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## Weekly Update | June 9, 2021

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Congratulations to the Class of 2021!

### A Message from Angie

We honored the accomplishments of our graduating Seniors at the 26th Commencement Exercises of the South Shore Charter Public School last Friday night. While it poured prior to the ceremony and the threat of thunderstorms loomed, once

it was time for the procession the sky cleared and the sun appeared. After fifteen months of distancing, it was wonderful to see our graduating students, their families, and their teachers gathered together to celebrate. For anyone who missed it a recording of the ceremony can be found [here](#). At graduation, we recognized all students in this special class and awarded several scholarships to graduates.

Emmanuel Anteneh earned the scholarship for Highest Academic Achievement in recognition of his impressive academic record. Emmanuel will be attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the fall.

Sydney Grier earned the Citizenship award in acknowledgement of her strength of character as a citizen within the SSCPS community. Sydney will be attending Clark Atlanta University.

Kai Schildmeier earned the Leadership in Workshop award for her work in the Human Performance Workshop and organization of the Jaguar Games for three consecutive years. Kai is going to Boston University in the fall.

Treasure Oji earned the scholarship for Mentorship in recognition of her work with middle school students throughout her high school career. Treasure will be attending Harvard University.

Chantelle Boateng was awarded the Karen Yelin scholarship for her dedication to others and her commitment to a career that will benefit the lives of others. Chantelle will be attending the University of Massachusetts, Boston in the fall.

Five of our students; Isabelle Carter, Georgia Chambers, Audryelle Hennebury, Vincent Little, and Abby Thomas, earned the [Massachusetts State Seal of Biliteracy](#) on their diplomas in recognition of their high functional and academic levels of proficiency in both English and a world language.

In keeping with our tradition, we also acknowledged the students who have attended South Shore Charter Public School starting in kindergarten through grade twelve by inducting them into the Fraternity of 13. These students now have their names engraved on a plaque in the lobby of 100 Longwater Circle and each received a pin and a book inscribed by teachers from their K-8 days at graduation. Our new inductees are listed below.

Aleena Aktar  
Delaney Alden  
Ruby Amicangelo  
Savannah Aylward  
Ryan Benjamin, Jr.  
Caroline Boyle  
Georgia Chambers  
Audryelle Hennebury

Malescha Nelson  
Jacob Paul  
Ezekiel Rice  
Joel Rousseau  
Kai Schildmeier  
Emerson Stout  
Honora Sullivan  
Molly Whitman

We are incredibly proud of our scholarship recipients, and of every member of the class of 2021! Navigating the completion of high school and making postsecondary plans during a pandemic is no small feat. These students have proven themselves to be both determined and resilient. We look forward to hearing about their successes and adventures as they move on to the next stage of their lives.





## Kindergarten Last Day Celebrations!

Our Seniors are not the only group transitioning this week. Yesterday was the last day of school for our kindergarten students who celebrated the day and battled the heat with water play as they completed their year-end ABC countdown. Now that our kindergarten students have started their summer vacations, we began to welcome our class of 2034 with this morning's start of the kindergarten screening process for the 2021-2022 school year. If you have a child entering kindergarten in the fall and have not signed up for a screening appointment, please reach out to me directly.

Soon we will all close the book on this school year and transition to what I hope to be a summer of rest and renewal for our children, their families, and the faculty. Thank you for the overwhelming support of our school this year.

Angie Pepin  
Principal, South Shore Charter Public School

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## 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](http://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.)

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

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## 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](mailto:help@sscps.org)

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### 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.

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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.

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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

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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](mailto:sdupras@sscps.org) or [bfolan@sscps.org](mailto:bfolan@sscps.org).

For K-8 please email [dedwards@sscps.org](mailto:dedwards@sscps.org) or [jkjelgaard@sscps.org](mailto:jkjelgaard@sscps.org).

The Covid-19 vaccine is not mandatory.

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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.

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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

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## 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](http://www.mass.gov/covidhousinghelp) for more information.

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## 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](#)

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## 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](http://www.coffeepond.com), to login use school password: bluejaguar.

Email Christine at [cbodnar@sscps.org](mailto:cbodnar@sscps.org) with any questions.

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## 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  
1075 Washington Street  
Hanover MA 02339  
Phone: 781-826-7900 Ext. 5241

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## From the Parents Association

There will be a Parents Association Meeting tonight,  
June 9, 2021 at 6:30pm via [Zoom](#).



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>

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## 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/>

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**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](http://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*

Wednesday	06/09	Grade 9 MCAS Biology	
Weds-Fri	06/9-06/11	2021-22 Kindergarten screenings by appointment	
Wednesday	06/09	Parents Association Meeting via <a href="#">Zoom</a>	6:30pm
Thursday	06/10	Governance Committee Meeting 18 Shipyard Drive, #2A, Hingham 02043	6:00pm
Friday	06/11	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm

Mon-Thurs	06/14-06/17	Grades 1-11 In-Person Learning	
Monday	06/14	South Shore Charter Educational Foundation Meeting Via <a href="#">Zoom</a>	6:00pm
Thursday	06/17	Last Day of School – Early Release	12:00pm

### ***Important Links***

Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website [www.sscps.org](http://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](mailto: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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