



## Weekly Update | September 16, 2020

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### A Message from Alicia



The Arts at SSCPS send virtual and physical greetings with a field of pinwheels fashioned by K-8 students.

We are now one full week into learning at the South Shore Charter Public School. Whether your child is in-person, hybrid, or full remote, there is one thing that is certain; this year looks different. When in-person, students are working hard to adjust to the distancing and hygiene protocols that are necessary. When learning remotely, students are adjusting to Google Classroom, Google Meet, and logging in and staying connected to their teacher and classmates.

Little of this is the way it should be. Our new learning landscape feels far from normal. Yet our children and teachers are working hard to make a difficult situation work. Your support and kind words have been taken to heart and are much

appreciated. Although our learning curve is great, we continue to move forward the best way we know how. I know for myself, I am grateful for each student that logs in or walks through our door. In spite of everything, there's something about September that exudes hope.

One of the scenarios we have been asked to plan for is a transition to full remote learning. The state has given us some guidelines regarding COVID-19 test positivity rates in our sending districts. Every Wednesday afternoon, the state releases a [Weekly COVID-19 Public Health Report](#). This 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 will use this data as one way to determine if our school needs to transition to full remote learning.

Key Municipalities: If over 25 percent of our student population municipalities turn red, the school will transition to full remote learning on the Thursday following the Wednesday announcement. 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 in the yellow, green, or grey the Monday following the release of the calculations.

Our sending district student populations are as follows:

Weymouth 26%

Randolph 20%

Brockton 11%

Rockland 10%

Hanover 3%

This means that if Weymouth were to turn red, we would transition to full remote learning. If other districts totalling 25% or more went red, we would transition to full remote learning. Possible combinations could be Randolph and Rockland, Brockton and Randolph, or any combination of sending districts that add up to 25% or more of our student population. Any one of those districts, Randolph, Brockton, Rockland, Hanover, or others, if alone in turning red, would not cause our school to transition to full remote learning. The districts have to add up to 25% or more to activate the transition.

Once the sending district(s) are no longer red, the school will transition back to hybrid and in-person learning. Transitioning from red occurs once the COVID-19 testing positivity rate goes down and the sending district is in the yellow, green, or grey. When this happens, our school will resume hybrid instruction on the Monday following the release of the most recent calculations.

Should we need to make the transition to full remote learning, we will notify families through our telephone and email emergency notification system. Please be sure your contact information is updated with the correct phone numbers and email addresses. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have.

Thank you for being part of the SSCPS community.

Sincerely,  
Alicia Savage  
Executive Director

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## IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR HIGH SCHOOL FAMILIES

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FULL REMOTE LEARNING FOR ALL STUDENTS GRADES 9-11 ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 DUE TO THE SAT.

There is a Senior Parent Zoom Meeting Night tonight at 6:00 pm to go over Graduation Standards and Exit Standards as well as the college process.

Following the presentation, there will be a webinar sponsored by the [College Guidance Network](#) on *College Admissions in the Times of COVID*. The College Guidance Network is a Cambridge based organization that consists of various professionals in higher education that are developing programs to support guidance counselors during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Next week, there will be an SAT Exam on Wednesday Sept 23rd for all Seniors. The Guidance Department is currently working in having a Google Classroom for each grade level. The goal is to have the Google Classrooms ready by the end of the week for Seniors and for grades 9-11, by the end of the month.

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## SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

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Our first picture day is tomorrow! Like many things, picture day will look different this year. We will be taking pictures by Team so that we are able to maintain social distancing.

- **Team B and Team C will have pictures taken this Thursday, September 17th.**
- **Team A will have pictures taken on Thursday, September 24th.**
- **Team D (full remote students) will have pictures taken on November 13th. More information will be provided as the date draws closer.**

Please note, we will not be taking any group photos this year.

We strongly encourage all families to order photos through the links below to avoid manual contact with order forms. If you need a manual form, please let your child's teacher know.

**Order K-8 Pictures Here**

**Order High School Pictures Here**

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## From the Health Office

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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Mon-Fri	09/14-09/18	Team B - In-Person; Team A - Remote Learning	
Wednesday	09/16	Senior Parent Night via Zoom Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84021576836?pwd=QmUrYml3a2xiVHY5WERSWFFqa2NyQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84021576836?pwd=QmUrYml3a2xiVHY5WERSWFFqa2NyQT09</a> Meeting ID: 840 2157 6836 Passcode: 970287	6:00pm
Thursday	09/17	Picture Day for Team B and Team C	
Mon-Fri	09/21-09/25	Team A - In-Person; Team B - Remote Learning	
Wednesday	09/23	SAT Administration for Grade 12 Remote Learning for all Students in Grades 9, 10, and 11	
Thursday	09/24	Picture Day for Team A	

## 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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