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A Message from the Health Office

At the South Shore Charter Public School, keeping your students safe has remained our first priority. We are writing to let you know, in accordance with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the Department of Public Health (DPH), our school is updating our COVID-19 Testing Program, effective January 31, 2022.

We are opting into an at-home testing program that will increase testing of our participating students and staff, regardless of vaccination status. For more information about this update to the statewide testing program, please [click here](#). The at-home testing option will begin during the week of January 31, 2022. In addition to this new at-home antigen test option, we will continue with routine COVID safety checks (pool testing) and symptomatic testing during the week. As part of this shift in the program, we are discontinuing Test and Stay and contact tracing for in-school close contacts. This means that if your child is a potential contact in school, they may continue to come to school and do not have to quarantine.

This new at-home testing opportunity is voluntary and only those who opt-in will receive tests. We have sent out hard copies of [this form](#) home with your students. If you did not return your form yet, you may still opt in for the next round of at-home antigen testing in two weeks. If you have questions, please contact one of our nurses in the Health Office.

COVID-19 Testing Programs in our Schools:

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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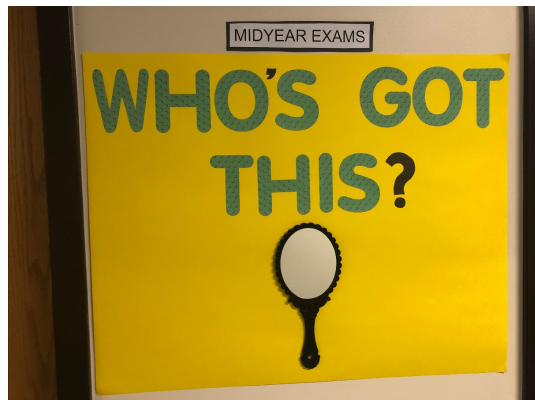
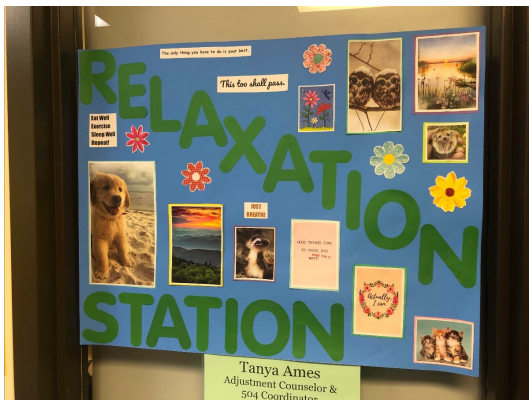
STUDENT MASK REQUIREMENTS

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 are crucial in reducing the risk of in-school transmission of COVID. Students should also have a back-up mask in their 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.



Some fun resources to help reduce student anxiety during Midyear Exams.

LOST AND FOUND REMINDER

All Lost and Found items at 100 Longwater Circle will be donated this Friday, January 28.

If you are missing an item, please take a look before Friday.

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.

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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

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 a circular emblem with a dark brown border. Inside the circle, the word "Sabbatical" is written in a cursive font at the top, "SCB" is in a bold, sans-serif font in the center, and "Clothing Bank" is written in a cursive 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

Wednesday	02/02	Executive Committee Meeting via Conference Call	8:00am
Friday	02/04	Professional Development Early Release	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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