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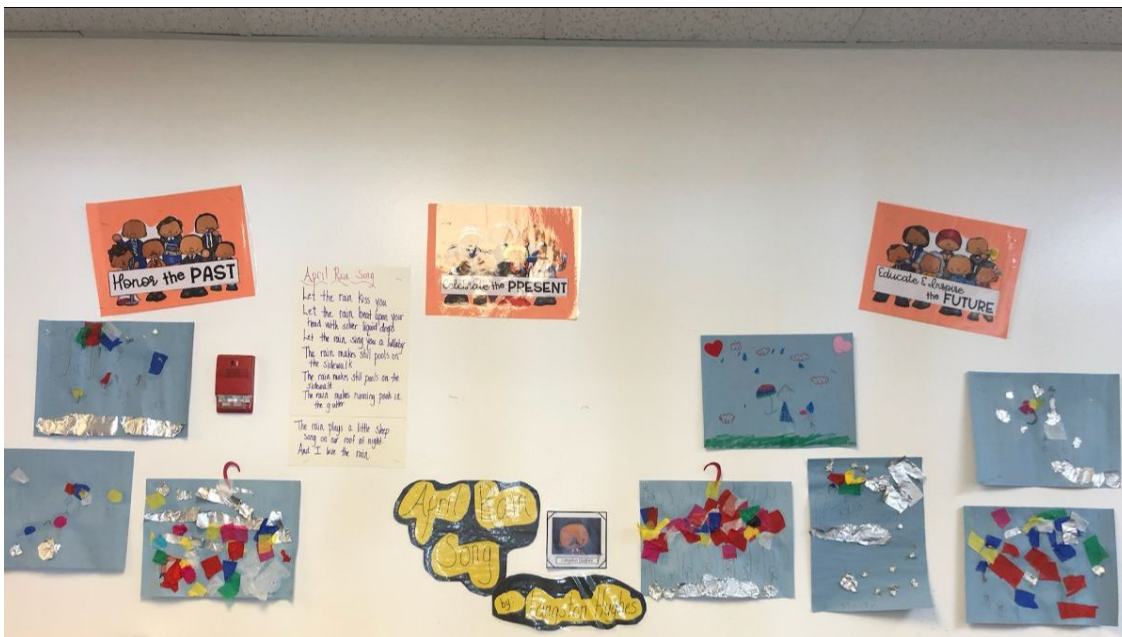
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BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT SSCPS





A Message from Sheina



Greetings from Levels I and III! The weather this week is throwing us all for a loop; one day I walked out of my home without a jacket, the next day I had to wear hand warmers in my gloves all day long! With both winter and spring in just the same week, our students are enjoying all this month has to offer.

This month I asked our community to reflect on the time we were students

and to reminisce on the lessons we were taught during Black History month. We learned of great men such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and brave women such as Harriet Tubman. Today our students dive deep into the contributions of African Americans, indigenous peoples and all people of color all around the world.

Our first grade students in Nikki and June's Pod became enveloped in the rhythm of "April Rain Song" by Langston Hughes.

April Rain Song

Let the rain kiss you

Let the rain beat upon your head with silver liquid drops

Let the rain sing you a lullaby

The rain makes still pools on the sidewalk

The rain makes running pools in the gutter

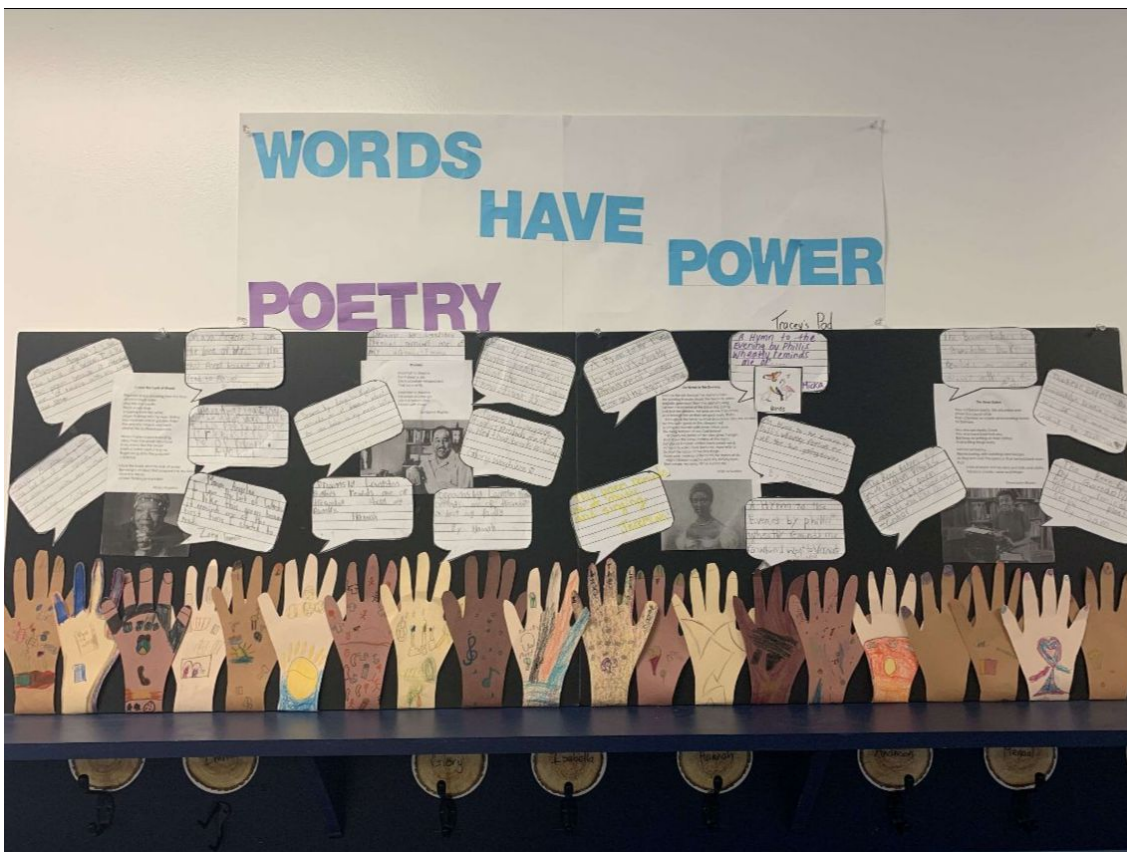
The rain plays a little sleep song on our roof at night

And I love the rain.





In Deana and Crystal's class students honored the life and legacy of writer [Ashley Bryan](#) by creating their own Beautiful Blackbirds.



In Tracey's class students researched and studied a number of African American poets and created this display showing words do in fact have power!

Students are understanding that in order to move forward and to accomplish new achievements we must understand the events, words and sentiments of our past.

Sheina Prince
K-4 Assistant Principal

JAGUAR OF THE WEEK



HIGHLIGHTING STUDENT ATHLETES
WHO EXEMPLIFY EXCELLENCE ON AND OFF
THE COURT AND FIELD

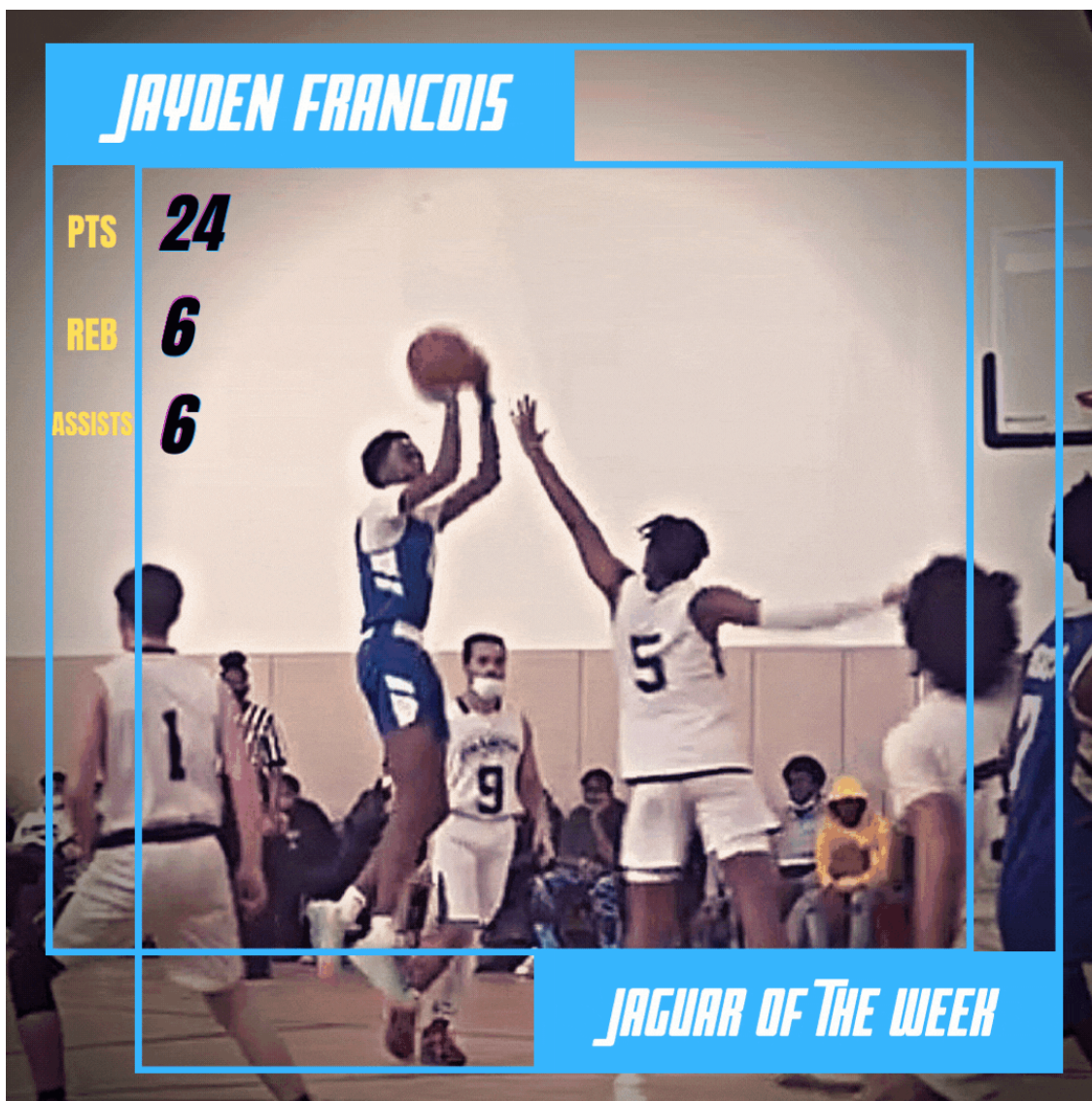


JAYDEN FRANCOIS

PTS 24

REB 6

ASSISTS 6



JAGUAR OF THE WEEK

This week's Jaguar Of The Week award goes to senior captain, Jayden Francois. Jayden has undoubtedly been the heart and soul of the Boys

Varsity basketball team this season and has made his presence felt on both sides of the ball. Jayden filled up the stat sheet this past weekend with 24 points, 6 rebounds, 6 assists and 3 steals in this past Saturday's rematch win vs Academy of Pacific Rim (60-56). This win clinched the MCSAO South Division title for the Jaguars and improved their record to 11-2 on the year. Jayden and the boys now await their playoff seeding and their first opponent in the MCSAO playoffs!

MOCK TRIAL TEAM



Congratulations to the students of the Mock Trial team. They competed against The Groton School on February 1, 2022 in a "Virtual" Trial. The experience simulates much of what the legal profession is going through now, although actual criminal trials are live. In the criminal trial, the students for both teams conducted Opening Statements, Direct Examinations, Cross Examinations, and Closing Arguments. At the close of the trial, the judge said that it was one of the best trials that he had seen in 15 years!

Our students really gave it their all and several received perfect scores, including Antonia Cote, Faith Oji, Kendall Grier. New students to the workshop, including Sam Carter, Jenna Cochrane, and Kendall Grier were stand-out witnesses. New attorneys this year, including Jeremiah Francois and Mikaylah Pamphile also excelled. Old pros like Antonia Cote, Faith Oji, Ava Polito, Ava Mathews, Segun Ashley, Nat Jocelyn, and Isiah Derosiers helped to carry our team. Witnesses and attorneys, who worked in practice sessions and offered insight, like Ciara Mullane, Gabriela Estaing, Adrielly D'Silva, Leannedra Ellerbee and Cal Whitaker made our questions and performance so much better.

The entire group will compete against each other during an in-school EOM! Finally, a shout out to the three captains: Segun Ashley, Antonia Cote, and Faith Oji, who helped to run sessions and train new attorneys and witnesses. They put the "student led" element into the workshop. What a great group!

STUDENT ACTIVITIES





Level I students take advantage of the weather by painting the snow! 🧑‍🎄





Level I students visiting the farm! 🌱





Level IV students build Card Houses to demonstrate Linear Functions! 📱

Physical Education Department

American Heart Association. KIDS AMERICAN HEART CHALLENGE

YOUR BRAIN AND HEART

START MOVING!
EXERCISE IS GOOD FOR BOTH YOUR BRAIN AND YOUR HEART!

TICK TOCK!
A HEART CAN CONTINUE TO BEAT EVEN WHEN IT'S SEPARATED FROM THE BODY!
AS LONG AS IT HAS OXYGEN, IT CAN KEEP BEATING FOR HOURS.

DOWNLOAD THE DAY.
YOUR BRAINS ARE ACTUALLY BUSIER WHEN YOU'RE SLEEPING THAN WHEN YOU'RE AWAKE. WHILE YOU SLEEP YOUR BRAIN ORGANIZES AND STORES ALL THE INFORMATION YOU LEARNED DURING THE DAY (SLEEP IS IMPORTANT!).

MISSING LINK?
DINOSAURS COULDN'T REALLY THINK OR REASON LIKE SOME MAMMALS.
SCIENTISTS HAVE DISCOVERED THE DINOSAUR BRAIN WAS MISSING FRONTAL LOBES AND THE NEOCORTEX.

TUNING IN!
YOUR HEART RATE CAN CHANGE TO MATCH THE MUSIC YOU'RE LISTENING TO.

ANATOMY LABELS:
CORPUS CALLOSUM: CONNECTS THE TWO HALVES OF THE BRAIN.
CEREBRUM: CONTROLS MOVEMENT, THINKING, FEELINGS AND MORE.
FORMIX: HELPS ALL THE INFORMATION FROM THE CEREBRUM.
THALAMUS: HELPS PROCESS FEELINGS, TOUCH AND SIGHT.
CEREBELLUM: CONTROLS BALANCE, COORDINATION AND SLEEPING.
MEDULLA OBLONGATA: HELPS CONTROL BREATHING, HEART AND BLOOD PRESSURE.
PITUITARY GLAND: CONTROLS HORMONES THAT AFFECT YOUR BRAIN, BLOOD AND YOUR BODY'S GROWTH.
HYPOTHALAMUS: CONTROLS YOUR HEAT & TEMPERATURE.
AORTA: TO THE REST OF YOUR BODY.
PULMONARY ARTERY: TO THE LUNG.
PULMONARY VEINS: OXYGEN AND BLOOD FROM THE LUNG.
RIGHT ATRIUM: RECEIVES BLOOD FROM THE BODY.
LEFT ATRIUM: RECEIVES BLOOD FROM THE LUNG.
RIGHT VENTRICLE: PUMPS BLOOD TO THE LUNG.
LEFT VENTRICLE: PUMPS BLOOD TO THE REST OF YOUR BODY.
VALVES: PREVENT BLOOD FROM GOING BACKWARDS.
SEPTUM: WALL OF TISSUE THAT SEPARATES THE TWO VENTRICLES.

VEIN AND ARTERY LABELS:
VENA CAVA: FROM THE BODY TO THE HEART.
PULMONARY ARTERY: TO THE LUNG.
PULMONARY VEINS: OXYGEN AND BLOOD FROM THE LUNG.
AORTA: TO THE LOWER BODY.

3D Powered by seek

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our Kids Heart Challenge with the American Heart Association. Our school has raised almost \$5,000

to support healthy hearts and in doing so will receive \$500 dollars back to spend on Physical Education equipment.

The students in grades K-4 have spent the past week learning about the importance of heart health through special games and activities in Phys Ed. They have worked hard and most importantly, had smiles on their faces while doing so. We're so proud of them! Thank you for your support in our efforts to keep kids moving!

Heather Brems

South Shore Charter Public School
K-12 Health and Physical Education
Go Jaguars!

Traffic Reminder

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.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Family Survey Reminder

Please remember to complete the 2022 **Annual Family Survey by Friday, March 4, 2022.**

Survey data is used for the Annual Report and for institutional planning during the July Board of Trustees meeting. During the July meeting, the Board of Trustees reviews key measures which help define student achievement and institutional strength. Data gleaned from this year's survey is an essential component of school-wide planning as we continue to hone our vision of the SSCPS student experience. We will be relying on data provided

by families as we establish programs, design next year's schedule, and work to enhance the day to day life of an SSCPS student. Maintaining school culture and student life continues to be a priority. Over the past two years, family participation has been high. **Please be sure your voice is heard by completing the survey linked below.**

SURVEY LINK

Mask Mandate Lifted February 28, 2022

Last week Governor Baker announced that the Massachusetts mask mandate for school districts will expire on February 28 and not be extended. The DESE memorandum sent by Commissioner Jeff Riley on February 9, 2022 is attached for your reference. The memo states the following:

After consulting with medical experts and state health officials, the Commissioner will not renew the state mask requirement after it expires on February 28, 2022. Effective Monday, February 28, the DESE mask requirement will be lifted statewide. The Commonwealth's high vaccination rates and widespread availability of COVID-19 testing for school personnel and students supports this decision.

The South Shore Charter Public School will continue to follow DESE and DPH recommendations and will adopt the mask optional policy for students and staff beginning on February 22, 2022.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) strongly recommend that unvaccinated individuals continue to wear masks in school settings. In line with DESE and DPH recommendations, **mask wearing will continue to be required in three scenarios:**

1. In compliance with the DESE-DPH Protocols for Responding to COVID-19 Scenarios, mask wearing is required for all students and

staff returning from quarantine for up to five days, inside and outside while attending school or work to align with quarantine timelines and guidance.

2. The SSCPS Health Office will continue to require students and staff to wear a mask while in the Health Office in compliance with the DPH order.

3. Masks must be worn on all school buses and school transportation per federal mandate.

Please remember that individual students and staff members retain the right to wear a mask on campus at any time regardless of health protocols or immunization status. The decision to continue to wear a mask in the school setting is a personal one and will be supported by our school community.

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

Per Massachusetts guidelines, all students in Grades 1, 4, 7, 10 are to have a height and weight done at school. We will be starting this after February vacation week. Please contact the appropriate health office if you would like to opt your student out of this.

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.

ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS

Our Level III Community Service Project is conducting a donation drive for the Scituate Animal Shelter.

Visit their website below to learn how you can help!

SCITUATE ANIMAL SHELTER

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

Residential Energy Assistance Program

The Attorney General's Office is pleased to announce the Residential Energy Assistance Grant (REAG) program. The program is designed to provide additional funding to programs that aid Massachusetts families currently receiving heating assistance and to expand assistance to more eligible households.

For full details please review the attached RFP. The grant announcement website, which includes a link to the application portal, can be found here:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/fy2022-fy2024-residential-energy-assistance-grant>

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to AGOGrants@mass.gov.

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

February 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.

Reminder: Parents Association

The Parents Association will meet tonight, February 16 beginning at 6:30pm via [Zoom](#). [Click here for the agenda](#).



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](#)

SSCPS National Honor Society Blood Drive



**American
Red Cross**

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.™

Redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS

SSCPS Blood Drive

PE Space- 104 Longwater Dr.

Wednesday March 16, 2022

1:00– 6:00pm

Sign up through the following Red Cross link and type in zip code, 02061:

CLICK HERE

**Raising Awareness & Support for Tonga
after Volcano & Tsunami**





Update

With support from both faculty and students, Level 3 raised over \$500 selling bracelets last week at their "Bracelets for Tonga" fundraiser. Funds will be sent overseas to support the island nation as it recovers from a recent volcano and tsunami. Thank you so much for all of your support and especially to the following students who made all of the bracelets: Bethany Ziniti, Cassie Briggette, Adhya Athimamula and Gracealee Perez, Maya Mendes and Isabel Sakkis.

SABBATICAL CLOTHING BANK

NEED CLOTHES?

FREE CLOTHING FOR THOSE IN NEED

- DESIGNATED MONTHLY PICKUP OPPORTUNITIES
- CLOTHING FOR ALL AGES
- COVID SAFE PRACTICES
 - GLOVES WORN WHILE PACKING BAGS
 - CURBSIDE PICKUP
 - DESIGNATED PICKUP TIMES

The logo is circular with a brown background and a black border. It features the word "Sabbatical" in a script font at the top, "SCB" in a bold, sans-serif font in the center, and "Clothing Bank" in a script font at the bottom.

Sabbatical Clothing Bank and Lions Club Food Pantry

Sabbatical Clothing Bank is still open (by appointment only) for donations and for those in need of clothing. Visit their website below for forms and more information.

Sabbatical Clothing Bank:
<https://www.sabbaticalclothingbank.com/>

The Lions Club Food Pantry is also still hosting their "No Questions Asked Food Pantry", open on Mondays from 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM and Fridays from 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM.

Lions Club Food Pantry:

<https://duxburylionsclub.org/about-us>

**Both organizations are located at:
136 Summer St, Duxbury MA**

This Week | Up and Coming

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|------------------|------------------|---|----------------|
| Wednesday | 02/16 | Parents Association Meeting via Zoom | 6:30pm |
| Mon-Fri | 2/21-2/25 | February Vacation – No School | |
| Monday | 02/28 | Classes Resume | 8:15am |
| Monday | 02/28 | Intent to Return Forms Due | |
| Monday | 02/28 | Enrollment Application Deadline | |
| Wednesday | 03/02 | Executive Committee Meeting | 8:00am |
| Friday | 03/04 | Professional Development Early Dismissal | 12:00pm |
| Friday | 03/04 | 2022-23 Enrollment Lottery | 1:00pm |

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:

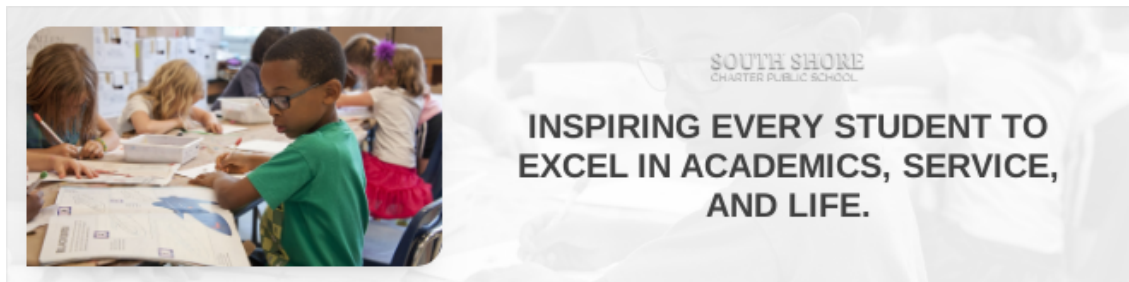
[2021-22 School Calendar](#)

[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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