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A Message from Angie

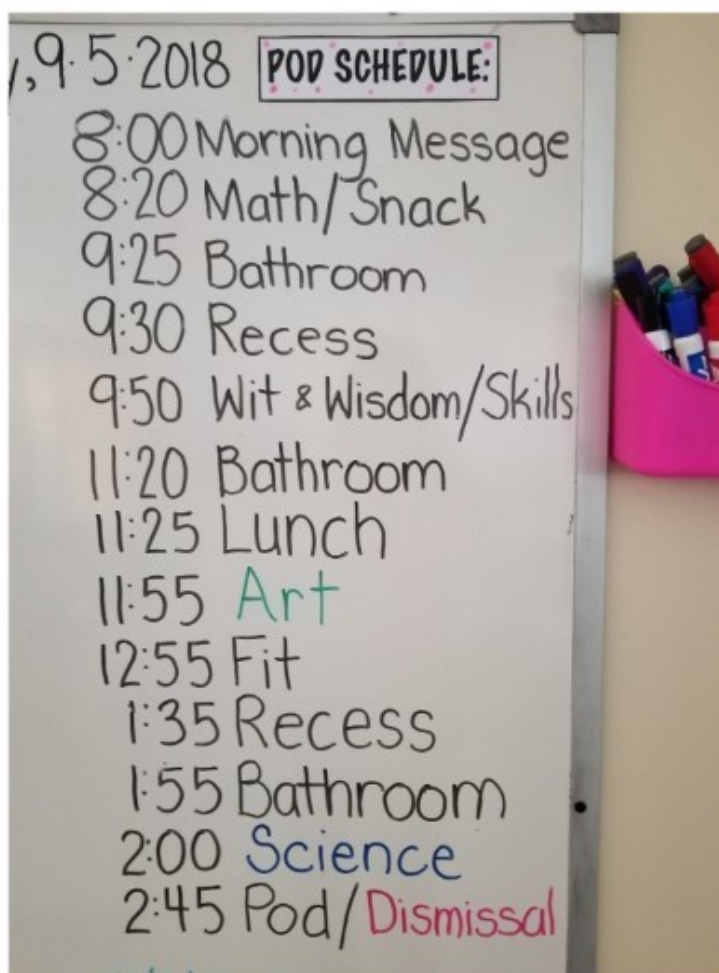


Welcome back!

It has been a busy start to the school year at South Shore Charter Public School. Our students are well on their way to falling into a daily routine as teachers work to define expectations in these early days. These are the familiar routines that are part of each new year's start and the rhythms and rituals that define the life of a school. There are also some new routines and changes to familiar rituals as we

[Plan](#) last year. The final document was approved by the [Board of Trustees](#) this summer. The School Improvement Plan is one document that guides our work to better realize our mission.

One significant change to the school routine that impacts our K-8 students is a change to the master schedule at 100 Longwater Drive. Last spring teacher teams devoted significant time to discussing how best to use our instructional time for maximal student benefit. Optimal scheduling meets the developmental needs of students and ensures that adequate time in blocks of appropriate length is devoted to each content area. Our teachers considered lesson length, the impact of time of day on student focus, the need for breaks and play, the culture of our school, and the rigorous academic standards that they want our students to meet or exceed, in planning for the rhythm of the school day. The result is changes in how the schedules on [Level I](#), [Level II](#), [Level III](#), and [Level IV](#) work. It is important to note that all of the schedules, including the high school schedule, begin with academic instruction promptly following attendance. For the majority of our students this is the most important learning time of the day. On time arrival at school is critical. Most students, K-12, need some time to transition from school to home. Aiming to arrive on campus at 8:00 provides students with the transition time that they need to do their best in school.



Another important shift in routines this year outlined in the School Improvement

when our August Mailing went out by email and we collected important emergency contact and dismissal information electronically. Last week our first Update of the year, a weekly ritual, went out as an embedded email with links. This change is the result of our effort to streamline the Update and to make better use of our website, www.sscps.org.

The School Improvement Plan and the school change that results is the product of the hard work of the teachers, parents, and students on the [School Council](#). The Parents Association is currently working to vote in parents to serve on this important committee. I hope that many of you will consider serving on the Council. School Council meetings are open to everyone, including those that are not voting members. Our first meeting is on Thursday, October 4th at 3:40. All meetings take place at 100 Longwater Circle.

I hope that you are all settling in to the back to school routine. Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions, concerns, and celebrations.

Best,

Angie Pepin

Principal, South Shore Charter Public School

Friday	09/07	Level III Beach Day	
Wednesday	09/12	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Thursday	09/13	Board of Trustees Meeting	7:30pm
		Development Committee	6:00pm
		Governance Committee	6:30pm
		Finance Committee	7:00pm
Friday	09/14	High School Picture Day	
Saturday	09/15	Parent Association hosts Back-to-School Picnic	3:00-5:00pm
Monday	09/17	High School Parent Back-to-School Night	6:00-7:30pm
		Senior Class Parent Night	7:30-8:30pm
Wednesday	09/19	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
Thursday	09/27	Level III and Level IV Back-to-School Night	6:00-7:30pm

Weekly Updates are emailed and posted on our website www.sscps.org every Wednesday. Here are links to upcoming events and other items of interest.

[2018-2019 Back-to-School Information](#)

[Food Service](#) which includes the Breakfast and Lunch Menus and Order Forms

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

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

[School Council](#)

Schedules by Level:

[Level I](#)

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