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A Message from Angie

I hope that this finds you well as we define a new normal during this unprecedented time. I hope that your family is starting to create some routines as we enter day three. Students in all grades are accustomed to having a consistent daily schedule and the sudden shift to home has disrupted that routine without the anticipation that comes with scheduled breaks. Developing a new schedule for your child can help foster a sense of normalcy and safety at a time when many children are feeling

anxious. We have compiled some sample schedules for students at each Level that can be accessed [here](#).

It is important that any schedule that you develop keeps students engaged with academics and learning. Prior to our closure, teachers worked to put together academic materials for our students. While distance learning certainly does not replace direct classroom instruction, it can help maintain student gains. We are working to develop systems that keep students engaged and productive during closure while providing parents with the resources they need to support their children as we all practice social distancing.

Teachers sent students in grades K-4 home with books and work packets on Friday afternoon. Any work packets that were not picked up are now in boxes outside of our 100 Longwater Circle building. All materials are also available online. Families can access materials for students in grades K-2 directly from our website on the [COVID-19 Updates](#) page. We will update the K-2 pages weekly with new materials. If your child is on Level I, your child's teacher will regularly reach out with additional resources by email.

Distance learning lessons and assignments are posted on Google Classroom on a daily basis for all students in grades 3-12 for the period that we are closed. [Google Classroom](#) can be accessed directly from our [homepage](#). It is the first icon on the top left. Help using the Google Classroom platform can be found [here](#).

Students are expected to complete their assignments during the period of school closure with the understanding that both consistent access to technology and access to the content without the direct assistance of a teacher is a challenge. We ask that families do the best that they can. Once we are able to return to a regular school schedule we will assess student needs so that we can adjust our curriculum and plan for interventions, allowing all of our students to move forward.

Our dedicated faculty is doing a wonderful job responding to this emergency. Teachers are working to provide students with meaningful, engaging work and are available to help as needed. Parents and students should reach out to teachers by email for extra support. We are working to establish regular office hours to further open the lines of communication.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with your questions. I am happy to arrange a time to talk. Thank you for your continued support.

Angie Pepin
Principal, South Shore Charter Public School

A Message from Alicia

IMPORTANT MEAL AND INTERNET INFORMATION

As we begin a three week school closure, we would like to keep you informed of services for free and reduced meal availability closer to you. We will no longer be serving breakfast and lunch at 100 Longwater during our school closing. Breakfast and lunch pick up has been moved from our school to locations in your city or town. Updated instructions on how and where to receive meals for free and reduced eligible students may be found [here](#) and below. Please note that most districts require the child to be present to receive meal benefits. If you need additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us immediately.

For any family needing Internet Connectivity, Comcast is offering a program called Internet Essentials. This program is intended to bring affordable high speed internet to homes that have limited income. It is \$9.95 a month without a contract, no credit check, no installation fee, and includes WIFI. Due to COVID19, Comcast has enhanced this offering allowing new customers that are eligible to receive two free months of internet. Before signing up, please read the fine print to make sure this solution is appropriate for your situation. For additional information on this program, including eligibility criteria and application process, the website is <https://www.internetessentials.com/>.

Separately due to COVID19 Comcast has opened their "xfinitywifi" hotspot networks to everyone for free. Usually, when you connect to "xfinitywifi" it would require you to sign-in with a Comcast account to confirm you are a subscriber. They have removed that requirement so now if they connect to a hotspot it will let them on without any hassle. For additional information for hotspot locations, you can search here: <https://wifi.xfinity.com/>

For the latest press releases regarding how Comcast is assisting people you can visit <https://corporate.comcast.com/covid-19>

Thank you for your all of your efforts at home as we row through uncharted waters. Please make note of Angie's message above which includes sample schedules and distance learning information. Together, we will work to ensure the best possible outcome as this situation unfolds.

Alicia Savage

Executive Director, South Shore Charter Public School

DISTRICT INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECEIVING FREE AND REDUCED MEALS

ABINGTON

The Abington Public Schools Food Service Program will be providing grab-and-go breakfast and lunch meals to families in need of food assistance. If your family is in need of assistance, please contact Bernie Darcy, Food Service Director, at meals@abingtonps.org or at 781-982-2156 to make arrangements for meals.

ATTLEBORO

Students will have access to a “grab and go” school lunch during this closure. For the safety of participants and staff, our procedure will comply with social distancing expectations. Hours for pick up are 11:30 to 1:00 PM at the Superintendent’s Entrance at Attleboro High School beginning Tuesday, March 17th through Friday, March 20th.

AVON

Butler Elementary School Monday through Friday from 8:00 am-11:00 am. Please come to the door on the left side of the building. Meals will be “grab and go”. Lunches will be brought outside upon your arrival. There will be no admittance into the building.

BOSTON

BPS will continue to provide free breakfast and lunch meals to all Boston children beginning Tuesday, March 17. Locations will be open Monday - Friday from 8:30 am - 11:30 am at the schools listed below and shown on this map in blue. A variety of packaged meal options will be available for pick-up.

<https://www.boston.gov/departments/food-access/map-meal-sites-boston>

BRAINTREE

Offering grab and go meals FREE to all children in Braintree 18 years and under during school closures. Pick up meals between 10 AM to 12 PM Monday through Friday at Hollis Elementary School (482 Washington St) or Ross Elementary (20 Hayward St).

BRIDGEWATER

Monday through Friday from 9 to 11 at the front entrance of Bridgewater High School 415 Center Street, Bridgewater.

BROCKTON

Meals will be available at Brockton High School, North Middle School, South Middle School and East Middle School. Families who plan to pick up meals at Brockton High should use the Belmont Street entrance. Upon arrival, please follow the traffic cones to enter the line. The Food Services team will count the number of children in your vehicle and provide one breakfast and one lunch for each student present. The team will provide reheating instructions when needed.

HALIFAX

Meals will be available at Brockton High School, North Middle School, South Middle School and East Middle School. Families who plan to pick up meals at Brockton High should use the Belmont Street entrance. Upon arrival, please follow the traffic cones to enter the line. The Food Services team will count the number of children in your vehicle and provide one breakfast and one lunch for each student present. The team will provide reheating instructions when needed.

HANOVER

Please contact jvlassakis@hanoverschools.org to receive meals during school closures.

HANSON

Meal pick up at the Whitman/Hanson High School Performing Arts Center entrance from 11 to 1.

HINGHAM

[Complete Survey Here](#)

HOLBROOK

Meal pick up at the Superintendent Office door #3 Monday through Friday 11-12 pm.

HULL

The Hull Public Schools has joined with Wellspring to provide meals to our students on free and reduced lunch. The program will begin on Tuesday, March 17 at Wellspring. This week food pick up will be available Tuesday – Friday and next week Monday – Friday between the hours of 10:00 and 12:00. Given the need for social distancing, families will drive behind Wellspring to pick up their meal packages. Signage will be posted to direct the traffic flow.

KINGSTON

Please contact Megan Ahrenholz, RD, School Nutrition Director, 781-582-3556 or mahrenholz@slrsd.org.

MARSHFIELD

Meal pick up at Boys & Girls Club 8 - 11 am.

NORWELL

Please email judith.crooks@norwellschools.org

PEMBROKE

Meal pick up at North Pembroke or Hobomock Elementary School 11-1.

PLYMOUTH

Hedge Elementary School will be serving lunch from 11:30-12:30 daily Monday through Friday. Any Plymouth child 18 and under will be provided a meal. Documentation is not required. Enter around the back of the building through the blue cafeteria door across from the playground. Please know that this is open to all students residing in Plymouth. We will not be asking for age verification. Also, food will be distributed as a “grab and go” option. We are not serving food in the same manner as we would if school was in session. Breakfast items will also be available to bring home. Hedge Elementary is located at 258 Standish Avenue, Plymouth.

QUINCY

Breakfast and lunch will be available for Quincy students to pick up at Lincoln Hancock Community School (Water Street side of building), North Quincy High

School (316 Hancock Street), Quincy High School (100 Coddington Street) and Snug Harbor Community School (333 Palmer Street) Monday through Friday from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM during the weeks of school closure. Additional information can be found here: [School Nutrition Meal Plan 3.16.2020](#)

RANDOLPH

Meals can be picked up from 11-12:30 from the following schools RHS = Poolside Entrance, Donovan = Front Entrance, JFK = Front Entrance, Lyons = Front Entrance.

ROCKLAND

Free bag lunch will be served Monday through Friday at the "Mainstreet" entrance of RHS/RMS between the hours of 11:30 am and 12:30 pm Monday through Friday.

TAUNTON

Breakfast 8-8:30 lunch 12-12:45 at Mulcahey, Hopewell, Martin Middle & Parker Middle. Grab and Go boxes.

WEYMOUTH

Student meals will be available for DRIVE-THROUGH and walk-through pick up between 11:00-1:00 each day at Seach Primary School and Abigail Adams Middle School. Each student meal will consist of milk and a bagged lunch. The program will be available each week day during the closure period. This form will be sent out each week for you to complete. These lunch options are FREE for all students. Lunches noted may change due to student participation. We appreciate all families who complete this form to help us estimate demand but will provide food to all families. [Sign Up Here](#)

WHITMAN

Meal pick up at the Whitman/Hanson High School Performing Arts Center entrance from 11 to 1.

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.

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.

Thursday	03/19	Board of Trustees Executive Committee Meeting	8:00am-8:30am
Wednesday	04/01	Board of Trustees Executive Committee Meeting	8:00am-8:30am

Important Links

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

- [2020 Annual Family Survey](#)
- [Free and Reduced Lunch Pick Up Information](#)
- 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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