



## Weekly Update | January 8, 2020

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### A Message from Angie

Happy New Year 2020! Walking the halls it is clear that students and teachers have quickly settled back into their school routine. Coming off the break is a busy time for teaching and learning as we approach the midpoint of the school year. The second quarter closes for 5-12 students on Tuesday, January 21st. Our students in grades 7-12 are not only closing the second quarter but they are also preparing for midyear exams. These exams are designed by teachers to test student progress in our curriculum and the results of these exams provide important data about how our students are doing. They are also valuable practice for the high stakes exams students will sit for in their transition to college and throughout their post-secondary careers. Students have been preparing since the start of the year through the work in their classes. They can expect teachers to provide more specific study materials this week to help them focus their efforts. The approaching extended Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend is a terrific opportunity for studying. Some of our students may need some extra motivation to take advantage of this extra time. Please note that Friday, January 17th is now a half day of school due to weather related closures earlier this year.

The schedule for midyear exams is below. **All students in grades 7-12 will be dismissed at 12:00 pm on Wednesday, January 22nd, Thursday, January 23rd, and Friday, January 24th.** Please prepare for pickup accordingly. All Level IV students will be dismissed at the front door on those half days. On Friday, January 24th, high school students will be dismissed by 10:00 if they are not taking a make-up exam. Taking exams is exhausting for students. The early dismissal provides students with a well-deserved break.

High School Midyear Exam Schedule			
	Wednesday 1/22	Thursday 1/23	Friday 1/24
8:15-8:30	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory
8:30-10:00	A Block	C Block	E Block
10:00-10:30	Break	Break	Break
10:30-12:00	B Block	D Block	Make-up exams*
*Students without a makeup exam will be dismissed at 10:00 on Friday			

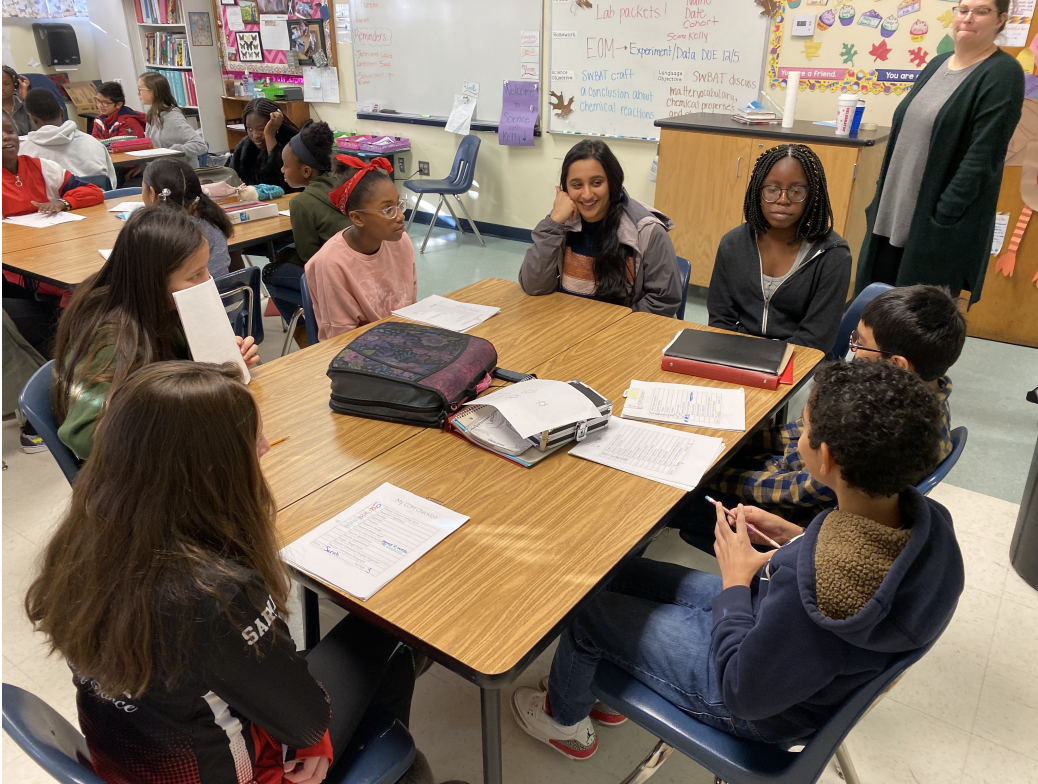
Level IV Midyear Exam Schedule			
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	Wednesday 1/22	Thursday 1/23	Friday 1/24
8:15-8:30	Pod Time	Pod Time	Pod Time
8:30-10:00	7 <sup>th</sup> Science 8 <sup>th</sup> English	7 <sup>th</sup> Spanish 8 <sup>th</sup> History	7 <sup>th</sup> Math 8 <sup>th</sup> Spanish
10:00-10:30	Break	Break	Break
10:30-12:00	7 <sup>th</sup> History 8 <sup>th</sup> Science	7 <sup>th</sup> English 8 <sup>th</sup> Math	Project Reflection



Science Fair Preparation - 6th Grade Students Working with High School Mentors

While our oldest students prepare for exams, our sixth grade students are busy preparing for next week's science fair. On Tuesday, January 14th, sixth grade students will display their trifold boards and materials throughout the gym to showcase weeks of hard work that began when students finalized their topics at the start of November. The work on display is the culmination of a multiphase process that required our students to look at a problem, conduct research, and draw conclusions. During the fair, sixth-grade students, under the direction of science teacher Kelly Rafferty-Brulport, will present their projects to their peers, their teachers, and a representation of students from across our school. These students will also present to their families and attendees from the larger community in the evening from 5:00-6:00pm.



6th Grade Students working with Science Teacher Kelly Rafferty-Brulport and High School Mentors

The science fair has an important cross-level component. Since late November high school students have come over to the K-8 building to mentor our sixth-graders and help guide them through the scientific process. Our high school students were involved from the beginning stages, asking questions of the younger students as our sixth graders came up with a list of materials, wrote their procedures, and researched their topics. Once the sixth-grade experiments were complete the high school students helped the Level III students analyze data, create graphs, and develop a conclusion. The mentors will be attending the fair so that they can celebrate the successes of their mentees. Our high school students really enjoy these opportunities to share their expertise with younger students. I know that for many sixth graders the mentoring sessions were the highlight of the process.

I hope that many families will be able to attend Tuesday evening's edition of the science fair. It is a wonderful opportunity for younger children to see the work of their older peers. If you plan to attend, please park at 100 Longwater Circle and take the path over to the PE space. We do not have parking available at the PE space.

Save the date! We have booked Mary Cole from the Greater Boston Tobacco-Free Community Partnership to come in and present to families on the evening of Tuesday, February 11th. Mary will be presenting in the high school Great Room at 700 Longwater Drive beginning at 5pm.

At the session, parents can expect to learn more about what e-cigarette and vape products are, why they are harmful, how the industry is targeting children, and how to protect our children from this new face of nicotine addiction.

A growing number of children at the middle school and high school levels are impacted by the vaping trend. I encourage all parents, including those of younger children, to attend. Information about vaping can be found at [getoutraged.org](http://getoutraged.org).

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns.

Angie Pepin  
Principal, South Shore Charter Public School

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### *From the Foundation...*



### **January is Support Athletics Month!**

Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Baseball, Softball, Cross-Country and Track  
SSCPS student athletes are among the best in the league.

Please show your support of our Athletics Program by donating in January.  
Thank you!

**DONATE**

### **Annual Fund Update**

Please make your [contribution](#) to the Annual Fund today! We are hoping for 100% participation from all of our families to reach our \$75,000 goal.

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### **Level IV Project Collecting Donations for [Cradles to Crayons](#)**

The Creative Minds Project led by Katie Curry is collecting donations for Cradles to Crayons. Cradles to Crayons is an organization that collects clothing and other items for homeless children ages 0-12. Their goal is to help children have basic necessities. There will be a donation box located near the front desk labelled "Cradles to Crayons Donations." We will be collecting new or like new items such as clothing, shoes, toys, books, baby gear, and other basic necessities beginning January 13 through February 13.

[Click here for a list of items needed.](#)

Thank you!

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## SSCPS YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

The 2019-2020 Yearbook is now in progress.  
To order online go to [www.coffeepond.com](http://www.coffeepond.com), to login use school  
password: bluejaguar.

Families may submit a special personalized page for their senior that will appear in the back of the book at these rates: Full page \$150, 1/2 pg. \$75, 1/4 pg. \$50. Due date is March 30, 2020. The yearbook staff can help with any design concerns.

Please email Christine at [cbodnar@sscps.org](mailto:cbodnar@sscps.org) with any questions.

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## Upcoming Events

### Adult Trivia Night | January 25, 2020

Registration is open for our January 25th **Adult Trivia Night** at Weston Hall in Weymouth and we hope you will join us! There is a \$25 fee per person and this will include Stump Trivia, a pasta dinner, raffles, and a cash bar. Use the [link](#) to sign up today.

### 25th Annual Auction | March 27, 2020

Save the date for our **25th Annual Auction** that will take place on Friday, March 27th at the Pembroke Country Club. Reach out to Laurie Dannison at [ldannison@sscps.org](mailto:ldannison@sscps.org), or 781-982-4202, ext. 207 if you would like to be part of the Auction committee. We are always looking for new volunteers to help out with the event. Thank you for your support!

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Wednesday	01/08	Executive Committee Meeting	8:00am
Saturday	01/11	Ski Club to Ragged Mountain	
Tuesday	01/14	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science Fair	
Thursday	01/16	Parent/Teacher Conferences by Appointment	3-6pm
Thursday	01/16	Enrollment Open House	6-8pm
Friday	01/17	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm

## 2019-2020 School Calendar Update

Linked below under *School Documents* please find the revised 2019-2020 School Calendar. Calendar revisions have been made to make up for four lost days. Additional snow days will be added to the end of the year. The revised calendar reflects the following:

- The January 17 full day professional development day has been changed to a half day/12:00 dismissal
- The March 18 full day professional development day has been changed to a half day/12:00 dismissal
- Two half days have been added to the end of the school year. The last day for students will be Tuesday, June 16.

### ***Important Links***

**Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website [www.sscps.org](http://www.sscps.org) every Wednesday.**

- **January Order Forms and Menus are available.** [Breakfast and Lunch Menus and Order Forms](#)
- **After School Enrichment Sign-up:** [Winter Art Class](#)
- Health Office Nutrition Nuggets Issue: [January](#)
- Visit our new online option to [purchase](#) SSCPS apparel
- Community Interest: Click here for information on [Team IMPACT](#)

**Here are links to upcoming events and other items of interest. Please contact Pam Algera at [palgera@sscps.org](mailto:palgera@sscps.org) to submit SSCPS items for publication.**

### ***School Documents***

[2019-20 School Calendar](#)

[Student and Family Handbook](#)

[SSCPS By-Laws](#)

[Pick-up Procedures](#)



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