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A Message from Angie



Level I celebrates Women's History Month

It has been an eventful couple of weeks since our return from winter break both in our buildings and in the outside world. The deluge of information in the news about the coronavirus is both overwhelming and virtually unavoidable. This can be difficult for children. Our faculty and staff are acutely aware that children take their emotional cues from adults. Teachers are working hard to be calm and reassuring with our children. They are supporting their students as they process all that they are hearing and correcting the many misconceptions that are causing anxiety. We are following our protocols while moving ahead with the important work of teaching and learning and providing students with the routine and sense of normalcy that makes them feel safe.



Exhibition of Mastery presentation on Level I

One of those routines is the flurry of [Exhibition of Mastery](#) (EoM) presentations that surround February break. These presentations continue for students across grades. Whether students are sharing with their class what they learned from researching how a specific vegetable grows in first grade, or presenting a legal argument to their peers and a panel of lawyers in the high school Mock Trial Workshop, students are developing and honing the important research, writing, and presentation skills that they need for college and career success. These presentations are an essential component of our academic program and a rite of passage for students. As part of our implementation of this year's [School Improvement Plan](#), we have begun to collect EoM materials and document practices by Level to help students and parents through the process. This project is the direct result of parent feedback as we were developing the plan. Last week the [School Council](#) began to work on drafting new goals and benchmarks for the 2020-2021 School Improvement Plan. School Council meetings are open meetings, please feel free to attend and provide your input as we develop this important plan. Our next meeting is on Thursday, April 2nd. If you are unable to attend and have suggestions, do not hesitate to reach out to me or to anyone who sits on School Council.



We are quickly moving into the time of the year when we start to look ahead to next year's programming in earnest. High school students and their teachers have begun the process of [course selection](#) for the 2020-2021 school year. Subject-specific teachers and student advisors are beginning the conversation with students about their course loads for the fall. Advanced Placement courses are available for students entering grades 10-12. Our tentative course offerings, the estimated homework load, and course prerequisites can be found [here](#). The Advanced Placement information package can be found [here](#). If your child is planning to take an Advanced Placement course next year I recommend that you carefully review the Advanced Placement materials with your child. I am happy to answer any questions you may have by email or phone.

Choosing Advanced Placement courses is the first step in the course selection process. Final course selections are made based on student interest, Advanced Placement contract submissions, and teacher recommendations. As the number of available courses grows, it becomes increasingly important for us to communicate with families about student schedules. The availability of courses varies by grade; choice increases as students move through the high school. The selections available in ninth grade are relatively narrow as students complete the foundational courses they need for high school success. Seniors have a wide number of courses available to them as they consider what they need to achieve their postsecondary goals. Significant consideration on the part of both teachers and students goes into these course selections. Once a working draft of course selections is available they will be sent home to parents and guardians for review. Both the guidance department and the curriculum coordinator team are available to answer questions and facilitate decisions.

Thank you for your support of our school as we navigate the current situation. Please continue to read school communications and to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Angie Pepin
Principal, South Shore Charter Public School

SSCPS Student Advances to Regional Spelling Bee Competition!

Ayira Cunningham (6th Grade) has progressed to the next round of the SCRIPPS National Spelling Bee. After competing against the top spellers of Level III and IV, Ayira completed a written spelling test and she was one of the top 60 spellers who is now moving on to the Regional Spelling Bee, Tuesday, March 24th in Lynn. Congratulations Ayira! SSCPS is so proud!

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.

SSCPS YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

The 2019-2020 Yearbook is now in progress.
To order online go to 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 with any questions.

Community Service Opportunity

On Saturday, March 28, Annie's Kindness Blankets will be holding their annual blanket making event from 11am-5pm at the Abington Polish Club. (55 Wales St, Abington).

They are able to provide fleece until supplies run out, so it is helpful if students bring their own materials if they can. They are also in need of sharp fabric scissors due to the amount of Volunteers they usually have, there are not ton of scissors to go around.

Please visit Annieskindnessblankets.org to find the PDF (top right corner) with instructions on how to make blankets and how much material is needed. They are in desperate need of adult-sized blankets.

This is a great opportunity for kids to help out in the community and get their required hours!

Read about their journey: annieskindnessblankets.org It's inspiring!

Please spread the word to your students who need community service hours!

MOVIE SHOWING

Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety



Fusion Academy Hingham is excited to present a free screening of the acclaimed documentary, "Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety," a new film created to open up the conversation about anxiety and provide tools, resources, and hope. We would love to have you join us for the screening and for a discussion after the screening. Light refreshment will be served.

March 12th

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Patriots Cinemas, Hingham Shipyard
25 Shipyard Drive
Hingham, MA

Seating is limited, so please RSVP to Julie Rafferty, Director of Admissions and Outreach, by emailing jrafferty@fusionacademy.com or visiting FusionHingham.com.



Wednesday	03/11	Cancelled - High School Parent AP Information Cancelled - High School Parent College Panel Night	5:30-6:00pm 6:00-7:30pm
Thursday	03/12	Postponed - Grade 4 Field Trip to the BSO	
Thursday	03/12	Museum of Science presentation to Level IV	
Thursday	03/12	Board of Trustees Meeting Development Finance and Personnel Governance	7:30pm 7:00pm 6:30pm 6:00pm
Friday	03/13	2 nd Trimester Grades Distributed to 1-4	
Wednesday	03/18	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm

Important Links

Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website www.sscps.org every Wednesday.

- [2020 Annual Family Survey](#)
- **April 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 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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