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A Message from Alicia

It is difficult to imagine a more heart wrenching week than the one we have just experienced. Last week as we watched the death rate for COVID-19 surpass 100,000, even more horror unfolded in Minneapolis. The issue of racism and police brutality, documented and known in African American and Black communities, was vividly brought to our attention as we watched the atrocious events resulting in the death of George Floyd. We watched, but most importantly, our children watched.

The killing of George Floyd reminds us all that our nation has not come as far as we would like to believe we have come. As many of our students and families know firsthand, racism is not a historical relic. Violence against the innocent did not halt with Emmett Till. In May alone we were confronted with the deaths of Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor as more acts of racism and hatred were brought to light. The list of victims killed by racial violence, like the list of COVID-19 deaths, is too long.

The South Shore Charter Public School remains committed to do our part to end systemic racism and injustice. We stand with and support all of our families, but do so now with a renewed sense of urgency. We will continue the Open Circle Curriculum and the Advisory Curriculum to cover indispensable topics such as bystander behavior and becoming an ally. Teachers will continue to develop anti-bias curriculum and classroom activities that support inclusion and social justice. We will continue to welcome police officers into our classrooms and hallways as speakers and role models to foster positive student relationships with members of the law enforcement community.

For our student community, the concurrence of current events and distance learning presents further difficulty. Many of our students need guidance and support now more than ever. It is important to listen to children and young adults when they feel oppressed and provide them the opportunity to articulate

how they are suffering. The pandemic makes essential communication between students and teachers more difficult, but not impossible.

We will continue to monitor our students and their social-emotional well being as they grapple with feelings of sorrow, frustration, anger, and loss. Our counseling team has written an email to High School students providing them with resources and an invitation to reach out to talk to someone on the counseling team if they would like to do so. The email will be sent out tomorrow and is [attached here](#) for your review.

Included below are additional resources for discussions with your child at home. If you feel your child needs additional social and emotional support, please reach out so that we may direct you to one of our counselors.

Thank you for being part of the South Shore Charter Public School community.

Alicia Savage, Executive Director
South Shore Charter Public School

Family Resources and Articles

Child Mind Institute: Trauma Guides

[Embrace Race: 31 Children's books to support conversations on race, racism, and resistance](#)

[Helping Kids Process Violence, Trauma, and Race in a World of Nonstop News](#) Conversations with *Common Sense*

[How to talk to your children about protests and racism](#) CNN Wellness

[How to Talk to Your Kids About Race, Racism, and Police Violence.](#)
WBUR On Point

[NASP: Social Justice](#)

[NASP: Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers](#)

[Your Kids Aren't Too Young to Talk About Race: Resource Roundup](#)

[What do we tell our children?](#) USA Today

[The Children's Community School: Social Justice Resources](#)

[The New York Times Podcast:1619](#)

From the Health Office

There will be two medication pick up days for those students with medication at school. Pick up will be at 100 and 700 Longwater. They will be:

June 3rd from 12-2pm

Please pick up your child's medication during these hours. All medication will be delivered to your car. You will drive up, stay in your car and we will distribute to you through the car window. This is medication PICK UP ONLY. If you need to pick up additional items, please let us know in advance.

All medication MUST be pick up or it will be disposed of at the end of the school year. No medication can be kept at school over the summer, especially during this unpredictable time.

Remember for the 2020/2021 school year you will need a NEW doctor's order along with the medication.

Building Plans for Pick-up of Student Belongings and Materials Collection

Wednesday, June 3, 12:00pm-2:00pm

Pick up of medicines at the entrance of 100 and 700 Longwater

Thursday, June 4, 12:00pm-4:00pm

High School Seniors at 700 Longwater

Monday, June 8, 10:00am-2:00pm

(Students with last names beginning A-K)

Levels III and IV at 100 Longwater

Tuesday, June 9, 10:00am-2:00pm

(Students with last names beginning L-Z)

Levels III and IV at 100 Longwater

Wednesday, June 10, 10:00am-2:00pm
(Students with last names beginning A-K)
Levels I and II at 100 Longwater

Thursday, June 11, 10:00am-2:00pm
(Students with last names beginning L-Z)
Levels I and II at 100 Longwater

Wednesday, June 10, 10:00am-2:00pm
(Students with last names beginning A - K)
High School Grades 9-11 at 700 Longwater

Thursday, June 11, 10:00am-2:00pm
(Students with last names beginning L - Z)
High School Grades 9-11 at 700 Longwater

Friday, June 12 make-up date to be used as needed



K-12 Virtual Book Fair

EXTENDED TO FRIDAY, JUNE 5!

Due to the success of the SSCPS Summer Reading Virtual Book Fair, we are extending the event! SSCPS families can order before Friday, June 5, to receive a 10% discount on books plus no tax.

Fair orders will now be taken through Friday, June 5!

Thank you for supporting a local, independent bookseller as well as the SSCPS Library- especially during this time!

All required and recommended K-12 Summer Reading Books are available at Storybook Cove's website.

Shop online at www.storybookcove.com
Options for free curbside pickup or shipping for a fee

A link to schedule pickup will be sent once your order is ready
Curbside Pickup
775 Washington St. REAR
Suite 2, Hanover, MA

Lists and assignments are available on the SSCPS home page
www.sscps.org by level [here](#).

How to Place an Order

1. Log in to Storybook Cove: www.storybookcove.com
2. At the top, click on the "SSCPS Summer Reading Book Fair" link.
3. Add titles to the Cart.
4. To begin checkout, enter your email address in 'Customer Information'.
5. Enter the coupon code 'SSCPS' to receive the 10% discount.
6. In the 'Tax Exempt Information' box, check "This is a tax exempt order".
 - A) Enter SSCPS for Organization Name.
 - B) For Tax Exempt Number enter "SUMMER". You do not need to add the school's tax # or address.
7. Delivery Information: Choose one.
 - A.) Free SSCPS Curbside Pick-Up at Storybook Cove.
 - B.) Shipping for a fee as shown at checkout (USPS \$3.25 plus \$.25 per item or UPS \$6.55 plus \$.25 per item.
8. Enter credit card information, address, and phone number.

SSCPS Makes Art History

Community Art Show

Here we are together working through this strange time in our daily lives. We are making our own history in our own ways. We are asking you to be witness to this time in your life by joining us and sending in a piece of what you are seeing, feeling, hearing, doing so that together we can compile our history as a community.

Draw and write, compose and sing, paint and assemble, layer upon layer, create a video, design a poster which ever way you choose to express how you are feeling or what you are seeing, doing, hearing.

Please follow this link to the new **SSCPS Arts web site**.

<https://sites.google.com/sscps.org/sscps-arts-music/sscps-makes-art-history>

Submissions are a simple upload away. Please have them in by **June 1** for this year's virtual show. Let us establish our place in the history of today!

All family members welcome!

The Arts Department

FROM THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

2020-2021 Parent Association Election for SSCPS!

Survey Closes: 6/5/2020 – Click the link below to cast your vote:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PAElection2020-2021>

New PA will be announced in Weekly on June 10 and inducted at the June 10, 2020 Meeting (Zoom)

Thank you all for coming to cast a ballot for all Parents Association positions. Only SSCPS Parents and Guardians may cast votes.

As your appointed Election Team, we are committed to ensuring the process is efficient, fair, measurable and accessible to all parents.

- Only current SSCPS Parents or Guardians may vote in this election,

- One vote per parent/guardian will be allowed,
- You must make one selection for each position,
- You are given the option to abstain from voting for a particular position if, for any reason, you choose not to (via an "*I choose not to cast a vote for this position*" option),
- Results will ONLY be shared on an aggregate level (e.g. # of total voters, # of votes per nominee, # that chose not to vote for a position, etc.)
- If there is a tie for a position, a second survey will be sent out only for those who need a tie-breaker,
- If you would like to self-nominate for a position that has no nominees, please insert your name with brief intro. Election will be held at June PA meeting,
- If there is a dispute or demand for a recount, at least one member of the Election Team and one school administrator will be engaged to review or re-count parent/guardian submissions.

The Election Team remains committed and unbiased throughout its work on this process, and we're committed to the integrity of the SSCPS Parent Association.

Thank you for carefully considering the nominees who have stepped up to represent us.

SSCPS YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

Order your 2020 Yearbook Today!

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

Online orders will be accepted until June 21, 2020.

Please email Christine at cbodnar@sscps.org with any questions.

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](#)

Free Multilingual Online Libraries

- [Unite for Literacy: Early Learning eBooks](#): More than 100 original ebooks carefully crafted to connect with young children and their families. Books are written in English and Spanish and include audio narration in 43 languages.
- [Global Storybooks Portal](#): Read, download, toggle, and listen to a wide variety of illustrated stories from around the world.
- [Worldstories](#): A growing collection of short stories including retold traditional tales and new short stories from around the world. The stories can be read and listened to online, or downloaded.
- [Storyline Online](#): Books read aloud by actors.
- [The Big List of Children's Authors Doing Online Read Alouds & Activities](#)

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 Salamone 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 (on Blue Pride Way) at Attleboro High School. Contact Marc Furtado at mfurtado@attleboroschools.org or at 508-222-0012 x1522 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 and Thursday at Hollis Elementary School (482 Washington St) or Ross Elementary (20 Hayward St). Any questions please contact Sarah Coughlin at sarah.coughlin@braintreeschools.org or at 617-653-7166

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 are available Monday - Friday from 11:30 to 1 pm at the Angelo School, Arnone School, Brookfield School, Davis School, East Middle School, Hancock School, Plouff Academy, Raymond School, South Middle School and West Middle School. On Fridays visitors at the East, Raymond, South and West Schools will receive meals for the weekend. 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

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

Grab-and-Go Meals can be picked up Mondays and Thursdays between 8-11 am at the Marshfield Boys and Girls Club. Marshfield Food Pantry located at 1837 Ocean Street is opened on Tuesdays 9:30 am to 12:00 pm, Wednesdays 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm and Fridays 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. 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

Grab and Go meals are available Monday – Friday from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm at the locations listed below.

Families in need are welcome to visit one of these locations on Fridays from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm to pick up a bag of non-perishable food items to take home.

- Indian Brook Elementary School - 1181 State 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 Monday through Friday from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm for pick up at Lincoln Hancock Community School, North Quincy High School, Quincy High School, Snug Harbor Elementary, Clifford Marshall Elementary, Montclair Elementary, Parker Elementary and Atherton Hough Elementary. Additional information can be found at www.facebook.com/quincypsnutrition/

RANDOLPH

Randolph Public Schools will deliver meals on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:20 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 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm on Tuesdays and Fridays 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.

TAUNTON

Contact Karen Pappa at kpappa@tauntonschoools.org or at 1-508-821-5859 or tauntonschoools.org on the Coronavirus Communication Page for updated information

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 weekday 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!

Wednesday	06/03	Health Office Medication Pick-up	12-2pm
Thursday	06/04	Senior Class Pick-up & Collection at 700	12-4pm
Friday	06/05	Parent Association Elections – Voting Closes	
Friday	06/05	Virtual Book Fair Ends	
Friday	06/05	Senior Parade (Parking Lot at 700) RSVP mcarter@sscps.org	3:15pm
Monday	06/08	Level III and Level IV (A-K) Pick-up & Collection at 100	10am-2pm
Tuesday	06/09	Level III and Level IV (L-Z) Pick-up & Collection at 100	10am-2pm
Tuesday	06/09	Senior Parent Graduation Meeting via Zoom	6pm
Wednesday	06/10	Level I and Level II (A-K) Pick-up & Collection at 100	10am-2pm
Wednesday	06/10	High School (A-K) Pick-up & Collection at 700	10am-2pm
Thursday	06/11	Level I and Level II (L-Z) Pick-up & Collection at 100	10am-2pm
Thursday	06/11	High School (L-Z) Pick-up & Collection at 700	10am-2pm

SSCPS REMOTE LEARNING PLAN

Zoom Information for Parents

Important Links

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

- [Free and Reduced Lunch Pick Up Information](#)
- [Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance](#)
- [May Nutrition Nuggets and Learning Activities](#)
- 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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