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## Weekly Update | November 4, 2020

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*SSCPS Students at Holly Hill Farm*

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### **A Message from Alicia...**

November has brought with it colder weather, the end of an election season, and in three weeks, Thanksgiving. Although these past months have been long ones, we have much to be grateful for here at SSCPS.

Thank you for all of your kind words and support. There is no doubt, our teachers

have never worked harder. As we navigate each new challenge, we are sustained by the work our families have been doing right along at home with us. Each day requires herculean effort from our students, families, and teachers. These are not ideal circumstances; we understand that remote learning is far from optimal. Although we anticipate the day when this pandemic lifts, it has become increasingly apparent that the end is farther away than we ever understood just a few short months ago. Yet these days serve as a reminder that we have to keep learning and teaching through it all. Our children are worth it.

As the pandemic wears on, it is important to assess each step we take along the way. Last Wednesday evening, members of the Parents Association expressed some very real concerns about ongoing remote learning and the impact it is having on children and families. We hear these concerns and will continue to review the health and safety guidelines put forward by the Massachusetts Department of Health. Parameters surrounding the metric will be reviewed once again at the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday evening, November 12, at 7:30pm. All SSCPS Board of Trustees meetings are open meetings and community attendance is welcome.

Another way we encourage your participation is by completing the SSCPS/Parents Association Remote Learning Survey. If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes to lend us your perspective on the current remote learning plan we deployed on October 9, 2020. We will use the data gleaned from this survey as one point of reference to guide remote teaching and learning as well as our learning plan decision making process. The link to the survey may be found below. Please do not hesitate to email me directly with any questions you may have.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,  
Alicia Savage  
Executive Director

[Remote Learning Survey](#)

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**Final Picture Day**  
**Friday, November 13, 2020**  
**By Appointment Only**

For all Group D Students and any Team A, B, or C Students  
who missed picture day or would like a retake

Photographers will be available for 8:30am – 12:00pm  
at both 100 Longwater Circle and 700 Longwater Drive

Schedule your child's photo session using Signup Genius.

[Here is the link!](#)

All appointments must be made no later than  
**3:00pm on Tuesday, November 10, 2020**

If you have any questions, please contact Dee Delaney  
at [ddelaney@sscps.org](mailto:ddelaney@sscps.org), or 781-982-4202, ext. 159.

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# IMPORTANT

## Weekly COVID-19 Health Report

### Released on Thursday

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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 tomorrow, November 5, 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, the school will transition to or sustain full remote learning. If 25 percent or fewer of our student municipalities are red, the school will resume hybrid learning. Because many of our sending districts have become red, we remain in the Remote Learning Model.

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 twelve of our sending districts were deemed red by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

The school will transition back to hybrid and in-person learning once the COVID-19 testing positivity rate goes down and the sending district(s) is/are coded yellow, green, or grey the Monday following release of the calculations.

This week's report is scheduled to be released by tomorrow evening at 5:00. We will be sending email notification to all families tomorrow 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

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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**

**NHS**

# **ZOOM TUTORING**

Need extra help with your classes this year?

**EMAIL [HONORA\\_SULLIVAN@STUDENT.SSCPS.ORG](mailto:HONORA_SULLIVAN@STUDENT.SSCPS.ORG)**

all grades, K-12

## 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!

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## From the Health Office

### REMINDER TO ALL 7th GRADE FAMILIES:

All students in grade 7 must submit an current physical including immunizations.

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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](mailto: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.

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**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 R.N. x182

Darcie Edwards R.N. x104

Barbara Folan R.N. x104

<b>Mon-Fri</b>	<b>11/02-11/06</b>	<b>Full Remote Learning</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11/04</b>	<b>Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom</b>	<b>8:00am</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11/11</b>	<b>Veteran's Day - No classes</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11/12</b>	<b>Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11/13</b>	<b>Picture Day for Group D, Retakes, &amp; Make-ups by Appointment</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11/13</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Ends for grades 5-8</b>	

### ***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 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](mailto:palgera@sscps.org) to submit SSCPS items for publication.



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