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A Message from Angie



Freshman Class

Welcome back to school! I have so enjoyed hearing about our returning students' summer adventures and meeting the children new to our community. I look forward to getting to know all of our new families in the coming weeks. I am so glad that you are here.

We are now one week in and students are settling into the rhythm of the school day across grade levels. Our teachers are working hard to set expectations,

familiar, such as kindergarten orientation and the yearly Level III beach trip. In other areas we are working to create new traditions. Friday our Senior class wrapped up our first annual Senior Boot-Camp; three days designed to help students understand college entrance requirements, prepare them to meet Exit Standards, and provide them with a solid start on the college application process. Our hope is that this supported time to work on the college admissions process prior to the start of classes will help students present their best selves and reduce the stress and anxiety that comes with postsecondary planning. Thank you to the guidance team; Mary Carter, Stephanie Chery, and Stacy Tchoungem for their hard work planning and executing the event.

Also last week our ninth-grade students participated in Freshman Convocation, coming together as a class for the first time, as they kicked off their high school careers by participating in community building activities, asked questions, and explored the high school before the arrival of our upperclassmen. The Freshman Convocation is one step that our community is taking toward meeting the goals that the [School Council](#) incorporated into our [School Improvement Plan](#) last year. The final document was approved by the [Board of Trustees](#) this summer. The School Improvement Plan outlines some of the areas that we are working on as we work to achieve our mission.



Freshman Class of 2023

The School Improvement Plan and the school change that results is the product of the hard work of the teachers, parents, and students on the [School Council](#). The Parents Association is currently working to vote in parents to serve on this

not voting members. Our first meeting is on Thursday, October 3rd at 3:30. All meetings take place at 100 Longwater Circle.

At their July meeting, the [Board of Trustees](#) also approved an updated [Student and Family Handbook](#). Families are expected to review the handbook with students and to sign the [Student and Family Handbook Agreement](#). A signed copy of the form must be returned to pod or homeroom teachers this week. The Student and Family Handbook outlines SSCPS policies, procedures, and expectations. While most of the document has not changed, the School Council team amended a few areas to reflect current needs and practices. An outline of the changes to the Handbook can be found [here](#).

I would like to specifically call your attention to the pickup procedures outlined in the Handbook. Thank you for your patience with pickup as we work to streamline the dismissal process. Dismissal works best when everyone abides by the set guidelines. Following the pickup procedures ensures student safety and keeps the line moving quickly. Please review the guidelines copied below.

Pickup Procedures - All of us share the common interest at dismissal time of getting all students safely and efficiently into their correct vehicles. Our first goal is safety. The second is an efficient system that treats everyone equitably. Following these procedures will help us maintain a positive school culture and neighborly relations with the other tenants of Assinippi Park. Please remember the following:

- The campus is closed to pick-up traffic before 3:00 pm at both locations
- Students in K-8 must be picked up at 100 Longwater Circle
- Students in grades 9-12 should be picked up at 700 Longwater Drive
- Students may be picked up at the front or back doors only. Other pick up points put student safety at risk. Pick up in other lots is trespassing
- If you do not want to wait in line, you may find that planning to arrive between 3:15 and 3:25 pm works better for your family
- When an appointment requires an exact 3:00 pm dismissal, we ask that you pick up your student at or before 2:30
- There is no cell phone use while driving on campus during arrival and dismissal
- To assist with traffic flow, please follow the traffic guard instructions as well as the lines and arrows painted on the pavement
- The speed limit on campus is five miles per hour
- All drivers are to stay in their cars and staff members will help your child get into the car
- If your student or any student in your carpool is not present when you come to pick up that student, a staff member will ask you to pull into a designated waiting area to keep the line moving

- Families will be assessed a fee when they pick up between 4:15 and 5:00. The fee is \$25 per day
- SSCPS reserves the right to contact the local police and/or transport any student not picked up by 5:00 pm, or any student left waiting for longer than half an hour following a school based event
- Any person who does not cooperate with these procedures will be asked to meet with the Assistant Principals or Principal

I hope that you are all settling into the new school year. Please never hesitate to reach out with questions and concerns. It's going to be a great year!

Angie Pepin

Principal, South Shore Charter Public School

From the Health Office:

All medication must be dropped off directly to the nurse but a parent with doctor's paperwork.

At 100 Longwater (K-8), the school is Peanut/Treenut free. This includes Such things as Nutella, Granola bars/protein bars with nuts, Almond milk, or anything that "May contain nut". Please make sure to read all labels, this is important in keeping all our students safe at school.

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Before School

Concert Band

All are welcome

**EVERY MONDAY AND THURSDAY
7:15 TO 8:10
MUSIC ROOM 100 LONGWATER**

1 year experience recommended

If you're interested, please contact Theron Leonard : tleonard@sscps.org



SCHOOL PICTURE DAYS!

High School Only
Picture Day is
Tuesday, September 10

Grades K-8 Only
Picture Day is
Friday, September 13

Order Forms will be sent home by Friday, September 6.

Please check your child's backpack for the order form, **FILL IT OUT**, and send it back in to your child's Pod or Advisor!

All students will have their pictures taken even if the family isn't buying a package.

Thursday	09/05	Charter Renewal Site Visit	
Friday	09/06	Level III Field Trip to Nantasket Beach	
Tuesday	09/10	High School Picture Day	
Wednesday	09/11	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Wednesday	09/11	Governance Committee	7:00-8:30pm
Thursday	09/12	Board of Trustees	7:30pm
		Personnel Committee	6:00pm
		Finance Committee	6:30pm
		Development Committee	7:00pm
Friday	09/13	K-8 School Picture Day	
Thurs & Fri	09/12-09/13	Senior Class Overnight Retreat	

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

[2019-2020 Calendar](#)

[2019 Summer Reading Book List](#)

[Student and Family Handbook](#)

[SSCPS By-Laws](#)

[Pick-up Procedures](#)



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