



## **Weekly Update | May 5, 2021**

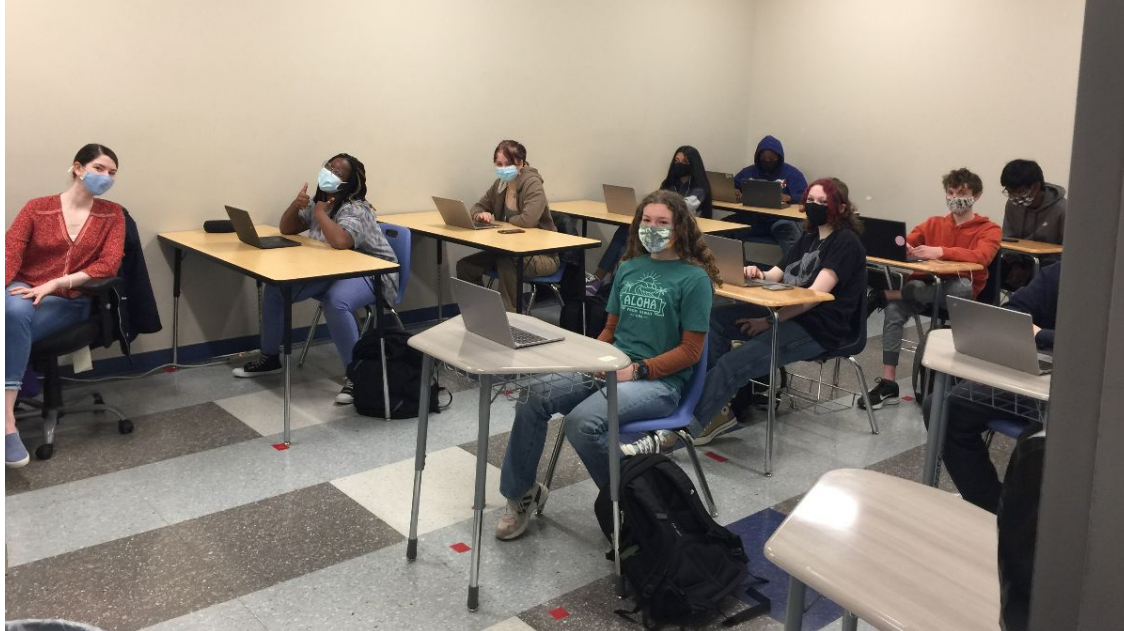
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### **A Message from Alicia**

This first week of May is proving to be a great one. It is Teacher Appreciation Week and there is much to be grateful for each day. Last week students in grades 6-8 returned for full in-person learning. On Monday our high school students were able to do the same. For the first time in over a year, all students who have opted to be back have returned to full in-person learning. We could not be happier to see our students finally on campus doing all the wonderful things kids do. Desks remain apart. Masks stay on. Sanitizing stations are strategically placed. Yet 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 experience in our lifetime.

At long last we are now seeing a step in the right direction; A and B hybrid learning is over. However, the COVID-19 pandemic is not. We remain grateful to the nurses in our Health Office who have worked tirelessly throughout this pandemic. We have worked hard to establish COVID-19 testing programs on campus that are free and voluntary for all students learning in-person. We are encouraging all families to register for the testing programs here at school. We rely on the best judgement of our families to keep our school community safe and running smoothly for all.



Greetings from High School Spanish  
May 3, 2021

We owe a debt of gratitude to our parent community this year. Your wonderful support and appreciation of our teachers and staff has been evident in all you do; thoughtful breakfasts and lunches, kind words spoken in the drop off and pick up line, and encouraging emails that lift up our days. The visit from Espresso Dave, courtesy of the Parents Association, was a welcome break on a rainy day. The pizza lunch and bagel brunch, organized by SSCPS parent Amy Kelly, were thoughtful and appreciated. We are grateful to the Daly and Sweeney families for our new large screen television now residing in the entryway at 100 Longwater. Its ongoing video loop provides memories of years past. Another tremendous morale booster this year has been the Parent Association "Random Raffle Friday" where every week a teacher is selected randomly and awarded a fun prize. We look forward to congratulating a winner every week. We could not have asked for a greater cheering section than our SSCPS families. Thank you.

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. During this teacher appreciation week, we owe so 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.

Lastly, I would like to call some well-deserved attention to the accomplishments of the Class of 2021. Our seniors have done remarkable work during uncertain times and unpredictable circumstances. We are happy to report seventeen (17) graduating seniors will be inducted into the Fraternity of Thirteen. Students receiving this distinction have been attending SSCPS since kindergarten. Twenty-three (23) graduating seniors are members of the National Honor Society. Despite an extremely competitive college acceptance season nationwide, our students have done exceptionally well and we are exceedingly proud. The Class of 2021 College Acceptances list may be found below. We look forward to honoring the Class of 2021

at their Commencement on Friday, June 4, 2021.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the South Shore Charter Public School.

Alicia Savage  
Executive Director  
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South Shore Charter Public School  
Class of 2021 College Acceptances

<b>Adelphi University</b>	<b>University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth</b>
<b>Anderson University</b>	<b>University of Massachusetts- Lowell</b>
<b>Ana Maria College</b>	<b>Massasoit Community College</b>
<b>Assumption College</b>	<b>Merrimack College</b>
<b>Barry University</b>	<b>University of New England</b>
<b>Bentley University</b>	<b>University of New Hampshire</b>
<b>Boston University</b>	<b>University of North Carolina at Greensboro</b>
<b>Brandeis University</b>	<b>Northeastern University</b>
<b>University of Bridgeport</b>	<b>University of Pittsburgh</b>
<b>Bridgewater State University</b>	<b>Princeton University</b>
<b>Bryant University</b>	<b>Providence College</b>
<b>Clark Atlanta University</b>	<b>Quincy College</b>
<b>Clark University</b>	<b>Quinnipiac University</b>
<b>University of Connecticut</b>	<b>Regis College</b>
<b>Curry College</b>	<b>University of Rhode Island</b>
<b>Dean College</b>	<b>Roger Williams University</b>
<b>Elon University</b>	<b>Saint Anselm's College</b>
<b>Emmanuel College</b>	<b>Saint Micheal's College</b>
<b>Endicott College</b>	<b>Saint Peter's University</b>
<b>Fitchburg State</b>	<b>Salem State University</b>
<b>Florida Memorial University</b>	<b>Salve Regina University</b>
<b>Fordham University</b>	<b>Spelman College</b>
<b>Framingham State University</b>	<b>Smith College</b>
<b>Hampshire College</b>	<b>University of Southern Texas</b>
<b>Hampton University</b>	<b>Saint Joseph's College</b>
<b>University of Hartford</b>	<b>Stonehill College</b>
<b>Harvard University</b>	<b>Suffolk University</b>
<b>Hofstra University</b>	<b>Temple University</b>
<b>Iona College</b>	<b>United States Air Force</b>
<b>Johnson and Wales University</b>	<b>University of Tampa</b>
<b>Louisiana State University</b>	<b>University of Lynchburg</b>
<b>Loyola University - New Orleans</b>	<b>University of Virginia</b>
<b>Mass College of Liberal Arts</b>	<b>Westfield State University</b>



**SSCPS is committed to diversity and inclusion!**

For the month of May, the Cultural Diversity Subcommittee at SSCPS will roll out a series of activities and events to **celebrate, honor and appreciate** diversity within our school community. The activities and events have been divided into four parts as follows.

Week ONE - [Celebrating Diversity in Religion and Cinco de Mayo](#)

Week TWO - Celebrating Diversity in Dress

Week THREE - Celebrating Diversity in Arts and Music

Week FOUR - Celebrating Diversity in Food

Sincerely,

Marco for the Cultural Diversity Subcommittee at SSCPS

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

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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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

## Travel Advisory

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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

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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.

## WiFi Assistance

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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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## FROM THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

### PA Nominations for 2021-2022

#### Self-nominating closes this Friday (5/7)

It's that time of year! While every parent is automatically a member of the Parents Association (PA), we have a few positions that require a vote! We are opening up nominations for the 2021-2022 school year and invite you to consider YOURSELF!

Are you interested in being more involved? Care to hang out with a group of SSCPS parents and guardians once a month to make our school better? Want to be part of keeping families and school connected?

Well....joining PA might be for you! We're an integral part of engaging families to support our school.

#### All positions are up for nomination!

We're kicking off the election process by inviting you to self-nominate for a position. Nominations will be accepted until 5/7/21. Please consider nominating yourself.

Once nominations have been collected, we will send another email with a survey link for you to vote for all of your PA officers, committee chairs and level/grade representatives.

We plan to close the voting by 5/21/21 and announce in the 5/26/21 weekly

**If you are interested in running for a position, we invite you to self-nominate here:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PANominations2021-2022>

Thank you for your continued support of our children and their school.  
Questions can be sent to [sscpspaelection@gmail.com](mailto:sscpspaelection@gmail.com), or you can contact any member of the PA.

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**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**

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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

Friday	05/07	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Mon-Friday	05/10-05/14	K-12 All In-Person Learning	
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 <a href="#">Zoom</a>	4:15pm
Friday	05/14	AP Biology	8:00pm
Friday	05/14	Professional Development 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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