

Weekly Update | December 18, 2019

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A Message from Alicia

December events have quickly flown by bringing us to the last week of school for 2019. These past weeks have been filled with many events of the season. Before we look to tonight's second Winter Concert and all of the excitement of Craft Day on Friday, there is much to look back on with a sense of accomplishment. Here we are in our 25th year; the hard work of our students, faculty, and families continues to define our mission as a K-12 charter school. Within the past four months we have witnessed continued academic excellence, dedication to service, and athletic accomplishments that have made our school proud. As we watch our students complete their Exhibitions of Mastery, organize blood drives, or win basketball games, we truly understand what it means to be part of the SSCPS community. We are delighted with the work of all of our students K-12, and it remains a privilege to witness their growth at every level.



Level I Students Ready to Sing at the Winter Concert



Winter Concert 2019

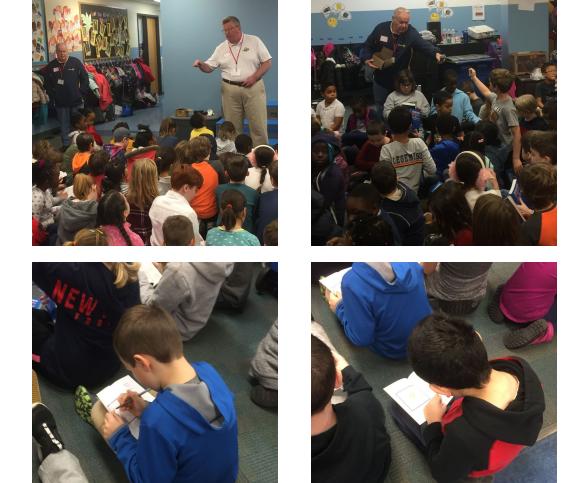
This is the time of the year when student work fostered within the Music and Art Departments shines. Many of us enjoyed the beautiful music at last Wednesday's concert and are greatly looking forward to another magical evening tonight. Our students give it their all at each concert. Students and their music teachers work for months to bring song to the stage. The Winter Concerts Series brings us together and serves as a reminder of the importance of music education and SSCPS tradition. Thank you all attendees, and special thanks to our teachers on Level I and II, and music faculty members Danielle Bayer, Theron Leonard, and Wardie Mannix.



Music Faculty Members (left to right) Wardie Mannix, Danielle Bayer, and Theron Leonard

On Wednesday, December 11, Massachusetts State Representative David DeCoste, and members of the Tri-Town Rotary, Bob Smith, Bob Nash, Bob O'Rourke, and Jeff Lally came to visit our third grade students. The Tri-Town Rotary generously donated 80 dictionaries. Knowledge is a wonderful gift; each third grade student received a dictionary of their own to bring home, read, and use for years to come. A book in the hand of every third grader was a special moment that truly reflects the sentiment of the season. Thank you Representative DeCoste and members of the Tri-Town Rotary.





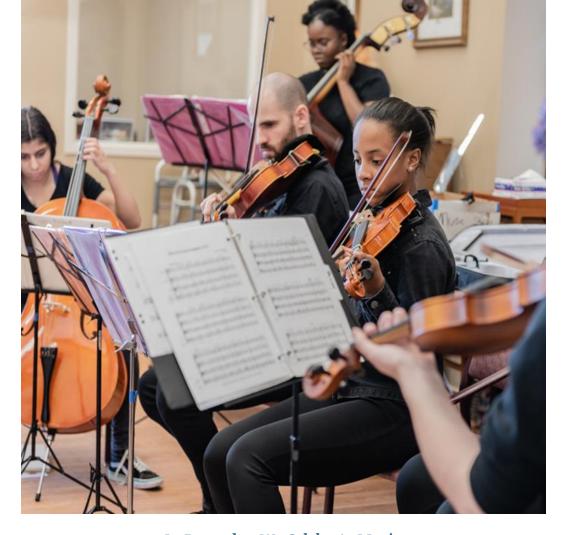
SSCPS Third Grade Students Receive Dictionaries Courtesy of the Tri-Town Rotary

Craft Day will be upon us on Friday. Craft Day is another wonderful SSCPS tradition that would be impossible without the support of our families. Students K-6 look forward to this day anticipation and excitement. Family volunteers who are bringing in crafting materials should be able to park on campus at 100 Longwater Circle until 8:15am. If you have signed up to volunteer, please be sure you have both CORI and fingerprinting paperwork completed and on file with our main office.

On behalf of us all here at South Shore Charter Public School, I wish all of our families a restful holiday break and time with family and friends. As always, thank you for being part of the South Shore Charter Public School community.

Alicia Savage Executive Director, South Shore Charter Public School

From the Foundation...



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

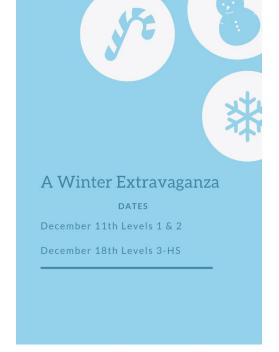
Show your support of our music program by donating in December

Thank you!

DONATE

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 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.

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 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 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!

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; providing other support the Marine Corps, as a federal agency, cannot provide; and conducting public education and information programs about Toys for Tots that call 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	12/18	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	12:00pm
Thursday	01/02	Classes Resume	8:15am
Thursday	01/02	School Council	3:40pm
Saturday	01/04	Ski Club	
Wednesday	01/08	Executive Committee Meeting	8:00am

2019-2020 School Calendar Update

Linked below under *School Documents* please find the revised 2019-2020 School Calendar. Calendar revisions have been made to make up for four lost days. Additional snow days will be added to the end of the year. The revised calendar reflects the following:

- The January 17 full day professional development day has been changed to a half day/12:00 dismissal
- The March 18 full day professional development day has been changed to a half day/12:00 dismissal
- Two half days have been added to the end of the school year. The last day for students will be Tuesday, June 16.

Important Links

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

- January Order Forms and Menus are 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 Team IMPACT

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.

School Documents

2019-20 School Calendar

Student and Family Handbook

SSCPS By-Laws

Pick-up Procedures







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Our website address is:

www.sscps.org