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Weekly Update | April 15, 2020

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A Message from Angie

Typically this is an incredibly busy time of year in the life of our school. Students are usually entering the standardized testing season as [MCAS](#), [PSAT](#), and [SAT](#) dates quickly approach. These are the weeks when our Seniors receive their final college acceptances and make their decisions as they visit campuses. Our youngest students are usually starting their final modules in math and reading as they apply the skills they've worked so hard to develop all year. This is always the time of year when our community is ready for a well-deserved break before the sprint to the finish line. While this year certainly feels different, there is no doubt that all members of our community are under stress as we cope with world events and acclimate to a new way of life. Anxiety related to testing has been replaced with concern for loved ones, our community, our nation, and our world. Students are working hard to adjust to an entirely new academic structure and to keep their learning going under challenging circumstances. Teachers are reinventing the classroom from their kitchen tables. After five weeks of distance learning our students, teachers, and staff members have certainly earned the upcoming April vacation.

There will be no new academic assignments for students during the week of April 20-24. Next week teachers will not be posting new lessons, conducting virtual classes, or providing feedback to students. We realize that there are students who have had difficulty keeping up with schoolwork as they adjust to their new routines. Next week is an excellent opportunity for those students to get caught up on assignments they may have missed and for our Advanced Placement students to continue preparation for fast approaching exams. All assignments for students in grades K-2 are posted on our [Distance Learning](#) page. This page is now separate from our [COVID-19 Updates](#) page. Past assignments for students in grades 3-12 can be found in Google Classroom.

I hope that April vacation provides your families with a break from the distance learning routine. This is a great chance for children to explore their interests and to take advantage of enrichment opportunities that allow them to learn in a different way. [This list](#) provides some suggestions for enrichment organized by grade span.

Additionally, our art, music, and physical education teachers have made videos, created lists of resources, and compiled suggestions that can be found on [this page](#). There are resources available for students at every grade level. Please know that these are suggestions to keep students engaged and are not requirements. While vacation enrichment is terrific and students should take time to catch up on work, it is important for children to get outside and away from screens especially when the world is stressful. Distance learning necessarily relies on technology to keep students and their families updated and moving forward. This can mean more screen time than many families might typically allow. Students should use next week's break as an opportunity to unplug.

Please know that counseling services will still be available during the break. Do not hesitate to reach out if you would like your child to connect with one of our counselors, even if they have not worked with the counseling department in the past. This is a challenging time for everyone. As always, please contact me 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



Special thanks to the SSCPS Arts faculty, Marianne Buckley Curran, Theron Leonard, Christine Bodnar, Danielle Bayer, Pam Golden, Wardie Mannix and Dan Vasconcellos, for creating this video.

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](#)
- [ACEs in Education and COVID-19](#)
- [Parenting with ACEs in a pandemic](#)
- [Practicing resilience during social distancing](#)

Podcasts for Families

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

Books for Children and Families

- [My Hero Is You, Storybook for Children on COVID-19](#)

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.

211

If you need assistance finding food, paying housing bills, accessing free childcare, or other essential services, [click here](#) to find your local 211 or dial 211 to speak to someone who can help.

If you need further assistance from SSCPS, please contact Charlene Salmone at csalamone@sscps.org.

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

Principal's Entrance at Attleboro High School or the Front Entrance at the Coelho Middle School. Contact Marc Furtado for more information.

In addition, The Attleboro Interfaith Collaborative "Food N Friends" Program serves meals daily, to anyone who needs it. The meals are served to go, between 4:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. at various locations around the city. Visit their [Facebook page](#) for the schedule.

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, Wednesday and 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 from 11:30 to 1 pm 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. There are several food pantries in the city of Brockton ready to help families cope during this school closure. The Charity Guild on Main Street has a Food Pantry that is open between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Learn more on their [website](#).

Here's a [list](#) of other food pantries in the Greater Brockton area.

HALIFAX

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

HANOVER

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

HANSON

If you are in need please contact Jeffrey.szymaniak@whrsd.org

HINGHAM

[Complete Survey Here](#)

HOLBROOK

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

HULL

A week's worth of meals will be delivered every Tuesday from 10:00 and 12:00. Use this link to sign up for weekly deliveries <https://www.hullpublicschools.org/district/families-students/pages/freereduced-meals-information> or if you have any questions please contact Vinny Harte at vinny@wellspringmultiservice.org or at 781-925-3211 x110

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 on Mondays and Thursdays. If any additional food assistance is needed call 781-837-0359 or www.marshfieldfoodpantry.org

NORWELL

Please email judith.crooks@norwellschools.org

PEMBROKE

Grab and Go meals are available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Hobomock Elementary School 11-1. There will be tables set up so families can truly grab and go.

PLYMOUTH

Families in need are welcome to visit one of these locations on Fridays from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm to pick up a bag of non-perishable food items to take home.

- Indian Brook Elementary School - 1181 State Road
- South Elementary School - 178 Bourne Road
- Plymouth Community Intermediate School - 117 Long Pond Road
- West Elementary School - 170 Plympton Road
- Hedge Elementary School - 258 Standish Avenue (Please enter the back of the building through blue cafeteria door)

Should you need additional assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to food@plymouth.k12.ma.us.

Delivery is available for families who need it. Please visit www.bit.ly/PPSFoodDelivery.

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. Beginning on Monday, March 30, Clifford Marshall Elementary School (200 Moody Street Ext) will begin meal distribution on the same schedule. Additional information can be found here: [School Nutrition Meal Plan 3.16.2020](#)

RANDOLPH

Randolph Public Schools will deliver meals at 12:20 am near the rental/leasing offices at Liberty Place, Rosemont Square aka Chestnut West, Pacella Park, Avalon Apartments/Pryne Hills, Franklin Square Condominiums. The buses will stay for 20 minutes. If you can't make it to those sites, the four pick up sites will still remain at the Donovan Elementary School, the Lyons Elementary School, the JFK Elementary School and the Randolph High School

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

Contact Karen Pappa at kpappa@tauntonschools.org or at 1-508-5859

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

If you are in need please contact Jeffrey.szymaniak@whrsd.org

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.

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| Wednesday | 04/15 | Finance Committee Meeting via Zoom | 2:00pm |
| Monday | 04/20 | Patriot's Day | |
| Tues-Fri | 04/21-04/24 | Spring Break - No Classes | |
| Wednesday | 04/29 | Finance Committee Meeting | 2:00pm |
| Wednesday | 05/06 | Executive Committee Meeting | 8:00am |

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| 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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