

Weekly Update | October 28, 2020

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Level III students continue the tradition of carving pumpkins for the New England Wildlife Center's Night of a Thousand Faces.

A Message from Kristine and Charlene, SSCPS Food Services...

We are excited to announce that the USDA has extended FREE meals for all children through June 30, 2021 and that SSCPS has applied to offer FREE meals for our students through the end of this academic year. SSCPS students can access breakfast and lunch at NO CHARGE starting November 2, 2020. We encourage families to take advantage of this new opportunity that will enable us to provide nutritious meals to all SSCPS remote and in-person learners. Since the window to order online for next week has ended, if you wish to order Grab and Go meals for your student, please contact Charlene via email csalamone@sscps.org. We will do our best to accommodate you.

All students that would like a FREE "Grab and Go" breakfast and lunch, must order meals through our <u>on-line ordering system</u> in order to receive FREE meals. If you already pre-paid and ordered meals for November, you will receive a refund over the next week. Menus and instructions on how to order meals are posted <u>here</u> on our Food Services website page.

Since we are full remote, "Grab and Go" meals are offered for families to pick up on Monday and Wednesdays from 11:00am-1:00pm unless there is a holiday where meals are distributed on Tuesdays and Thursdays instead. On Mondays, you will pick up 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches per student. On Wednesdays, you will pick up 3 breakfasts and 3 lunches per student. Our students that are receiving support services on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays, can order meals too and these will be provided each day they receive support services. Pickup will always be at our K-8 building located at 100 Longwater Circle.

There are other Free Meal sites for families to access throughout MA. Here is a link provided by Project Bread that shows you where you can <u>find free meals for kids</u>, please note this information is continuously updated.

Additional Resources:

<u>Project Bread</u> Food Source Hotline 1-800-645-8333 <u>SNAP-Commonwealth of MA Department of Transitional Assistance</u> <u>Pandemic-EBT 1-877-382-2363</u>

If you have questions, concerns or need assistance in accessing meals for your children, please call Charlene Salamone, Food Services Coordinator at 781-982-4202x156 or email csalamone@sscps.org.

Stay healthy and well! Kristine Bingham & Charlene Salamone

> Parents Association Meeting TONIGHT Wednesday, October 28, 2020 6:00pm

Click here for meeting agenda.

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85940561041?
pwd=Y3RUYmNhd3dJU0tCNGRZWndtY0RsUT09

Meeting ID: 859 4056 1041 Passcode:311015

IMPORTANT

Weekly COVID-19 Health Report Released on Thursday

The Weekly Public Health Report, including the city/town data and map, will be posted on Thursday afternoon. The next report is tomorrow, October 29, 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.

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 afternoon at 4:00. 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

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.

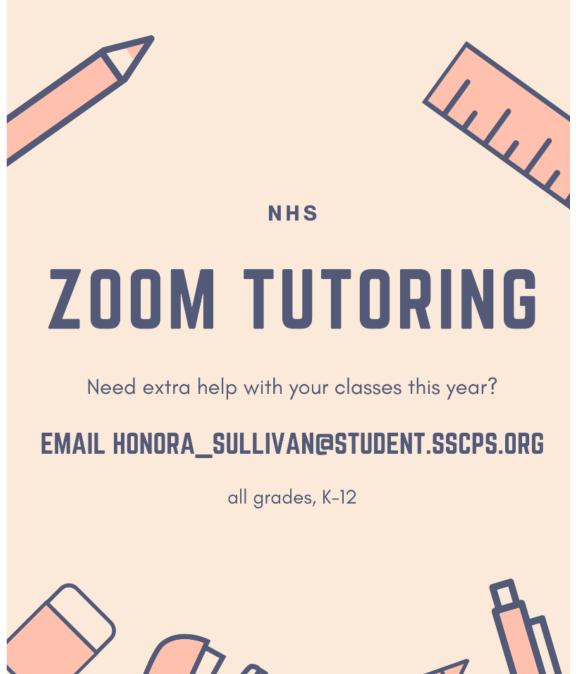
WiFi Assistance

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

REMINDER TO ALL 7th GRADE FAMILIES:

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

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: <u>Attendance@sscps.org</u>

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 R.N. x182 Darcie Edwards R.N. x104 Barbara Folan R.N. x104

Mon-Fri	10/26-10/30	Full Remote Learning	
Wednesday	10/28	Parents Association Meeting via Zoom	6:00pm
		Join Zoom Meeting	
		https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85940561041?	
		p <u>wd=Y3RUYmNhd3dJU0tCNGRZWndtY0RsUT09</u>	
		Meeting ID: 859 4056 1041	
		Passcode:311015	
Wednesday	11/04	Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom	8:00am

Important Links

Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website www.sscps.org every Wednesday.

- Food Service
- Health Office
- <u>Massachusetts Department of Transitional</u>
 <u>Assistance</u>
- Visit our new online option to <u>purchase</u> SSCPS apparel

School Documents

2020-21 School Calendar

<u>Student and Family</u> <u>Handbook</u>

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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