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A Message from Alicia

It may be hard to believe that we are now in our fourth week of remote learning. Although this is not the school year we envisioned, teaching and learning continue in response to the unforeseen. What we have learned over these past four weeks is the importance of routine and maintaining the familiar to the greatest extent possible. Even though our classrooms now take many remote forms, we remain committed to providing your child with the best possible education while we await a statewide decision regarding the end of the school year. With so much unknown, the focus shifts to what we do know. What we do know is that one day, be it this year or next, all buildings will reopen and classes will resume. We are preparing for that moment, and for every moment leading up to that one.

With so much out of our hands, parents and teachers have modeled how to take control of what we can by doing what is necessary with what we are given; even when what we are given is not great. So many of you have been rising to the occasion every day for weeks, taking on the difficult and transforming those challenges into moments of comfort and reassurance for your children. Please reach out to us with any support you need over these next few weeks.

In today's Weekly Update you will find the most recent meal information and additional COVID-19 resources. Also included is a wonderful feature piece by Krista Cafourek, 5-8 Assistant Principal, on the importance of the Restorative Justice program in our school community. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I did.

Thank you for being part of the South Shore Charter Public School community. And to all our families celebrating, best wishes for a Happy Passover and a Happy Easter.

A Message from Krista Cafourek 5-8 Assistant Principal



Level II Students Open Circle, 2014

In 2014 the U.S Department of Education for Civil Rights put out a [report](#) detailing unfair discipline practices in schools across the country. Shortly after this report, the Assistant Principals and a group of SSCPS faculty members came together to develop a plan to revise the way we handle unexpected behaviors. In November of 2018 this core group attended the workshop titled: Restorative Justice as a Whole-School Model to Build a Positive and Inclusive School Culture.

What is Restorative Justice? Restorative Justice is a theory of justice that focuses on mediation and agreement versus punishment. It empowers students to work together to resolve conflicts, talk about difficult issues at their grade level and to work together to better a difficult situation.

In the November 2018 workshop, the leaders learned about core restorative practices for schools such as restorative circles (community building and problem solving circles), restorative inquiry, and restorative conferencing. The group articulated goals and next steps for school implementation in consultation with presenters at the workshop. Below is a section for our SSCPS student handbook that was developed by this group.

Restorative Practices at South Shore Charter Public School

At South Shore Charter Public School we believe that relationships are central to the building of school community. We strive to establish policies and procedures that handle harm and misbehavior in a way that strengthens relationships rather than weakening them. In using restorative practices we acknowledge that when a person does harm, it impacts the people they hurt, the community, and themselves. The goal of a restorative process is to give voice to those who have been harmed and to provide an offending student the opportunity to make things right for victims and the school community while teaching students problem-solving skills.

Restorative Practice Principles:

- 1) Restorative practice focuses on harms rather than on rules. These practices work to respond to the needs of victims, offenders, and the community.
- 2) Restorative practice addresses the obligations of the offender that are the result of the harms they have caused. The focus is on righting the wrongs that have been done so that victims feel safe and offenders feel restored to the community.
- 3) Restorative practices are inclusive and collaborative. They involve all individuals who have a legitimate stake in a given situation.

As a result of inappropriate behavior in school, students may be asked to provide an active solution to repair any harm they have done to others in the school community. This is done through informal and formal restorative circles and meetings. Handbook consequences may be altered as a result of these meetings. Restorative approaches can be used in place of traditional discipline, in conjunction with traditional discipline, or as a reentry tool in cases of serious harm.

Since adopting this model, we were able to train other SSCPS faculty members on restorative circles to be used during our Open Circle (grades K-4) and Advisory (5-12) times. Circles are a foundational Restorative Practice that contributes to both relationship/community building and repairing harm when needed. There are a variety of types of circles including talking, learning, listening, support, peace, celebration, re-entry and more. Despite the variety of types of circles, they all have key components including opening/closing, use of talking piece and establishment of shared values.

During these restorative circles teachers build relationships with students, establish classroom norms, discuss how certain actions affect our community and teach skills we want to instill on our students. This year, at the 5th and 6th grade level we developed and implemented circles focusing on rumors. The 7th and 8th grade level began work on reviewing school rules, allowing students to air their grievances and develop a course of action to result in positive change. It is through this process that we have begun to see our school culture shift and students develop patience, empathy, effort and honesty toward one another.

Krista Cafourek

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UPDATED GRADING POLICY | GRADES 5 - 12

1. The end of the third quarter marking term was Friday, April 3. Grades were completed for distribution by April 9. Because we will be sending out grades for the first time electronically or by mail, you may receive your child's grades the following week, April 13 - April 17. Senior grades close when classes end on May 14, 2020.
2. The grades averaged into the third quarter are primarily those from assignments given on or before March 13, 2020. If your child has incomplete assignments prior to March 13, we encourage you to remind your child to use the next week to finish and submit missing assignments. Teachers have been accepting late assignments and will continue to do so.
3. Teachers will use all grades generated from remote learning over the past two weeks to help your child's average. All learning efforts extended throughout the transition may be recognized. Teachers may opt to use these grades to give students extra credit thereby using points earned through remote learning to improve your child's third quarter average.

COVID-19 RESOURCES

Articles for Families

[PBS](#) | [How to Talk to Your Kids About Coronavirus](#)

[Child Mind Institute](#) | [Supporting Families During COVID-19](#)

[New York Times](#) | [5 Ways to Help Teens Manage Anxiety About the Coronavirus](#)

[New York Times](#) | [Talking to Teens and Tweens About Coronavirus](#)

Podcasts for Families

[The Daily](#) | [A Kid's Guide to Coronavirus](#)

COVID-19 Government Updates

[CDC Updates](#)

[FDA Updates](#)

[Massachusetts Department of Public Health](#)

[City of Boston](#)

Remote Learning Resources for Families

[Zoom Information for Parents](#)

[The Parents' Guide to Google Classroom](#)

IMPORTANT MEAL INFORMATION

DISTRICT INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECEIVING FREE AND REDUCED MEALS

With school closures due to COVID-19 outbreak, many schools and community partners are preparing to make meals available to students when school is closed.

For the most up-to-date information we have available, please visit this [link](#) or view a map of locations below or via this [map link](#). Please be aware that plans are continuously changing, so continue checking back if you do not find any meals for your community.

For more information and to learn of other food assistance resources available, please contact Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline. The FoodSource Hotline can be reached at 800-645-8333 from 8am-7pm Monday-Friday, and Saturdays from 10am-2pm, and can provide information in 160 languages through our Language Line.

If you need further assistance from SSCPS, please contact Charlene Salmon at csalamone@sscps.org or 617-763-2303. *PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME MEAL PICKUPS ON FRIDAY, APRIL 10 MAY BE CANCELLED DUE TO THE HOLIDAY.*

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

Meals can be picked up Monday through Friday from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the Attleboro High School (Principal's Entrance, on Blue Pride Way) and at the Coelho Middle School (Front Entrance).

AVON

Daily meals will be provided at the 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. 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

Meal pickup days will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. On Monday and Wednesday, you will be provided with two breakfasts and two lunches per student. On Fridays, we will provide three breakfasts and three lunches per student. Meal Pickup locations: Hollis Elementary School, 482 Washington Street and Ross Elementary School, & 20 Hayward Street.

BRIDGEWATER

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

BROCKTON

Grab-and-go meals will be handed out at all 10 of the following locations from 11:30 AM to 1 PM every week day until the schools reopen:

- Angelo School (Right side of the building where students are picked up at dismissal)
- Arnone School
- Brockton High School (Use Belmont Street Entrance)
- Brookfield School
- Davis School
- East Middle School
- Hancock School
- Plouffe Academy
- Raymond School
- South Middle School

HALIFAX

Pick up meals at Silver Lake Regional Middle School, or Halifax Elementary School. Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM

* No, meals will not be distributed on Good Friday. On Wednesday we will be providing 3 meals per child instead of the 2 meals that we usually provide on Wednesdays.

In addition, we have attached an updated list of food pantries in our communities that may be able to help during this challenging time. We would recommend calling the pantries first, since the pantries may need to change their hours at this time.

Attachments:

- [Pantry Information](#)
- [Nutrislice App Flyer](#)

- [How to Order Meals with Nutrislice](#)

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HANOVER

Meals can be picked up Tuesday and Thursday at the Hanover HS. The food pantry is open on Wednesday from 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Please identify yourself as Charter School /Hanover residents. Please contact jvlassakis@hanoverschools.org or www.foodoutreach@hanoverschools.org to receive meals during school closures.

HANSON

Meals need to be ordered through the Nutrislice App. Pick up will take place on Mondays and Thursdays at the W-H High School. All bagged meals will be available for drive through pick up from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Orders need to be placed by 8:30 a.m. to receive meals that day. Each bag will contain enough breakfasts and lunches per child to cover the days until the next pick up day.

HINGHAM

Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM for pick up at the HS (Pleasant St. Entrance) stay to the right and we are at the picnic tables. We are also arranging for Deliveries if a family needs it. April Vacation week we will be here Tues-Fri and we are not working Good Friday and Patriot's day.

HOLBROOK

Breakfast and Lunch served Monday - Friday from 11:00 AM - 12:00 at door 3, in the back of school 245 South Franklin Street.

HULL

Weeks worth of food for pick up available on Tuesdays only 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. WellSpring Building , pick up food behind the building.

KINGSTON

Please refer to Halifax instructions.

MARSHFIELD

Grab-n-go meals will be available to families each week at the Boys & Girls Club on Proprietors Drive on Monday (3 meals) & Thursday (2 meals) from 8:00 AM to 11:00. The bags of food available on Monday of each week will cover Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The food available on Thursday will cover Thursday and Friday.

NORWELL

We are providing meals for those in need in Norwell between the hours of 11-1pm at the Norwell Middle School 328 Main Street main entrance (there are green recycle barrels) the family pulls up curbside and lets us know how many meals. We bring them out a hot lunch along with a packed to go breakfast for the following morning.

PEMBROKE

Breakfast and Lunch pick up is available Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Hobomock Elementary School from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

QUINCY

Grab and Go lunch and breakfast is available to all and there is no cost. Pick up locations are: Quincy High School, North Quincy High School, Montclair, Lincoln Hancock, Marshall, Parker, Atherton Hough and Snug Harbor. The Grab and Go bags are available from 11-12 at these sites Monday through Friday.

RANDOLPH

Randolph Public Schools will deliver meals at 10:20 AM on Tuesday & Friday (There will be (4) breakfast (4) Lunch Meals provided). The buses will stay on site for 20 minutes near the rental/leasing offices at: Liberty Place, Francis Street Apartments, Rosemont Sq. aka Chestnut West, Avalon Apartments/Prynne Hills, Franklin Sq. Condominiums (at the entrance on High Street).

If you can't make it to these sites, the four pick up sites still remain at the Donovan Elementary School, Lyons Elementary School, JFK Elementary School and the RHS from 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM.

ROCKLAND

Meal pick up at the Rockland High School Monday-Friday 11:30 AM -12:30 PM. This week we are doing a double lunch on Thursday and giving everyone Good Friday off.

TAUNTON

Meal Pick up at the following locations:

- Paul Bunker 11:00 AM -11:25 AM
- Old Colony YMCA 11:45 AM - 12:00 PM (Lunch Only)
- Highland Hills 11:35 AM-12:00 PM
- Bristol Commons 11:00 AM -11:30 AM
- Leddy PreSchool 11:15 AM -11:45 AM
- Harts 4 Corners (near the Taco Bell/Verizon Area) 12:00 PM -12:30 PM

WEYMOUTH

Beginning April 6th lunch pick up will change to offer five days of lunches over a three day pickup window. This change is pickup will reduce daily trips and allow for a streamlined process. Lunches will be available for pickup on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. At pickup, you will be given food for multiple days. Pickup hours will remain the same; 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the William Seach Primary School and at Abigail Adams Middle School.

WHITMAN

Meals need to be ordered through the Nutrislice App. Pick up will take place on Mondays and Thursdays at the W-H High School. All bagged meals will be available for drive through pick up from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Orders need to be placed by 8:30 a.m. to receive meals that day. Each bag will contain enough breakfasts and lunches per child to cover the days until the next pick up day. If you are in need please contact Jeffrey.szymaniak@whrsd.org.

Please contact [Charlene Salamone](#), Food Services Coordinator if you need further assistance. Information will be updated as we receive information from local districts. Information is constantly changing so please check this [list](#) for the most up to date information the state has on meal distribution.

Stay Healthy!

SSCPS YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

To order online go to www.coffeepond.com, to login use school password: bluejaguar.

See the information from [Coffee Pond!](#)

The deadline for families to has been extended to April 30!

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. 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	04/08	Board of Trustees Meeting via Conference Call Dial: 1-866-642-1665, Passcode: 1710708#	9:00am
Friday	04/09	Good Friday - No Classes	
Wednesday	04/15	Finance Committee Meeting	2:00pm
Wednesday	04/29	Finance Committee Meeting	2:00pm
Wednesday	05/06	Executive Committee Meeting	8:00am
Thursday	05/14	Board of Trustees Annual and Regular Meeting	7:30pm
Thursday	05/14	Board of Trustees Committee Meetings	TBD

Zoom Information for Parents

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](#)
- [Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance](#)
- 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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