



Weekly Update | November 18, 2020

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A Message from Angie ...

We are so pleased to have our Group A, B, and C learners back in our hybrid model. Both last week's group and this week's group have returned to our buildings with smiles, eager to see their friends and their teachers. The transition back was incredibly smooth, a testament to the hard work of our faculty and the resilience of our students. While our teachers have taken time to review our safety practices as they helped students adjust back into the school routine, for our students the hygiene and mask wearing protocols have become second nature. Our entire school community is doing a really terrific job.

Last Friday marked the close of the first quarter for our students in grades 5-12 with report card distribution scheduled for this Friday. This year we will again be distributing report cards digitally for students on Level III, Level IV, and in the High School. You can expect an email with your child's report card at the close of the week. More detailed information about your child's progress can be found on [PlusPortals](#).

As is described in our [Reopening Plan](#), grades for this year will follow the same Grading and Honor Roll policies that are outlined in the [Student and Family Handbook](#). The [Department of Elementary and Secondary Education](#) has made it clear that this year's grades count, no matter what learning model a school is following. This is a marked change from the spring when teachers provided grades based on an alternative scale that primarily considered attendance, work completion, and effort. This change is especially important at the high school level as grades from this year will appear on student transcripts and will be sent to colleges. If your child is struggling academically, now is the time to work with teachers to plan for a strong second quarter. It is still early in the school year.



For our K-4 students who follow a trimester schedule the new quarter means a change in specialist schedules. This school year students are participating in Art, Music, Physical Education, Health, and Spanish on a quarterly schedule. Rather than have all five subjects over the course of the week, students have these classes daily for one quarter at a time. The block scheduling allows us to minimize the number of contacts students and teachers have within the building. It has the added benefit of allowing our specialist teachers the time to develop close relationships with their students.

The majority of our specialists are teaching outdoors, even as the weather gets colder. We will also continue to take students outside for recess and mask breaks in the cold and in the drizzle. At 100 the windows will remain open all year and at 700 students are eating lunch outside in the tent. Please be sure that your child dresses appropriately for the weather. I understand that this can be a struggle.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Sincerely,
Angie Pepin
Principal, K-12

Thanksgiving and Holiday Advisory

As Thanksgiving and the holiday season approach, 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 Order](#). The South Shore Charter Public School has enacted a strict travel protocol which requires that all students who return from traveling to high risk states or countries, or students who have been on a plane, must quarantine for fourteen (14) days. Students are expected to learn remotely during the 14-day quarantine period.

Our school policy regarding voluntary travel is stricter than the Massachusetts Travel Order. There is no exemption from quarantine if your child tests negative **prior** to returning to Massachusetts. Because of the nature of COVID-19 transmission, and the chance of exposure within the 72-hour period prior to returning to Massachusetts, the school does not consider the

described testing measure to be adequately preventative. A 14-day quarantine is required by our school's [Health Office](#).

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

IMPORTANT

Weekly COVID-19 Health Report

Released on Thursday

The [Massachusetts Department of Public Health Weekly COVID-19 Report](#), including the city/town data and map, will be posted on Thursday evening. The next report is scheduled for tomorrow, November 19, 2020.

The weekly report provides the count and rate of confirmed COVID-19 cases and tests, including the daily incidence rate in Massachusetts cities and towns over the last two weeks. We use this data as one way to determine if our school needs to transition learning models. If over 25 percent of our student population municipalities turn red for **three consecutive weeks**, the school will transition to or sustain full remote learning.

Our sending district student populations are as follows:

Weymouth 26%
Randolph 21%
Brockton 11%
Rockland 9%
Hanover 3%

These calculations mean the following:

Weymouth **red** = Full Remote Learning
Randolph + Rockland **red** = Full Remote Learning
Brockton + Randolph **red** = Full Remote Learning

District student percentage must add up to 25% or more to activate the transition to full remote learning. Last week one of our sending districts was deemed red by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

The school has transitioned back to hybrid and in-person learning. We will be sending email notification to all families Thursday afternoon or evening with updates regarding the current COVID-19 district metrics. Please be sure your contact information has been updated with the school by completing your emergency contact information.

Thank you for your ongoing patience and support.

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 Health Office

If your child has received the flu vaccine or other vaccines, please send a copy to the appropriate health office. Governor Baker has issued a flu shot mandate for all Massachusetts schoolchildren. Forms can be mailed, faxed or emailed to the appropriate nurse.

High school: sdupras@sscps.org or bfolan@sscps.org
K-8 school: dedwards@sscps.org or jkelgaard@sscps.org
Fax # 781-982-4201

SSCPS now has an email for use when your child will be absent. This email address should be used for both In-Person and Remote students. The email is sent to the Health Office as well as both Front Desks.

Email: Attendance@sscps.org

Please include the following information:

- Your student's name and grade
- Reason for Absence
- Contact phone number

If the absence is due to illness the nurse will call you back and ask you questions about symptoms.

COVID-19 Check

Please remember to check your child for COVID-19 symptoms including temperature before arriving at school or getting on the bus. If your child is absent with symptoms or has been tested, even if negative you must **notify the health office** before your child returns to school. Please use the **attendance email** that is found on the SSCPS website to report a student absence even if your child is not ill but will be working remotely that day. If it is not reported you will receive a phone call from the school regarding the your child's absence.

Thank you,

Susan Dupras, RN x182

Darcie Edwards, RN x104

Barbara Folan, RN x104

Jaime Kjelgaard, RN x104

Visit the school's [Health Office](#) page for additional information.

From the SSCPS Board of Trustees

Call for Applications or Nominations to Serve on the Board of Trustees

This June the terms of several members of the Board of Trustees will end. The Governance Sub-committee anticipates that there will be several openings for the three-year terms that will begin on July 1, 2021.

The Board is the governing body for SSCPS: it sets policy, creates committees, and acts as fiduciaries. As the governing body of the school, trustees play an important role in advancing the school and helping its administrators and teachers achieve the goals for our students.

Why apply (or nominate someone) to serve on the Board and what are the Board's needs and expectations? We are looking for candidates who

- are collaborative, active listeners, and problem-solvers
- are willing to contribute their time and share their expertise to help SSCPS achieve its academic, social, and emotional goals for all students and to secure adequate funding to accomplish them
- will work with other members of the BOT and the school to foster stronger ties with parents, businesses, non-profit foundations, and sending communities

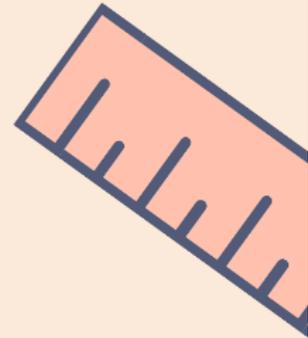
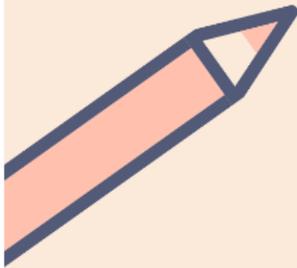
How do I apply (or nominate someone)?

Application materials are available at www.sscps.org

Questions regarding application materials

Please contact Prue Goodale, Chair of the Governance Sub-committee at pgoodale@board.sscps.org if you have questions or need additional information

Submit materials by email to pgoodale@board.sscps.org



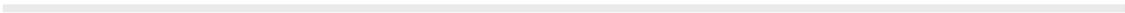
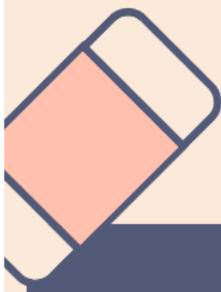
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ZOOM TUTORING

Need extra help with your classes this year?

EMAIL HONORA_SULLIVAN@STUDENT.SSCPS.ORG

all grades, K-12



South Shore Charter Educational Foundation Raffle Calendar from 11/16-12/15
 Raffle ticket fee 1 for \$10
 3 for \$25
 7 for \$50
 We appreciate your support!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	16 Fruit Center \$50 Gift Card	17 Boston Bowl Party for 12 \$300	18 Buffalo Wild Wings Bucket with Gift Card	19 Weymouth Club One Month Family Membership & One Hour Massage	20 2 One-Day Passes to the Cape Coddier Water Park and Tree Top Adventures Pass	21 Johnny Cupcakes Swag \$250 Value
22 The Cheesecake Factory \$100 Gift Card	23 Local Pottery handcrafted bowl with \$50 Gift Card	24 Dave and Busters \$25 Gift Card and Target \$25 Gift Card	25 Edaville Family Park Basket \$220 Value	26 South Coastal Animal Hospital \$100 Gift Card	27 5 South Main Street \$50 Gift Card	28 Two Night Cape Cod Getaway \$350
29 The Scarlet Oak \$50 Gift Card	30 Anne Balducci Cosmetics \$200 Gift Card	1 Apple Air Pods	2 Marathon Sports \$75 Gift Card	3 Starland Two Day Passes and Four Day Passes to Central Rock Gym	4 One pair of Oofos Sandals or Clogs \$79 Value	5 Nora Vasconcellos Autographed Skateboard with \$50 Gift Card to Technical Skate
6 The Juice Station \$50 Gift Card and One Hour Massage	7 Jersey Mike's Catering Box \$70 Value	8 Cardinal Cushing Pool Party \$250 Value	9 The Toy Box Basket of fun along with a \$50 Gift Card	10 The Company Theater \$75 Gift Card	11 The Black Tie \$50 Gift Card	12 Kings Bowling Party for 6 Adults \$250
13 Gourmet Garden \$60 Gift Card	14 Daddy's Beach Club Restaurant \$25 Gift Card and The Fresh Feast \$25 Gift Card	15 YMCA 3-Month Family Membership \$519	Please support and thank the local businesses that have generously donated over \$5000 worth of items to our school. Thank you for your generosity!			
Winners will be announced daily on our Facebook page and will be contacted Via email or cell. We will be shipping items to our winners. The more you buy the better your chances of winning multiple times!						
Inspiring every student to excel in academics, service, and life.						

NOV-DEC 2020

From the South Shore Charter Educational Foundation

We are excited to announce our [30 Day Fundraising Calendar](#) to raise funds to help our school community and we hope you will participate.

Our calendar is packed with over \$5000 worth of wonderful items donated by local businesses. Unlike other 30 day calendars, ours crosses over two months, running from November 16- December 15th, the perfect way to start your holiday shopping!

You could be the winner of Apple Airpods, or a two night getaway on Cape Cod. You can also win more than once, so please take a look, buy tickets, and share with your friends and family. The event is virtual so anyone can support our community. If you'd like, you can make a donation to the school on the site as well.

In the spirit of social distancing, items will be shipped to our winners.

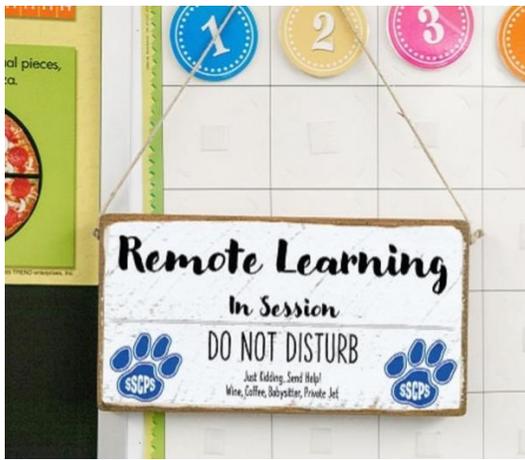
As always, thank you for your continued support. Here is the [link](#) to the site. Good luck!

Updates from the Parents Association!

School Spirit Sign are in and available to order! SSCPS Magnets and Stickers also available for purchase. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

[Purchase your School Spirit Signs HERE!](#)

Shout out to Jen Bryne for bringing forward this idea to raise money for our school community!



Join the Parents Association meeting tonight **Wednesday, November 18 at 6:30pm.**

Click here for the [meeting agenda](#).

Mon-Thurs	11/16-11/19	Team A In-Person; Team B Remote	
Weds	11/18	Parents Association Meeting via Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84475597027?pwd=b0V1cjY2Rk1STjV3QlY3alprR3VFZz09 Meeting ID: 844 7559 7027 Passcode: 054126	6:30pm
Thurs	11/19	Junior Class Parent Night via Zoom Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85923069310?pwd=ODFiS0dobGpaRis5S3BDL0pKaHpFdz09	6:30pm
Fri	11/20	Remote Learning for All Students	8:15a-12:05p
Mon-Tues	11/23-11/24	Team B In Person; Team A Remote	
Weds	11/25	Remote Learning for All Students	8:15a-12:05p
Thurs & Fri	11/26-11/27	Thanksgiving Break – No School	

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](#)

[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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