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A Message from Angie

Last Friday afternoon over 60 members of our faculty decorated their cars, blew up balloons, and made signs in the parking lot at 700 Longwater Drive as temperatures climbed close to 90. They were undeterred by the heat. Teachers and staff members representing every grade, K-12, were there to cheer on the SSCPS class of 2020. Once it was time, our Seniors drove through the pickup line circle for one last time where staff members handed them bags containing their caps, gowns, and stoles. In those bags were also a collection of cards, small gifts, and handwritten notes of encouragement from every segment of our community. With their caps and gowns now safely in their hands, our twelfth grade students drove through the line of faculty members who showed their support with cheers, honks, and shouts. We are proud of our graduates and our faculty showed it.



It was wonderful to see everyone again and to have the opportunity to celebrate this special class of students on the eve on what would have been their graduation. I would like to thank the Board of Trustees, the faculty, and the Parents Association for providing our students with tangible reminders that their school community is behind them. Especially in this time of digital overload, there is really nothing that beats a handwritten note. Friday's event was just the beginning. Our Seniors should hold on tightly to those caps and gowns as they will need them for our in person graduation celebration next month. The Patriot Ledger's coverage of the Senior parade along with a [list of graduating students](#) and a photo gallery can be found [here](#).



As we come to the end of the school year students in all grades are busy participating in the familiar rituals and routines that mark the close of every year. We are celebrating our students with end of year awards, looking forward to the

fall on Move-up Day, and celebrating our graduates. Of course, all of this is different this year. Our students are missing the excitement of their team winning a field day event, the fun of the traditional end of the year trips, and the anticipation of stepping into a new classroom on a new Level for the very first time. Our students are missing their teachers and their peers. There is no question that a virtual experience cannot replace an in person one. This feeling of loss is only exacerbated by the undercurrent of stress that many of our students are feeling due to the recent events that have brought to the forefront the systemic bigotry and racial injustice that have plagued our country for far too long. This is a uniquely challenging time for our country and for our children.

As we transition into the summer I hope that your families are able to find ways to enjoy the summer months as we prepare for reopening in the fall. This year, more than ever, it is critical that families stay current with communication from the school as we develop plans for next school year. I know that many families are looking for ways to keep their children learning and occupied beyond the [summer reading list](#). You can expect further communications about ways that students can stay engaged with academics prior to our return in September. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Angie Pepin

Principal, South Shore Charter Public School

SSCPS in the Community



South Shore Charter Public School alumni Desmond Sullivan '17, Molly Sullivan '19, and current SSCPS student Honora Sullivan '21 featured in [Scituate man leads peaceful protest at rotary](#). Wicked Local Scituate



South Shore Charter Public School student Ella Poggenburg and her mother Lisa Parsons help organize a peaceful candlelight vigil in Hingham to support Black Lives. [Peaceful Hingham Candlelight Vigil to Support Black Lives Draws Large Crowd](#). The Anchor, Hingham



Fourth grade student Mairwen Sherriff and her mother Kiki Fluhr demonstrate at the Quincy Center vigil on June 2, 2020. [Quincy residents host Black Lives Matter demonstration](#). The Patriot Ledger

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](#)

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

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

Thank you all who participated!

Thank you to the SSCPS community for your participation in the Summer Reading Virtual Book Fair with Storybook Cove! We placed 70 orders for a total of 270 books, and 10% of sales will come back to our school library.

Your support of this event as well as a local independent bookseller is appreciated- especially during these challenging times.

Our students are off to a great summer with books in hand!

Please call Janet at Storybook Cove (781-826-6060) or email Bev Bruce (bbruce@sscps.org) if you have questions about your child's order. The shop will also have these books available for purchase throughout the summer.

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

Election Results from the Parents Association

The election for your 2020-2021 Parents Association Officials is complete and the results are below. Thank you to all 16 parents who decided to volunteer to run for a position. We hope that we will see all of you at PA meetings and participating on one or more of next year's committees.

The final results are as follows:

- Brittany Loftstand, Kindergarten Representative
- Laura Foley, Level 1 Representative
- Rich Ahern, Level 2 Representative
- Christina Centrella, Level 3 Representative
- Stephanie Innis, Level 4 Representative
- Myrlande Pamphile, Grade 9 Representative
- Eileen Lefsky, Grade 11 Representative
- Karen Boyle, Grade 12 Representative
- Joanne Della Barba, Volunteer Chair
- Alisha Uhlenbrock-Furst, Treasurer
- Jen Anderson, Secretary
- Andrea Poudrier, Vice Chairperson
- Katie Vecchione, Chairperson

The next Parents Association meeting will be held on **June 10th at 7:00pm** on Zoom and we hope to see you there.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87119539524?pwd=WEJ4OHdqQVY2TS9FNms0cmFBOCtmQT09>

Meeting ID: 871 1953 9524

Password: 12345

NOTE: A special election to fill the following positions is open now.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SSCPS_Special_Election_2020-2021.

- **Technology Chairperson** (Patty Hayes and Jim O'Brien have self-nominated)
- **Community Building Chairperson** (Carolyn Mustin has self-nominated)

If you are interested in one of the remaining 2 open positions, please indicate your name on the Special Election ballot.

- **Level 10 Representative**
- **Fundraising Chairperson**

Thank you,
SSCPS PA Election Committee

[Click here for the a complete listing of the election results](#)

SSCPS YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

Save the Date for Yearbook Pick-up!
June 25 and June 26
12-3pm at 100 Longwater Circle

There is still time to order your 2020 Yearbook!

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 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. Locations will be open Monday - Friday from 8:30 am - 11:30 am at the schools shown on the 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 for the remainder of the school year. 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. Grab and Go Meals will continue to be served until June 17, 2020.

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/freerduced-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 - 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 at the Avalon/Prynne Hills, Frankin Square Condominiums, Franklin St. Apartments, and

Pacella Park Rosemont, Chestnut West. 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	06/10	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
Wednesday	06/10	Parents Association Meeting via Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87119539524?pwd=WEJ4OHdqQVY2TS9FNms0cmFBOCtmQT09 Meeting ID: 871 1953 9524 Password: 12345	7pm
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
Wednesday	06/17	Last Day of Classes	

Thursday	6/25	Yearbook Pick-up at 100 Longwater Circle	12-3pm
Friday	6/26		

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](#)
- 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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