



Weekly Update | December 2, 2020

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A Message from Alicia ...

The first week of December is upon us and I would like to thank our families and school community for all of the efforts which have sustained us thus far. I hope all of our families spent last week enjoying the Thanksgiving holiday and the extra time spent with immediate family members. It seems that each day brings with it a new series of challenges and questions, and our school community has been supporting one another through it all.

There is so much good news to share. Just last week we learned that our school has won the first [Invent the Summer - School of the Summer award](#). [Invent the Summer](#) is a non-profit organization established by students for students whose mission it is to "...inspire creativity, resourcefulness, innovation, problem solving, and leadership." Students from grades 1-7 took on the research and design of engineering solutions to problems they were presented with or identified themselves.

Using the critical thinking and learning skills inherent to our Project and Workshop model, eight of our students worked throughout the summer making weekly video contributions to the *Invent the Summer* program. These eight students contributed 32 entries to the summer challenges. Because of their perseverance and brilliance, our school has won the first place prize of \$250.00. Sixth grade student, Siddharth Monagari won an individual prize *Overall Inventor of the Summer*. We could not be more proud. Congratulations to all participants.

Nylah Desrosiers (Grade 6)

Juliet Finn (Grade 6)

John Kim (Grade 5)

Selah Kim (Grade 6)

Nikith Monagari (Grade 1)

Siddharth Monagari (Grade 6)

Shreyas Rachapudi (Grade 7)

Abhinav Selva (Grade 1)

Our students and their engineering efforts may be seen in the video below and linked here, [Announcing our 2020 School of the Summer](#). I encourage you to take a few minutes to view their great work! Special thanks to all SSCPS families who supported the program over the summer and especially to SSCPS Parent Syndi Kim for involving SSCPS with this terrific organization.

Lastly, I would like to thank SSCPS parent Julie Farris Jalewsky, who majored in Biology as an undergraduate student, for her generous donation of an N95 mask for every member of our faculty and staff here at 100 and 700 Longwater. The masks arrived on Monday and were distributed yesterday and today. We could not be more grateful for this act of kindness and support.

Alicia Savage
Executive Director



Invent the Summer
Announcing our 2020 School of the Summer!

Holiday Travel Advisory

With the Thanksgiving holiday in the rear view mirror, and the remaining holiday season approaching, we would like to remind families of the health and safety guidelines put forward by Governor Baker and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in the recently updated [COVID-19 Travel Order](#). The South Shore Charter Public School has enacted a strict travel protocol which requires that all students who return from traveling to high risk states or countries, or students who have been on a plane, must quarantine for fourteen (14) days. Students in grades 2-12 are expected to learn remotely during the 14-day quarantine period. Students in grades K-1 are expected to utilize their

learning bins.

Our school policy regarding voluntary travel is stricter than the Massachusetts Travel Order. There is no exemption from quarantine if your child tests negative **prior** to returning to Massachusetts. Because of the nature of COVID-19 transmission, and the chance of exposure within the 72-hour period prior to returning to Massachusetts, the school does not consider the described testing measure to be adequately preventative. A 14-day quarantine is required by our school's [Health Office](#).

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

IMPORTANT

Weekly COVID-19 Health Report

Released on Thursday

The [Massachusetts Department of Public Health Weekly COVID-19 Report](#), including the city/town data and map, will be posted on Thursday evening. The next report is scheduled for tomorrow, December 3, 2020.

The weekly report provides the count and rate of confirmed COVID-19 cases and tests, including the daily incidence rate in Massachusetts cities and towns over the last two weeks. We use this data as one way to determine if our school needs to transition learning models. If over 25 percent of our student population municipalities turn red for **three consecutive weeks**, the school will transition to or sustain full remote learning.

Our sending district student populations are as follows:

Weymouth 26%

Randolph 21%

Brockton 11%

Rockland 9%

Hanover 3%

These calculations mean the following:

Weymouth **red** = Full Remote Learning

Randolph + Rockland **red** = Full Remote Learning

Brockton + Randolph **red** = Full Remote Learning

District student percentage must add up to 25% or more to activate the transition to full remote learning. Last week one of our sending districts

remained red as determined by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

The school has transitioned back to hybrid and in-person learning. We will be sending email notification to all families on Friday with updates regarding the current COVID-19 district metrics. Please be sure your contact information has been updated with the school by completing your emergency contact information.

Thank you for your ongoing patience and support.

Housing Help

Paying rent or a mortgage can be especially challenging during a pandemic. The Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development has centralized information about resources for families struggling to make rent or mortgage payments due to COVID-19. If you or another family you know needs assistance, please go to www.mass.gov/covidhousinghelp for more information.

WiFi Assistance

Please use the buttons below for information regarding low cost internet services in your area.

Low Cost Internet Services

NDIA Free and Low Cost Internet Plans

Lifeline Cell Phone Service Provider

From the Health Office

If your child has received the flu vaccine or other vaccines, please send a copy to the appropriate health office. Governor Baker has issued a flu shot mandate for all Massachusetts schoolchildren. Forms can be mailed, faxed or emailed to the

appropriate nurse.

High school: sdupras@sscps.org or bfolan@sscps.org
K-8 school: dedwards@sscps.org or jkelgaard@sscps.org
Fax # 781-982-4201

SSCPS now has an email for use when your child will be absent. This email address should be used for both In-Person and Remote students. The email is sent to the Health Office as well as both Front Desks.

Email: Attendance@sscps.org

Please include the following information:

- Your student's name and grade
- Reason for Absence
- Contact phone number

If the absence is due to illness the nurse will call you back and ask you questions about symptoms.

COVID-19 Check

Please remember to check your child for COVID-19 symptoms including temperature before arriving at school or getting on the bus. Wellness checks should be completed on School Pass. If your child is absent with symptoms or has been tested, even if negative you must **notify the health office** before your child returns to school. Please use the **attendance email** that is found on the SSCPS website to report a student absence even if your child is not ill but will be working remotely that day. If it is not reported you will receive a phone call from the school regarding the your child's absence.

Thank you,

Susan Dupras, RN x182
Darcie Edwards, RN x104
Barbara Folan, RN x104
Jaime Kjelgaard, RN x104

Visit the school's [Health Office](#) page for additional information.

FROM THE YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

The 2021 yearbook is now in progress and all the memories of the 2021 school year will be published forever in print. To order online go to www.coffeepond.com, to login use school password: bluejaguar. **Early ordering at discount price of 37.00 by Dec. 31st.** Parents may submit a special

personalized page that will appear in the back of the book for their senior at these rates: Full page \$150, 1/2 pg. \$75, 1/4 pg. \$50. Due date is March 30, 2021. Please email Christine at cbodnar@sscps.org with any questions.

From the SSCPS Board of Trustees
Call for Applications or Nominations to Serve on the Board of Trustees

This June the terms of several members of the Board of Trustees will end. The Governance Sub-committee anticipates that there will be several openings for the three-year terms that will begin on July 1, 2021.

The Board is the governing body for SSCPS: it sets policy, creates committees, and acts as fiduciaries. As the governing body of the school, trustees play an important role in advancing the school and helping its administrators and teachers achieve the goals for our students.

Why apply (or nominate someone) to serve on the Board and what are the Board's needs and expectations? We are looking for candidates who

- are collaborative, active listeners, and problem-solvers
- are willing to contribute their time and share their expertise to help SSCPS achieve its academic, social, and emotional goals for all students and to secure adequate funding to accomplish them
- will work with other members of the BOT and the school to foster stronger ties with parents, businesses, non-profit foundations, and sending communities

How do I apply (or nominate someone)?

Application materials are available on the [SSCPS website](#).

Questions regarding application materials

Please contact Prue Goodale, Chair of the Governance Sub-committee at pgoodale@board.sscps.org if you have questions or need additional information

Submit materials by email to pgoodale@board.sscps.org



NHS

ZOOM TUTORING

Need extra help with your classes this year?

EMAIL HONORA_SULLIVAN@STUDENT.SSCPS.ORG

all grades, K-12



Happy Holidays

NHS is donating to Toys For Tots this upcoming holiday, and here's how you can contribute!

Here's how to donate:

- 1: Head over to the Toys for Tots website at: toysfortots.org
- 2: Scroll down on the website until you come across the option: **Virtual Toybox: Donate a Toy.**
- 3: Put as many toys as you want in your Virtual Toybox and proceed to checkout.


The Toys For Tots Campaign ends on **December 22, 2020**. Please try and get donations in before then.

In order to keep track of all donations please send the amount of toys and the total of your purchase to the following email: oogagan101@student.sscps.org

(for any questions or concerns, please contact the previously mentioned email.)



South Shore Charter Educational Foundation Raffle Calendar from 11/16-12/15
 Raffle ticket fee 1 for \$10
 3 for \$25
 7 for \$50
 We appreciate your support!



NOV-DEC 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	16 Fruit Center \$50 Gift Card	17 Boston Bowl Party for 12 \$300	18 Buffalo Wild Wings Bucket with Gift Card	19 Weymouth Club One Month Family Membership & One Hour Massage	20 2 One-Day Passes to the Cape Codder Water Park and Tree Top Adventures Pass	21 Johnny Cupcakes Swag \$250 Value
22 The Cheesecake Factory \$100 Gift Card	23 Local Pottery handcrafted bowl with \$50 Gift Card	24 Dave and Busters \$25 Gift Card and Target \$25 Gift Card	25 Edville Family Park Basket \$220 Value	26 South Coastal Animal Hospital \$100 Gift Card	27 5 South Main Street \$50 Gift Card	28 Two Night Cape Cod Getaway \$350
29 The Scarlet Oak \$50 Gift Card	30 Anne Balducci Cosmetics \$200 Gift Card	1 Apple Air Pods	2 Marathon Sports \$75 Gift Card	3 Starland Two Day Passes and Four Day Passes to Central Rock Gym	4 One pair of Oofos Sandals or Clogs \$79 Value	5 Nora Vasconcellos Autographed Skateboard with \$50 Gift Card to Technical Skate
6 The Juice Station \$50 Gift Card and One Hour Massage	7 Jersey Mike's Catering Box \$70 Value	8 Cardinal Cushing Pool Party \$250 Value	9 The Toy Box Basket of fun along with a \$50 Gift Card	10 The Company Theater \$75 Gift Card	11 The Black Tie \$50 Gift Card	12 Kings Bowling Party for 6 Adults \$250
13 Gourmet Garden \$60 Gift Card	14 Daddy's Beach Club Restaurant \$25 Gift Card and The Fresh Feast \$25 Gift Card	15 YMCA 3-Month Family Membership \$519	Please support and thank the local businesses that have generously donated over \$5000 worth of items to our school. Thank you for your generosity!			
Winners will be announced daily on our Facebook page and will be contacted Via email or cell. We will be shipping items to our winners. The more you buy the better your chances of winning multiple times!						
Inspiring every student to excel in academics, service, and life.						

From the South Shore Charter Educational Foundation

Thank you to the 131 folks that have participated in our [30 Day SSCFE Raffle Calendar](#) to benefit our school. It's not too late to buy raffle tickets or make a donation. Please click and share our [link](#) and good luck! Congratulations to the following winners;

Michelle Harris, Kerry Benjamin, Kristine Bingham, Joshua Hoch, Joyce Dandrow, Susan Habchy, Jen Byrne, Erica Hogan-Ziemba, Krysta Hendrix, Andrea Poudrier, Colleen Leonard, Jessica Strong, Chris Prudente, Laura Mahn, Dan Vasconcellos, and Diana Maccarrone. Prizes will be mailed to you.

Yesterday we embraced Giving Tuesday to raise vital funds for our school community. Every gift matters during this unprecedented time. The kindness of our community enables our students, faculty, and staff to continue teaching and learning together during this pandemic. Please give back so we can reach our \$5000 goal before the end of the year. You can make a donation under the GIVING section of www.sscps.org. Thank you for your continued support.

Updates from the Parents Association

School Spirit Sign are in and available to order! SSCPS Magnets and Stickers also available for purchase. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

[Purchase your School Spirit Signs HERE!](#)



HALF DAY/CRAFT DAY!!!!
For Levels I and Level II

We are going to attempt to run a pandemic friendly half day/craft day this year and keep the tradition alive!! As most know, the kids really love this day each year and I'm happy we have figured out a way to do something on a smaller scale to keep this going in 2020.

The plan....

Half Day/Craft Day will be Wednesday, Dec 23 – the day before school break for the holidays. It is a remote day of ALL students.

Levels I & II (including K)

2 parents (minimum) donate individually packaged crafts for the total number of children in class to be delivered to school by Thursday, December 10, so teachers have 2 weeks to hand out crafts

On 12/23 – children in same pod will log on and complete same crafts together virtually

The ask....

* We need AT LEAST two volunteers from each class to prepare individually wrapped crafts for the children to make for about 22 kids and deliver to school BY THURSDAY DECEMBER 10.

* If you're willing to volunteer please email your level rep with your name and THE CLASS YOUR CHILD IS IN. This way we make sure we have at least two crafts per class.

* Any questions, please direct to Your Level Rep and not the teachers— we do not want to give them any extra work.

* NO FOOD ITEMS and NO GLITTER (you're welcome)

* You can assume each child has crayons, scissors and glue sticks at home as they were provided in their bins by the school, but anything else would need to be provided. Nothing that requires a glue gun please.

* If you're willing, it would be great if you could make an appearance on craft day (virtually) to your child's class to explain the craft

* We are figuring out a contactless pick up for remote only students- we want

EVERYONE to participate

Thank you!

Your PA

Friday	12/04	Remote Learning for All Students	8:15a-12:05p
Mon-Thurs	12/07-12/10	Team B In-Person; Team A Remote Learning	
Thursday	12/10	Board of Trustees	7:30pm
		Finance	7:00pm
		Governance	6:30pm
		Development	6:00pm
		Personnel	5:30pm

Important Links

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

- [Food Service](#)
- [Health Office](#)
- [Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance](#)
- **Visit the [Parents Association Website](#)**
- **Visit our new online option to [purchase](#) SSCPS apparel**

School Documents

[2020-21 School Calendar](#)

[Student and Family Handbook](#)

[SSCPS By-Laws](#)

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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