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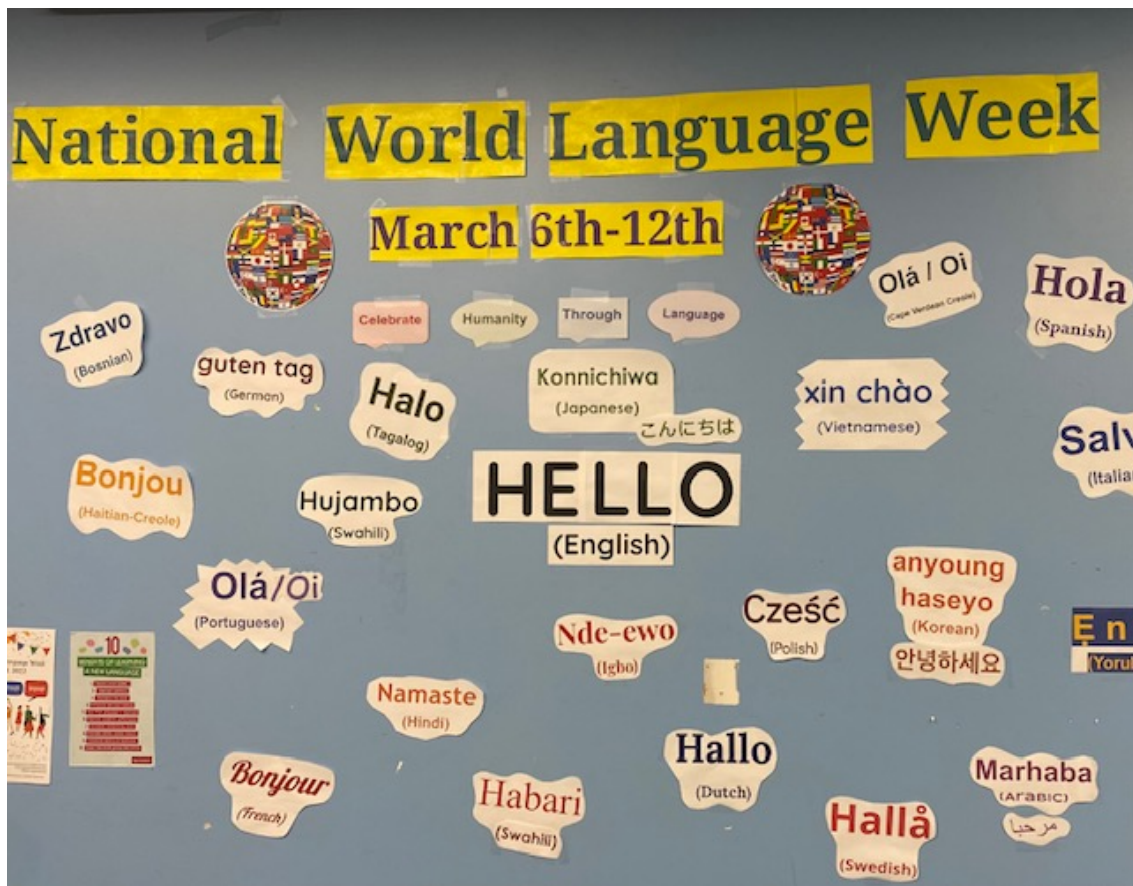
### **A Message from Haley**

It has been a very busy time of year in the High School World Language classrooms. From celebrating Black History Month, National World Language Week, and Le Mois de la Francophonie, to preparing for the Seal of Biliteracy exams, our students have been embracing the history and language of different cultures.



## **World Language Week**

National World Language Week was March 6th-12th. Every March, schools across America celebrate National World Language Week to highlight the value and joys of learning a new language. The theme this year was "celebrate humanity through language." SSCPS students created a variety of bulletin boards, including displays listing ways to say "hello" and "how to" in other languages and emphasizing the benefits of learning an additional language. Music from various countries filled the halls during passing time. Each morning students heard fun facts about the languages spoken at our school and had the opportunity to participate in a daily trivia game. Our high school students were thrilled to show off aspects of the languages they speak and learn a thing or two about an unfamiliar language.

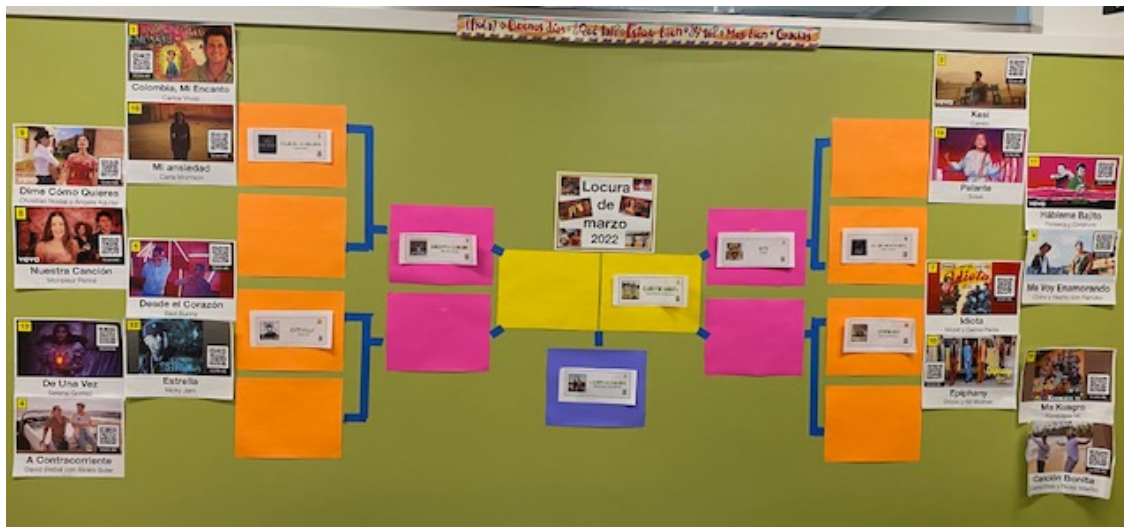


Our "Hello" wall at the high school, featuring more than 30 different languages.

## High School Spanish

During Black History Month, classes read biographies about famous Afro-Latinos and watched videos in order to learn more about Afro-Latino culture. Students focused on music and the importance of Afro-Latino musicians, such as Celia Cruz, Cimfunk, and Kombilesa Mi. When studying the impact of Afro-Latino artists in the music and arts, representation matters, and these artists help bring cultural awareness to their listeners while showcasing talent.

During March many Spanish classes participate in Locura de Marzo, which is a March Madness-style tournament, but instead of ranking college basketball teams, students rank songs in Spanish. Each day two songs "face off", students listen, decide on their favorite, and then vote. Students learn about each of the artists, are exposed to different types of music, analyze song lyrics, and give their opinions about the songs each day.



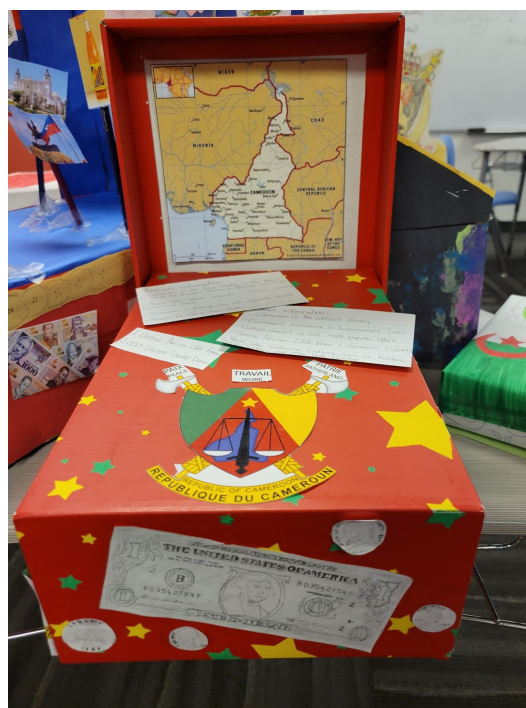
*Locura de Marzo bracket.*

## High School French

March is Le Mois de la Francophonie, a global celebration of the diversity of French speakers. Mardi Gras was explored in the beginning of the month as students researched the history and culture of colonial and current-day New Orleans. Students then compared Creole and Cajan culture, noting differences in cooking styles along with their styles of music and dance. Students worked together in groups to create a “float” that represented a Francophone country. They learned about people their age and created a presentation for their peers to show what life would be like as a high school student in their chosen country.



*Students Emile Buon and Karl Dery dress*



*One of our Francophone floats*

*up for the French Fashion Show.*

*showcasing the country of Cameroon.*

### **Massachusetts Seal of Biliteracy**

The State Seal of Biliteracy is an award provided by state-approved districts. It recognizes high school graduates who attain high functional and academic levels of proficiency in both English and another language. The official State Seal of Biliteracy is a seal that appears on the transcript or diploma of the graduating senior. It is an accomplishment marker that can be considered by future employers and college admissions. For more information, please read our [Seal update](#).



### **Students                      2022 Testing dates**

<b>Seniors</b>	<b>April 11th-12th</b>
<b>Juniors</b>	<b>May 25th-26th</b>

This spring we will administer the Massachusetts Seal of Biliteracy testing to many of our juniors and seniors. In the fall, be on the lookout for more information regarding the Seal and the application process. Please contact Haley Edmondson [hedmondson@sscps.org](mailto:hedmondson@sscps.org) with any further questions.

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**Haley Edmondson**

Languages Curriculum Coordinator and Teacher

# SSCPS STANDS WITH UKRAINE





*"The real question is: who has the responsibility to uphold human rights?  
The answer to that is everyone."  
-Madeleine Albright*

Last week, President Zelenskyy asked the world to show support for

Ukraine on March 24th, one month after Russia invaded the country. On Friday, students and staff proudly wore blue and yellow, drew posters, and waved the country's flags in support of Ukraine during these saddening and unjust events.

SSCPS is proud to stand with Ukraine, and our teachers Ashley Hiehiapo and Siobhan Daly have been fundraising. In support of the country, Siobhan Daly and her daughter Saoirse made T-shirts and accepted donations. Our school community has raised over \$1,000 and will be donating the money to UNICEF, which has a specific fundraiser for Ukraine.











# IMPORTANT REMINDER

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**FRIDAY, APRIL 1ST**  
**EARLY DISMISSAL AT NOON**  
**PROF. DEVELOPMENT DAY**

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**SSCPS OUTING AND FUNDRAISER**  
**TO BENEFIT ST. JUDE**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 22 • 2-4:30PM • WHITMAN, MA**

The Level III Community Service Project would like to extend sincere gratitude to the SSCPS community for your incredible generosity throughout the year! Our next effort will be to benefit [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#) and will provide an opportunity for the Charter community to gather outside of school for some fun! On Friday, April 22, from 2-4:30, [Carousel Family Fun Center](#) in Whitman will be hosting our SSCPS Roller Skating Fundraiser!

Please keep an eye out for a yellow coupon that your child will be bringing home this week that can be used for a \$2 discount off admission Friday, April 22 from 2-4:30 ONLY. You must present the coupon at the door to receive the \$2 discount on admission and for the school to receive a \$2 donation. The center will be open to the public at the same time, so the more, the merrier! General admission is \$13/skater (no charge for those not skating), rentals are available for \$5. We hope to see you there for some fun and to benefit a worthy cause!

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## SSCPS Annual Family Survey Reminder

Thank you to all of our families who have completed the Annual Family Survey. Over the past two years, family participation has been high. For those families who have not done so already, please remember to complete the 2022 **Annual Family Survey by Friday, April 1, 2022.**

Survey data is used for the Annual Report and for institutional planning during the July Board of Trustees meeting. 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.

Maintaining school culture and student life continues to be a priority. We rely on data provided by families to establish programs, design next year's schedule, and work to enhance the day to day life of an SSCPS student.

Please be sure your voice is heard by completing the survey link below.

Thank you!

**TAKE THE SURVEY**

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## Traffic Reminders

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.

**Please do not drop off or pick up students from 104 Longwater Drive.** There is a daycare center in two sections and multiple rooms of the building in addition to two playgrounds adjacent to the parking lot, rendering this area unable to safely accommodate additional traffic.

Today we received unconfirmed reports from our neighbors at 120 Longwater Drive that cars from our lines were pulling into their entrance and doing U-turns while not paying attention and using cell phones. If this is the case, we are asking those responsible to cease this practice. The driveway and parking lot at 120 Longwater Drive is not a public parking lot or road. Our neighbors at 120 Longwater Drive have raised concerns in the past and we do not want to give them any reason to report our families to the Norwell Police Department.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



Seniors: college is right around the corner, and that means it's time to start applying for scholarships! Click the link below to view the scholarships and resources available at our school's website:

- SSCPS scholarships, including the Jacquelyn Marie Brock Memorial Scholarship and the Karen Alice Yelin Scholarship
- Town scholarships
- General scholarships and resources for applying

## SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

## Inclusive Kicks Program - Saturdays in April

The Inclusive Kicks Program will provide athletic, recreational, and social activities for children ages 5 to 12 with different abilities & special needs.

**SATURDAYS STARTING APRIL 2ND FROM 3:30 TO 5:30 PM**

**REGISTER TODAY!**



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## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Sibshops Virtual Classes - 3/23-4/27

[www.pcfamilysupport.org](http://www.pcfamilysupport.org)



### What are Sibshops?

Sibshops are fun, action-packed workshops for children (age 7-13) who have a brother or sister with special needs to connect with others that get it.

You're invited to our Spring 2022

Sibshops!!

A program just for SIBS with special needs. It gives us great pleasure to share this amazing opportunity with you, to provide you an engaging, and fun way to meet new friends that may get things on a whole new level.

My name is Jennifer Roback, a certified Sibshop facilitator. I am a teacher, and mom to three beautiful children. I look forward to sharing this experience with you.

### Virtual Classes!

We will be offering a FREE 6-week online series

Wednesday Evenings

5:30-6:30pm

3/23/22—4/27/22

\*access link to be provided after signing up



### To Register—

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/

Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to:

Cari Robbins

Plymouth County Family Support

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Plymouth, Ma 02360

508-927-4520 ext100

[carir@pcfamilysupport.org](mailto:carir@pcfamilysupport.org)

## 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.

#### **Darcie Edwards, RN**

(she/her/hers)

SSCPS School Nurse

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[dedwards@sscps.org](mailto:dedwards@sscps.org)

## More from the Health Office

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](http://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.

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## **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.**

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## **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**

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## **Home Energy Assistance Programs**

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) - Known commonly as Fuel Assistance, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program provides eligible households with help in paying a portion of winter heating bills.

Heating System Repair & Replacement Program (HEARTWAP) - The Heating System Repair and Replacement Program provides emergency heating system repair and replacement services to low-income households.

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) - Funded by the U.S. Department of Energy, the Low Income Weatherization Assistance Program provides eligible households with full-scale home energy conservation services.

For full details please review the link here:

<https://www.mass.gov/home-energy-assistance-programs>

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## **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

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### Food Service - Breakfast and Lunch Program

**April 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](mailto:csalamone@sscps.org) or at 781-982-4202 x156.

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**amazon**

**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**

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## This Week | Up and Coming

<b>Friday</b>	<b>04/01</b>	<b>Professional Development Early Release</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>04/06</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Ends for Grades 5-12</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>04/06</b>	<b>Level II ELA MCAS</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>04/07</b>	<b>Level III ELA MCAS</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>05/20</b>	<b>Junior / Senior Prom at the Quincy Marriott</b> <b>Tickets sales start May 2 - \$60 per student</b> <b>See Mary Carter for more information</b>	<b>7:00-11:00pm</b>

## IMPORTANT LINKS

**Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website [www.sscps.org](http://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](mailto:palgera@sscps.org) to submit SSCPS items for publication.**



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