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A Message from the High School Learning Services Team

Meet the Team!

Over the past year, our team has grown and changed. Some of our Learning Service Teachers have been here for a long time but others have just arrived and most recently one has started to help down at 100 Longwater. This team has a broad range of personalities, teaching styles, and content expertise that helps in meeting the diverse needs of our students. I thought this was a great opportunity to make sure you get to know all of the high school learning services teachers. To us, we are like a little family, supporting each other and supporting all of our students.

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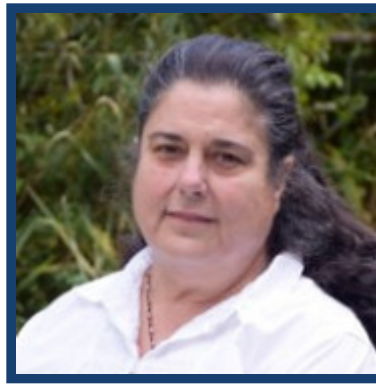
Michelle Gallagher



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This is the start of my 15th year at SSCPS. Before my time at SSCPS, I worked at the New England Center for Autism (now called The New England Center for

Children), CHARMS Collaborative, and Rockland High School. I also developed and ran a small business teaching yoga to people with disabilities. When I came to SSCSP, I originally worked with grades K, 1 & 2 before I was invited to work at the high school. The way it has worked out has been wonderful as I have been able to know many students for their entire K-12 school career! (Yes, I feel old!). I am a mother to two amazing children. My son, my oldest, is away at college and now 21 years old. With the birth of my daughter, a senior in high school, I became a special education parent. With my daughter as my muse, I have broadened my education in the areas of Assistive Technology and Transition Planning. Last year, I obtained my administrator license. I am now the High School Learning Services Coordinator and I am working with more of our amazing families than ever before. I love SSCPS and feel blessed to be part of such a fantastic community!



Claudia Darrow

Before I was a teacher I worked in the trades, in used furniture and antiques, in alternative health, and in veterinary medicine. I've been at SSCPS since the week it opened, first as a volunteer, then a full-time substitute, and after that, a co-teacher developing the art side of social studies and projects. I received my BA through classes taken in Mexico, California, and in Harvard square. I earned my master's after we moved from Hull to Norwell. A few years before we moved to the new building at 700, I moved to the high school as a Special Education teacher. The school has changed over 25 years. We have become larger, more diverse, and with a lot more workshop choices. Every time I have moved from one level to the next (K-12), that becomes my favorite age. Now high schoolers are my favorite. Our department has the best leadership it has ever had and our small group is as close-knit as it's ever been. We are all accessible to parents and students alike. SSCPS was started by a group of Hull parents. We continue to consider our parents an important asset to our community.



Marie Hanlon

I am in my 16th year here at SSCPS and my 8th year as part of the Learning Services Team. I previously worked in Level I with the younger students (grades K-2), and came to the high school with Michelle six years ago. I have been a 1:1 paraprofessional with three different students over the course of my time here. I have an incredible son, and I love to cook on the weekends. My outdoor activities mainly revolve around water sports. I enjoy working with Michelle, our team, and our amazing students.



Paul Santucci

I have been a part of the Learning Services team for 7 years now. I have taught at vocational schools, private schools, and traditional public schools. I started out to be an English teacher but was drawn to special education because I felt it was an area where I could make the greatest impact. Within a few years of starting teaching, I had obtained licensure to teach students with moderate disabilities 5-9. I have the best of both worlds here at SSCPS because I get to teach English to students who are on individual education plans. I obtained my master's degree in special education a few years ago and feel as though I have found a home at this school. The Learning Services team works so well together, that I can't imagine teaching anywhere else.



James Chapman

I have been a part of the Learning Services team since October 2017. Although I have been at SSCPS for a short time, my work in education has been much longer, stemming back to my days in high school. It began with tutoring peers and younger students, especially those identified with learning disabilities or significant difficulty in specific content areas. While obtaining my BA from the University of Connecticut, I worked with Big Brothers Big Sisters and shadowed teachers at my former high school during breaks. Late in 2011, I moved to Massachusetts to work at the Guild for Human Services, a non-profit, special education school for students with severe learning disabilities. While working for the Guild, I began work in obtaining my Master's in Special Education, Severe Disabilities. After some time, I felt a need to transition into a public schooling environment. SSCPS offered me that opportunity and I have enjoyed every minute. The Learning Services team is an incredibly talented group of educators with decades of experience, and it has been my honor to be a member of this team.



Kate Trowbridge

This is my fourth year here at SSCPS and my fifteenth year in education. Before coming to SSCPS, I was the head of Special Education at a Charter School in Connecticut. I hold a Bachelor's Degree from Curry College and a Master's Degree from Bridgeport College. Outside of school, I am a mother of two children, one of which attends first grade at SSCPS! I have enjoyed my time here at SSCPS.



Pete Luizzi

This is my third year at SSCPS and my 13th year in Special Education. Before SSCPS, I worked in both a residential group home setting servicing the severe special needs population, as well as, working within the traditional special education classrooms at the public school level. I hold a Bachelor's degree in Business Management and a Master's Degree in Special Education. Previous to my educational background I was part of the medical field working as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). I started my career in Brockton, working on the city 9-1-1 response ambulance, and ended my career in the sky, where I worked for Boston Medflight as a Flight EMT. Currently, I teach a Topics Geometry, Directed Study, and a Personal Fitness Workshop Class. I am a father of two crazy daughters and a wonderful wife who constantly keeps me on my toes!



Kayla Doyle

This is my third year working at SSCPS and my first at the high school. I previously worked on Level III with fifth and sixth graders. I am a Registered Behavior Technician and have been working 1:1 with a high school student. Outside of working at SSCPS, I am also an ABA Therapist, working in-home with autistic children, ranging in age from six to twelve. On the weekends, I work as a bridal hairstylist both freelancing and running my own small business. I have two beautiful daughters and one wild Boston Terrier who all keep me on my toes. Some of my other interests include traveling, spending

time with family and friends, and trying new restaurants and food! I have loved getting to know the Learning Services team up here at the high school and I have already learned so much from them.



Luke Heffernan

This is my 2nd year as a member of the High School Learning Services team, but my 1st as a Learning Services teacher. I spent last year as a 1:1 paraprofessional. I now teach two Directed Studies, along with a Vocation Skills class, and co-teach Environmental Science. I received my Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, albeit by mail (thanks COVID), in 2020 from Bridgewater State University and plan on obtaining my Master's Degree in Special Education from BSU as well. This is my first year of experiencing SSCPS when it is in full swing. I missed a lot last year, and am looking forward to seeing all that students have to offer. I currently run a Sports Statistics workshop and have enjoyed working with students across all academic levels.



Terence Broderick

This is my first year here at SSCPS and I'm really excited to be part of such a great Learning Services team! I currently teach Directed Study and Biology Topics. Also, I co-teach Environmental Science with Luke Heffernan. Before coming to SSCPS I was an ABA Registered Behavior Technician and before that, I was a job coach at a vocational day program. I still work as a Behavior Technician a few afternoons during the week, and the rest of my time is usually spent hanging out with friends and family. I received my Bachelor's Degree

from Iona College and my Master's Degree from American International College.



Adam Gillis

This is my first year here at SSCPS as a 1:1 aide/paraprofessional. I work at both the K-8 school and the high school. I work mainly with a 12th-grade student at the high school and a 4th-grade student at the K-8 school. Before starting at SSCPS last year, I was in the golf industry as a golf operations manager and assistant golf professional for the past 6 years. I was a peer tutor for special ed students in high school, and have always had a passion for helping children in need, which has led me to where I am today! I received an Associate's Degree from Dean College and a Bachelor's Degree from Bridgewater State University. Some of my interests are golfing, traveling, being outdoors, and spending time with my friends, family, and cat! I am very thankful I work with such an amazing crew at both schools. I was welcomed with open arms and have received so much support from everyone here at SSCPS.



IMPORTANT REMINDER

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FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH
EARLY DISMISSAL AT NOON
GOOD FRIDAY

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**National Honor Society
Sponsored Events**

SSCPS Blood Drive



Faculty vs Students Basketball Game





APRIL GIVING AT SSCPS

PROJECTS AND WORKSHOPS

During the month of April, the South Shore Charter Educational Fund will be raising funds to use toward the different Projects and Workshops held every year for students at SSCPS. Teachers throughout our school have taken on the responsibility of creating and overseeing different interactive Projects for our Level I-IV students, as well as developmental and educational Workshops for our high schoolers.

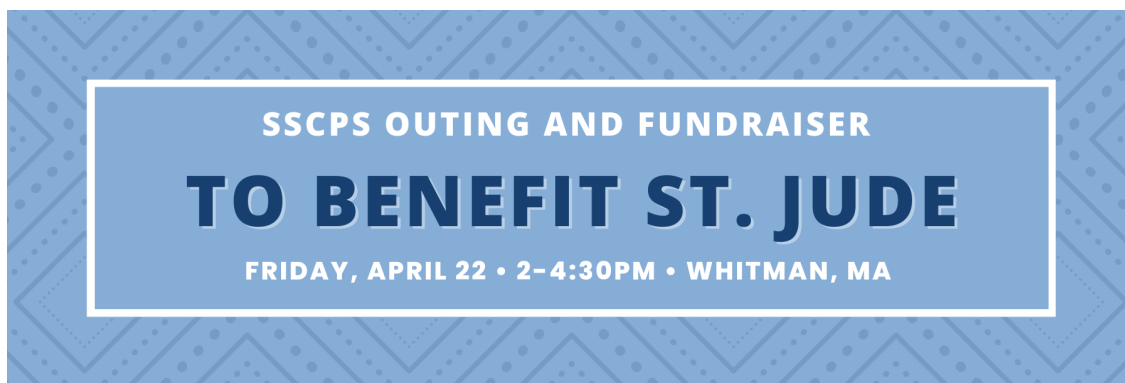
From its inception in 1995 to present day in 2022, SSCPS has been striving to provide students with engaging teachers and valuable opportunities in experiential learning—this has continued to be achieved through our project-based learning framework for all students at all levels. Our teachers design Projects and Workshops for our students based on their interests and passions, and incorporate both academic and entrepreneurial aspects into the work the students complete, ending each Project and Workshop with an EOM, or Exhibition of Mastery. These public presentations are performed by each and every student to exemplify their success in learning as well as their ability to teach classmates and peers about their research and work.



Through these Projects and Workshops, students of all ages are able to learn various skills in incredibly diverse areas. This year, our High School students were able to choose from 20+ Workshops centered on topics ranging from health and wellness, to racial justice, to statistics and Mock Trial. Our Level I-IV students have been participating in smaller-scale Projects throughout the year that include taking trips to farms, making slideshows, creating and putting on plays, and even learning how to code.

These Projects and Workshops are an integral part of the student learning experience at SSCPS. Extracurricular subjects and activities allow students to explore different interests, find new passions, and develop critical skills as they advance in their education year after year. We're able to offer these opportunities to our students because of the generous support we receive from our community. If you'd like to make a donation to help fund these Projects and Workshops, you can do so below!

DONATE NOW



The Level III Community Service Project would like to extend sincere gratitude to the SSCPS community for your incredible generosity throughout the year! Our next effort will be to benefit [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#) and will provide an opportunity for the Charter community to gather outside of school for some fun! On Friday, April 22, from 2-4:30, [Carousel Family Fun Center](#) in Whitman will be hosting our SSCPS Roller Skating Fundraiser!

Please keep an eye out for a yellow coupon that your child will be bringing home this week that can be used for a \$2 discount off admission Friday, April 22 from 2-4:30 ONLY. You must present the coupon at the door to receive the \$2 discount on admission and for the school to receive a \$2 donation. The center will be open to the public at the same time, so the more, the merrier! General admission is \$13/skater (no charge for those not skating), rentals are available for \$5. We hope to see you there for some fun and to benefit a worthy cause!

TAKE THE SURVEY

Traffic Reminders

We appreciate your efforts to be a good neighbor to our surrounding office buildings. We are asking that all cars waiting in line not use neighboring properties as places to park or drive through when dropping off or picking up your students. Please do not block our neighbors' driveways and entrances during drop off or pick up.

Please do not drop off or pick up students from 104 Longwater Drive. There is a daycare center in two sections and multiple rooms of the building in addition to two playgrounds adjacent to the parking lot, rendering this area unable to safely accommodate additional

traffic.

Today we received unconfirmed reports from our neighbors at 120 Longwater Drive that cars from our lines were pulling into their entrance and doing U-turns while not paying attention and using cell phones. If this is the case, we are asking those responsible to cease this practice. The driveway and parking lot at 120 Longwater Drive is not a public parking lot or road. Our neighbors at 120 Longwater Drive have raised concerns in the past and we do not want to give them any reason to report our families to the Norwell Police Department.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



Seniors: college is right around the corner, and that means it's time to start applying for scholarships! Click the link below to view the scholarships and resources available at our school's website:

- SSCPS scholarships, including the Jacquelyn Marie Brock Memorial Scholarship and the Karen Alice Yelin Scholarship
- Town scholarships
- General scholarships and resources for applying

SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sibshops Virtual Classes - 3/23-4/27

www.pcfamilysupport.org



What are Sibshops?

Sibshops are fun, action-packed workshops for children (age 7-13) who have a brother or sister with special needs to connect with others that get it.

You're invited to our Spring 2022

Sibshops!!

A program just for SIBS with special needs. It gives us great pleasure to share this amazing opportunity with you, to provide you an engaging, and fun way to meet new friends that may get things on a whole new level.

My name is Jennifer Roback, a certified Sibshop facilitator. I am a teacher, and mom to three beautiful children. I look forward to sharing this experience with you.

Virtual Classes!

We will be offering a FREE 6-week online series

Wednesday Evenings

5:30-6:30pm

3/23/22—4/27/22

*access link to be provided after signing up



To Register—

Name: _____

Age: _____

Parent/

Guardian: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Send to:

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From the Health Office

With the warmer weather, kids will be spending more time outside. Please remember to check your student daily for ticks. Some ticks can be very small. Please remember to apply sunscreen and bug spray before your student comes to school. Staff is not allowed to apply any sunscreen or bug spray to students. Don't forget to pack water bottles daily, hydration is very important.

<https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/index.html>

At-Home Rapid Antigen Testing (NEW opt-in form)

1. At-Home Rapid Antigen Testing on Sunday (NEW opt-in form)

2. **Routine COVID Safety Checks** every week *(If you have not yet signed up, [click here](#). If you are setting up a secondary account, please put the code: **KDHEHV** under the organization code.)*
3. **Symptomatic Testing** *(If you have not yet signed up, [click here](#))*

Overview: At-Home Rapid Testing Program

- **About the Test:** [iHealth](#) is a 15-minute at-home FDA-approved rapid antigen test
- **Opt-In:** To participate, you must opt in by completing the form. By opting in, you will agree to review the training materials for test administration, report positive test results to your student's school, and administer the tests according to SSCPS Health Office guidelines.
- **Weekly:** Every two weeks you will receive an iHealth at-home rapid test kit. Each kit contains two individual tests. Your student will administer one test each week on Sunday.
- **Reporting Positive Test Results:** If your student tests positive on an at-home antigen test, you will inform their school of the positive result using the [Positive Test Result Notification form]. The school will keep the results confidential and will not make individual results public. In addition, it is strongly recommended that you inform your healthcare professional of the positive result.
- **Easy, Free, and Flexible:** This test is administered at home (not at school), reducing the burden on school staff and time to administer tests and increasing a family's flexibility to do testing in the home for free.

How do I administer the test?

- [Click here](#) for a full “**how to**” written guide in various languages
- [Click here](#) for a **video** of an individual self-testing

How do I submit results?

- **Submit Results:** You must submit positive test results to your student's school. [Click here](#) to submit positive test results.
- **Confidentiality:** Positive test results are shared with your school district for informational purposes only. Individual results will remain confidential, and they will never be made public.

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Free COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic & Test Site

Beginning on Tuesday February 8, 2022, the Town of Marshfield is offering a COVID 19 vaccine and testing site at the Marshfield Fairgrounds 61 South River Street in Marshfield. The clinic is open for all Plymouth County residents on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 9am-3pm. Appointments can be made by logging onto www.marshfieldcares.com or the service is also available for walk-ins. The clinic has all 3 vaccines and boosters, if you have your vaccination card, please bring it with you. The vaccinations and test are done through a drive-thru operation that is free and convenient.

FY22 School Calendar Modifications

On December 9th, the SSCPS Board of Trustees voted to modify the FY22 School Calendar due to instructional days missed.

Changes are as follows:

On April 15th, there will be a half-day to make up for the snow day on January 7th. Religious exemptions will be granted.

There will be no school on June 20, the state holiday Juneteenth.

From the Yearbook Committee:

The 2022 yearbook is coming - now is your chance to order yours! Yearbooks are back to their normal pricing of \$40 each.

To order yours, head to the [Coffee Pond website](#) and enter the

password "bluejaguar".

Parents of seniors can have a personalized page in the yearbook as well.

SENIOR AD PRICING:

-full page: \$150

-half page: \$75

-1/4 page: \$50

Home Energy Assistance Programs

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) - Known commonly as Fuel Assistance, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program provides eligible households with help in paying a portion of winter heating bills.

Heating System Repair & Replacement Program (HEARTWAP) - The Heating System Repair and Replacement Program provides emergency heating system repair and replacement services to low-income households.

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) - Funded by the U.S. Department of Energy, the Low Income Weatherization Assistance Program provides eligible households with full-scale home energy conservation services.

For full details please review the link here:

<https://www.mass.gov/home-energy-assistance-programs>

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 click below for more information.

HOUSING HELP

Food Service - Breakfast and Lunch Program

April Breakfast and Lunch Order Forms are now available!

All students enrolled at SSCPS qualify for Free Breakfast and Lunch for the 2021-2022 academic year. Please click on this link - [FamilyID Online Registration](#) - and register for meals. If you have any questions, contact me at csalamone@sscps.org or at 781-982-4202 x156.

amazon



wishlist

help our teachers!

The Parents Association is working to ensure teachers can fill their classrooms with the items they need. To help support our teachers and their classrooms, please view the wishlists below.

Thank you!

VIEW WISHLISTS

This Week | Up and Coming

Thursday	04/14	Level III ELA MCAS	
Thursday	04/14	Level IV <i>Healthy You</i> to Foxborough	
Thursday	04/14	School Council via Zoom	4:30pm
Friday	04/15	Early Release – Dismissal at Noon	12:00pm
Mon-Fri	04/18-04/22	Spring Break – No School	
Monday	04/25	Classes Resume	
Tuesday	04/26	Level IV ELA MCAS	
Tuesday	04/26	Finance Committee Meeting at 700 Longwater Drive and via Zoom	6:30pm
Wednesday	04/27	Level IV ELA MCAS	
Weds-Fri	04/27-04/29	Senior Debates	
Wednesday	04/27	Parents Association Meeting at 100 Longwater Circle and via Zoom	6:30pm
Friday	05/20	Junior / Senior Prom at the Quincy Marriott Tickets sales start May 2 - \$60 per student See Mary Carter for more information	7:00-11:00pm

IMPORTANT LINKS

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

- [Back-to-School Information](#)
- [Food Service](#)
- [COVID-19 Protocols 2021-22](#)
- [Health Office](#)
- [Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance](#)
- **Visit the [Parents Association Website](#)**
- **Visit our new online option to [purchase SSCPS apparel!](#)**

School Documents:

[2021-22 School Calendar](#)

[Student and Family Handbook](#)

[Arrival and Dismissal Procedures](#)

[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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