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## Weekly Update | December 1, 2021

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### A Message from Joe

This is the time of year when we get a chance to reflect on the past year and be grateful and give thanks. In the High School, one thing we are grateful for is the return of Workshop to our weekly routine. I would like to take the time to acknowledge our current workshops and the work they have been doing.

*The Fine Arts and Illustration Workshop* led by Dan Vasconcellos and Marianne Buckley-Curran offer students who are interested in pursuing a career in the arts a classically based curriculum with an emphasis on drawing, painting, 3D work and fashion. This year, students are maintaining the visual arts portion of the SSCPS Arts website.

*Better You Better World Workshop* led by Alicia Dupuis focuses on techniques to help establish a healthy life balance and practice different strategies to improve and maintain these areas of health. Through daily exercise goals including walking and cardio exercise videos, meditation practice, mindfulness techniques, nutritional discussions, journal reflections, and crafting projects, students try to create an environment where personal wellness is a priority.

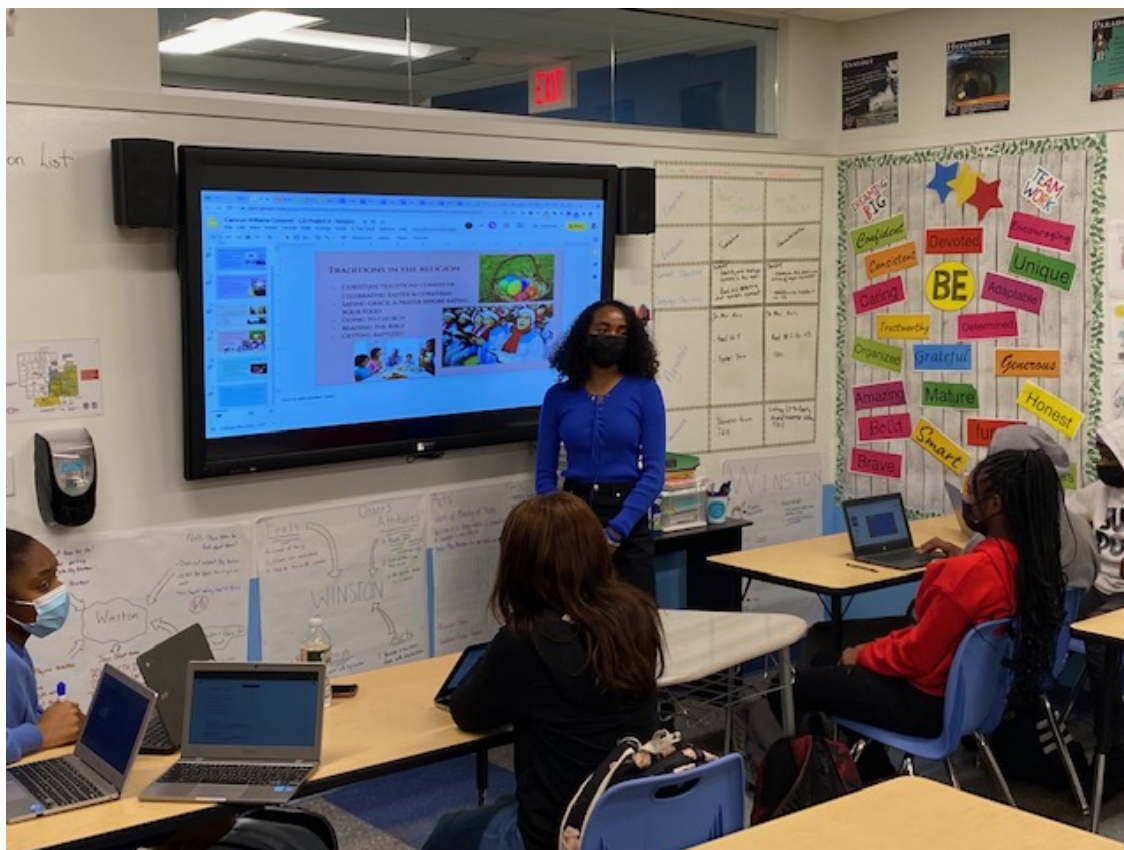


*Creative Writing* led by Sy DuFresne students explore the different pathways that can lead to publication, what good storytelling is, and explore the creative elements of writing. This workshop helps students along their own personal writing paths. Students engage with contemporary discussions such as self-publishing versus professional publication and then use what they discover to develop their own skills.

*Cultural Diversity* led by Nadeen Sullivan focuses on the cultural diversity that exists at SSCPS. Its primary goal is to have students bring their cultures into the classroom which they share with others. Students examine how culture shapes individuals and nations and exchange ideas on different aspects of culture like food, dance, music and clothing. In addition, students created an impactful bulletin board visible to all students and visitors which displays inspirational leaders.



*Engineering* led by Karl Dreyer builds and designs projects using scientific principles to solve everyday problems or to have fun. As of late, students have been designing paper airplanes for a "paper airplane golf" course around the school. Students follow the Brainstorm-Research-Prototype-Final Build method.



*Film* led by Katie Cianelli students develop skills in all aspects of the filmmaking process. Students have the opportunity to write, produce, direct, act, film, and edit all genres of film. Students have created silent films and horror films in small groups already and will be creating a film as a whole workshop.

*Go Green* led by Sarah Innocent are on a year-long quest to answer the question of, "How might we better take care of the planet?" Students research problems, brainstorm ideas, and build creative solutions to the question. Currently, *Go Green Workshop* is making holiday crafts out of recycled materials in order to share with others while spreading positivity.



*Graphic Design* led by Christine Bodnar students create artwork in the form of digital imagery. Students are expected to complete 4-5 pieces of computer generated artwork quarterly and are encouraged to submit to competitions such Scholastic Art and Writing. This workshop contributes to the development of the yearbook every year.

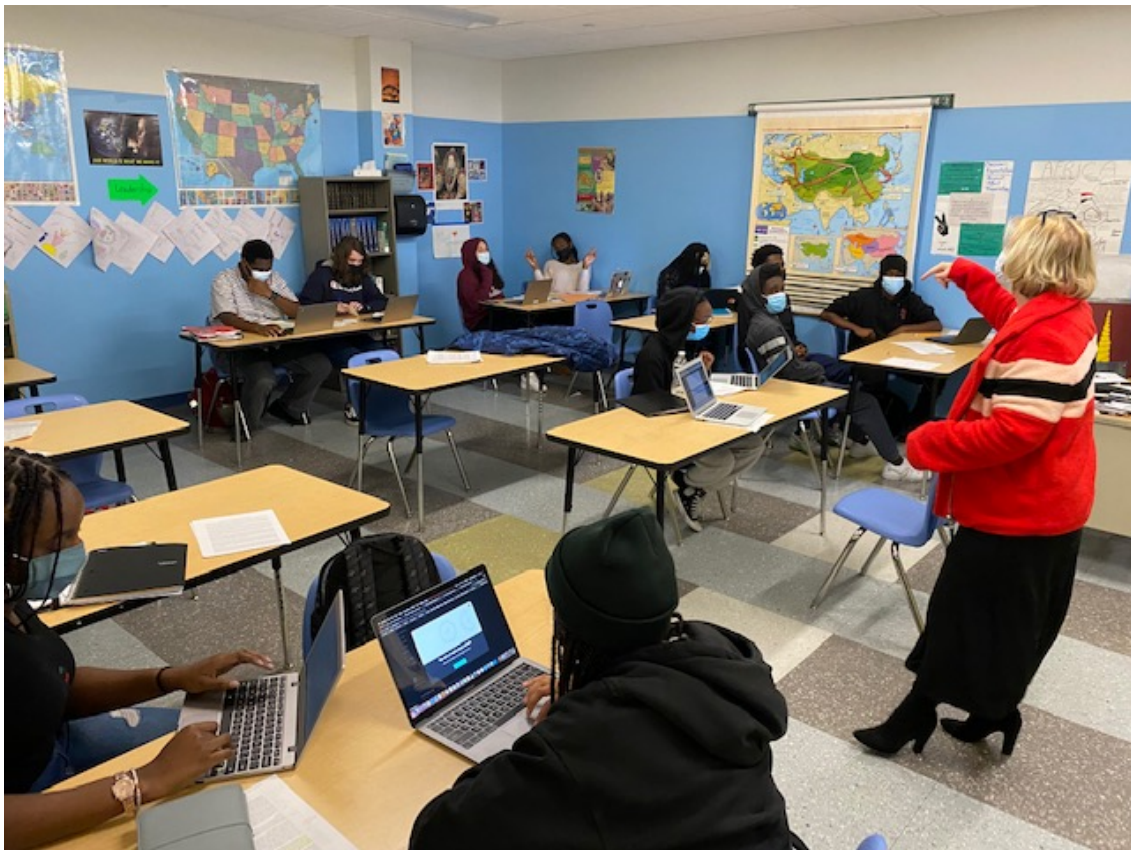
*Jaguar Mutual Fund* led by Greg Roaf dives into the world of stocks and investments. Students are learning to read charts, find patterns, read financial reports and (hopefully) pick out winners.

*Mastering Voice and Audio Production* led by Patrizio Trivellini students use their voice professionally, and they will develop confidence in speaking, and singing. The workshop focuses on the physiology of the voice, vocal apparatus, vocal warmups, use of the body and anchors to enhance vocal emission.

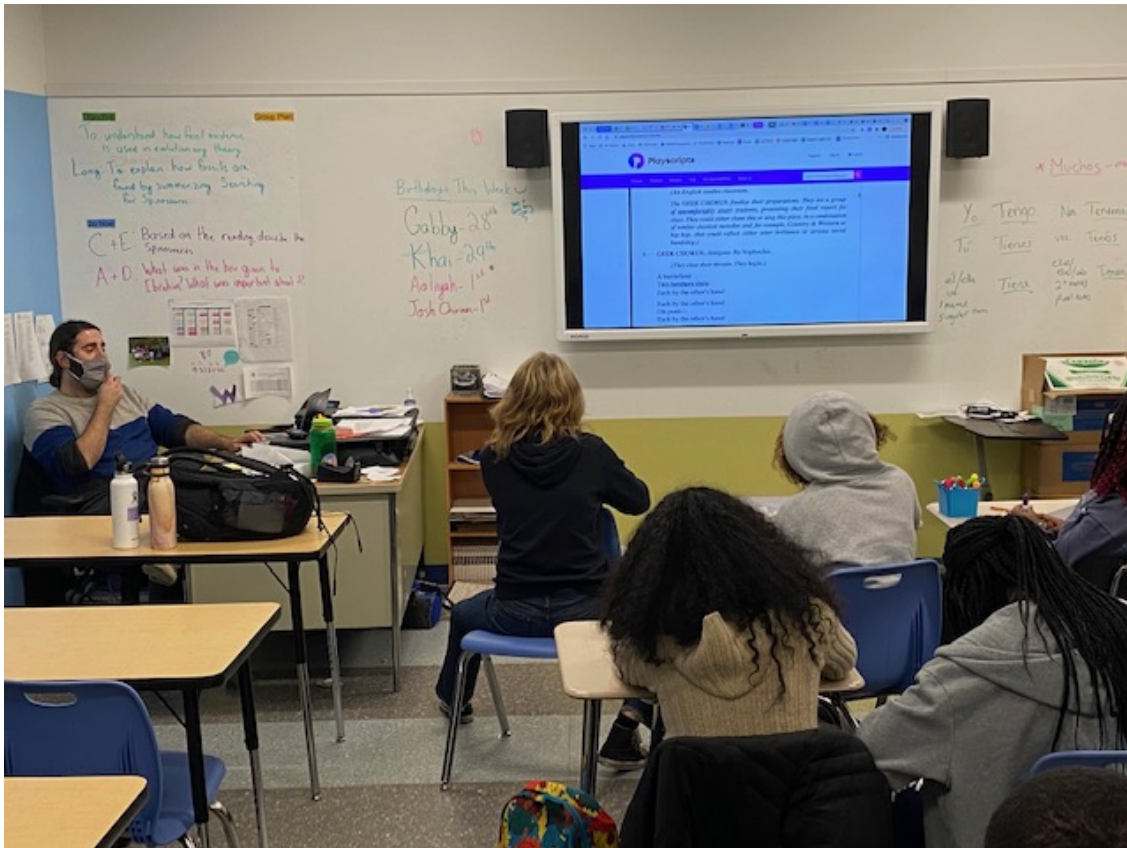
*Math Club* led by Raf Kosakowski students learn to view math not as a set of rules or guidelines, but as an art. Mathematics is a universal subject full of creativity and opportunity to develop a deeper appreciation for our world.

*Mindful Movement* led by Angeline and Rowena is a movement-based workshop with mindfulness meditation to develop awareness in body, mind and soul. Students are exploring yoga, pilates, dances, aerobic exercises and more

to increase overall well-being and to reduce stress. They have recently collaborated with the Kindergarten.



*Mock Trial* led by Margaret Bulger examines all aspects of trial practice, including the distinction between civil/criminal cases and their applicable standards of evidence, developing a theory of the case, and the mechanics of conducting a trial. Traditionally, the workshop is student-led in preparation for the Massachusetts State Mock Trial competition.



*Music Workshop* led by Theron Leonard and Paul Barret students learn various elements of music that would lead to a successful music career both in performance and film. Skills will be showcased for the winter and spring concerts. In addition to other events that are at the school, students will also work with other workshops, when possible, to provide music needs.

*Personal Training* with Pete Luizzi and James Chapman focuses on exercise techniques and strategies that will help students stay healthy and strong while looking at healthy habits including nutrition.



*Photography* led by Mike Forrester explores both the technical and artistic aesthetics of photography. Students will learn the essentials in operating a digital camera to compose a picture. Students will develop a personal style and portfolio for exhibition and are creating an instagram page for SSCPS.

*School Store* led by Ellen English students operate the school store including maintaining inventory that matches the needs of the SSCPS community, accurate accounting, staffing and marketing.

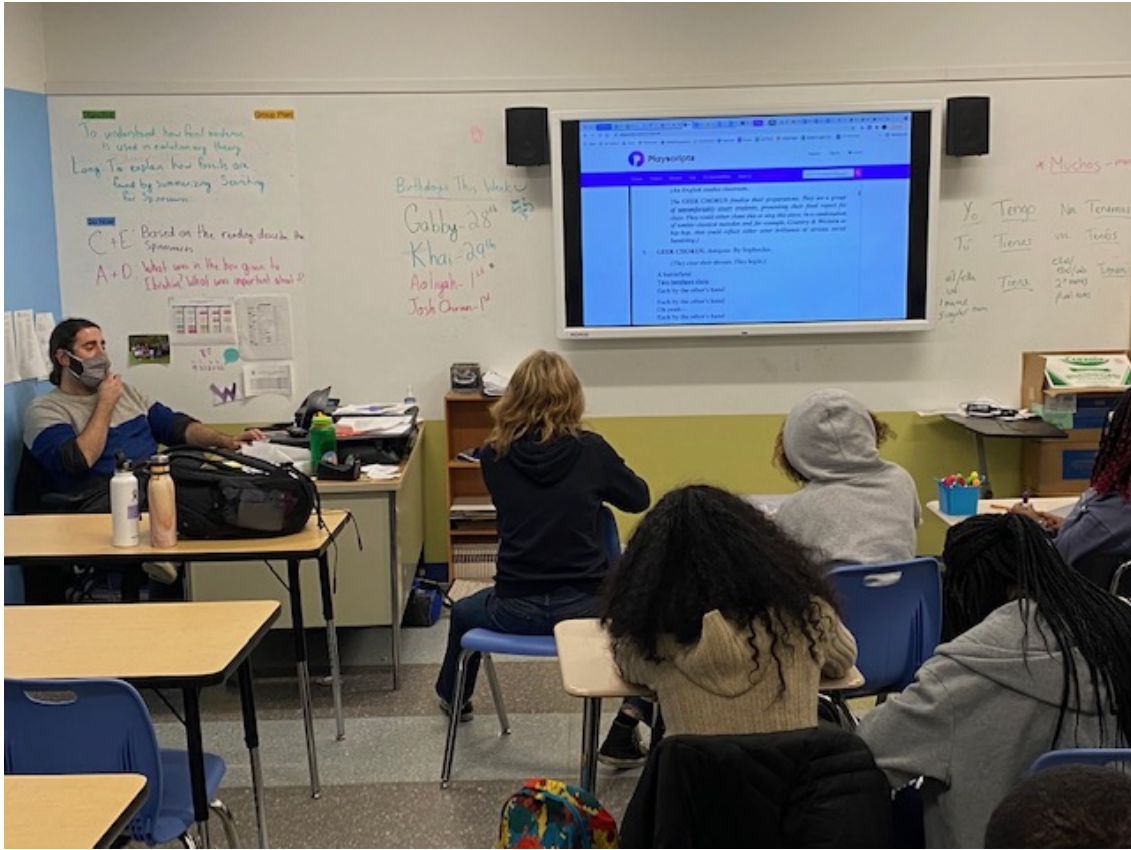




*The Social and Racial Justice Workshop* led by Marco Pedulli students discuss and debate social and racial issues relevant to them and our school community and will be preparing visual presentations (slides, fliers, posters, dance, songs, shows, and/or poetry) that help educate and elevate important voices within our school.

*Sports Statistics* led by Luke Heffernan and Shawn Connors takes an in-depth look at the athletic teams here at SSCPS. In this workshop, students keep track of records but also team and individual statistics, while learning the importance of team sports and the impact it plays in our community and society.

*Strong, Stretched and Centered* led by Emily Merwin examines the different aspects of mental, physical and emotional health. The students are exploring and practicing different strategies, including to improve and maintain these areas of health. These strategies will include mindfulness and breathing activities, physical exercise including yoga and cardio exercise videos, and discussing options for healthy eating while researching best practices from publications and current events.



*The Theater Workshop* led by Ray Ciambriello and Zach Johnston is made up of actors, comedians, writers and creators. In the workshop, we explore and produce 3 different types of performances: improv, drama, and comedy. Students practice both performance and backstage roles in the traditional theater, leading up to competing in the M.E.T.G. High School Theater Festival.

**Joe Kay**

9-12 Assistant Principal  
 South Shore Charter Public School

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**Craft Day Returns!**

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This year's Craft Day will be on Thursday, December 23rd. We are looking for four volunteers for each grade level to assist with this highly anticipated event. Each volunteering family member will be asked to provide enough materials for 80 students to complete a craft. Parents and guardians will be rotating from classroom to classroom, assisting

students in four classrooms as they complete the craft. This will allow each child to complete four crafts!

All classroom volunteers must wear a mask, complete a CORI, be fingerprinted, and provide their CDC COVID-19 vaccination card, or a negative results from a COVID-19 test taken 48 hours prior.

Thank you for your consideration. We are all looking forward to this year's Craft Day.



**Sign Up for Craft Day Here!**

## **FY22 School Calendar Modifications**

On Thursday, November 1, the SSCPS Board of Trustees voted to modify the FY22 School Calendar due to instructional days missed. Changes are as follows:

- January 14, 2022 is a Professional Development Day. Due to the need for 180 days in the school year, that day will now be the following:
  - Grades K-6 - Full Day of Classes
  - Grades 7-12 - Level and Department Meetings

Unless there is a snow day(s), this leaves one day to make up for students in grades 1 and 2 which is now a half day on June 21, 2022.

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

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## **ATTN PARENTS: COVID Test Information for Students**

In order for your student to receive a COVID BinaxNOW test at school, or to participate in the Test and Stay program, **they MUST be pre-registered**. Please take a moment and sign up now. This allows your student to be able to stay in school if the test is negative.

If students are not signed up and are a close contact or develop symptoms at school, they will be required to be picked up immediately. Register with your students' information with the following link:

<https://pbcovid.cic-health.com/register/with-code?code=KDHEHV>

If you are setting up a secondary account, Please put the code: **KDHEHV** under the organization code.

**COVID vaccine:** If your student has or is getting the COVID vaccine, please send in a copy of the vaccine card or proof after receiving the second vaccine. You only need to send a copy after the second dose is given.

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## **From the Health Office:**

### **NEW – Meningococcal Requirements**

#### **7th GRADERS:**

All 7th grade students need a current physical on file. They are required to have the first doses of the Meningococcal Vaccine and the Tdap vaccine.

#### **11th GRADERS:**

Please send in your 11th graders updated physical as soon as possible. There is a

new requirement for the Meningococcal vaccine.

**SPECIFICS:**

2 doses; second dose MenACWY (formerly MCV4) must be given on or after the 16th birthday and  $\geq 8$  weeks after the previous dose. 1 dose is acceptable if it was given on or after the 16th birthday.

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## **Weekly Safety COVID Testing**

With the increase of COVID cases throughout Massachusetts, we are going to be starting Weekly Safety COVID testing at school. This is a shallow nasal swab that most students will be able to do by themselves. About 10 swabs are put in the same pool test and a PCR test is run. This takes about 24 hours. You will only be notified if your student is in a positive pool test. If this happens, all individuals will be testing separately using the Rapid BinaxNOW test at school to try to identify the positive individual. If your student is negative, then they can return to class and learn. If your child is positive, then we will ask you to come pick them up and quarantine. Please sign up for COVID testing with the following link:

<https://pbcovid.cic-health.com/register/with-code?code=KDHEHV>

If you have a student currently signed up for COVID testing and would like to opt out of the Weekly Safety Testing, please email Jaime at [jkjelgaard@sscps.org](mailto:jkjelgaard@sscps.org) to opt out in writing or send a note to the Health Office.

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## **Important Notice from DESE:**

**Extension of DESE Mask Requirement  
Through At Least January 15, 2022**

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**Extension of Mask Requirement:** On Tuesday, October 26, DESE announced that after consulting with medical experts and state health officials, the mask requirement in all K-12 public schools is extended through at least January 15, 2022. [Guidance](#) and a [press release](#) are available online.

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## **REGARDING SCHOOL PICTURE ORDERS:**

**Parents who have any questions about their school picture orders (such as order forms; late orders; missing orders & refunds etc.) should contact our dedicated Lifeguards:**

**By phone:**

1-800-632-2323 ext '0'

**By email:**

Lifeguards@coffeepond.com

**By US Mail:**

Lifeguards Coffee Pond Photography  
3 Speen Street, Suite 200  
Framingham, MA 01701

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## **From the Yearbook Committee:**

**The 2022 yearbook is coming** - now is your chance to order yours! The normal yearbook price is \$40, but if you order before January 1st, you can get yours for **\$37!**

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

# THE RECENT EARTHQUAKE AND HURRICANE HAS LEFT HAITI DEVASTATED.

So many people urgently need  
our help.

Now that pathways are clearing we are  
hoping to be able to send supplies to the  
people of South Haiti still struggling to  
survive.

HYGIENIC SUPPLIES

CLOTHES

WATER

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

BLANKETS

SHELTER

Boxes will be  
located in the  
Great Room of  
each level.

If you have any  
questions please  
contact Sheina  
[sprince@sscps.org](mailto:sprince@sscps.org)





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## 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 click below for more information.

### HOUSING HELP

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## Food Service - Breakfast and Lunch Program

### December 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](mailto:csalamone@sscps.org) or at 781-982-4202 x156.

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# 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	12/01	Board of Trustees Executive Committee Meeting	8:00am
Friday	12/03	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Tuesday	12/07	Finance Committee via <a href="#">Zoom</a>	6:30pm
Thursday	12/09	<a href="#">Board of Trustees</a>	7:30pm
		<a href="#">Governance</a>	6:00pm
		<a href="#">Development</a>	6:30pm
		<a href="#">Personnel</a>	7:00pm
All meetings held at 700 Longwater Drive and via Zoom			
Friday	12/10	Early Release – Parent/Teacher Conferences by appointment	12:00pm

### IMPORTANT LINKS

**Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website [www.sscps.org](http://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](mailto:palgera@sscps.org) to submit SSCPS items for publication.**



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