



## Weekly Update | February 12, 2020

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### A Message from Alicia



#### SSCPS Level IV MathCounts Math Team

Congratulations to all student competitors and Level IV team coach Jody Regan on an impressive showing at the South Chapter MathCounts Competition

Today marks the 103 day of the 2019-2020 school year. Traditionally the mid-year point is when our school community takes time to reflect on the current school year and what lies ahead. This year our institutional reflection takes on a special meaning in light of the Student Opportunity Act.

This week it is Exhibitions of Mastery time once again, second quarter report cards have been sent home, and opportunities where students can demonstrate and celebrate the positive ramifications of hard work abound. We beam with pride as our students make great strides in academics, service, and life. For second quarter alone 188 students received an Honors commendation and 201 students received a First Honors commendation. To be recognized for Honors a student must earn a grade point average of 3.0 or above and have no more than one grade between 73 and 79. To

receive a First Honors commendation a student must earn a grade point average of 3.67 or above with no grade less than 80. On Levels III and IV 107 students earned Honors and 134 students earned First Honors. At the high school 81 students earned Honors and 67 students earned High Honors. Congratulations to all students who are being recognized for their hard work and accomplishment this week.

It has been an action-packed February here at SSCPS. Our classrooms and hallways continue to be places where students are happy, working hard, and showing kindness to one another. The Spelling Bees have been competitive and fun, the Mock Trial Team has ventured out and conquered, and we are looking forward to another exciting Fashion Walk on Friday. Last Thursday Level IV students on the newly established Math Team competed in the South Chapter MathCounts Competition in New Bedford. The results were impressive: out of 140 competitors, our students ranked 6 of the top 32. Two of our students earned wildcard status and the team is looking forward to further competition. Congratulations to all.

Mid-year is also the time of year when we ask for your input by completing the [2020 Annual Family Survey](#). Every year the Board of Trustees reviews key measures which help define student achievement and institutional strength. Parent voice is what has made our school a success and our school culture is built upon the engagement of all. The data gleaned from [the survey](#) will become an essential component in the planning soon to be underway for the Student Opportunity Act. The data you provide will be used to build the Accountability Plan and the Annual Report. This year's Annual Report will target measures to lift all students and reduce the state-wide achievement gap by incorporating your feedback on programming, scheduling, curriculum, professional development, facilities, and student life. We are asking for you to help by completing [the survey](#) by Friday, April 3, 2020.

Enjoy February break and extra time with friends and family.

Alicia Savage, Executive Director  
South Shore Charter Public School

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*Thank  
You*

On behalf of the SSCPS faculty and staff we would like to thank the Parents Association for the amazing and thoughtful Teacher and Staff Appreciation Breakfast and Luncheon. Special thanks to parent volunteers Joanne Manning Della Barba, Ama Okey-Igwe, and luncheon organizers Stephanie Inniss and Parents Association Chair Heidi Aylward. Thank you Wayne Heuer and high school junior Savannah Aylward for help setting up the for day.



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*AFRICAN DIASPORA NIGHT: CELEBRATING THE  
CULTURES OF AFRICA AND THE AFRICAN DIASPORA*

SSCPS strives to celebrate the diversity in our school through many different communal events. On Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 6:00pm-7:30pm we will be hosting our African Diaspora Night: Celebrating the Cultures of Africa and the African Diaspora. The "African Diaspora" is a phrase used to describe how people of Africa descent have disbursed throughout the world and created their own unique cultures and traditions. The event is planned for children and their families in grades K - 4. This night has a similar structure to Literacy Night but instead of having children go from room to room to listen to books, they will be going room to room to learn about various cultures as they have developed in the African Diaspora. It will be exciting and fun to learn about these cultures and traditions from members of our own SSCPS community. We welcome families to attend dressed in their traditional clothing from their homeland. In the past we have presenters from Nigeria, Honduras, Haiti and Jamaica. If you would like to do a presentation about your culture of origin that is part of the greater African Diaspora please contact Sheina Prince-Eugene at [Sprince@SSCPS.org](mailto:Sprince@SSCPS.org)

\*Please RSVP via email and include the country you will be presenting and what you may need for your presentations i.e. a smart board, DVD player, etc.



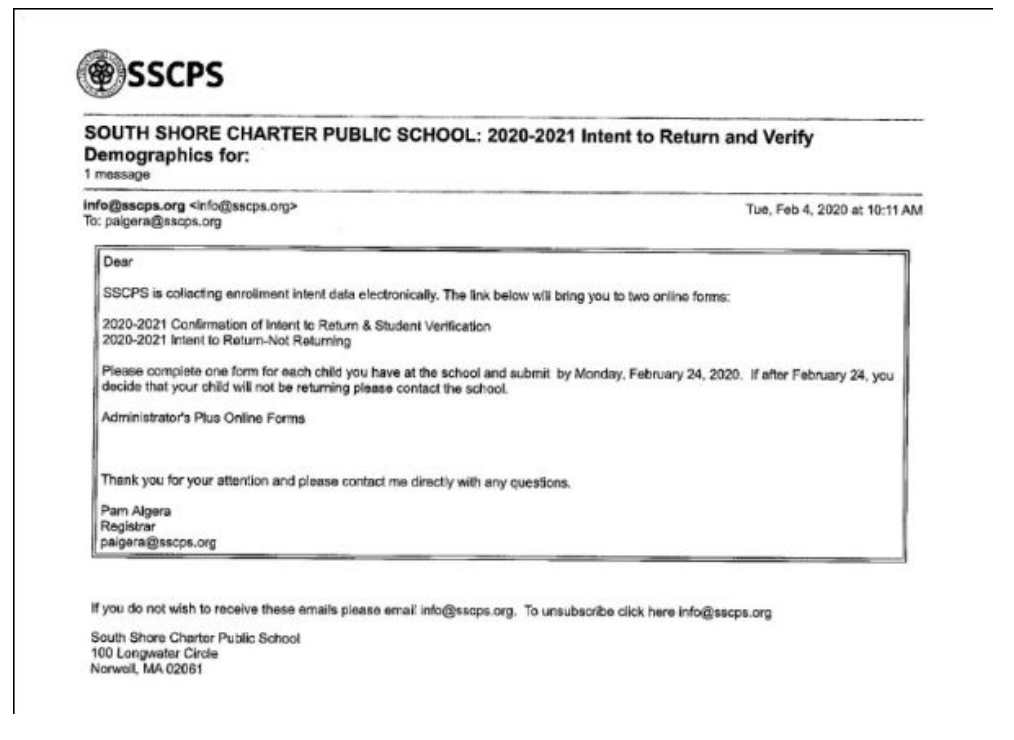
All current families should have received an email that will look like the example below. The email will include a link to the annual Intent to Return forms.

We ask that all families complete these forms indicating their enrollment intent for the upcoming school year. Please complete and submit one online form for each child enrolled at SSCPS by February 24, 2020.

For those of you new to SSCPS, families who would like to remain enrolled do not need to reapply. The Letter of Intent is the only form we ask our families to complete.

If your child has a sibling you would like to enroll or if you have a sibling on the waitlist you must complete an application to be included in the upcoming enrollment lottery. The application may be found at [this link](#). The deadline for all applications is Monday, February 24. The Enrollment Lottery will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2020.

Should you have any questions, please contact Pam Algera at [palgera@sscps.org](mailto:palgera@sscps.org).



The screenshot shows an email from SSCPS. At the top left is the SSCPS logo. The subject line reads "SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL: 2020-2021 Intent to Return and Verify Demographics for:". Below the subject line, it says "1 message". The sender is "info@sscps.org" and the recipient is "palgera@sscps.org". The date and time are "Tue, Feb 4, 2020 at 10:11 AM". The body of the email starts with "Dear" and then states: "SSCPS is collecting enrollment intent data electronically. The link below will bring you to two online forms: 2020-2021 Confirmation of Intent to Return & Student Verification and 2020-2021 Intent to Return-Not Returning. Please complete one form for each child you have at the school and submit by Monday, February 24, 2020. If after February 24, you decide that your child will not be returning please contact the school. Administrator's Plus Online Forms. Thank you for your attention and please contact me directly with any questions. Pam Algera, Registrar, palgera@sscps.org". At the bottom, there is an unsubscribe link and the school's address: "South Shore Charter Public School, 100 Longwater Circle, Norwell, MA 02061".

## From the Health Office

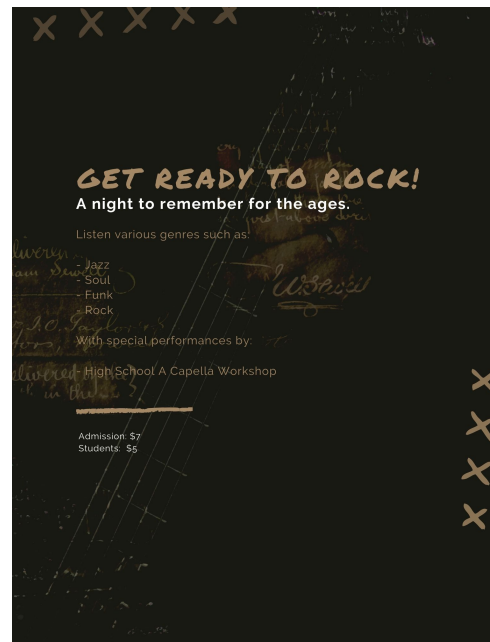
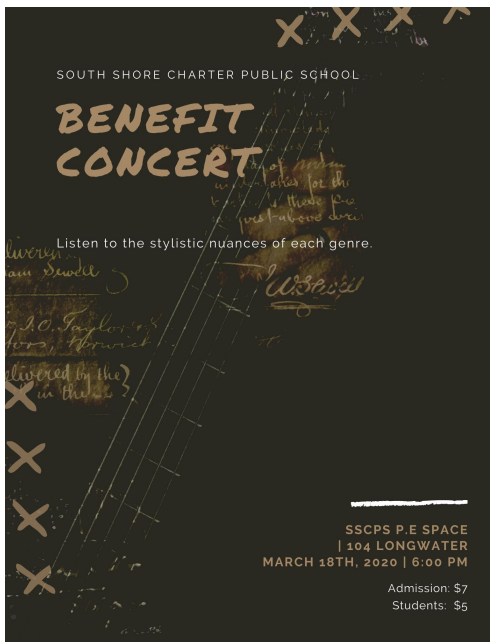
- After February break, the health office will begin state mandated heights and weights for all students in grades 1, 4, 7, 10. If you would like your child to not participate, please email or call your student's school nurse.
- Reminder: The students go outside to recess in all kinds of weather both 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.

## From the Foundation

### 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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### 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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6:00-10:00 P.M. ~ Pembroke Country Club  
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Thursday	02/13	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to the Museum of Fine Arts	
Friday	02/14	Level IV Theater Project to Huntington Theater	
Friday	02/14	High School Art Workshop Annual Fashion Show	
Mon-Fri	02/17-21	Winter Vacation – No School	
Monday	02/24	Enrollment Lottery Application Deadline SSCPS Intent to Return Forms Due	
Thursday	02/27	Level I and Level II African Diaspora Celebration	6-7:30pm

## ***Important Links***

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

- [2020 Annual Family Survey](#)
- **March Order Forms are now available!** [Breakfast and Lunch Menus and Order Forms](#)
- 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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