



Weekly Update | May 11, 2021

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A Message from Kristen

Seniors and juniors will participate in South Shore Charter Public School's Digital Financial Literacy Fair tomorrow, May 13. Students will access the fair via Google Classroom, and a teacher will guide them through it to learn more about budgeting and general financial planning. They will complete an individual spending plan and exit survey for a chance to win one of nearly 40 raffle prizes. Additionally, every participant will receive a personal money management book. The fair was made possible by a Financial Education Innovation Fund Grant sponsored by the Office of Economic Empowerment and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. We hope that students enjoy the experience.



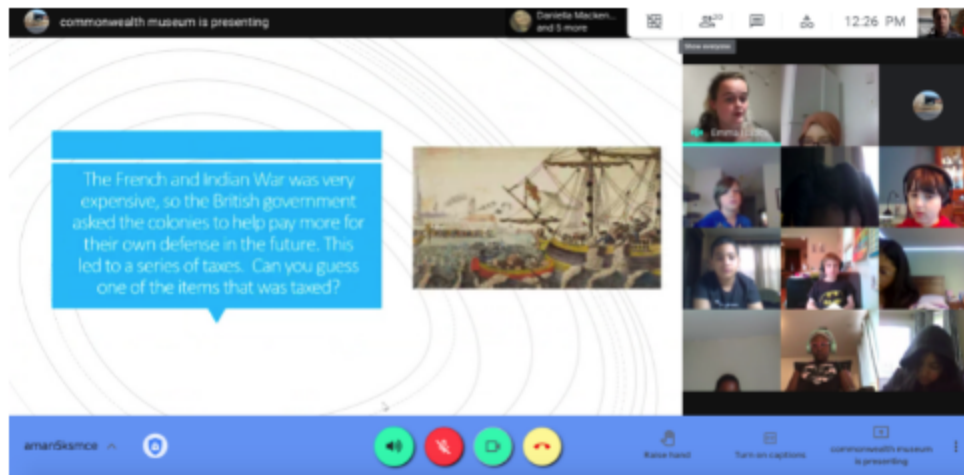
Freshman Jordan Alexandre created this digital poster for the fair. Jordan also developed a Kahoot! quiz and reached out to financial institutions to help with the fair as part of a leadership program.

SSCPS is also the recipient of a Financial Literacy Planning and Implementation Grant sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

This grant was offered to promote “equitable access to high-quality curriculum and experiential learning related to financial literacy.” Participating teachers will create curriculum materials during the summer to be used in classes, FITs, Projects, and Workshops.

The [Massachusetts History and Social Science Curriculum Framework](#) includes economic standards for many courses, including grades K-2 social studies. Several free digital financial literacy resources, such as [those recommended by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education](#), are available to the general public.

History and social studies teachers continue to facilitate engaging opportunities for students. Level II students participated in virtual experiences offered by the [Commonwealth Museum](#). Fourth graders learned about Massachusetts state symbols, and third graders focused on Massachusetts state history related to museum exhibits.



Mariah's class played a trivia game facilitated by the Commonwealth Museum.

Kindergarten classes recently welcomed visitors from the graduating class of 2021 for their “Enjoy Time with a Senior” day. Seniors shared memories about SSCPS, talked about their goals for the future, and answered questions.





Kindergarteners enjoyed visits with some of our graduating seniors.

Kristen Mullin-Connolly
History and Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator

Celebrating Culture and Diversity at SSCPS

May 10th -14th 2021



Cultural celebration and flag day celebration at SSCPS from previous years

Celebrations of cultural diversity continue the second week of May. This week, we will continue with our **diversity and inclusion activities** and thus far, we have some exciting activities lined up in celebration of our diversity.

The "Flag Day" activity will take place on **Wednesday, May 12th** where students **may want** to research their flags and their symbolism and finally share their "findings" with their peers. On this very day, students are also encouraged to bring to school a flag (or flags) they associate themselves with.

Thursday, May 13th will be "Dress Your Heritage Day" at SSCPS. Students are encouraged to dress up in whatever culture they associate themselves with. (See flyer.)

Thursday, May 13th is also **Eid-el-Fitr** (the end of Ramadan) and we wish all those observing, Happy Eid and **Eid Mubarak!**

Marco on behalf of the Culture and Diversity Subcommittee

(Nadeen Sullivan, Rowena Samuels, Gina Collari, Ray Ciambriello, Dan Vasconcellos, Pam Golden, Laurie Hogan, Marco Pedulli)



*Cultural Dress Day Flyer
[Courtesy of Gina Collari]*

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.

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 is now running 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 Kjølgaard, RN

Barbara Folan, RN

Travel Advisory

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 Advisory](#). Any questions may be directed to the [Health Office](#).

Thank you for your cooperation.

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](#)

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.

FROM THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

2021-2022 Parent Association Election for SSCPS!

Survey Closes: 5/21/2021 – Click the link below to cast your vote:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PAElections2021-2022>

New PA will be announced in Weekly on May 26 and inducted at the June Meeting (Zoom)

Thank you all for coming to cast a ballot for all Parents Association positions. Only SSCPS Parents and Guardians may cast votes.

As your appointed Election Team, we are committed to ensuring the process is efficient, fair, measurable, and accessible to all parents.

- Only current SSCPS Parents or Guardians may vote in this election,
- One vote per parent/guardian will be allowed,
- You must make one selection for each position,
- You are given the option to abstain from voting for a particular position if, for any reason, you choose not to (via an "*I choose not to cast a vote for this position*" option),
- Results will ONLY be shared on an aggregate level (e.g. # of total voters, # of votes per nominee, # that chose not to vote for a position, etc.)
- If there is a tie for a position, a second survey will be sent out only for those who need a tie-breaker,
- If you would like to self-nominate for a position that has no nominees, please insert your name with brief intro. Election will be held at June PA meeting,
- If there is a dispute or demand for a recount, at least one member of the Election Team and one school administrator will be engaged to review or re-count parent/guardian submissions.

The Election Team remains committed and unbiased throughout its work on this process, and we're committed to the integrity of the SSCPS Parent Association.

Thank you for carefully considering the nominees who have stepped up to represent us.



The PA is facilitating personal notes of encouragement and congratulations for each of the 75 Charter student in the Class of 2021!

Please complete the [form here](#) to receive the name of a senior if you're interested in and can commit to writing a note, a card, making a piece of artwork, or offering some other kind of well wish.

**Drop-Off at either Building with your Senior's name listed.
Due Date: Friday, May 14th**



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

Wednesday	05/12	AP English Language and Composition	8:00am
Thursday	05/13	Digital Financial Literacy Fair for grades 11 and 12	
Thursday	05/13	School Council via Zoom	4:15pm
Friday	05/14	AP Biology	8:00pm
Friday	05/14	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Mon-Fri	05/17-05/21	K-12 All In-Person Learning	

Monday	05/17	AP Statistics	12:00pm
Tuesday	05/18	Finance Committee via Zoom	6:30pm
Thursday	05/20	Board of Trustees Annual and Regular Meeting	7:30pm
		Governance Committee	6:30pm
		Personnel Committee	6:00pm
Friday	05/21	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm

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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