

[View this email in your browser](#)



Weekly Update | May 11, 2022

Vol. 5. Issue 2

A Message from Jamie

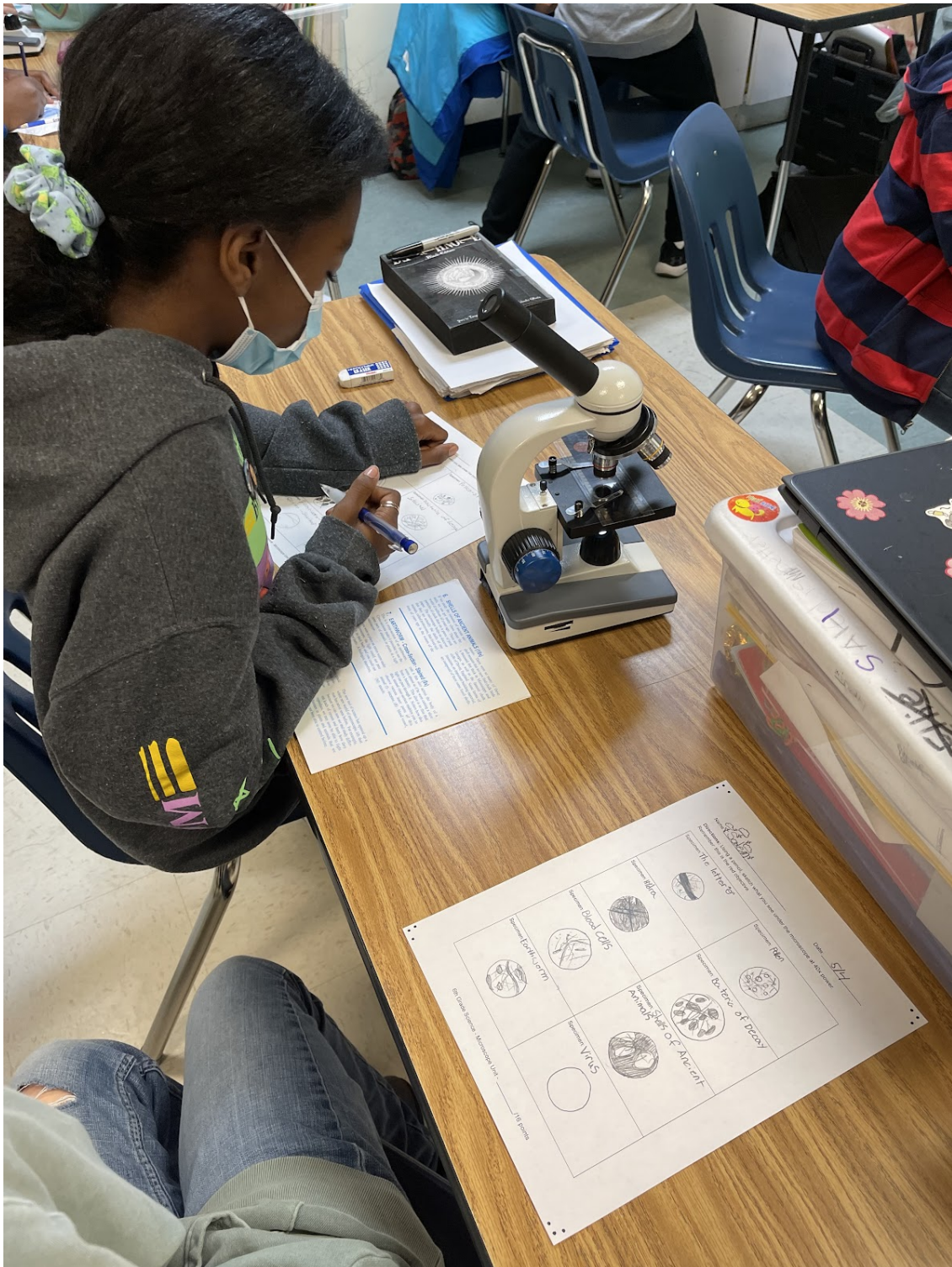
The month of May brings with it much excitement. It is the time of the year in which the reality of the approaching summer vacation starts to set in with the notable change in weather. With this excitement of longer days and warmer temperatures, it also brings with it the anticipation and anxiety surrounding the end of the year events for many of our students in grades 5-12- the finishing up of AP exams, the continuation of MCAS, and the culmination of an academic year marked by final exams. The MCAS STE tests assess the skills, scientific practices, and subject matter in the 2016 Massachusetts Science and Technology/Engineering Curriculum Framework. The tests are given in grade 5, grade 8, and in grade 9/10.



The MCAS assessments are based off of the [2016 Massachusetts Science and Technology/Engineering Curriculum Framework](#). The grades 5 and 8 Science and Technology/Engineering (STE) is comprised of four content areas: Earth and Space Science, Life Science, Physical Science, and Technology/Engineering. This is content that is learned through the progression of three years of science, grades 3-5 and then grades 6-8. Essentially, each year of academic instruction builds a layer of an analogous layer cake. Students at the high school level can take the STE MCAS in grades 9 or

10 and in any of the offered assessments. Currently at SSCPS, all 9th grade students are enrolled in Biology and sit for the STE Biology MCAS in June. This June, our high school students, as well as all students statewide, taking the Biology MCAS will transition to a next-generation, computer-based testing format that is aligned to the 2016 STE standards. The tests will have [new designs](#) and include assessing the skills, scientific practices, and subject matter in the 2016 Massachusetts Science and Technology/Engineering Curriculum Framework.





Our science curriculum and instruction here at SSCPS fosters an environment in which we let our students tap into their inquisitive nature. Our teachers have been working incredibly hard to ensure that students are accessing the standards. An incredibly daunting feat coupled to also ensure that instruction is engaging and remaining inquiry based, hands-on, and relevant through making real world connections so that our students are prepared for assessments like the MCAS, as well as the next grade level and success beyond high school. In looking at changes made to the Massachusetts framework over the years, and

to better align Mathematics with Science, there are anticipated changes to our science course sequence and course offerings.

Starting next year, students entering the high school will be taking an Introductory Physics Course (Physics First) their freshman year. The change will ensure that all of our students are exposed to the fundamentals of Physics during their high school career. The studies conclude that a Physics First course sequence promotes scientific and mathematical literacy. Basic knowledge in Physics concepts can help to unify concepts later taught in Biology and Chemistry. Placing physics first would expose more students to the discipline that provides the foundation for understanding engineering concepts and provides real-world connections to mathematical concepts. Thus, creating a solid foundation for all students and supporting those students interested in careers in science, engineering and mathematics. Below you will find the revised high school pathways.

Science, Technology, and Engineering Pathways

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Introductory Physics	Biology	Chemistry	Elective
Introductory Physics Honors	Biology Honors	Chemistry Honors	Advanced Physics Honors* or Elective
Introductory Physics Honors	AP Biology	AP Chemistry	AP Physics or AP Environmental or AP Computer Science Principles or Elective



As we approach summer, encourage your child to observe the world around them and explore science in their everyday life. The most important way we can engage students in science is through observation of the natural world and through harboring their natural curiosity and questioning. Look to find literature at local libraries for enrichment or search for online articles to make connections to current events. Investigate by creating concoctions in the kitchen, grow a garden, or even become an engineer by using LEGO's or building an extravagant sand castle at the beach. Tap into your child's natural

curiosity and watch in amazement as they ask questions, learn to solve problems and make conclusions. We make connections to science in the classroom when we realize that everyday we are surrounded by science and that we are living the scientific process. I encourage you to share your scientific explorations and email any ideas or images to jallen@sscps.org.

Jamie AllenScience Curriculum Coordinator

REMINDER: Board of Trustees Annual and Regular Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 12th
Time: 7:30pm
[Zoom Link](#)

CELEBRATING SCHOOL NURSE DAY



Since 1972, National School Nurse Day has been set aside to recognize school nurses.

National School Nurse Day was established to foster a better understanding of the role of school nurses in the educational setting. It is celebrated on the Wednesday within National Nurses Week. National Nurses Week is May 6-12 each year.

Click below to read more about National School Nurse Day!

READ MORE



What Our School Nurses Mean to Us

"Thanks for making sure we stay healthy!" - Maheen C.

"You are really nice and helpful!" - Anngiah T.

"You are our beloved nurse!" - Terry C.

"I appreciate you as our school nurse!" - Brian J.

"Thanks for taking care of us!" - Soraya N.



May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Powell's Books in

Portland, OR has a wonderful APAHM reading list for grown-ups that you can find and shop from by clicking the image above.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY WORKSHOP

High Schoolers in the Cultural Diversity Workshop recently collaborated with second graders to teach students some cultural games played around the world - it was a huge success!

Peru: "Corre, Corre, la Guaraca"



Children sing "Corre, Corre, la Guaraca" while running around the circle with a handkerchief. The cloth will be dropped on one of the students' heads and that student runs around the circle to catch the other.

China: "Catch the Dragon's Tail"



There are two teams of five people. The player in the front is the head of the dragon, and the person in the back is the tail. You can't let go of your teammates. The goal of the game is to catch the other team's tail.

Egypt: "Double Dutch"



Kids in Egypt used two ropes made of vines for jumping. Children take turns jumping for the longest time.

Brazil: "Luta de Galo"



"Luta De Galo" is a two-person hopping game. Each player will need a handkerchief or a piece of cloth tucked into a pocket or waistband with enough of it hanging out so that the other students can grab it. The player hopping on one leg must try to grab the other player's handkerchief.

SSCPS HERITAGE DAY - MAY 19TH

DRESS YOUR HERITAGE DAY



CELEBRATE YOUR HERITAGE
BY WEARING CLOTHING
TRADITIONAL TO YOUR
CULTURE ON MAY 19TH

TRADITIONAL PATTERNS, SHIRTS, DRESSES, AND
SCARVES ARE ENCOURAGED

MAY 19, 2022

ENJOY CULTURAL MUSIC/DANCES/GAMES
DURING WORKSHOP

In Full Bloom | SSCPS Garden





MAY GIVING AT SSCPS

TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION

During the month of May, the South Shore Charter Educational Foundation will be raising funds in support of our school's teachers and faculty. With Teacher Appreciation Week beginning today, it's important to recognize and celebrate our hardworking staff for their accomplishments and their dedication to our students. We wanted to extend this acknowledgement through the whole month, rather than just one week, in support of the many individuals who make up the SSCPS faculty and keep our school's mission strong every single day.

SSCPS allocates a specific budget every year toward our teachers' classroom supplies, student trips and activities, and more. Being able to invest more funds in these broader categories of learning tools means that teachers are able to further enhance their classrooms and teaching methods, providing more memorable experiences for their students and continuing to make learning fun, exciting and enjoyable for

them. If you would like to sponsor a specific classroom, or make a general donation toward all of our dedicated teaching staff at SSCPS, please feel free to make a donation using the button below.

DONATE NOW



Dinosaur Dance on Level II.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Literacy Night is coming!

Thursday, May 26th, from 6 to 7 p.m.

Families of grades K-4 students, please join us for Literacy Night! Your children will hear stories read or told aloud to them in English and other languages by teachers and volunteers.

Pajamas and slippers are appropriate dress!

If you have any questions please contact:

Kristen Gale (kgale@sscps.org) 781-982-4202 x344

This is not a drop off event. Please plan for an adult to attend with your child.

From the Parents Association



PA Nominations for 2022-2023 Self-nominating closes Friday (5/13)

It's that time of year! While every parent is automatically a member of the Parents Association (PA), we have a few positions that require a vote! We are opening nominations for the 2022-2023 school year and invite you to consider YOURSELF!

Are you interested in being more involved? Care to hang out with a group of SSCPS parents and guardians once a month to make our school better? Want to be part of keeping families and school connected?

Well...joining PA might be for you! We're an integral part of engaging families to support our school. **All positions are up for nomination!**

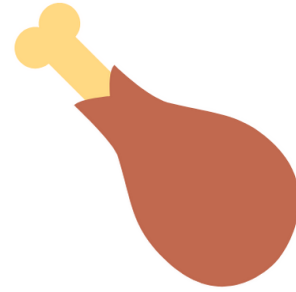
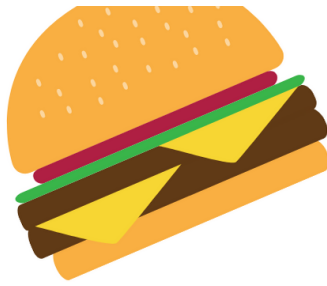
We're kicking off the election process by inviting you to self-nominate for a position. Nominations will be accepted until 5/13/22. Please consider nominating yourself.

Once nominations have been collected, we will send another email with a survey link for you to vote for all PA officers, committee chairs and level/grade representatives.

We plan to close the voting by 6/3/22 and announce in the 6/8/22 weekly

If you are interested in running for a position, we invite you to self-nominate here:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PANominations2022-2023>

Thank you for your continued support of our children and their school. Questions can be sent to sscpsaelection@gmail.com, or you can contact any member of the PA.



D & N
HOME DELIVERY

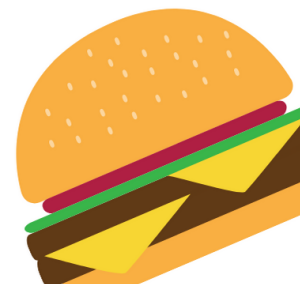
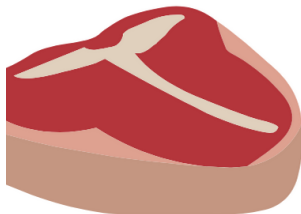
- Placed orders on **May 16, 17 & 18th** and D & N Provisions will donate 10% of gross sales to SSCPS PA!
Order will be delivered May 17, 18 & 19th

ORDER AT:

www.dandnhomedelivery.com/s/order

● Please use code “SSCPS” at checkout so we get credit for the orders. They have a large delivery area, so please share with friends and family that might be interested!

● **Don't forget!**
Use code SSCPS at checkout



FAMILY PORTRAIT DAY!

SPONSORED BY SSCPS PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Saturday, May 14th
Webb Memorial Park

371 River St
North Weymouth, MA 02191



Photo sessions are 15-minutes.
The fee is \$80 and includes ~20 final
edit digital files. Pets, immediate
and extended family welcome.

Rain date is Saturday May, 21.

Sign up at:

<https://calendly.com/photosbyjaq/sscps2022spring?month=2022-05>

Venmo \$80 session fee to SSCPSPA



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 updated 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

From the Health Office

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.

Darcie Edwards, RN

(she/her/hers)

SSCPS School Nurse

781-982-4202 x104

dedwards@sscps.org

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.

Food Service - Breakfast and Lunch Program

May 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.

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

This Week | Up and Coming

Thursday	05/12	Advanced Placement World History Exam	
Thursday	05/12	School Council via Zoom	4:30pm
Thursday	05/12	Board of Trustees	7:30pm

		Governance	6:30pm
		Finance	7:00pm
		All meetings will be held at 700 Longwater Drive and via Zoom	
Friday	05/13	Two Kindergarten classes to Holly Hill Farm	
Friday	05/13	High School Art Workshop Fashion Walk at the SSCPS Gym	1:00pm
Monday	05/16	Level IV Math MCAS	
Tuesday	05/17	Level IV Math MCAS	
Tuesday	05/17	Grade 10 Math MCAS	
Wednesday	05/18	Grade 10 Math MCAS	
Wednesday	05/18	Level III Math MCAS	
Thursday	05/19	Level III Math MCAS	
Thursday	05/19	School Council via Zoom	4:30pm
Friday	05/20	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.



Copyright © 2021 South Shore Charter Public School, All rights reserved.

www.sscps.org

This email was sent to palgera@sscps.org
[why did I get this?](#) [unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)
South Shore Charter Public School · 100 Longwater Cir · Norwell, MA 02061-1650 · USA