12	K-4 Winter Concert at the Hingham High School Auditorium	6:00pm

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.

- [Project and Workshop News!](#)
- [CORI and Volunteer Information and Instructions](#)
- **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
- [Food Service](#) – **December** Order Forms and Menus are available!
- [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
- Check out the weekly newsletter for [Holly Hill Farm](#)
- [Company Theater production stars SSCPS students!](#)

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