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Weekly Update | December 8, 2021

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COMING UP:

**ENROLLMENT
OPEN HOUSE**

**DECEMBER 16,
5PM - 7PM**

visit www.sscps.org for more information

The banner features a blue background with white and dark blue text. At the bottom, there is a row of colorful pencils (yellow, blue, red, yellow) with a pink eraser on the second pencil from the left. The text "COMING UP:" is in a smaller font, while "ENROLLMENT OPEN HOUSE" and "DECEMBER 16, 5PM - 7PM" are in large, bold, sans-serif fonts. The website information is in a smaller font at the bottom.

Keep an eye on your inbox for an Open House email coming soon!

A Message from Angie

Our K-4 students have just completed their first trimester and our 5-12 students find themselves in the middle of the second quarter. This is an excellent time for teachers to connect with families and assess student progress in this first part of the school year. Families of students in grades 1-4 can expect first trimester report cards to come home with their children today. Please look for the report card in your child's backpack. Teachers of students in grades 5-12 will post

progress reports in [PlusPortals](#) by this afternoon. For each core academic subject families can expect to find a progress report that includes an updated course average along with category subtotals and scores for individual assignments and assessments. Directions explaining how to access Progress Reports through PlusPortals can be found [here](#).

Families will have the opportunity to discuss student progress with teachers directly during our parent teacher conferences which begin on Friday. We have sent notification regarding the registration process by email. Please reach out if you have not received an email and would like to schedule a conference. We are scheduling additional conference opportunities for grades 5-8 to accommodate the high demand.



As we reflect on student progress in Math, English Language Arts, Science, History, and World Language, I'd also like us to celebrate student work in the fine arts and performing arts. For many of our students art and music classes, along with the Projects, Workshops, and extracurricular activities that go along with them, are the most motivating and rewarding parts of their school day. Last year many of these opportunities were significantly reduced or lost due to the health crisis. We are lucky to have a dedicated arts faculty working to bring as great a sense of normalcy as is possible to these subjects this school year. Thanks to their hard work, the arts are thriving at SSCPS.

This fall saw the return of our before school Concert Band program for students in grades 5-12. The department also expanded band offerings during the school day with the introduction of a band Project on both Level III and on Level IV in addition to the choral Project teachers have run in previous years. The department has expanded after school offerings with the addition of an afterschool strings program for students in grades 5-8. We are looking forward to the continued expansion of this program and the addition of others in the years to come.



The music department will highlight student work in a virtual concert this month that includes submissions from our K-4 students, the concert band, the beginning middle school instrument groups, the Level III and Level IV choral groups, and the high school Music Workshop. Students are recording their individual performances at home and our music department will compile those performances to share with the community. Instructions explaining how to record and submit student work can be found [here](#). Additional resources including the background music and a list of FAQs can be found [here](#). Submissions must be uploaded by this Friday in order to be included in the concert. Thank you for your support at home with these submissions. We are very much hoping that we will be able to hold a more traditional concert in the spring.

Thank you for your continued support of our teachers and our school as the winter break draws near. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Angie Pepin

Principal, K-12



If you'd like to take a lawn sign home to display information about our upcoming Open House and "Talk to us Tuesday" events in your community, feel free to call our front desk at (781) 982-4202!

Craft Day Returns!

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!

News from the Art Department!

Original Works order is in and will be distributed to your child's Pod/Homeroom next week.



SSCPS PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Community Movie Day



Join us during Winter Break
as we watch **SING 2!**

TUESDAY DECEMBER 28TH
10AM
CAMEO MOVIE THEATER
14 COLUMBIAN STREET
SOUTH WEYMOUTH, MA 02190

Tickets: \$8 per person
Students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian!
RSVP Today at www.SSCPS-PA.org

Also on 12/28/21 - Dining for Dollars!
The Cottage Bar & Restaurant (located across the street from the Cameo) will be donating 10% of all sales this day ... No flyer needed!

DINING FOR DOLLARS

The Cottage Bar & Restaurant
WEYMOUTH MA

Don't forget to Register for our Movie Day on the same day!

INVITES YOU TO A FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT THE SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 28TH
26 UNION STREET
WEYMOUTH, MA 02190**

THE THE COTTAGE BAR & RESTAURANT WILL GENEROSLY DONATE 10% OF ALL THEIR SALES
NO FLYER NEEDED! DINE IN OR TAKE OUT
781-812-2083
WWW.THECOTTAGEWEYMOUTH.COM

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.

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.

With the rise in COVID cases we are asking that you make sure your student comes to school each day with a proper fitting mask that covers both the mouth and nose. Proper fitting masks are crucial in reducing the risk of in school transmission of COVID. They should also have a back up mask in their backpacks in case their mask becomes dirty or ruined throughout the day.

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 does 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 ≥ 8 weeks after the previous dose. 1 dose is acceptable if it was given on or after the 16th birthday.

Update from the Health Office Regarding Weekly Testing

COVID-19 cases are rising within the state and within our school community. If your student is sick please have them remain home. If they are experiencing COVID symptoms they will need a negative PCR test or Molecular NAAT test to return to school. Please contact the health office if your student is home from school due to illness. COVID symptoms are very similar to common cold symptoms and it is important to rule out COVID before your student returns to school. Please keep your student home if there is a positive household member and contact the health office about the next steps.

Your student must stay home if you are waiting for COVID test results, whether they are symptomatic or asymptomatic. Please send a copy of the test results to the appropriate health office.

With the increase of COVID cases throughout Massachusetts, we are going to be starting Weekly Safety COVID testing at school. The tentative start date for this testing is January 4th and the plan is to test weekly on Tuesdays. 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 tested 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 below.

SIGN UP NOW

Please enter the student's information when registering. When creating a secondary profile please remember to include the school's organization 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 to opt out in writing or send a note to the health office.

We understand that these are very challenging times for our families. Please remember that the Health Staff at SSCPS is doing it's best to keep everyone in our school system safe so we can continue to have in person learning.

Darcie Edwards, RN
(she/her/hers)
SSCPS School Nurse
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Important Notice from DESE:

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

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.

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

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





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

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 or at 781-982-4202 x156.



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	12/09	Board of Trustees	7:30pm
		Development	6:30pm
		Governance	6:00pm
		Personnel	7:00pm
All meeting held at 700 Longwater Drive and via Zoom			
Friday	12/10	Early Release – Parent/Teacher Conferences by appointment	12:00pm
Tues & Wed	12/14 & 15	High School Seal of Biliteracy Testing	
Wednesday	12/15	Parents Association Meeting via Zoom	6:30pm
Thursday	12/16	Enrollment Open House – Register Here!	5-7pm
Friday	12/17	Early Release – Parent/Teacher Conferences by appointment	12:00pm

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:

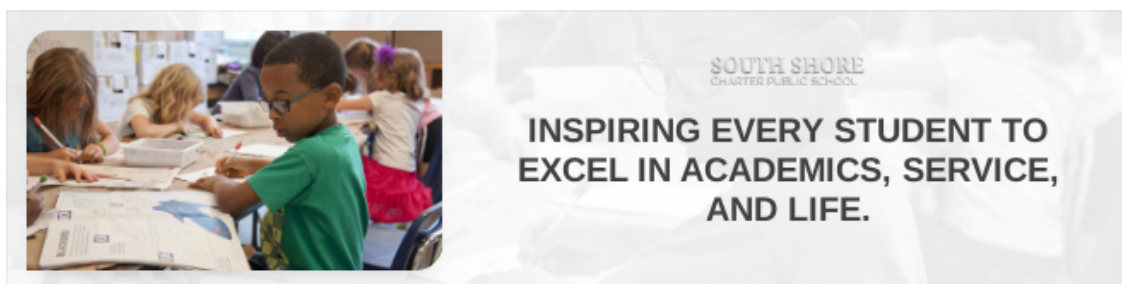
[2021-22 School Calendar](#)

[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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