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A Message from Alicia



Students from Ashley's Pod on Level III



Level III Beach Day

One of the greatest gifts we can give our students is a feeling of belonging. This weekend I had the opportunity to read *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds. Bev Bruce, our Reading Specialist, loaned the novel to me so I could preview the book for our first All-Level Read on Level IV. In this story a young protagonist, Castle Cranshaw, makes his way onto a community track team and in the process discovers who he desperately wants to be. The young man runs from his difficult past and finds friendship and a sense of belonging once joining the track team. It is a beautifully written story and one that resonates no matter who you are or where you come from.

There is value in a team. In this novel, like many other great works of literature, the reader has a window into how transformative the power of the group can be on an individual. The value of teamwork is a human universal. In so many ways, this novel reiterates what we here at SSCPS already know, the value of a team. Our school community is made up of many teams: classrooms, pods, and levels. Those levels are what come together to make us one school community, one team. Our teachers work hard to develop a group dynamic supportive of each student every day.

Of course in the novel and in real life, team building takes work. We focus on that work throughout the year, but particularly at the beginning of the school year. Last Friday students on Level III participated in one such event, Level III Beach Day. Level III Beach Day has become an important tradition. Teachers and students take advantage of the warm late summer weather and head to Nantasket Beach for a day of team building and group activities. It was a day of old friendships and building new ones. Students and teachers returned from a day at the beach with smiles indicative of a day well spent.



Level III Beach Day

Team building efforts are evident throughout the school. They occur in our classrooms, in our great rooms, and on field trips. Next week our Senior Class will participate in the annual Senior Class Retreat. This is another wonderful SSCPS tradition where our seniors launch their senior year on a two-day overnight trip to Camp Burgess on Cape Cod. Seniors will experience two days of community building as they take on the many outdoor activities this camp has to offer. Students in grade nine will have a chance to team build on the freshman retreat held at Treetop Adventures on September 28. It is a time of excitement for many.

Our families are also an important part of our team and your support is evident every day. This month we look forward to our Back-to-School nights and the Back-to-School Picnic. Please check the school calendar, the school website, and email for the latest school events and happenings.

Lastly, I would like to thank Board of Trustee member Bill Smyth for writing our By-Laws. The SSCPS By-Laws were approved by the Commissioner over the summer and may be viewed [here](#). The SSCPS Board of Trustees is made up of many hard-working volunteers. In terms of teams, we could not be more fortunate to have this team supporting our teaching and learning every day.

Alicia Savage

Executive Director, South Shore Charter Public School

Wednesday	09/12	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Thursday	09/13	Board of Trustees Meeting Development Committee Meeting Governance Committee Meeting Finance Committee Meeting	7:30pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm
Friday	09/14	High School Picture Day	

Wednesday	09/19	Senior Class Parent Night	7:30-8:30pm
		Yom Kippur – No School	
		Upcoming Calendar Items	
Thursday	09/20	K-8 Picture Day	
Thurs-Fri	09/20 - 09/21	Senior Class Retreat	
Monday	09/24	Level I and Level II Parent Back-to-School Night	6:00-7:30pm
Tuesday	09/25	Strategic Planning Committee at 700 Longwater Drive	8:00am
Tuesday	09/25	Parents Association Meeting at 100 Longwater Circle	7:00-8:30pm
Thursday	09/27	Level III and Level IV Back-to-School Night	6:00-7:30pm
Friday	09/28	Freshman Retreat to Treetop Adventures	

Important Links

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.

- **Note from the Health Office** Please complete and send in the [Over the Counter Medication form](#). No student will be given any over the counter medication without a signed consent form
- **Food Service – October** Order Forms and Menus are now 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
- [2018-2019 Back-to-School Information](#)
- Check out the newsletter for [Holly Hill Farm](#)
- Support Holly Hill Farm [here](#).

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

School Documents

[SSCPS By-Laws](#)

[School Improvement Plan](#)

[School Council](#)

Schedules by Level:

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

SEPTEMBER 20, 2018
6:00pm - 8:00pm

CONTRIBUTION PER PERSON

"AUTISM EATS COMES TO PEMBROKE!"



AUTISM FRIENDLY FAMILY DINNER

BACK2SCHOOL

CELEBRATE BACK TO SCHOOL WITH A FAMILY DINNER BUFFET.
OUR OWN PRIVATE ROOM, DELICIOUS FOOD, TOYS & ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE KIDS

AUTISM EATS NOW IN ITS FOURTH YEAR WAS STARTED TO GIVE AUTISM FAMILIES AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY RESTAURANT MEALS WITHOUT THE STRESS THAT OFTEN ACCOMPANIES THESE OUTINGS. SINCE EVERYONE IN OUR PRIVATE ROOM "GETS IT" THERE IS NO NEED TO EXPLAIN ANY BEHAVIORS OR FEEL LIKE ALL EYES ARE ON US. IT IS A WONDERFUL WAY TO SPEND TIME WITH OTHER FAMILIES IN AN AUTISM-FRIENDLY NON-JUDGMENTAL ENVIRONMENT.

THANKS TO OUR HOSTS  **TREASURES OF OUR HEARTS**



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