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A Message from Alicia

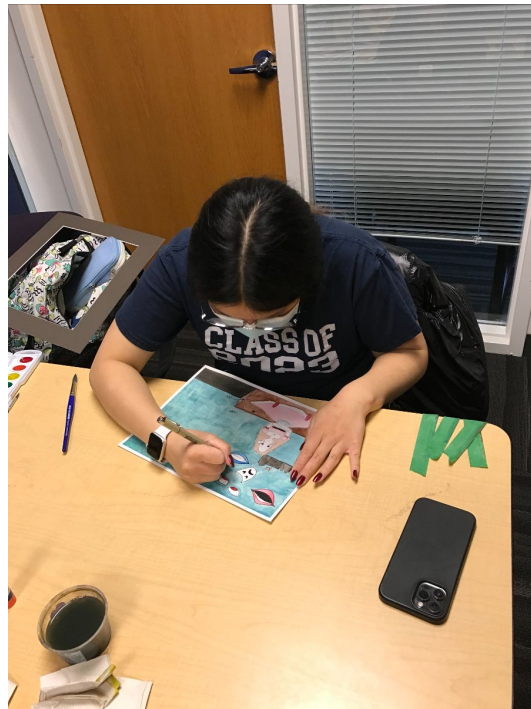
As days grow longer and the weather warmer, we look forward to April as a harbinger of good things to come. The cold and damp days of early spring will soon yield to warmer temperatures and our students are looking forward to taking full advantage of the weather by getting outside, playing with friends, and just enjoying being together. Today is the last day of the third quarter for students in grades 5-11. With much of the year behind us, our school community looks forward to finishing the year strong. We have come a long way this year, and there is much to celebrate in the weeks ahead.



Mindfulness Activities in the Better You, Better World Workshop

I would like to thank all families who completed the Annual Family Satisfaction Survey. We received 213 responses from 665 families; a solid response rate of thirty-two percent. The results of the survey have been tabulated and the data may be [found here](#) for your convenience. This survey data will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees at the May meeting on Thursday, May 12.

Survey results are helpful when we receive grant money and when funding opportunities arise. Family input alerts us to the changes necessary to improve classroom resources and support our project-based learning model. We will use all survey data to determine the direction of academic programming, athletics, extracurricular activities, and facilities as we plan for the upcoming school year as well as the years ahead. Throughout the years, one consistent comment is in regard to our school's facilities. We understand the need to improve and enlarge our buildings and campus at 100 and 700 Longwater, to create learning commons for library sciences, build more science and computer labs, improve eating and meeting areas for students, and build more space for the arts. Over the next year we will be directly addressing these issues. We also understand the importance of improved transportation and are working to address this concern as well.



The High School Art Workshop

We are looking forward to finishing this year strong and planning improvements for next year. In a short three-year period we have been able to improve and increase classroom space for the arts, build new computer labs, provide a one-to-one technology program for all students, build new offices, classrooms, and conference rooms. On our wish list are another gymnasium, athletic fields, increased classroom space and science labs, and more and improved outdoor space for all students K-12.

Lastly, I would like to thank all families who donated during the March giving campaign to benefit the SSCPS Athletic program. Athletics at SSCPS are an important component of campus life and thanks to the generosity of our families, the Foundation raised \$2,000 for our teams and programs next year.

Thank you for being a part of our school community.

Alicia Savage

Executive Director



Ramadan Mubarak to all families observing.
Ramadan began on Saturday, April 2, 2022, and will end on Sunday,
May 1, 2022, this year.

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.

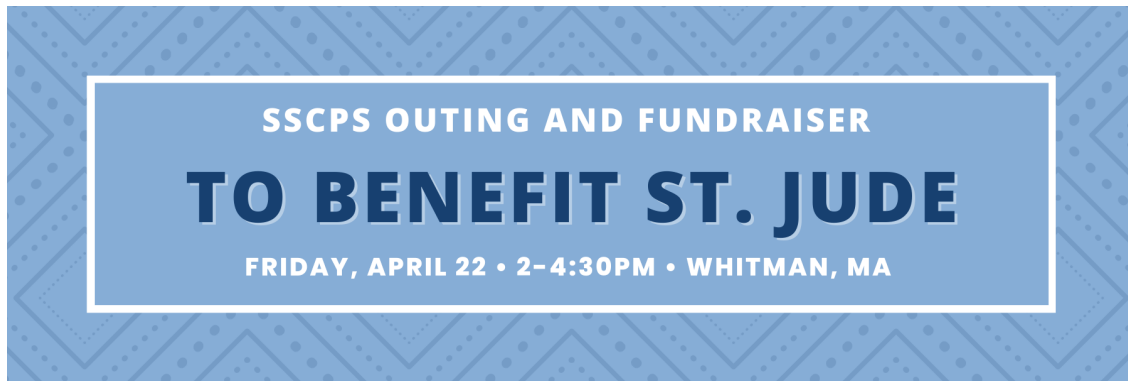


Through these Projects and Workshops, students of all ages are able to learn various skills in incredibly diverse areas. This year, our High School students were able to choose from 20+ Workshops centered on topics ranging from health and wellness, to racial justice, to statistics and Mock Trial. Our 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

Special thank you to the Parents Association for
the Espresso Dave visit last Friday!



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 7-14) 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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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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More from the Health Office

You can still sign up for the opt-in at home weekly COVID testing.

Please have your student drop off the signed paperwork to the health office. You only need to report a positive COVID test result.

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

Wednesday	04/06	3 rd Quarter Ends for Grades 5-12	
Wednesday	04/06	Level II ELA MCAS	
Wednesday	04/06	Blood Drive hosted by NHS at the SSCPS Gym, 104 Longwater Drive	1:00-6:00pm
Thursday	04/07	Level III ELA MCAS	
Mon-Tues	04/11 & 12	Seal of Biliteracy Testing for Seniors	
Wednesday	04/13	PSAT's Grades 8, 9, and 10 SAT's Grade 11	
Wednesday	04/13	Level II ELA MCAS	
Wednesday	04/13	Senior Field Trip to Hanover Bowl	
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	
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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