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A Message from Alicia

Welcome and welcome back to the new school year and all the excitement new beginnings bring. These early days of school are an important time for students, teachers, and families. Watching students entering the building yesterday was a special experience. Our new students felt the excitement of something entirely new. Returning students had a day of reconnecting with friends and teachers. Although the day may have been filled with new teachers, new schedules, and the adventure of finding your classroom for the first time, watching new students being made to feel welcome by all reminds us of what really matters on opening day. Thank you for your efforts at home to make these early days of transition run so smoothly.

There has been much preparation leading to the first day of school. Last week faculty and staff began the school year with two days of professional development. Teachers participated in curriculum workshops, lesson design sessions, and level meetings. On Friday, a group of SSCPS faculty and staff participated in a day of service at Holly Hill Farm. Volunteers took the opportunity to live the service part of our mission donating time and talent to one of our long standing partners. As our 25th year begins, the importance of recognizing our mission of inspiring every student to excel in academics, service, and life holds true.



Happy to be back on Level I
August 2019

As we look forward to an exciting new year, we welcome new faculty and staff members to the SSCPS community.

Level I

This year we have five new staff members on Level I.

Lynn Cooper-McCarthy | Classroom Tutor

Working with our students in Derek's pod will be Lynn Cooper-McCarthy. Lynn's prior experience was at the Hart Associates and Pilgrim Area Collaborative where she worked as an Occupational Therapist for many years. Lynn holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Connecticut College and a Master of Occupational Therapy from Boston University.

Meredith Mary Deegan | Learning Services Paraprofessional Level I

Meredith comes to SSCPS with extensive child care and teaching experience. Meredith has been a nanny, a child care provider at Halifax Karate Studio, and a teacher at My Gym in Norwell and Cohasset. Meredith holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Bridgewater State University.

Lillian Ferguson | Kindergarten Tutor

Joining SSCPS as a new paraprofessional in our Kindergarten is Lillian Ferguson. Lillian is joining Kristen's pod and the team is off and running with lots of fun. Lillian comes to SSCPS from the Cole-Harrington Preschool Enrichment Center where she serves as an Assistant Preschool Teacher. Lillian is experienced in classroom instruction, lesson planning, and childhood development. Lillian holds a Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Liberal Studies and minored in Education.

Kelsey Gilmore | Classroom Paraprofessional

Joining Geoff's pod on Level I is Kelsey Gilmore. Kelsey comes to SSCPS from Sandcastles Child Care in Hingham. Kelsey has worked as a nanny and daycare teacher at Younger University, our neighbors in Norwell. Kelsey holds EEC teacher certification and has completed coursework at Massasoit Community College and Bridgewater State University.

Cynthia (Cindy) Marie Lyons | Kindergarten Paraprofessional

Returning to SSCPS in a new role is Cindy Lyons. Many of you may know Cindy when she substitute taught last year. We are excited Cindy will be returning this year in a permanent

Massachusetts. Cynthia was the Vice Chair of the Nash Primary Parent Council where she ran fundraising for school events and academic enrichment and has completed coursework at the University of Rhode Island.

Level II

Stephanie Small | Learning Services Teacher

Stephanie holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology as well as Education and Child Studies, and a Masters of Arts and Teaching in Elementary Education. Stephanie's last position was at the Hilltown Cooperative Charter School where she served as a special education intern and long-term substitute teacher. Stephanie has taught and tutored at the Smith College Campus School and was a Boston Urban Education Initiative Fellow at the Patrick J. Kennedy School in East Boston. While at Smith College, Stephanie was a member of the Smith College Softball Team and served as an Executive Board Member and President of the Smith College Athletic Association.



Welcome to the new school year Level II
August 2019

Level III

Over the summer we learned that Jane Sullivan, ELA teacher, accepted a teaching position in another district. We wish Jane well and thank her for the time she spent here with us. Filling her shoes was not easy. This year we welcome six new faculty and staff to Level III.

Laura Bossé | English Language Arts Teacher

We are excited Laura Bosse has returned to SSCPS. Laura came to SSCPS last year and took over

Weymouth, and has been a substitute teacher for the New York City Public Schools. She taught second grade at P.S. 361 in Brooklyn, New York. Laura has experience in publishing; she was the National Accounts Marketing Manager for Penguin Group where she worked in children's publishing, and a Marketing Manager for Random House. Laura holds a Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies from New York University, and a Master of Education in Elementary Education from City University of New York, Brooklyn College.

Kayla Doyle | Learning Services Paraprofessional

Kayla is a seasonal business owner who has experience in marketing. Prior to SSCPS, Kayla worked in customer service at Marylou's and from Budd Foods where she worked as a New Retail Launch Coordinator. Kayla holds a Bachelor of Science in Communications from Salem State College.

Nicole Galewski | Learning Services Paraprofessional

Nicole comes to SSCPS from Southeastern ABA where she was a therapist. She has worked as a special education teacher, residential dorm parent, and elective teacher at the Hampshire Country Boarding School. Nicole completed her psychologist internship at Whitman Hanson Regional and has completed teaching internships at Mt. Caesar School, Boynton Middle School, and Overlook Middle School. Nicole holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology, a Certificate in Women and Leadership, and a Master of Education in General Special Education.

Megan Fernando | Learning Services Teacher

Megan comes to SSCPS from Uncommon Schools, North Star Academy, Downtown Middle School in Newark, New Jersey where she served as a seventh grade ELA teacher and instructional leader. Megan was a reading specialist at the Harlem Children's Zone: Promise Academy 2 in New York City and has been the Center Director at Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes. Megan holds a Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education and Romance Languages and Literatures: Hispanic Studies, and a Master of Arts with a Reading Specialist major from Teachers College, Columbia University.

Bridget Flaherty | Learning Services Paraprofessional

Joining Level III as a paraprofessional is Bridget Flaherty. Bridget comes to SSCPS from Southeastern ABA in Mansfield. She has worked as a Behavioral Therapist for Key Autism Services and has completed coursework at Southern New Hampshire University.

Molly McDonough | Learning Services Paraprofessional

Molly is a recent graduate of Plymouth State University, New Hampshire, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in English with a Teaching Certification. Molly has completed her student teaching at Plymouth Elementary School and has worked as a substitute teacher at Plymouth Elementary and Middle Schools. Molly is an experienced soccer player at the collegiate level and has coached for KickIT USA Soccer.

Level IV

Walter O. Duncan IV | Spanish Teacher

We are thrilled to welcome back Walter Duncan as our new Spanish teacher on Level IV. Many of you may remember Walter when he was an English teacher on Level IV six years ago. In that time, Walter has gone on to co-found the Validated Learning Company in Cambridge. Prior to coming to SSCPS in 2011, Walter taught Reading and Spanish at the Will Academy, for KIPP in Washington, DC. Walter is an experienced educator who has served as the Director of Administration for the Brooklyn Waldorf School. Walter has taught Spanish at the City Collegiate Public Charter School in Washington, DC, the Denby High School in Detroit, Michigan, the Highland Hall Waldorf School in Northridge, California, the Cape Ann Waldorf School in Beverly Farms, Massachusetts, and the Detroit Community High School. Walter holds a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish Language and Literature from Earlham College and obtained his initial licensure from Fitchburg State University.

Erin Hayes-Pontius | Middle School Science

teaching at the Reeds Brook Middle School in Hampden, Maine and has substitute taught at the Leonard Middle School in Old Town, Maine . Erin was a Research Coordinator for the University of Maine RiSe Center where she supported teachers in working with hands-on science curricula. Prior to entering the teaching world, Erin was a scientist and research fellow at the University of Maine. Erin was a Graduate Teaching Assistant at SUNY Plattsburgh Center for Earth and Environmental Science and found herself the only teacher in the lab. She has been a Research Assistant for the Lake Champlain Research Institute and as an undergraduate intern worked on the Vermont EPSCoR Streams Project. Erin has numerous publications, scholarships, and awards to her credit, including the Adaptation to Abrupt Climate Change IGERT Innovation Fund and NSF Adaptation to Abrupt Climate Change Fellowship.



Faculty/Staff Volunteer Service Day at Holly Hill Farm
August 23, 2019

High School

Marisa Ricci Doonan | English Language Learners Teacher Grades 5-12

Joining our ELL team is Marisa Ricci Doonan. Marisa comes to SSCPS from the Brookline Public Schools where she taught as an EL classroom teacher. Prior to her work in Brookline, Marisa was the Lead ESL teacher in Albemarie County Public Schools in Charlottesville, Virginia where she taught, designed curriculum, and led school-wide ESL professional development. Marisa has taught History at Madison Park High School, a Boston Public School, and has been an Assistant Teacher at the Northeastern University Foundation Year Program. She has also been a Project Coordinator for Youth on Board with the Boston Student Advisory Council. As a student at Northeastern University, Marisa served as an intern at the United States Department of State, Bureau of Education and has traveled to Tokyo, Japan on the Meiji University Exchange Program.

Pamela Mendez | High School Humanities

Joining the high school teaching ELA and history as our humanities teacher is Pamela Mendez. Pamela comes to SSCPS from Tech Boston Academy and the Teach Next Year, Teaching Residency Program, where she served her teaching residency. Pamela has also worked for Greater Boston ABA Associates, and was a paraprofessional at Extended School Year and McKinley Middle School in Boston. Pamela holds a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Masters of Education from the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

Racheal Patroliola | French Teacher

We are very excited to be able to offer French this year. Joining our high school teaching team is Racheal Patriola who will be teaching French at the high school. Racheal comes to SSCPS from Young School Randolph and the Brockton Public Schools where she taught as an Educational Intern. Racheal has also been an Education Intern at the Saint Germain de Charonne in Paris, France and at the Peabody Essex Museum where she worked with the Connected Learning department creating lessons and curriculum for exhibits. Racheal holds a Bachelor of Arts in French from Stonehill College and a Master of Education in High School Education from Lesley University.

Patrizio Trivellini | Spanish Teacher

Teaching Spanish at the high school will be Patrizio Trivellini. Patrizio comes to SSCPS from Westwood High School where he served as a translator and tutor and from Hingham Middle School where he worked on Spanish curriculum. In addition to being a certified Spanish Teacher, Patrizio has numerous performances and recordings to his credit and is an accomplished musician, composer, opera singer, and actor. Patrizio has worked as a substitute teacher in Norwell and Duxbury Public Schools and was a piano instructor in Greenwich, Connecticut and New York City. Patrizio holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Masters of Music in Composition from the Giuseppe Verdi Conservatory of Music in Turin, Italy.

School Wide

Tanya Ames | Learning Services Adjustment Counselor/504 Implementation Specialist

We are very pleased to welcome Tanya Ames back to SSCPS as a new Learning Services Adjustment Counselor and 504 Implementation Specialist. Tanya started at SSCPS last year on Level III and developed many solid relationships with our students. Prior to coming to SSCPS, Tanya worked as a Therapist for Leeward Counseling in Hanover, and a School Counseling Intern for the Scituate Public School System. Tanya was a practicum student at the Urban Science Academy in West Roxbury and a paraprofessional at Hingham Middle School. She has served as a Mental Health Counselor at the Anna Jaques Child Psychiatry Program and has been a child care worker and clinical staff worker at Harbor Schools in Newbury and Wediko Children's Services in Hillsboro, New Hampshire. Tanya holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Sociology from Middlebury College and a Master of Education in School Counseling from the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

Allison Goff | Occupational Therapist

We are thrilled to be welcoming back Allison Goff as our new Occupational Therapist. Some of you may remember Allison when she worked here as a Learning Services Paraprofessional just before she entered graduate school. Allison comes to us from Duxbury Public Schools and Sensiplay in Springfield where she completed Level II OT fieldwork as a student. Allison has worked as an Inclusion Specialist for the YMCA and is a member of the American Occupational Therapy Association. Allison holds a Bachelor of Science from Bridgewater State University and a Master Of Occupational Therapy from Bay Path University.

Carol Graham | Receptionist at 100 Longwater Circle

Carol comes to us from Weymouth Public Schools where she worked as a Front Desk and Security Office paraprofessional at the Maria Weston Chapman Middle School. Carol has been a substitute teacher, paraprofessional, and kindergarten aide. In addition to education, Carol has experience in the medical industry holding different positions at the South Shore Hospital, serving as a Patient Service Representative for Harvard VanGuard, and working in Admitting at Milton Hospital. Carol holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

Boston Public Schools where he completed his urban residency as a student teacher. Prior to teaching, Drew worked in marketing as a management consultant for West Surry Strategies, LLC and as a marketing brand representative for Cabot Cooperative. Drew has been the manager of a Residence Inn by Marriott and has worked as an intern at C&S Wholesale Grocers. Drew holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Keene State College and a Master of Education in Elementary Education from the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

**JeanPaul Marcellus | Director of High School Athletics
Physical Education Teacher Grades K-12**

Joining SSCPS as the new physical education teacher and Director of Athletics for the high school is JeanPaul Marcellus. JeanPaul is a professional basketball player for the Leicester Warriors in the England Basketball League, JeanPaul has also played for the Mansfield Giants. JeanPaul comes to SSCPS from Dayspring Christian Academy where he served as the athletic director, the physical education and health teacher, and the boys basketball head coach. JeanPaul has taught physical education, directed athletics, and coached at Lexington Christian Academy. JeanPaul holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Eastern Nazarene College.

Gabrielle (Gabby) Palmer | School Psychologist

Joining us as our new School Psychologist is Gabby Palmer. Gabby served her second year practicum with two years ago, and we are thrilled to have her back. In addition to her time here with us, Gabby has worked as a School Psychology Intern for the Quincy Public Schools and completed an additional practicum with the Conservatory Lab Charter School in Dorchester. Gabrielle has worked as a Servant Leader Intern for the Children’s Defense Fund as a teacher and has tutored for the Peck Full Service Community School in Holyoke, Massachusetts. Gabrielle holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. A Master of Arts in Professional Psychology from William James College and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in School Psychology from William James College.

Christina Zoppi | Speech-Language Pathologist

Joining our Learning Services team as our new Speech-Language Pathologist is Christina Zoppi. Christina comes to us from Hanover Public Schools where she served her Speech-Language Pathologist Clinical Fellowship. Prior to her fellowship, Christine was a substitute teacher in Hingham, Hanover, and Plymouth. Christina holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from Saint Bonaventure University and a Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology from MGH Institute of Health Professions.

Please join me in welcoming our new faculty and staff. We are off to a great start!

Alicia Savage
Executive Director

Friday	08/30	Early Release Day	12:00pm
Monday	09/02	Labor Day – No School	
Wednesday	09/04	Executive Committee Meeting	8:00am
Friday	09/06	Level III Field Trip to Nantasket Beach	
Save the Dates!			
Tuesday	09/10	High School Picture Day	

Friday

09/15

K-8 SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

Important Links

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

- [Back-to-School Information](#)
- [Breakfast and Lunch Menus and Order Forms](#)
- Save the Date; Saturday, September 21 for the [Annual Back-to-School Picnic](#)
- Visit our new online option to [purchase](#) SSCPS apparel

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

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[2019 Summer Reading Book List](#)

[Student and Family Handbook](#)

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