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A Message from Haley

My name is Haley Edmondson and I am the World Language Curriculum Coordinator. This is my 13th year at the South Shore Charter Public School and the first year overseeing the K-12 World Language Program. I am excited to share information about the Seal of Biliteracy, our K-12 Spanish program, our new French program, and new class offerings at the high school.

Meet the Department



From left to right Racheal Patroliia (High School French I), Angeline Ratcliffe (High School Spanish I & III), Patrizio Trivellini (High School Spanish II & IV), Maria Lappas (Elementary Spanish II & III), Marion Whalen Finn (Elementary Spanish I, II & III), Haley Edmondson (Elementary Spanish I / Middle School Spanish IV), Walter Duncan (Middle School Spanish IV), Alicia Dupuis (High School Spanish II & V), Theron Leonard (Elementary Spanish II) not pictured.

Seal of Biliteracy

We are excited to bring the Massachusetts Seal of Biliteracy to the South Shore Charter Public School. This is awarded to students who demonstrate proficiency in English and at least one additional language. The seal certifies that a student is proficient in all modes of language; speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Students may be assessed in their sophomore, junior, or senior year for language proficiency. If your student is a freshman, please contact me so that an earlier test may be arranged. Qualified students will receive a seal on their high school transcript to signify the award along with a certificate of achievement.

Who can achieve the Seal?

Any student at SSCPS can apply and work toward attaining the Seal of Biliteracy. The seal can be awarded for any world language studied at SSCPS or any heritage language learned at home. In order to attain the required proficiency level at SSCPS, students should plan to take four consecutive years of the language. Heritage speakers should be prepared to demonstrate proficiency in both spoken and written language. Please find the parent letter [here](#). If you have further questions regarding the Seal of Biliteracy please reach out to me, [Haley Edmondson](#).

How does the Seal benefit students?

Knowing a second language and understanding other cultures increases student marketability to both universities and employers. In our global society, cultural competency and language proficiency have become essential skills for the workplace and are required in many fields. The Seal of Biliteracy rewards students who value cultural awareness and can apply their language abilities to real-life settings.

Elementary Spanish



Kindergarten finished up their last week of Latin Music FIT practicing dances and rhythms from salsa to the macarena.

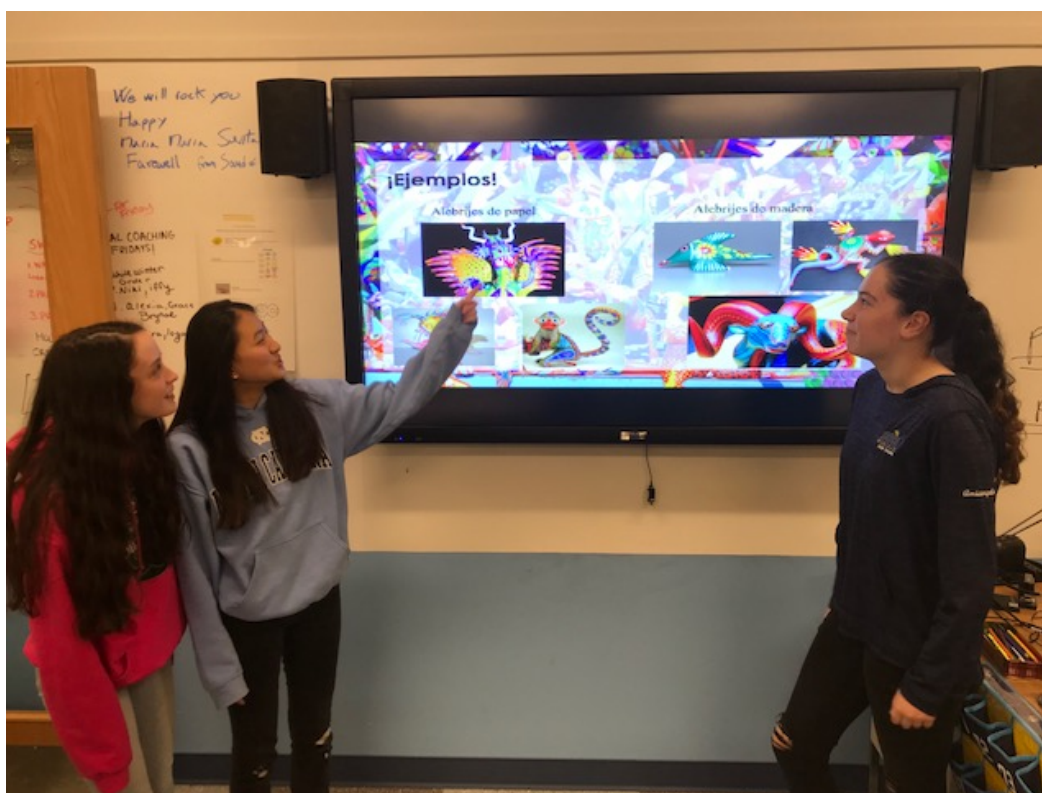
At SSCPS, our elementary Spanish program sets us apart from other public schools, with our K-6 Spanish program. Giving a child a head-start in today's world by speaking a second

- Learning a second language is easier at an early age because the brain is still developing.
- It boosts cognitive development which helps overall academic progress.
- It helps stimulate a child's curiosity, making them more receptive to learning in other areas.
- Children who learn a second language tend to show more empathy towards others and are more receptive to other cultures and experiences.

In our elementary program, students take an adventure as they get initially exposed and feel comfortable with experiencing life outside their home language and culture. Classes are designed to start communicating not only in Spanish but in ways that broaden their minds and thought processes. We explore this with traditional language instruction as well as dance, music and literature across the various Spanish-speaking countries.

Level	Classes per week
Level I (Grades K-2)	1x/week
Level II (Grades 3 & 4)	1x/week
Level III (Grades 5 & 6)	3x/week

Middle and High School Spanish



Students in High School Spanish IV presenting on “los alebrjes.”



The goal of our middle and high school Spanish classes is to enable students to communicate in the target language. The curriculum is designed around the [National Proficiency Standards](#). Each grade has a targeted proficiency level that students are striving to achieve each year. Students are aware of their proficiency level and what they are working on in order to [level](#).

Level	Classes per week
Level IV (Grades 7 & 8)	4x/week
High School (Grades 9-12)	5x/week

The Spanish department had the opportunity to attend the Massachusetts Foreign Language Association (MAFLA) Conference in Springfield Massachusetts in late October. Teachers attended workshops on teaching proficiency, authentic materials, implementing culture, integrated performance assessments and technology.

French



Students in French I participating in a video chat with a classmate.

We have introduced students to French I and look forward to growing the program and including students with French proficiency in our Seal of Biliteracy goals.

New Course Offerings

French 1

Spanish 2 Honors

Spanish 3 Honors

Spanish 4 Honors

Spanish 5 Honors

World languages expand one's view of the world, enrich one's experiences, and makes one more flexible and tolerant. In order to prepare our children to be the next generation of future entrepreneurs, doctors, scientists, engineers, or whatever career they choose, we must foster an environment from a young age that promotes multilingual learning.

Haley Edmondson

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From the Foundation...



The Winter Concert Series is coming up on December 11 for Levels I & II and December 18 for Levels III - High School

Show your support of our music program by donating in December
Thank you!

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Annual Fund Update

Please make sure to check your mail for our Annual Fund letter, or go directly to our website and make your [contribution](#) today! We are hoping for 100% participation from all of our families to reach our \$75,000 goal.



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.

Thursday	12/05	Principal's Coffee at 100	8:30-9:30pm
Thursday	12/05	School Council	3:40pm
Saturday	12/07	Parents Association Meeting at 100	9:00am
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

Upcoming Events

Craft Day | Friday, December 20, 2019

Craft Day is an annual tradition for SSCPS students in grades K-6. On Craft Day students have the opportunity to make a variety of crafts that volunteers from our community provide and monitor. Please mark your calendars as this year's Craft Day will take place on Friday, December 20th. This event is one of the most highly anticipated events of the year for our students and it is only able to run because of the willingness of families to come in and volunteer. You can expect to hear from your child's teacher about the process for participating soon.

Anyone that volunteers at SSCPS must complete a CORI and be fingerprinted. This policy is in place to protect our students. Volunteers must come into the building in order to complete a CORI. The instructions for getting fingerprinted may be found [here](#). SSCPS reimburses volunteers for the cost of fingerprinting. Please plan ahead and get your paperwork completed as soon as possible if you plan to come in and volunteer on Craft Day. It can take up to a week for the fingerprints to come back once they are taken.

Thank you for your support of our school!

Adult Trivia Night | January 25, 2020

Registration is open for our January 25th **Adult Trivia Night** at Weston Hall in Weymouth and we hope you will join us! There is a \$25 fee per person and this will include Stump Trivia, a pasta dinner, raffles, and a cash bar. Use the [link](#) to sign up today.

25th Annual Auction | March 27, 2020

Save the date for our **25th Annual Auction** that will take place on Friday, March 27th at the Pembroke Country Club. Reach out to Laurie Dannison at ldannison@sscps.org, or 781-982-4202, ext. 207 if you would like to be part of the Auction committee. We are always looking for new volunteers to help out with the event. Thank you for your support!

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

- **December Order Form and Menu is available.** [Breakfast and Lunch Menus and Order Forms](#)
- Health Office Nutrition Nuggets Issues: [December](#); [January](#)
- 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](#)

[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 to submit SSCPS items for publication.



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