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A Message from Achille

This past year's challenge for all our math educators was to ensure a continued focus on the grade-level expectations to limit the potential skills gap due to the loss of instructional time. Our strategy for the year was prioritizing the mathematics standards and focusing on teaching key math concepts with greater depth. The mathematics standards have several domains and clusters; however, it is unnecessary to address every skill to achieve proficiency. Here is a list of some of the priority math skills covered this year for grades k to 8.

- Grades k-2:
 - Develop fluency with representing, relating, and operating on whole numbers.
 - Develop an understanding of addition, subtraction, and strategies for addition and subtraction.
 - Understand whole number relationships and place value, including grouping in tens and ones.
- Grades 3-5:
 - Develop an understanding of strategies for multiplication and division.
 - Develop fluency with finding equivalent fractions, addition and subtraction of fractions with like denominators, and multiplication of fractions by whole numbers.
- Grades 6-8:
 - Connect ratios and rates to whole number multiplication and division.
 - Fluently write, interpret, and solve expressions, equations, and inequations.
 - Develop an understanding of linear relationships and functions.
 - Model real-world scenarios with inequalities, equations, and functions.

As a team, the K-8 math teachers did a fantastic job teaching these skills, which are the foundation for success in mathematics at the secondary level. The cumulative

nature of math stresses the importance of prior knowledge to acquire new concepts successfully. Online programs such as Khan Academy are valuable in supporting the retention of many essential math skills, especially during the summer vacation.

At the secondary level, we continue to see an increase in students placed into advanced math courses, including AP Calculus and AP Statistics. We are also noticing a positive trend in the number of students interested in STEM, especially computer science, engineering, and the medical field. We hope to continue this trend as we engage and help more students to become comfortable learning math.

I want to close by commending all staff members, students, and especially you, the parents, for your diligence, efforts, and commitment to education throughout this pandemic. As I reflect on all the positive outcomes this year, I think about an African proverb from Nigeria's Igbo tribe, "oran a ozu nwa" which translates to "it takes a village to raise a child." Meaningful parental involvement is critical to the success of our education system, and this pandemic raised our awareness regarding the value of family and community in educating a child. Thank you, parents, for your patience because many of you were the math co-teacher during the fully remote phase of the school year. I'm glad that some of you, who I had the opportunity to speak with, found some humor in your frustration to teach math at home, especially with these foreign approaches or strategies. As the math curriculum coordinator, I will work with the K-12 math team to ensure that you feel better equipped to support your role as a parent educator.

Achille Yangambi
Mathematics Curriculum Coordinator
South Shore Charter Public School

**The SSCPS Inclusive Culture & Diversity Committee
Celebrates Pride Month**

SSCPS PRESENTS

LOVE FOR ALL

THURSDAY, JUNE 3RD



SSCPS will be creating our own rainbow by dressing up in the following colors.

Find your grade's color below

K - Pink

1 - Red

2 - Orange

3 - Yellow

4 - Green

5 - Blue

6 - Purple

7-11 Any color of the rainbow



Summer Reading 2021 Virtual Book Fair

Summer Reading is an opportunity to keep the learning going and rediscover the joy of reading.

StoryBook Cove will be hosting our virtual Book Fair later in June.

Watch this space for more details on how to purchase your summer reading books from a local bookstore that has supported our school

for many years.

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

From the SSCPS Health Office

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.

FCC Bus Transportation re-registration and new registration will be taking place over the next couple of weeks for the next school year 2021-2022. Areas serviced are Holbrook, Randolph, Brockton, limited area of Rockland, and a stop at Ivory Plaza (across from Braintree Recycling) for Quincy/Braintree residents.

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>

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.

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

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.

[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	06/03	Level III and Level IV Math MCAS	
Thursday	06/03	Senior Walk – weather permitting	2:00pm
Thursday	06/03	Love for All - weather permitting	2:30pm
Friday	06/04	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Friday	06/04	Class of 2021 Graduation at 700	6:00pm
Mon-Fri	06/07-06/11	K-11 All In-Person Learning	
Tuesday	06/08	Grade 9 MCAS Biology	

Tuesday	06/08	Grade 5 and Grade 8 MCAS Science	
Tuesday	06/08	Last day for Kindergarteners	
Wednesday	06/09	Grade 9 MCAS Biology	
Weds-Fri	06/9-06/11	2021-22 Kindergarten screenings by appointment	

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

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

[2020-21 School Calendar](#)

[2021-22 School Calendar](#)

[Student and Family Handbook](#)

[SSCPS By-Laws](#)



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