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A Message from Angie

Yesterday marked the end of the first trimester for our students in grades K-4. Report cards for our students in grades 1-4 will be distributed next Wednesday, November 27th, just as we break for Thanksgiving. Somehow, we are already a third of the way through the school year. Time is flying!

Our report card schedule reflects the developmental levels of our students. Report cards go home on a quarterly basis for students in grades 5-12. This matches the pattern that colleges expect to see on high school transcripts and allows for the scheduling of semester length courses. We send report cards home on a trimester schedule for students in grades 1-4. While these reports are less frequent, they provide parents with more narrative detail describing the progress of their children. Kindergarten report cards go home at the end of the second trimester and at the close of the year. Teachers share information about the transition to school and early progress of our Kindergarten students at fall parent-teacher conferences.

The reports that go home with our youngest students differ significantly from the report cards that we distributed to our 5-12 students. In grades 5-12, student progress is measured on a numerical scale that reflects performance on assessments, projects, classwork, and homework. Ultimately, those scores are reported on a traditional grade letter scale when we send high school grades to colleges. Details about grading for our older students can be found on page 11 of the [Student and Family Handbook](#).



When teachers consider the progress of our youngest students, they look at how students are advancing toward meeting the grade level expectations outlined in the curriculum, rather than assigning a number or a letter. On our K-4 report cards, teachers break English Language Arts and Math down into clusters of standards that we draw from the [Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks](#). These areas reflect what students at that grade level should know and be able to do by the end of the year and are the focus of teaching and learning in our classrooms. Some areas on first trimester report cards are shaded and not reported on because those standards have yet to be addressed in the classroom. The math section of Level II report cards will change from term to term to reflect different standards addressed at different points in the school year.

Teachers rate student progress toward mastering standards using the terms, Not Yet, Progressing, Meets Expectations, or Above Expectations. When reading your child's report card please keep in mind that those expectations are end of year expectations. It is appropriate and expected for children to be only approaching mastery of these standards earlier in the school year as they will continue to work toward meeting the standards as the year progresses.



Outside of the academic content areas, teachers also report on Life Skills which include skills like organization, independence, respect, perseverance, and appropriately seeking help. This is your opportunity to get a sense of how your child interacts in the classroom and approaches his or her schoolwork. These skills are critical as our youngest students learn how to be students and set the stage for success in middle school, high school, and college.

Families have the opportunity to discuss student progress at parent-teacher conferences. We are holding conferences on Tuesday, December 3rd from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm. You can expect

appointments at the middle school level are filling quickly. If a teacher that you would like to see is completely booked, please contact that teacher directly to book a phone appointment.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. I hope that next week you are all able to enjoy a restful holiday full of family and friends.

Angie Pepin

Principal, South Shore Charter Public School



From the Foundation...

November is Literacy Month at SSCPS

It's been an exciting month of promoting literacy for all. Last week's Read for the Record, the Annual Book Fair, and Literacy Night are just some of the events we hold to support reading. You can help support our classroom libraries throughout the month of November by donating today.

Thank you!

[DONATE](#)

Fall Book Fair Update

Thank you to the entire SSCPS community for your support of the Library Committee's Fall Book Fair!

Together we sold 441 books and raised over \$1000 to purchase new books for our library. This included over \$300 as "Round Up for Reading" donations. Books will be distributed on either this Friday 11/22 or Monday 11/25. (Late

Special thanks go out to parent volunteers Carolyn Mustin, Noreen Sharpe, Andrea Poudrier, Tracy Deveau, Nicole Avellini, Nicole Franklin, Chrissy Cohen, Jen Anderson, Debbie Harper-Padula, Deb Paquette, Brittany Lofstrand, student Kayleen Paquette, and teachers Niki Whitman, June Fontaine, Derek Powers, and Walter Duncan- it “takes a village” to run a book fair!

Email Bev Bruce (bbruce@sscps.org) if you have any questions about your child’s order. Thank you again for making a Book Fair purchase to support your child’s literacy!



SSCPS YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

The 2019-2020 Yearbook is now in progress.
To order online go to www.coffeepond.com, to login use school password: bluejaguar.

Order by December 31st for the discounted price of \$37.00

Families may submit a special personalized page for their senior that will appear in the back of the book at these rates: Full page \$150, 1/2 pg. \$75, 1/4 pg. \$50. Due date is March 30, 2020. The yearbook staff can help with any design concerns.

Please email Christine at cbodnar@sscps.org with any questions.

The Lost and Found will be sorted and donated before the Thanksgiving break.

Please check for your child's lost items prior to November 27th.

Wednesday	11/20	Fall Sports Banquet at the SSCPS Gym	4:00pm
Friday	11/22	Level IV Theater Project and High School Theater Workshop to Huntington Theater, Boston	
Wednesday	11/27	1 st Trimester Report Cards Distributed for Grades 1-4	
Wednesday	11/27	Early Release Day	12:00pm
Thurs/Fri	11/28 & 11/29	Thanksgiving Break – No School	
Tuesday	12/03	K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences by Appointment	4:00-7:00pm
Wednesday	12/04	Executive Committee Meeting	8:00am
Wednesday	12/04	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Save the Date!			
Wednesday	12/11	K-4 Annual Winter Concert at Hingham High School	6:00pm
Wednesday	12/18	5-12 Annual Winter Concert at Hingham High School	6:00pm

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

- **December Order Form and Menu is now available.** [Breakfast and Lunch Menus and Order Forms](#)
- Visit our new online option to [purchase](#) SSCPS apparel
- The Travel Club is sponsoring a fundraiser at [Sky Zone in Kingston December 4](#).
- SSCPS students collecting donations for their local town. [Click here for more information](#).
- Community Interest: Click here for information on [Team IMPACT](#)

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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.



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