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## **Weekly Update | October 9, 2019**

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### **A Message from Nora Broderick**



Dear Families and Colleagues,

I've been walking through the doors of our school for many years. Many of you know me, but for those who don't, my name is Nora Broderick and I'm the K-12 English Language Arts Curriculum Coordinator.

Reading is the foundation of all learning at our school. A struggling reader struggles everywhere. Our ELA teachers, from Kindergarten to 12th grade, are building the platform for all learning. From those beautiful Kindergarteners who need naps and have visits from the tooth fairy to 12th graders ready for college, work, life and beyond, our ELA teachers are an integral part of the success they will know in their lives.

It might surprise some families to discover that **listening** is the primary skill on the road to being a lifelong reader. Infants, babies, toddlers, and K's need to

teachers illicit facts, opinions, ideas and understanding from our students by encouraging discussion during lessons. Opportunities to **speak and listen** in our ELA classrooms make books come alive and become part of students' lives beyond the classroom. Our K-8 ELA curriculum, Wit & Wisdom [www.greatminds.org](http://www.greatminds.org) sponsors reading through topics as varied as libraries around the world, justice, history, science, poetry, novels, art and music. Our teachers reach into the curriculum to pull out ideas that our students read and talk about every day.

**Reading** brings pleasure, knowledge and understanding. By listening to Cassandra, Amy, Melissa and Kristen read, Kindergarteners learn about their own lives and the world around them. By teaching their students the sounds that make up words and how to use that skill to read other words, the Level 1 teachers give their students the cornerstone for all learning. Later 3rd, 4th and 5th graders gain more independence in their reading. 6th, 7th and 8th graders are taught to understand, analyze and create their own texts. In our high school, students learn about Shakespeare and texts that changed the world. They also sit for the SAT where all their ELA skills can help them find a college that brings higher learning. That brings us to the 4th reading skill: **writing**.

When a 1st grader takes a pencil in her/his hand and makes those simple scratchings on paper, s/he is stepping into the challenging world of self-expression and creativity. That world continues into the College Board Pre-AP program our 9th graders are working with for the first time this year. Here they sharpen their listening, speaking, reading and writing skills and become savvy consumers and creators of traditional and digital texts.

All this makes sense on its own without reference to the Massachusetts Framework Document. This document outlines the learning standards expected of every public school in our state. What we do in our school is combine these standards with the goal of excellent teaching, knowledge, skill and commitment from our ELA teachers in their classrooms. The ELA curriculum is a K-12 learning continuum that seeks to prepare our students, through the highest Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing standards, for everything that life has to offer: the gifts, the expectations, the assessments, the challenges and the opportunities in every aspect of their lives.

I love walking in the door of our school every day. I love the conversations, the people, the honesty and the love that's here. But, for me, the best thing of all is seeing a book in a child's hand and understanding written on that face. It just feels so good!

Nora Broderick  
English Language Arts Curriculum Coordinator

*From the Foundation...*

The South Shore Charter Public School  
Celebrates 25 Years

**Support our Mission**

We have raised over \$600 for school supplies.

Thank you all who have generously given.

The drive continues - support our school with a birthday gift of \$25, \$125, or \$250.

All funds raised during this drive go directly to classroom supplies.

You can help our classrooms.

Make a donation in honor of our 25th birthday by clicking below.

Help make a difference for your child and others.

DONATE



# 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!*

Park. [Online registration](#) will close Thursday at midnight but you can still sign up the day of the event beginning at 8am. You can also sign up or pick up your race packet at Marathon Sports in Norwell (5 minutes from the school at 134 Washington St) from 2-6pm on Friday. Please come support the school and kick off Columbus Day at Wompatuck State Park with your friends at SSCPS!

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#### From the Health Office

Please remember all students must stay if they have a fever >100. They may return to school when fever free for 24 hours without medication. Students must also stay home if having vomiting/diarrhea and may return when symptom free for 24 hours.

Students go outside recess in all kinds of weather at 100 Longwater (K-8). It is important to have a change of clothes at school, in case they get wet/dirty at recess. This helps them be comfortable and ready to learn in the classroom. Please send in a change of clothes to be kept at school for all students.

All 7th grade students should have a physical sent in within the last 12 months with proof of a Tdap and Meningococcal immunization. Please send one in to the health office.

All students in grade 1, 4, 7 and 10 have to have heights and weights done at school. If you would like to have your student excluded from this. Please call or email Susan (High School) or Darcie (K-8).

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Creativity is contagious. Pass it on.

-Albert Einstein

## *Community through Creation* an Art & Craft Fair Fundraiser

For

The South Shore Charter Public School

Sat. & Sun., November 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

9am-2pm Both Days!

104 Longwater Drive

Norwell, MA

★ Hassle-free parking at 100 Longwater Circle and 700 Longwater Drive ★



ART-CRAFTS-RAFFLES

- ⇒ SHOP LOCAL
- ⇒ EXPLORE ART AND CRAFTERS
- ⇒ START HOLIDAY SHOPPING
- ⇒ NETWORK WITH CREATIVE PEOPLE
- ⇒ SUPPORT OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL



Artists & Vendors, please reach out for a Vendor Registration Form if you're interested in participating! 8x10 spaces for a \$35 donation. Most spaces do not have access to an outlet. Email Heidi Aylward (SSCPS Parent Association) at [Summer\\_Skies@msn.com](mailto:Summer_Skies@msn.com)

### Great Community Service Opportunity for a Family!

My daughter Shannon has been collecting books for the Brockton Adult Learning Center since Level II, and now that she is a senior and it is time for her to pass the torch.

The Learning Center really counts on us to help them with their library and take-home books for the kids. Now that she is High School and in the other building, we came to the conclusion that it is time for her to pass it on to another family.

This project has helped her with her confidence and instilled a sense of responsibility and accomplishment towards these families. I really want to

long lasting.

The actual time and effort put in is not too taxing, it is just maintaining the notices in the Update, checking the drop-off box periodically, and then delivering the books once there is a good amount usually 2-4 times during the School year. We currently have one more bunch to drop off and I will go with the new family to introduce them to the people at the School.

We really would like to find a family who would love this project as much as we did.

If you are interested please contact me at: [barbara6910@msn.com](mailto:barbara6910@msn.com)

Thank you, Barbara Stevens



**Student Board presents:**  
**SSCPS Homecoming Dance**  
**Friday, October 25th**  
**Time: 7:00-10:00 pm**  
**Where: Emerald Hall**  
**30 Central Street - Abington, MA**  
**Cost: \$15.00 per person**  
**Open to students in grades 9-12**  
**Tickets on sale starting Oct 15th during lunch.**

Wednesday	10/09	Yom Kippur Observed – No School	
Thursday	10/10	High School Art Workshop to Boston	
Thursday	10/10	Board of Trustees	7:30pm
		Development Committee	6:00pm
		Finance Committee	6:30pm
Saturday	10/12	SSCEF Annual Harvest Run – <a href="#">Sign Up Today!</a>	
Monday	10/15	Columbus Day Observed – No School	
Wednesday	10/16	PSAT's for Grades 9 and 11	
Wednesday	10/16	Grade 10 visits UMass Dartmouth	
Wednesday	10/16	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Washington DC Trip Meeting	6:00pm
Thursday	10/17	Title I Parent Meeting	8:30am
Thursday	10/17	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony at 700	6:00pm

### ***Important Links***

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

- **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

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.

### ***School Documents***

[2019-2020 Calendar](#)

[Student and Family Handbook](#)

[SSCPS By-Laws](#)

[Pick-up Procedures](#)



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

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