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*A Message from Alicia*



Game Change Summit  
October 10, 2018

Congratulations to members of the senior class participating in the Game Change Summit at Gillette Stadium. SSCPS is proud to have been part of this service initiative for three years. Our seniors were selected to attend the summit and share their experiences as school leaders working to

students lead a society, participated in a panel discussion, and made a presentation on schoolwide efforts they have led. Special thanks to faculty leaders Emily Merwin and Marianne Buckley Curran whose commitment to the Game Change program made this important initiative possible. Today our students received the Game Change Leadership Award. We could not be more proud.



Game Change Leadership Award  
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In addition to excelling in service and life, we remain committed to student achievement in academics. This week MCAS results are being sent home to families. This is the second year our students took the next-generation MCAS for ELA and Math in grades three through eight. The next-generation MCAS assessments have updated the legacy MCAS, remain specific to Massachusetts, and are taken on a computer.

Tenth-grade students took the legacy MCAS last spring. The legacy MCAS is a paper-based test that has not been modified as much as the next-generation MCAS. The next-generation MCAS is scheduled to be introduced to our current tenth graders this spring. However, because the tenth grade MCAS is a high stakes test, meaning that students must pass in order to receive a high school diploma, the minimum passing score on the next-generation MCAS for tenth graders will not change for at least two years.

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (ESE) released statewide accountability data on Thursday, September 27, 2018. The release of MCAS data has led to the identification of statewide trends. According to the ESE, statewide approximately half of students in grades three through eight scored *Meeting Expectations* or above. Math has been more complicated and continues to be a statewide focus.



Level III ELA

Teachers and administrators have noticed similar trends here at SSCPS. When we review the data, our students are performing at the statewide level in ELA. However, we have noticed that there are some inconsistencies

instruction. Both next-generation and legacy MCAS provides us with the data to do so, as does the PSAT and DIBELS.

While the ESE has been honing curriculum frameworks and next-generation MCAS, SSCPS continues to make adjustments to the curriculum, classroom instruction, and professional development. The Instructional Leadership Team has taken on much of this effort and has been working closely with our teachers to provide a learning environment where all students succeed and do their individual best.

Please review the *Parent/Guardian Report* sent to you this week. This report provides your child's overall results, an achievement comparison from last year to this year, your child's growth percentile, and a reporting category breakdown for ELA, Mathematics and Science, Technology, and Engineering. We will be hosting a parent information coffee about the MCAS and how to interpret your child's results in the upcoming weeks. In the meantime, should you have any questions about how to interpret your child's test results, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Alicia Savage

Executive Director, South Shore Charter Public School

Thursday	10/11	FASFA Workshop at 700 Longwater Drive	6:00pm
Thursday	10/11	Board of Trustees	7:30pm
		Governance Committee	6:00pm
		Finance Committee	6:30pm
		Development Committee	7:00pm
Saturday	10/13	<a href="#">SSCEF 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Road Race</a>	
Tuesday	10/16	Title I Parent Information Meeting	8:30am
Tuesday	10/16	SSCPS Cross Country <a href="#">Chipotle Fundraiser</a>	
Tuesday	10/16	INPAC Meeting	6:00pm
Thursday	10/18	<a href="#">Strategic Planning Meeting</a> at 700 Longwater Drive	8:00-9:30am
		Upcoming Event!	
Friday	10/19	<a href="#">High School Theater Workshop hosting a Haunted House!</a> At 700 Longwater Drive	5:00-7:00pm

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.

- Register today for the [SSCEF 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Road Race](#)
- Support the SSCPS Cross Country Team on October 16<sup>th</sup> during their [Chipotle Fundraiser](#)
- [Food Service](#) – **October** Order Forms and Menus are available!
- [BoxTop for Education](#) volunteer opportunity
- Visit our new online option to [purchase](#) SSCPS apparel
- Please visit our [Giving](#) link for information regarding The Fund for SSCEF and the Harvest Run registration and sponsorship information
- [Interested in International Travel](#) in April 2019!
- Check out the weekly newsletter for [Holly Hill Farm](#)
- FCC Transportation has additional seats available on existing routes. Call Sue or email for more information. 781-267-1388  
[FCCTransportation@comcast.net](mailto:FCCTransportation@comcast.net)

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

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