



## Weekly Update | January 29, 2020

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### A Message from Joe Kay



Last week, the High School concluded the first half of the school year with three days of Mid Year Exams. After the grading is done and grades are submitted, parents and teachers will have discussions with students celebrating their successes and reflecting on how they can improve. As educators and parents, we focus on the results and use the data to help improve the performance of our students. Sometimes, the focus can be more about the destination rather than the journey. So today, I will not be discussing testing, report cards (which will be distributed Friday), or standardized testing. Instead, I will be focusing on our students' journeys by highlighting some of the exciting and engaging lessons that have been happening in classes and Workshops. I asked the High School faculty to share any interesting projects, and here's a look at what's been going on in the classrooms.

*My juniors recently learned about mass incarceration and racism in the criminal justice system. For their writing assignment, many chose to write letters to politicians, companies, and more about their feelings about these issues. Some of the people they wrote to include Senator Sanders; Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons Dr. Kathleen Hawk Sawyer; the head of Boeing; President Trump; Governor Baker; and former Vice President Biden. My Theater Workshop will be performing in the METG High School*

*Drama Festival on February 29th at 3PM at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center.*

**Debra Greene, ELA Teacher and Theater Workshop Leader**

*My 9th graders are studying the characteristics of fairytales and will be reading some fairytales to Kindergarteners soon.*

**Nora Broderick, ELA Curriculum Coordinator and Freshman ELA Teacher**

*Transitional/Vocational Class operated a real small business during the month of December and worked on skills that included everything from wearing a uniform, filling out a time card, product development, inventory, work production, marketing, and budgeting.*

**Michelle Gallagher, Learning Services Teacher**

*My Communications classes have completed the first installment of a project that I hope to continue every year. It's based off of the Humans of New York project. They interviewed subjects, quoted their stories, and edited/revised them so that they appropriately captured the essence of the subject. This is one of the culminating projects for the Journalism unit. Keep an eye out for their published newspapers, which should be circulating soon.*

**Katie Cianelli ELA Teacher and Journalism Workshop Leader**

<https://humansofsscps.tumblr.com/>

*The HS school store operates daily during lunch serving the high school students and staff. The first EOM for the HS School Store and More Workshop is underway and our students are interviewing business managers to identify successful business practices that can be applied to our school store.*

**Ellen English, Math Teacher and School Store Workshop Leader**



High School Art Workshop Fashion Show Preparation

*The Fashion Show is coming up on Valentine's Day, February 14th, before we leave for break and the Art Workshop students have been working hard to get their pieces ready for what will now be a two runway event. The Graphics Workshop will be making invites*



for the show and the Music workshop will be providing runway music. The Dance Team is scheduled to open up both shows. Their EOM is scheduled for Feb 7th, with an outside panel of judges, all professionals from the arts; a fashion buyer, a jewelry designer, a muralist, a watercolorist, a pastelist and oil painter and an alumni fashion student.

**Marianne Buckley Curran, Art Teacher and Art Workshop Leader**

Graphic Workshop has been busy from the start with putting their individual skills forth in designs promoting the Harvest Run with a t-shirt design, the homecoming dance invitation, submissions into Scholastic Art and Writing 2020 competition with original CD cover designs, (which can be seen in the front lobby), and the yearbook cover design. Each project has been building their skills and confidence to answer the needs of our school community with their creative ideas and solutions.

**Christine Bodnar, Art Teacher and Leader of Graphic Workshop**



Senior Debate Research

In Ethics, taught by myself, Angie, and Alicia, seniors are preparing for the annual senior debates. They will take place on February 11th, 12th, and 13th. The debates focus on the students defending arguments with evidence around a current and relevant topic. This year's topics are social media, minors being tried as adults, universal healthcare, whether college tuition should be free all public universities and colleges, and the role of Artificial Intelligence in today's society.

Thank you to the high school teachers for providing a glimpse into their classrooms and to all the teachers at SSCPS that continue to inspire every student to excel at academics, service, and life. And finally, I would like to recognize the students for being active participants in their own learning and the parents that support them and SSCPS.



State Senator Patrick O'Connor Welcomes SSCPS Juniors to the  
[Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the US Senate](#)  
January 28, 2019





On January 28, 2020, Orianeh Byron-Gabelus, Veronica Farren, Taraji Osgood, Walid Zaynune, Daniel Faivre, Maureen Guerre, and Emily Learning competed in our second [Poetry Out Loud](#) event. Congratulations to Veronica Farren, our winner, and to all of our participants.

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Thank you to the folks that came out to join us for Trivia Night this past Saturday at Weston Hall! Special thanks to Jen Anderson, Eileen Lefsky, Naomi Preble, and Board Members Peter Farrell and Leslie Alden. We look forward to seeing you at our 25th Annual Auction coming up on Friday, March 27th at the Pembroke Country Club. Please reach out to Laurie Dannison if you would like to join our Auction Committee. If you have access to local businesses that may be interested in supporting our school, please let us know! Thank you.







Please note that we have a reserved space out front at 100 Longwater Circle that is awarded to our annual auction winner. Attached is a photo of the sign! Please resist the temptation to park in the space as we have our one lucky winner who uses it all the time. You can take a chance and bid on the space at our 25th Annual Auction coming up on Friday, March 27th! Please save the date. The spot will be available at the beginning of our next calendar school year. Thank you and hope to see you at the 25th Annual Auction in March.

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### **From the Health Office**

This flu season is shaping up to be challenging. Like many schools, we are seeing an increased number of cases.

Below are a few reminders about our policies regarding viruses. Please follow these guidelines to help limit the transmission of illness.

- **Students must stay home with any vomiting or diarrhea. They may return to school once symptom-free for 24 hours.**
- **Students must stay home if they have a fever >100.4. They may return to school when fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication like Tylenol/ibuprofen.**
- **Students should stay home with severe cold symptoms/cough.**

[Click here](#) some information from the Massachusetts Department of Health regarding the flu virus. Please reach out to any of the nurses with questions. Thank you for your help in keeping everyone in our building healthy!

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- **Reminder: The students go outside to recess in all kinds of weather both cold and wet. Please have a change of clothes that can be left at school in case of falls at recess.**
  - **The Health Office is in desperate need of Boys pants size 6-10, if anyone has some to donate you can drop off at the health office at 100 Longwater Circle.**

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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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**DURING CHEMO,  
A BLOOD  
TRANSFUSION  
SAVED HER LIFE  
GIVE BLOOD TO GIVE TIME**



American  
Red Cross



American  
Cancer  
Society

[GiveBloodToGiveTime.org](http://GiveBloodToGiveTime.org)

Model used for illustrative purposes only.

**Norwell Community  
Blood Drive**  
**Sponsored by South Shore  
Charter Public School**

Gym  
104 Longwater Drive  
Norwell, MA 02061

**Tuesday, February 4, 2020  
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter:  
NORWELL to schedule an appointment.

**Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15  
minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to  
complete your pre-donation reading and health history  
questions on the day of your appointment.**



Scan to schedule  
an appointment.



# Soccer Sports Camp



## FUNDRAISER FOR THE HUMAN PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP

*Students from the high school workshop will be coaching  
with assistance from faculty volunteers.*

*Students attending will meet in the level 2 great room after school and will be  
escorted to the gym space*

**February 10th-13th, 2020**  
**3:30-4:30pm (pick up at 100)**  
**\$40 per child for the 4-day session**  
**(checks to SSCPS or cash)**

Limited space available: **FIRST 30 students max**

**\*Your child's medical forms must be on record at the school\***



*Please fill out the following and return with payment to the front desk at 100  
**NO LATER THAN 2/6/20***

**CHILD'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

*I understand that the risks associated with camp activities could result in injury, I assume  
these risks and, knowing them, hereby give my child permission to participate in the Human  
Performance Sports Camp February 10rd-13th, 2020 from 3:30-4:30pm.*

**Contact Information:**

Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Specific Accommodations: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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### Library Volunteer needed!

We are looking for a parent volunteer to assist **Level 4 students** in the library during their FIT time from **9:10-10:00 am each Wednesday**. If anyone is interested, please contact Bev Bruce [bbruce@sscps.org](mailto:bbruce@sscps.org) or call x336. Help connect our older students with great books from our collection!

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Parents Association Hosting Teacher Appreciation Brunch  
Click below to volunteer or donate!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ca9ab23a2ff2-teacher>

[https://venmo.com/code?user\\_id=2777105595105280701](https://venmo.com/code?user_id=2777105595105280701)





## SOCKIT2CANCER!

The High School Student Board needs your help to collect Socks for local Cancer patients on the South Shore!

We invite you to participate in the **Sock it 2 Cancer** campaign dedicated to bringing joy to cancer patients through the gift of fun & silly socks. **This is an easy way to help build relationships and create a community of support for the patient.**

**What happens to the socks?** All the socks are hand delivered to the South Shore Hospital Dana Farber Cancer Center. They will be given to the Cancer patients getting Chemo treatments.

**What kind of socks?** Any New Adult socks are accepted, the more fun and silly the better. Look for a pair of socks that might make someone smile. Here are some suggestions:

- Warm & cozy socks any color with no slip grip on the bottom are always a great find!
- January 1- Feb 10— we are looking for Red/White/Pink socks with a Valentine's/love socks.

Please bring new socks to Mary Carter's Office at the High School by Friday, February 7.

Thank you!  
Mary Carter, Student Board Advisor

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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

### 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	01/29	High School Mock Trial to Hingham	
Wednesday	01/29	Senior Trip Meeting at 700	6:00pm
Thursday	01/30	Bright Star Theatre Presentations to K-8 at the Gym	
Thursday	01/30	<a href="#">Parents Association Meeting</a> at Panera Bread in Hanover	8:30am
Friday	01/31	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report Cards Distributed for Grades 5-12	
Saturday	02/01	Ski Club travels to Ragged Mountain	6:30am
Saturday	02/01	Level III Jenna's Project Building Bridges at Wentworth	
Tuesday	02/04	NHS Hosting Blood Drive at the SSCPS Gym	1:00-6:00pm
Wednesday	02/05	Executive Committee Meeting at 100 Longwater Circle	8:00am
Wednesday	02/05	Parent Association Teacher Appreciation Brunch	
Wednesday	02/05	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Thursday	02/06	Principal's Coffee at 100 Longwater Circle – DESE Report Card	8:30am
Thursday	02/06	<a href="#">School Council Meeting</a>	3:30pm
<p><a href="#">2020-2021 School Calendar is now available!</a> <a href="#">Revised 2019-2020 Calendar</a></p>			

## Important Links

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

- February Order Forms and Menus are available. [Breakfast and Lunch Menus and Order Forms](#)
- After School Enrichment Sign-up: [Winter Art Class](#)
- 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](#)

[2020-21 School Calendar](#)

[Student and Family Handbook](#)

[SSCPS By-Laws](#)

[Pick-up Procedures](#)



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