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Weekly Update | June 15, 2022

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A Message From Alicia

Today is the last Weekly Update of the school year. It is a poorly kept secret that time flies by more quickly on the last days of school. As our days of classes are replaced with day trips, final exams, awards ceremonies, field days, color games, and celebrations, excitement and fun take over. Students, teachers, and families have all worked hard to get here. It's time to enjoy our children's accomplishments.

On June 3 we celebrated Commencement and recognized the Class of 2022 for all they have achieved. As the seniors launched from 700 Longwater we wished them well knowing each student will go on to make their mark on the world in their own way. Saying goodbye is never easy. Yet graduation is a time of new beginnings and looking forward. In that same vein, last week ended the school year for our kindergarten students. It wasn't easy saying goodbye to our youngest students. We know that inevitably the children leaving classrooms in June will change over the summer. When they come back in August they will be more grown up, more sure of themselves, and one step closer to their own graduation.

Next year our school will also look a little different. As this school year comes to an end, we recognize some important faculty transitions. This year we have six wonderful teachers retiring. As so many of you know from having a child or children in their class, we are celebrating some great ones. Each one has had an impact on teaching and learning. Each one will leave a legacy on our school that will be long lasting. Please join us in wishing these outstanding educators all the best on their new ventures.



Christine Bodnar, Visual Arts and Computer Graphics Teacher

Christine started at SSCPS as a substitute teacher ten years ago. We could not have been more fortunate to have hired her as an art teacher. Her love of visual art, her excitement, and her energy have instilled a love of expression and design in each student she has taught. Christine teaches at both 100 and 700 Longwater, and leads both the Graphic Arts Workshop and the Yearbook Committee. Christine knows how to bring out the talent and creativity of each student she has had in her class. Each day Christine demonstrates amazing teaching and the importance of meeting each student where they are and bringing them to the next level. She is well loved by her students and will be greatly missed.



**Marianne Buckley Curran, Art and Physical Education Teacher, and
Teacher of the award winning Art Workshop**

Marianne has been teaching at SSCPS since 2000, bringing the arts to our students in life changing ways for over twenty-three years. In Marianne's class students have learned that they too are an artist and have something meaningful to give the world. Students find their voice with Marianne, one of the greatest gifts a teacher can give a student. Each year students proudly display their work done in Marianne's class on our hallway walls. Each year the Fashion Show brings excitement and accomplishment to our school community. So much so that our alumni come back to visit at every fashion show. Marianne is an SSCPS legend.



Ellen Gray English, High School Math Teacher

Ellen has taught math at South Shore Charter since 2008. Her love of students and sailing has made a lasting impression on the lives of the students she has taught over the past fourteen years. From buying a car, to measuring the circumference of a tire, Ellen knows how to instill her love of math into our everyday lives. At the high school she helps students run the school store, using math in ways that are practical and meaningful. Her kindness, compassion, and belief that every student can be an outstanding mathematician has made a difference.





Marie Hanlon, Learning Services Paraprofessional

Marie has changed the lives of so many of our students since she began in December of 2006 at 100 Longwater and now at 700 Longwater. Her commitment to our students and hard work continually lift every student she teaches. Marie has worked with students one on one, in small groups, and in tutorials. Her understanding of how children and young adults learn has been invaluable. Our school community is fortunate to have had her with us, and we wish her all the best.



Wardie Mannix, Elementary Music Teacher

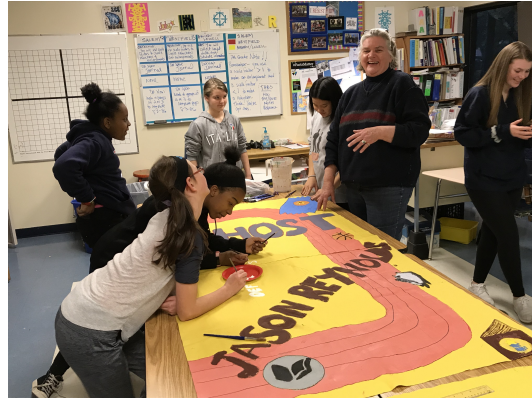
Wardie has been with our school since 1999, bringing her love of music to all. It was only last week when Wardie taught her last Kindergarten class. We will miss Wardie, her smile, and her piano and guitar playing. We will miss hearing the sound of Wardie's guitar and little voices singing *Rainbow Connection*, *This Land is Your Land*, *Peace Like a River*, and *America the Beautiful* echoing in the hallways.



Jody Regan, Math Teacher and Art Project Teacher, and South Shore Charter Public School trustee

Jody has been with our school, first as a parent, then as a teacher since 2004. As a middle school math teacher, Jody has found ways to make problem

solving meaningful to her students. Whether it's building houses of cards, using the symmetry of art, or exploring pi, math comes to life in her classroom. Her commitment to children has made an impact on her students that will last a lifetime. In Jody's Art Project she shares her love of art with her students, making connections to symmetry and graphing and pointing out the importance of art to who we are as human beings. Although we are losing a talented teacher, the world is gaining a phenomenal artist.



I would like to thank all six outstanding educators for their time and commitment to the students of the South Shore Charter Public School. Know that you represent the best of the teaching profession. Our school community is a better place because of you.

Lastly, I would like to thank the SSCPS Board of Trustees and the SSCPS Parents Association for all of their hard work, dedication, and support this school year. Special thanks to Katie Vecchione and Prue Goodale who will be stepping off the Board of Trustees at the end of this month. Thank you.

To all of our SSCPS families, thank you for being a part of our school community. Enjoy these summer days filled with family and friends.

Alicia Savage
Executive Director

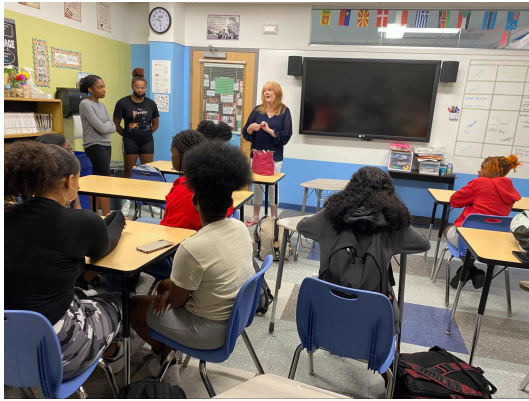


CULTURAL DIVERSITY

The Cultural Diversity Workshop has been collaborating with the United States Foundation for the Children of Haiti for a number of years now in an effort to share their cultural experiences with a sister school in Haiti. In the past, students have created and designed beautiful greeting cards and bought nutritional treats to send over to the students at the School of the Good Sower in Haiti. This year, the students of the Cultural Diversity Workshop raised funds to send to those students. Students presented a check for \$650.00 to Terri Fortin; a representative of the Foundation to take back to students at the Good Sower School. We hope that the students at the Good Sower School will benefit greatly from funds raised this year.

Naimah Fernandes and Layla Bernadeau

Leaders of the CD Workshop



LEVEL IV DIVERSITY MURAL

Students in Level IV completed their Art Project in Jody Regan's class last week, creating a beautiful mural celebrating diversity.





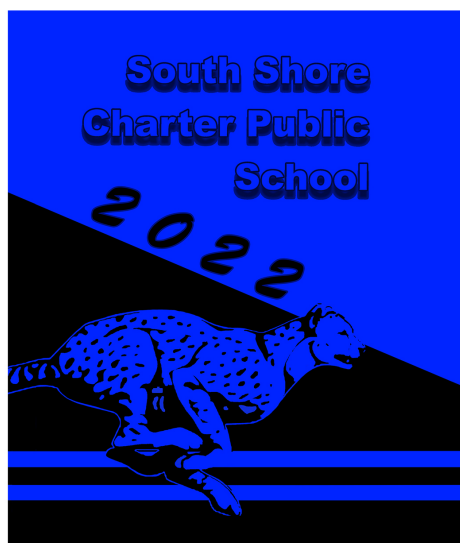
HIGH SCHOOL ART FIT



Our high school students had their last Art FIT this week with Marianne Buckley-Curran.

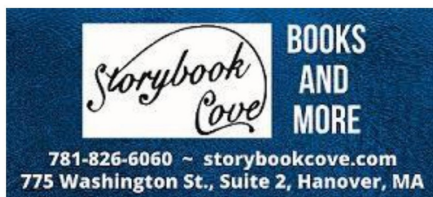
2022 YEARBOOKS

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Pickup a form by the
front desk or order at
www.coffeepond.com
password: bluejaguar


UPCOMING EVENTS



SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL SUMMER READING FUND RAISER VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR

- ▶ SSCPS and Storybook Cove are hosting an online Summer Reading Book Fair.
- ▶ **SSCPS Families receive a 10% discount on books purchased, SSCPS receives 10% of each sale, and there will be NO sales tax.**
- ▶ The online Fair will run from JUNE 13 through JUNE 24, 2022.
- ▶ Use the below LINK to access the VIRTUAL BOOKFAIR:

<https://www.storybookcove.com/sscps-summer-reading-2022>

or click on this logo  on the home page of www.storybookcove.com

- ▶ **ALL PURCHASES ARE TO BE MADE THROUGH www.storybookcove.com.**
- ▶ **When you purchase books from these book fair lists, you can choose "In Store Pick-Up Hanover MA" OR "USPS Media Rate".**

If you choose In-Store Pick-Up, you will be contacted when your order is ready for pick-up at Storybook Cove, 775 Washington Street, Suite 2, Hanover, MA (Route 53) across from Brothers Grill. Enter the car lot of Dave Delaney's Columbia Motors through the white rail fence. Green building is at the end of lot.)

- ▶ **CHECK-OUT TIPS—PLEASE FOLLOW THESE STEPS.**
You need to complete **ONLY** the following sections:
 - ENTER CUSTOMER INFORMATION/EMAIL
 - COUPON DISCOUNT (ENTER THIS CODE: SSCPS)
 - TAX-EXEMPT INFORMATION [click check box and then type SSCPS for entity name and Book Fair for tax exempt number. Do not fill in rest of section.]
 - DELIVERY INFORMATION (NEEDED EVEN IF PICKING UP)
 - CLICK ON CALCULATE SHIPPING COSTS AND THEN CHOOSE EITHER: **USPS Media Rate** (2 to 10 days; no insurance) or **In-Store Pick-Up Hanover MA** We'll contact you when order is ready.
 - CHOOSE PAYMENT METHOD
 - CONTACT/BILLING INFORMATION
 - REVIEW; and
 - SUBMIT.



INVENT THE SUMMER

Are you 12 and under? Are you looking for something fun, creative and different to do this summer? Try Invent the Summer! On June 22nd, Invent the Summer starts its weekly Invent the Summer Engineering Challenges. Students with their parents can sign up on the [website](#) if they would like to join. Each week the kid-run "board of

engineers” present a problem and kids invent a solution. There are weekly prizes and participation is on a week to week basis. So pick and choose what you want to do and how often. SSCPS has one the grand prize for our school two years in a row. Let’s try to make it THREE! SSCPS’s very own Siddarth Mongari has joined the Jr. Board of Engineers and will be cheering us on. ENJOY! Prizes include a \$1,000 grant for your school for STEM activities and supplies for the most school entries, a 3-d Printer, cricket and more!

A note from the kids behind Invent the Summer:

INVENT THE SUMMER is a non-profit organization created by kids, for kids. We inspire creativity, resourcefulness, innovation, problem-solving, and leadership by engaging kids in design and engineering challenges throughout the summer. We aim to help kids discover how much fun engineering, inventing, and problem-solving can be. Our mission is to inspire the next generation of innovators, engineers, and entrepreneurs. Our programming supports this mission for kids from elementary school through high school.

From the Parents Association



The final Parents Association meetings for this year will be held on **Wednesday, June 15th at 6:30** (transition meeting). Will be held in person at 100 Longwater Circle and via [Zoom](#).

Dear SSCPS Families,

The Special Election for your remaining open 2022-2023 Parents Association Officials is complete. Thank you to the 7 parents who decided to volunteer to run for a position. As always, results have been reviewed by a parent who was not running for a PA role. Special thanks to Brittany Lofstrand for assisting this year.

We hope that we will see all of you at PA meetings and participate on one or more of next year's committees.

SSCPS PARENTS ASSOCIATION ELECTION 2022-2023

The SSCPS Parent Association Election for 2022-2023 was held via electronic survey to fill all open positions. A total of 68 votes were cast. One vote was excluded from the total results, as the identity of the vote could not be validated. That 1 vote had no overall impact to the results. Bold Blue font identifies your final PA official.

Position		% of Votes	# of Votes
			67
Grade 9	Jessica Barbour	81%	54
	Choose not to vote	19%	13
Grade 10	Alisha Uhlenbrock -Furst	81%	54
	Choose not to vote	19%	13
Technology	Patrick Angland	69%	46
	Helen Li	18%	12
	Amy Farrell	10%	7
	Fabrina Pena	1%	1
	Choose not to vote	1%	1
Secretary	Jennifer Lawrence	75%	50
	Helen Li	25%	17
	Choose not to vote	0%	0

2022-2023 Parent Association

PARENT NAME	PARENT ASSOCIATION POSITION
Cindy Lyons	Chair
Alisha Uhlenbrock-Furst	Vice chair
Katie Vecchione	Treasurer
Jennifer Lawrence	Secretary
Liz Sweeney	Kindergarten Rep
Anne Belle	Level I Rep (Grades 1 & 2)
Stephanie Innis	Level II Rep (Grades 3 & 4)
Andrea Poudrier	Level III Rep (Grades 5 & 6)
Katie Goldrick	Level IV Rep (Grades 7 & 8)
Jessica Barbour	Grade 9 Rep (Class of 2025)
Alisha Uhlenbrock-Furst	Grade 10 Rep (Class of 2024)
Eileen Lefsky	Grade 11 Rep (Class of 2023)
Patricia Kelley	Grade 12 Rep (Class of 2022)
Liz Sweeney	Community Building Chairperson
Mary Binda	Fundraising Chairperson
Patrick Angland	Technology Chairperson
Vanessa Fuentes	Diversity & Inclusion

From the Health Office

As of last week, unvaccinated students who are a close contact outside of school do not need to quarantine. Unvaccinated students who are a close contact are required to wear a mask for ten days and testing is recommended on days two and five.

With the warmer weather, kids will be spending more time outside. Please remember to check your student daily for ticks. Some ticks can be very small. Please remember to apply sunscreen and bug spray before your student comes to school. Staff is not allowed to apply any sunscreen or bug spray to students. Don't forget to pack water bottles daily, hydration is very important.

<https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/index.html>

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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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 and Thursdays 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.

amazon

The Amazon logo is displayed in black with its signature orange arrow. To the right of the logo are three red apples with green leaves. Below the logo, the word "wishlist" is written in a large, yellow, sans-serif font.

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**

Tues - Thurs	06/14-06/16	Level IV Final Exams – Early Dismissal	12:00pm
Weds - Fri	06/15-06/17	High School Final Exams – Early Dismissal	12:00pm
Wednesday	06/15	Level II Awards at the SSCPS Gym 104 Longwater	9:00 and 12:30
Wednesday	06/15	Parent Association Meeting at 100 Longwater Drive and via Zoom	6:30pm
Thursday	06/16	Level III Awards at the SSCPS Gym	
Thursday	06/16	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Friday	06/17	Level IV Move-Up Ceremony at the SSCPS Gym	10:00am
Friday	06/17	Last day for students in grades 3 – 11 Early Dismissal	12:00pm
Monday	06/20	Juneteenth Observed – No School	
Tuesday	06/21	Last day for students in grades 1 and 2 Early Dismissal	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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