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A Message from the Guidance Department



Class of 2020

My name is Mary Carter and I am the Director of Guidance at SSCPS. I have worked in education for 22 years, 18 of which as a school counselor for here at SSCPS. It has been very exciting over the years to see the department grow from a single part time counselor to a full time counselor, to a department of 3 including a college counselor. Over the past two years we have built a college and career center, expanded college access through on the spot admission events, and seen our early applications to 4-year institutions increase to almost 50 percent!

The mission of the guidance department is to work with students to encourage them to achieve their unique potential, become a life-long learner and contributing member of society. This is done through individual and group counseling, classroom guidance, and utilizing our college guidance platform, Naviance.

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#### Meet the Guidance Team

*From left to right: Stacy Tchouanguem, Mary Carter, Stephanie Chery*

#### **Mary Carter, Director of Guidance**

*Stonehill College, BA*

*University of Massachusetts-Boston, M Ed*

Professional Certification - Guidance Counselor, 5-12

Caseload - Class of 2020 and Class 2021; Responsibilities include: academic and college counseling, creating guidance programs for juniors and seniors, AP Coordinator, Dual Enrollment Program, and managing student's Exit Standards and Graduation Requirements.

Personally speaking, I have three sons, a husband, and a crazy lab named Lucy; I am a soccer mom, avid runner, and beach lover.

#### **Stephanie Chery, Guidance Counselor**

*University of Hartford, BA*

*University of Massachusetts-Boston, M Ed*

Professional Certification - Guidance Counselor, 5-12

Caseload - Class of 2022 and Class 2023; Responsibilities include: Naviance college and career counseling, College Board SSD Coordinator, and program development for freshman and sophomore group guidance.

Stephanie comes to the Charter school after working for the Steppingstone Foundation in Boston, a non-profit that develops and implements programs for

potential.

### **Stacy Tchouanguem, College and Career Coordinator**

University of Massachusetts Amherst, B.S

Stacy, or Ms T as the students refer to her, supports all students in grades 9-12. Her primary responsibilities include Senior Project, where she assists students find internships; coordinating college visits, managing On-the-Spot Admission events, as well as working with outside agencies such as American Student Assistance (ASA) and Year Up. Ms T brings a unique perspective to our Guidance Team as a Charter alumni (Class of 2012) and as a member of Student Bridges at UMass- Amherst. Student Bridges is a student organization that works to increase college access and success for underrepresented students by building partnerships with local schools and community organizations, offering college awareness, preparation and success activities, and advocating for enhanced institutional and public policies and practices. Stacy is a young professional that loves working with youth.

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### **What to expect from your Guidance Department by grade Guidance by grade:**

#### ***Freshman Year***

The goal of freshman year guidance is to help students transition into high school.

- Freshman Convocation - Monday Aug 26 ( Orientation for Class of 2023)
- Assist students with time management, study skills, and report card review
- Help students understand the importance of a strong freshman year
- All freshman will create a CollegeBoard and Naviance account

#### ***Sophomore Year***

During the sophomore year, guidance supports students in their academics with a focus on test taking. As sophomores, students will take MCAS and a practice PSAT in the Spring.

- Work with students on career development
- Encourage students to keep up with community service
- Counsel students on Advanced Placement courses for Junior year
- Utilize Naviance for exploring college majors and careers

#### ***Junior Year***

Junior year is a very important year for post-secondary planning.

- Course selection and college planning timeline
- SAT Day Exam - April 2020 ( all Juniors)
- Attend the National College Fair in Spring
- Utilize Naviance to search colleges and create initial college list



postsecondary plan.

- Senior Boot Camp ( Aug 26-28) to help kick off Senior year
- Meet with seniors about college checklist with Exit Standards & Graduation Requirements
- Utilize Naviance for college application submission
- Assist with Financial Aid and Scholarship search
- Help students develop a post-secondary plan

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### *From the Foundation...*

## **The South Shore Charter Public School Celebrates 25 Years**

### **Support our School | September School Supplies Drive**

September means back to school and the needs are great. Did you know that every teacher receives a budget of 200 dollars to purchase school supplies for their classroom? Those funds come directly from the school's budget.

Now you can help. Please consider making a donation of 25, 125, or 250 dollars for the September School Supply Annual Fund Drive in honor of our 25th year.

Help make a difference for your child and others.

**DONATE TODAY**

# 11TH ANNUAL HARVEST RUN & WALK 5K

**Saturday, October 12th,  
9am  
Wompatuck State Park,  
Visitor Center!  
Ice cream truck, free  
massages, music, food,  
and more!**

[www.sscps.org/harvestrun](http://www.sscps.org/harvestrun)

*Great prizes for top  
finishers!*



The High School Mock Trial Workshop will be participating in the “Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk,” in Boston on September 29, 2019. Many of the workshop members have a relationship with someone who has had the disease and they are excited to help the cause as a team!

The workshop is participating in the High School challenge, where all high schools that enter try to raise the most funds for research and patient assistance. Contributions can be made on the team dashboard. The team name is South Shore Charter Public School (Mock Trial).

To donate use the following link

**[South Shore Charter Public School Mock Trial Team](#)**

on the “Making Strides” webpage.

Thursday	09/26	Parents Association Meeting at 100 – <a href="#">Meeting Agenda</a>	6:30pm
Sunday	09/29	High School Mock Trial participating in <a href="#">“Making Strides”</a> Breast Cancer Walk	
Wednesday	10/02	Executive Committee Meeting	8:00am
Wednesday	10/02	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Thursday	10/03	<a href="#">School Council</a>	3:40pm
Save the date:	10/12	SSCEF Annual Harvest Run – <a href="#">Sign Up Today!</a>	

Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website [www.sscps.org](http://www.sscps.org) every Wednesday.

[2019-2020 Calendar](#)

[2019 Summer Reading Book List](#)

- **After School Enrichment Classes:**
  - [Comic Book Club for ages 8-12](#)
  - [Multi-media Art Class for Grades 1-4](#)
- **October Breakfast and Lunch Menus and Order Forms**
- [Back-to-School Information](#)
- Visit our new online option to [purchase](#) SSCPS apparel
- The students traveling to Italy in April have organized [FUNDrive with Savers](#)

[Student and Family Handbook](#)

[SSCPS By-Laws](#)

[Pick-up Procedures](#)

Here are links to upcoming events and other items of interest. Please contact Pam Algera at [palgera@sscps.org](mailto:palgera@sscps.org) to submit SSCPS items for publication.



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