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# Weekly Update | December 11, 2019

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## A Message from Angie

December is both busy and exciting as students and teachers work to finish projects and wrap up curriculum units as the winter break approaches. As a school, we have a number of December traditions including Exhibitions of Mastery, our Winter Concert Series, and Craft Day that mark the season and help us close the calendar year. Walking down our hallways this week I could hear our youngest students in their final rehearsals for this evening's K-4 concert. The concert will take place at Hingham High School, 17 Union Street, Hingham. This special event is always well attended and parking can be difficult. Be sure not to park on the street as you will be ticketed. A map of the parking areas can be found here.



Level I Winter Concert Rehearsal

Our youngest students are eager to sing and families are looking forward to watching them perform. We will need cooperation from families in order to create the best possible environment for our students to do their best work and for our families to enjoy it. Please make note of the guidelines below.

The concert begins promptly at 6:00 pm. All K - 4 students should be seated in the

No one is to enter or exit the auditorium while a group is performing unless their child is scheduled to be on stage at that moment. Keeping the door shut helps keep hallway noise out of the performance space and allows the children to be heard.

Kindergarten students will perform first. Before the performance begins kindergarteners are to sit with their families. At 6:00 they will be called to take the stage. After their performance, they will return to sit with their families for the remainder of the concert.

First and second grade students will perform second. We will have a block of seats saved for Level I students on the left-hand side of the stage. When first and second grade students arrive at the concert they should sit in the Level I block of seats. When it is time for Level I to sing we will call students up to the stage. They will return to their block of seats following their performance.

Level II students will perform last. We will have a block of student seats reserved on the right-hand side of the stage. When third and fourth grade students arrive at the concert they should sit in the Level II block of seats. When it is time for Level II to sing we will call students up to the stage. They will return to their seats following their performance.

Once Level II has performed the concert is over. Please go up to the student seating section to pick up your child(ren).

Tonight's concert will be about an hour in duration. You know how long your child can tolerate being in the audience and we know that the concert brushes up against bedtimes. Unless it is an emergency, we ask that families not leave the auditorium during the performance of any group. If a family is planning to leave prior to the end of the concert, please plan to leave during transition times. First and second grade families that need to leave prior to the Level II performance should plan to go up to the Level I student seating section to retrieve their child(ren). Thank you for your cooperation and your continued support of our music program. We are all looking forward to an excellent show!



Students working on an inquiry-based investigation on the properties of water

Aside from being a time for celebration, we are at an important point in the school year for reflecting on our progress. At last Thursday's meeting of the School Council, the group reviewed our work toward meeting the goals outlined in the School Improvement Plan. The Council completed the progress monitoring section of the plan that allows us to keep track of our work and follow-up with responsible parties to continue moving forward. Our completed fall progress monitoring chart for the 2019-2020 School Improvement Plan can be found <a href="here">here</a>. We will continue discussing the plan in School Council meetings as the year goes on. School Council meetings are open meetings and all are welcome to attend.

Adults and children alike look forward to holidays and vacations, but for children, they can also be challenging. The unstructured time and deviations from normal routines can difficult for many kids. If you feel that your child needs some additional support this time of year please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or any member of our exceptional counseling staff. We are here to help. As always, I welcome your questions and concerns. Enjoy the season!

Angie Pepin Principal, South Shore Charter Public School



### In December We Celebrate Music

There's so much happening in December

The Winter Concert Series is coming up on December 11 for Levels I & II and December

18 for Levels III - High School

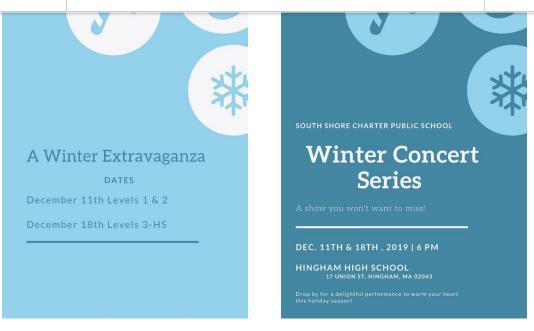
Show your support of our music program by donating in December

Thank you!

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### **Annual Fund Update**

Please make your <u>contribution</u> to the Annual Fund 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 <a href="https://www.coffeepond.com">www.coffeepond.com</a>, 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 <a href="mailto:cbodnar@sscps.org">cbodnar@sscps.org</a> with any questions.

#### **Original Works Update!**

Greetings! Please look for your Original Works orders in your student's backpack this Thursday, December 12 and Monday, December 16. If there are any issues please email Marianne at <a href="mailto:mbuckleycurran@sscps.org">mbuckleycurran@sscps.org</a> or call 781-982-4202 x304.

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 <a href="here">here</a>. 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 a 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 <u>link</u> 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 <a href="mailto:ldannison@sscps.org">ldannison@sscps.org</a>, 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!

#### Happy Holidays!

South Shore Charter Public School is a drop site for Marine Corps Toys for Tots. The basic mission of the Marine Toys for Tots Program is to collect new unwrapped toys and distribute those toys to less fortunate children at Christmas. The primary goal of Marine Toys for Tots is, through the gift of a new toy, help bring the joy of Christmas and send a message of hope to America's less fortunate children. In order to better execute the Program, in 1991 the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation was created at the behest of the Marine Corps. The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, is an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) not-for-profit public charity which was created at the behest of the U. S. Marine Corps in 1991.

The mission of the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation is to assist the U. S. Marine Corps in providing a tangible sign of hope to economically disadvantaged children at Christmas. This assistance includes providing day-to-day leadership and oversight of the Program, raising funds to provide toys to supplement the collections of local Toys for Tots Campaigns, to provide promotional and support material and defray the costs of conducting the annual Toys for Tots campaign.

Other Foundation support includes providing administrative, advisory, financial, logistic and promotional support to local Toys for Tots Coordinators; managing funds raised and monies donated based on the use of Toys for Tots name or logo;

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the general public to action in support of this patriotic community action program.

The objectives of the Foundation are to help less fortunate children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas; to play an active role in the development of one of our nation's most valuable resources - our children; to unite all members of local communities in a common cause for three months each year during the annual toy collection and distribution campaign; and to contribute to improving communities in the future.

Please consider donating an unwrapped toy to bring a little joy to a child in need. The drop box is located at 100 Longwater Drive just past the main desk and will be there until Friday December 20, 2019. If you cannot donate a toy please consider donating through their website; https://www.toysfortots.org Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

Wednesday	12/11	K-4 Annual Winter Concert at Hingham High School	6:00pm
Thursday	12/12	High School Mock Trial Workshop to Hingham Court	
Thursday	12/12	Italy Trip Meeting at 700	6:00pm
Thursday	12/12	Board of Trustees	7:30pm
		Governance Committee	6:00pm
		Finance Committee	6:30pm
		Development Committee	7:00pm
Wednesday	12/18	Level I Kindness Project to Road to Responsibility	
Wednesday	12/18	5-12 Annual Winter Concert at Hingham High School	6:00pm
Friday	12/20	K-6 Craft Day	
Friday	12/20	Early Release Day – Holiday Vacation Begins	

Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website <a href="www.sscps.org">www.sscps.org</a> every Wednesday.

- January Order Forms and Menus is now available. <u>Breakfast and Lunch Menus and</u> <u>Order Forms</u>
- After School Enrichment Sign-up: Winter Art Class
- Health Office Nutrition Nuggets Issues: <u>December</u>; <u>January</u>
- Visit our new online option to <u>purchase</u> SSCPS apparel
- Community Interest: Click here for information on <a href="Team IMPACT">Team IMPACT</a>

Here are links to upcoming events and other items of interest. Please contact Pam Algera at <a href="mailto:palgera@sscps.org">palgera@sscps.org</a> to submit SSCPS items for publication.

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