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Students on Level I Celebrate school spirit with students from Level IV.

A Message from Alicia

The end of the 2020-2021 school year is upon us. Although the year began amidst uncertainty, we can now look forward to some elements of pre-COVID days returning. We end the year with some of the celebrations that mark important student transitions. We could not be happier to see our students on campus doing all the wonderful things kids do. Our remote students continue to amaze as well. Despite the restrictions of COVID-19, the unsinkable spirit of our students has prevailed to overcome some of the most difficult school days many of us will ever experience.

The upside to difficult times is that those times demand that you hold to all that you value. This has been absolutely true all year long. This year has been one of tremendous reflection on who we are as a school community and why an SSCPS education is unique and important. This year with health restrictions limiting our Projects and Workshops, there were days when what we value was difficult to see, but never impossible to feel. We owe much to our faculty and staff for holding tight to their commitment to our school and the belief that nothing is more important than a child's education and well being. We are thankful for the nurses in our Health Office

who have worked tirelessly throughout this pandemic helping our school community negotiate each protocol pivot and guidance modification. We remain grateful to our Facilities Department, who managed the seemingly unmanageable with grace and patience.

This month we mark important milestones for our school community. This spring we say goodbye to four retiring faculty members whose contributions to our school community have been exceptional. Sarah O'Loughlin, our school psychologist, retired this spring. Sarah has been with SSCPS since our beginning days in Hull; first as a parent, then as a trustee, and then as an essential member of our faculty. Also retiring is our beloved learning services teacher, Lennie Chin. Lennie has been teaching at SSCPS for 18 years. He is admired by every student who had the good fortune to enter his classroom and will be greatly missed by all. Susan Dupras, who has served as our school nurse for 24 years, will also be retiring this year. Susan is greatly loved by many former and current students and her presence in the high school health office. Lastly, we say goodbye to the wonderful Beverly (Bev) Bruce. Bev has served as our Title I Reading Specialist for 18 years. Her impact on childhood literacy will impact many generations to come. She joined SSCPS as a parent volunteer in Hull and has worked tirelessly in our reading classrooms and school library. Bev, Lennie, Susan, and Sarah will be greatly missed and we wish them well as they embark upon the next chapter of their lives.

Lastly, I would like to thank our parent and guardian community for all of the support you have shown our school over the past ten months. SSCPS families have sustained teaching and learning in countless ways, the encouraging email, the fundraising initiatives, the thoughtful refreshments, and the fun Random Raffle Friday have lifted our spirits consistently throughout the year. Thank you for all of the kindness you have shown throughout the school year.

Enjoy the summer and your time with loved ones.

Alicia Savage
Executive Director



Grade 8 Move Up Day



Summer Reading 2021 Virtual Book Fair

- SSCPS and Storybook Cove are hosting an online Summer Reading Virtual Book Fair.
- **SSCPS Families receive a 10% discount on books purchased, SSCPS receives 10% of each sale, and there will be NO sales tax.**
- The Summer Reading Virtual Book Fair will run from JUNE 4 through JUNE 23, 2021.
- Students should select books for their rising grade in the fall.
- **ALL PURCHASES ARE TO BE MADE THROUGH www.storybookcove.com.**
- **When you purchase books from these book fair lists, you can choose “curbside pick-up” OR “USPS Media Rate”.**
- Use the linked button below to access the Summer Reading Virtual Book Fair.

[SSCPS Summer Reading Virtual Book Fair](#)



Or click on this fun and festive logo above or on the [Storybook Cove](#) homepage!

CHECK-OUT TIPS: You need to complete ONLY the following sections:

1. ENTER CUSTOMER INFORMATION/EMAIL
2. COUPON DISCOUNT (ENTER THIS CODE: SSCPS)
3. TAX-EXEMPT INFORMATION (Click check box and then type SSCPS for entity name and Book Fair for tax exempt number. Do not fill in rest of section.)
4. DELIVERY INFORMATION (NEEDED EVEN IF PICKING UP)

5. CLICK ON CALCULATE SHIPPING COSTS AND THEN CHOOSE EITHER: **USPS Media Rate** (2 to 10 days; no insurance) **Curbside Pick-Up** We'll contact you when order is ready. At store, call when here.
6. CHOOSE PAYMENT METHOD
7. CONTACT/BILLING INFORMATION
8. REVIEW; and
9. SUBMIT

If you choose curbside pick-up, you will be contacted when your order is ready for pick-up at Storybook Cove, 775 Washington Street, Suite 2, Hanover, MA (Route 53 across from Brothers Grill. Enter the car lot of Dave Delaney's Columbia Motors through the white rail fence. Green building is at the end of lot.)

[Click here](#) for the Summer Reading Book Lists and Assignments by Level.

ALL SSCPS DEVICES LOANED TO STUDENTS/FAMILIES MUST BE RETURNED FOR THE SUMMER

In-person Students: Return their devices to their teachers.

Remote Students: Devices should be dropped off at the K-8 Campus, 100 Longwater Circle, Norwell, by Friday, June 18, 2021.
Please call the front desk at 781-982-4202 when you arrive.

Any questions: Email help@sscps.org

From the SSCPS Health Office

As we near the end of the year. The Health Office wants to remind everyone that all medication must be picked up by a parent or other adult. On the last day of school, June 17th, all medications can be picked up at either the front or back door during dismissal at 100 Longwater. If you cannot make these times, please reach out and let us know so we can make arrangements for pick up. You must make prior arrangements with the health office if you are unable to pick up medication on the last day. If you would like to pick up before the last day, please call/email to request this. All medications not picked up (including Epipens, inhalers and spacers) by dismissal on 6/17 will be disposed of.

High School should coordinate with your health office for medication pick up.

Reminder: next year, your student will need a new medication order from their doctor's office. Medications can only be accepted with the medication order and dropped off by a parent. NO medication can be sent to school with a student. More information will come out next year. Please see the website for the medication forms.

With the warmer weather out comes lots of bugs, including ticks. The students are outside more often this year, including for PE class. Please remember to check your student daily for ticks. The school is not allowed to apply bug spray or sunscreen to any student, so please apply at home, at your discretion.

As the weather gets warmer it is important to remember to have your student bring a refillable water bottle every day. There are water refilling stations located around the school

If your student has completed the Covid-19 vaccines, please send the paperwork to the appropriate health office. Students who are fully vaccinated will not be required to quarantine if they are deemed a close contact.

For the high school please email sdupras@sscps.org or bfolan@sscps.org.

For K-8 please email dedwards@sscps.org or jkjelgaard@sscps.org.

The Covid-19 vaccine is not mandatory.

If your child has a history of seasonal allergies and is experiencing their typical allergy symptoms such as nasal congestion, runny nose, sneezing, watery or red eyes they may still participate in person learning. Any student that has fever, vomiting, diarrhea or loss of smell or taste need to remain out of school and have a negative PCR COVID test before returning. Siblings need to remain out until the student has a negative PCR test.

The Health Office continues to run 2 separate COVID testing programs. Both of these tests are voluntary. In order to participate in each program you will need to sign up for them separately.

The BinaxNow Rapid Test is for students/staff that develop COVID-like symptoms while at school. This test can be administered at school and results are available in fifteen (15) minutes. Students/staff will still be required to leave school, even with a negative test result. Positive results are presumed positives and students will be required to isolate.

Register your student for Symptomatic Rapid COVID testing with the following link:

<https://app.beacontesting.com/register/with-code?code=EKMBEX>

Pool Testing is a weekly COVID test for students and staff. Students will be tested on the weeks they are in person learning. This program is not available to remote students. Pool testing is when a number (usually 5-10) swabs are put in the same tube and a PCR test is done on the batch/pool.

If the pool comes back negative, it is presumed all individuals in this pool are negative.

If the pool comes back positive, each student is individually tested using the BinaxNow Rapid test done at school. Any positive students will be sent home to isolate and contact tracing will be done. If all students come back negative with the rapid testing, each student will then have an individual PCR test to be sent out from school. All students will be asked to quarantine until the PCR results come back.

When you sign consent for pool testing, you are consenting for all 3 types of testing to be done at school (pool testing, rapid antigen and individual PCR testing).

Register your student for weekly pool testing with the following link:

<https://app.beacontesting.com/register/with-code?code=WPWCQJ>

Please see the [Health Office](#) page on the SSCPS website for more information on rapid and pooled testing, along with other COVID-19 information.

If you have any additional questions or need any additional information please do not hesitate to reach out to the nursing staff.

K - 8: 781-982-4202 x 104

High School: 781-982-4202 x 182

Darcie Edwards, RN

Susan Dupras, RN

Jaime Kjelgaard, RN

Barbara Folan, RN

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 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.

Email Christine at cbodnar@sscps.org with any questions.

A Message from the South Shore YMCA

Dear SSCPS Families,

The SSYMCA is excited to be back and continue to expand towards where we were pre-COVID offering an afterschool program at SSCPS for the upcoming 2021-2022 academic year! We appreciate your patience and understanding while we work to get afterschool programming back up and running for SSCPS. We have approval to open for K-5 students afterschool and are working towards some additions to programming for the future.

If you intend to have your child(ren) attend our programming, please contact the Afterschool Director, Shirley Zayas, for an Enrollment Packet so that we can start the registration process. **The process is first come first serve, so get yours in to get the spot reserved as space is limited.** Your child **must** be enrolled in order to participate in the afterschool program. More details to come for the next school year in the fall about programming as we conclude the current one.

Shirley Zayas
Director of Before & Afterschool
South Shore YMCA
Emilson Branch
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Hanover MA 02339
Phone: 781-826-7900 Ext. 5241

From the Parents Association



Send a Big and Bright Birthday wish that everyone will see!

Sign up here to rent our Birthday sign. 🥳

<https://sscpspa.weebly.com/birthday-sign.html>

Community Interest

On June 23rd, Invent the Summer starts its weekly Invent the Summer Engineering Challenges. Students with their parents can sign up on the website if they would like to join. It is an independent activity that created a lot of fun for kids last summer. If it sounds familiar, Alicia highlighted it in her weekly newsletter as SSCPS was awarded the \$250 grant for having the most participants from our school! It is for students 12 and under. There are weekly prizes and participation is on a week to week basis ENJOY!

Here is the link to the website for anyone interested!

<https://www.inventthesummer.org/>

From South Shore Charter Educational Foundation



February 2021

Dear Friends and Families of SSCPS.

We hope this letter finds you well. As we kick off 2021, we want to extend our well wishes to you and your family during these unprecedented times. We thank you for your unwavering support of our faculty and staff as we strive to inspire every student to excel in academics, service, and life in a safe and supportive environment.

Clearly the challenges of COVID-19 have significantly impacted our community and we've had to adapt. Who knew we would expend so many resources on cleaning products, plexi-glass dividers, tents, Chromebooks, and so much more? Since the start of the pandemic last March, our community has worked together to ensure our kids receive the highest level of academics possible in these unprecedented times. While many schools were not prepared for the sudden shift to remote learning, SSCPS "hit the ground running" on March 16th and we continue to pursue all viable options for high level learning. We are proud to say we remain consistent with the quality education we deliver to all of our students. Unfortunately, many of the changes required to provide the hybrid model we offer are expensive. We are grateful to many of you who have generously donated to the SSCEF Annual Fund, but we need contributions now more than ever.

As someone who has been at Charter for 13 years and a part of the fraternity of 13, I have learned to embrace Charter life. There is a huge sense of community at the school which is developed from a young age through our service projects and sports. Charter helps prepare young kids for life through the internships we do with our amazing guidance counselors. The EOMs we start in kindergarten have been a huge asset to me in life as learning public speaking at such a young age has proven invaluable in my adult life.

-Delaney Alden, Class of 2021

The cost of COVID-19 was clearly unexpected and like everything else has impacted our fundraising abilities as well. In support of our community, we hope you will consider giving a minimum of \$10 per year for each year your family has been enrolled with us, but we appreciate whatever donation you can make. We hope you will check with your employer to see if they will match your donation. When giving you can write your check to SSCEF, or you may go online at www.sscps.org/giving. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to better days when we can all gather as one community again.

I have been a student at SSCPS since kindergarten and I will be in the fraternity of 13 when I graduate in June 2021. One thing I love about our school is that I have been on the cross country and track and field teams since I was in 6th grade. I have had the same coach and have been teammates with the same group of athletes. We have encouraged and watched each other progress over the years.

-Caroline Boyle, Class of 2021

[CLICK HERE](#) to make your gift online. Or please mail a check to SSCEF, P.O. Box 512, Accord, MA 02018.

Warm and healthy wishes.

Laurie Dannison and Leslie Alden
Development Officer Trustee

I have had many positive experiences in my thirteen years at SSCPS. I have never felt like I have not been able to reach out to a teacher for help. I know that when I was struggling last year with my AP Chemistry class my teacher would let me stay after or during FIT time to help me. In a bigger town school, that type of thing would not be possible and I am able to get the help I need in my classes in order to succeed.

-Ryan Benjamin, Class of 2021

Thursday	06/17	Last Day of School – Early Release	12:00pm
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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](#)

[2021-22 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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