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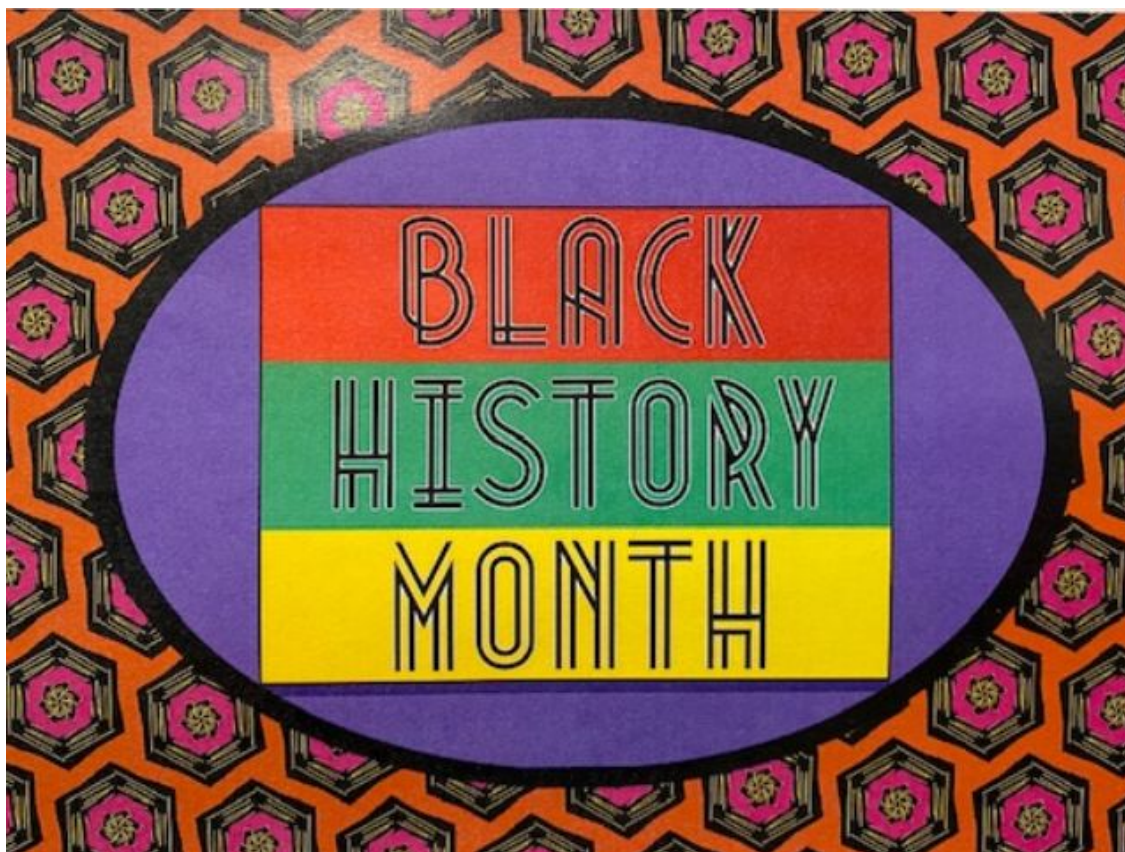
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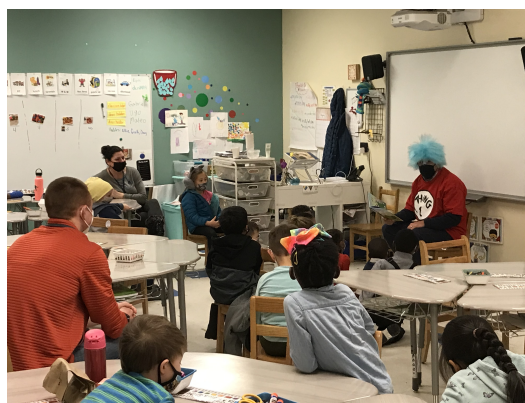
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A Message from Alicia Savage

With the challenges of January in the rear view mirror, and a calmer February ahead of us, we look forward to some important celebrations. Yesterday brought us the Lunar New Year and the beginning of the Year of the

serve as visual reminders of individuals not always mentioned in history books; in classrooms, students and teachers take the opportunity to explore and recognize the essential contributions of African Americans throughout history. Black History Month is a month-long celebration and learning opportunity for our school community.



Today we celebrate [World Read Aloud Day](#). This is a special event where our school joins the millions in reading a special story aloud. Twenty-two classes will be visited today by a special reader in our school community; high school students and teachers move into classrooms, books in hand, sharing a special story with our youngest readers. In three years, World Read Aloud Day has become a favorite school-wide tradition.

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road ahead, we actively seek the perspective of all of our SSCPS families. As we have done in the past, the mid-year point is when our school community takes time to reflect on the first five months of the school year and to anticipate what the remainder of the school year will bring. We are asking all SSCPS families to participate by completing 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.**

Thank you for your continued support and participation.

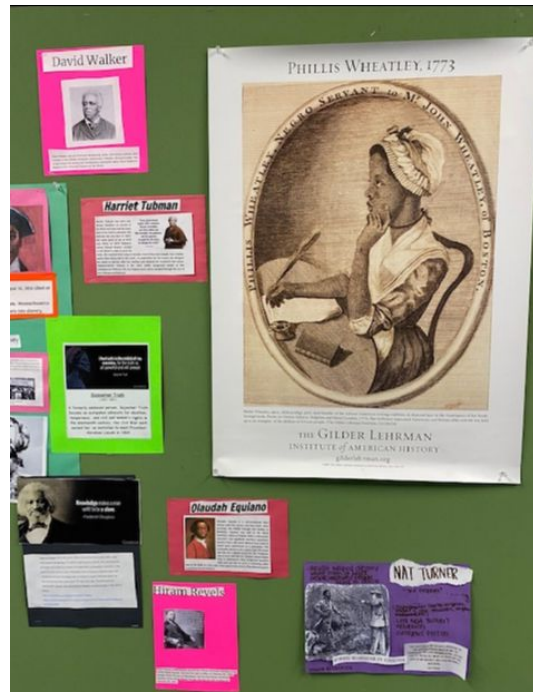
Sincerely,

Alicia Savage

Executive Director

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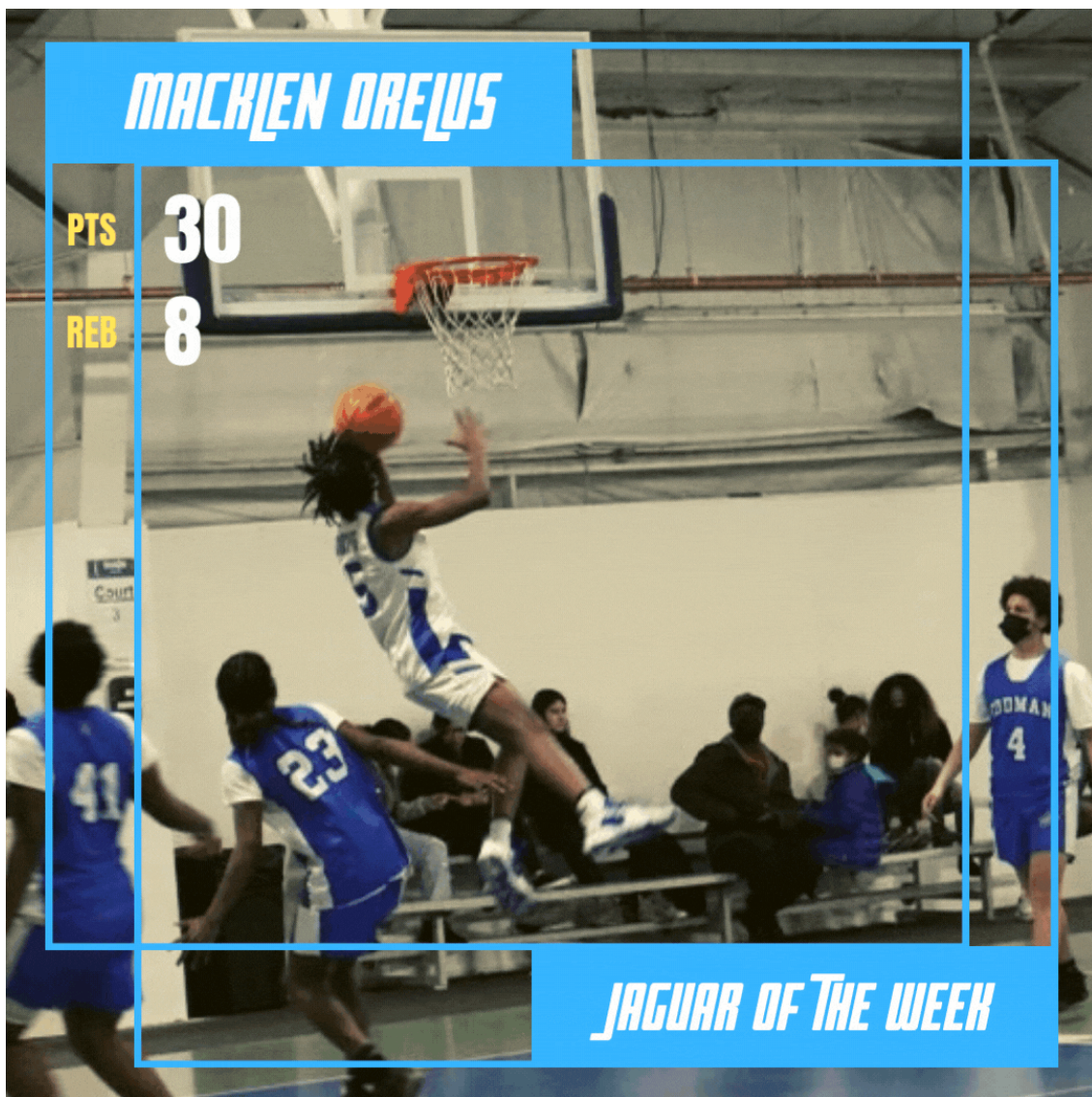
BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT SSCPS



JAGUAR OF THE WEEK



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



This week's Jaguar of the Week Award goes to Junior guard Macklen Orelus. The 6'3 leading scorer for the Boys Varsity basketball team was top scorer (30 points, 8 Rebounds) in the 76-

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league MVP. Macklen has made major strides since being selected to the SSCPS Varsity basketball program as a freshman and has greatly contributed to their 8-1 start on the season.

Congrats, Macklen!

"After a long layoff due to Covid last season, how does it feel to be back on the court and sharing success with your teammates?"

Macklen : It feels really great to be back. Getting to play the sport I love and having the chance to do it with my friends has been really fun.

"What would you say has contributed to the great season you and your team are having this season?"

Macklen: I would say the commitment level from everybody. Everybody wants to work hard and push each other to be better.

"Chick-fil-A.....underrated or overrated?"

Macklen: Seriously? Chick-fil-A is underrated for sure.

***Changing Lives, Changing Future show at
The Atlantic Wharf Gallery***



Pam Golden, SSCPS Art teacher, has placed 3rd in the **Changing Lives, Changing Future** exhibition at the Wharf Gallery in Boston. Her sculpture, **Partners into Family**, is made out of glazed clay. The large sections of clay are stacked to create this amazing sculpture. The clay is glazed to protect the shape since the clay would continue to grow and expand without the glazing process.

This is thrilling news for Pam and our Art team!

Student Mask Requirements

With the rise in COVID cases, we are asking that you make sure your student comes to school each day with a properly fitting mask that covers both the mouth and nose. Properly fitting masks

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backpacks in case their mask becomes dirty or ruined throughout the day.

Important Notice from DESE:

Extension of DESE Mask Requirement Through At Least February 28th, 2022

Extension of Mask Requirement: On Monday, January 10th, 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 February 28, 2022. [Guidance](#) and a [press release](#) are available online.

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.

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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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From the Physical Education Department



Dear Parent or Guardian,

It's time for the **American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge™!** As a Kids Heart Challenge Heart Hero, your student will meet kids with special hearts and raise funds for the health of all hearts. They'll also get moving with fun activities, learn about keeping their hearts and brains healthy and feel great for helping others.

Join today! Not only will you be helping fight heart disease and stroke (the No. 1 and No. 2 killers worldwide), but participants can earn fun thank-you gifts AND earn PE equipment for their school!

TIP: If you receive checks, use the app to scan them and have the amount immediately added to your child's total.

SIGN UP TODAY!

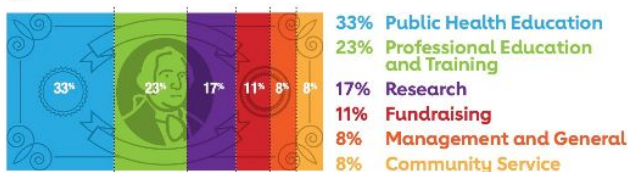
- 1 Download our Kids Heart Challenge app or visit heart.org/KHC to register.
- 2 Help your student choose a daily health challenge: **BE ACTIVE or BE KIND.**
- 3 Set a fundraising goal with your student and send emails to invite friends and family to support it.



Donations collected will help kids like Finn.



Finn was born with multiple heart defects and spent the first eight months of his life in the hospital. Finn has had 14 heart surgeries and over 18 medical procedures to give him the gift of life. Today, an energetic Finn loves to have fun.



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REGISTER ONLINE: WRISTBAND

- RAISE \$5: CREW**
- \$10: SKY** plus lower-level gift
- \$15: JUMP ROPE** plus lower-level gifts
- \$25: LEE** plus lower-level gifts
- \$40: FLASH** plus lower-level gifts
- \$50: T-SHIRT** plus lower-level gifts
- \$75: PLAYGROUND BALL** plus lower-level gifts
- \$100: BANKS** plus lower-level gifts
- \$200: AMOR & MAX** plus lower-level gifts
- \$250: SOCKS** plus lower-level gifts
- \$500: BALL LAUNCHER** plus lower-level gifts
- \$1,000: 2 SPEAKER SET** plus lower-level gifts

Complete Finn's Missions online to earn his exclusive Finn's Lifesavers Award!



Fundraising is optional. All students will be participating in Phys. Ed class.

The top fundraiser in each grade will get to pie their P.E. teacher in the face!

HBrems@sscps.org
 JPMarcellus@sscps.org
 Event Week: 2/7-2/11
 Fundraising due date: 2/16

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!

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

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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.

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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!

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A Multicultural Story and Song Series!

HELEN LI LI



Journalist, Author, and Education Advocate Helen Li presents

A Multicultural Story and Song Series!

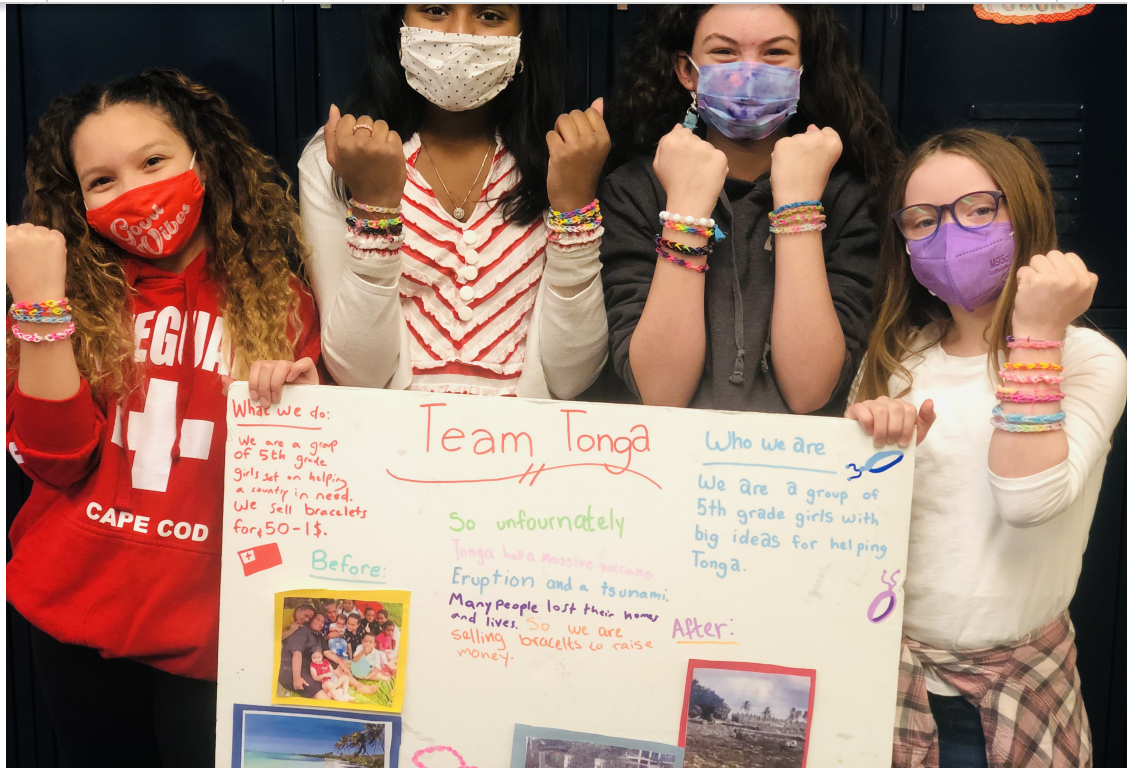
Join us for Lunar New Year Traditions and Cultures



For more info contact:
Lilymomloveyou2@gmail.com



Raising Awareness & Support for Tonga after Volcano & Tsunami



5th grade students, Bethany Ziniti, Cassie Briggette, Adhya Athimamula and Gracealee Perez have made bracelets to fundraise money for the country of Tonga after it recently suffered from a massive volcanic eruption and subsequent tsunami. Bracelets will be sold on Level III from 12:55-1:20pm Monday through Friday of next week for 50 cents to \$1 each. Come buy a beautiful bracelet to help support people in need!

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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



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/>

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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

Wednesday	02/02	Executive Committee Meeting via Conference Call	8:00am
Friday	02/04	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Tuesday	02/08	Finance Committee Meeting via Zoom	6:30pm
Thursday	02/10	School Council via Zoom	4:30pm
Thursday	02/10	Board of Trustees Meeting Development Personnel Governance <i>All meeting will be held in-person at 700 Longwater Drive and via Zoom. Meeting links are available on the school's website</i>	7:30pm 7:00pm 6:30pm 6:00pm

IMPORTANT LINKS

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website www.sscps.org every Wednesday.

Documents:

- [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!](#)

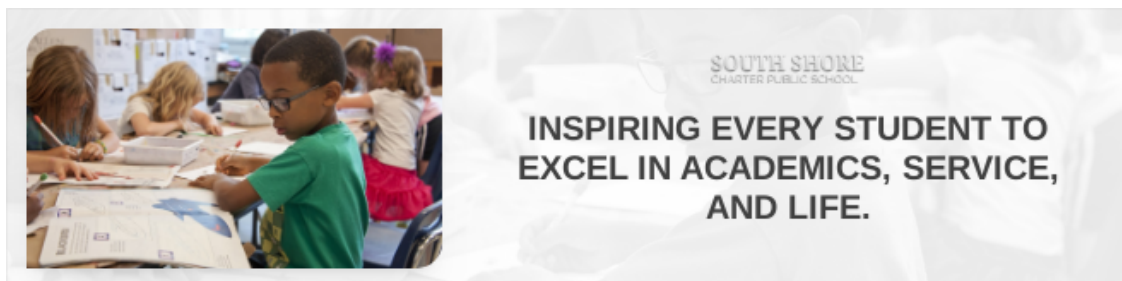
[2021-22 School Calendar](#)

[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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