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Weekly Update | May 18, 2022

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A Message from SSCPS Administration

This week our nation contends with two tragic acts of violence, the racially motivated shooting in a Buffalo supermarket and the shooting at the Irvine Taiwanese Presbyterian Church in Laguna Woods. The shooting targeting African Americans took ten lives in Buffalo. One person was killed and five others were wounded in Laguna Woods. Our thoughts here at SSCPS are with the victims of these terrible shootings and their families.

When horrible events occur our children are exposed to troubling images and frightening reports. Below please find links to a recent article from the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) which provides some advice for us on how to talk to our children about these events. Families with young children may find the article from PBS helpful as well.

[The Horrific Mass Shooting in Buffalo: How to Talk with Young People](#)

[Helping Children with Tragic Events in the News](#)

Offensive rhetoric perpetuates hate crimes and violence. Racism and white supremacy are never tolerated here and have no place in our classrooms, hallways, and on the playgrounds. Our school will continue our work promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion. We remain committed to our mission of inspiring every student to excel in academics, service, and life.

Sincerely,

Alicia Savage
Executive Director

A Message from Kristen

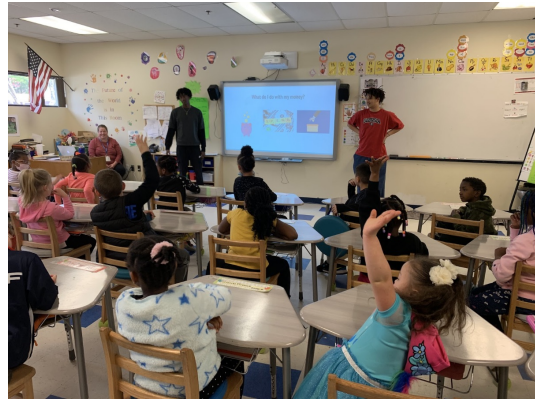
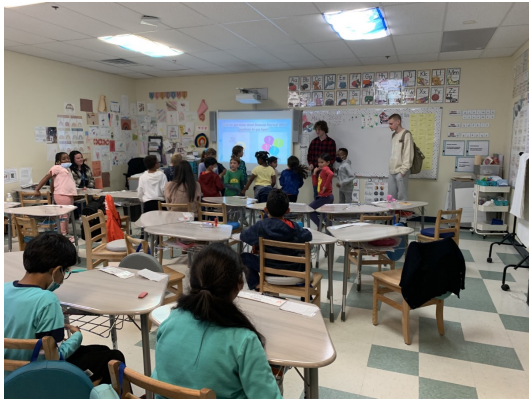
There is much to celebrate at South Shore Charter Public School as we move closer to summer break. Many families celebrate Haitian Flag Day today, May 18, to commemorate the anniversary of the flag.

Guided by dedicated history and social studies teachers, SSCPS students have expanded their knowledge and skills concerning the past and present in order to inform the future. Projects and experiences are important elements of their learning.

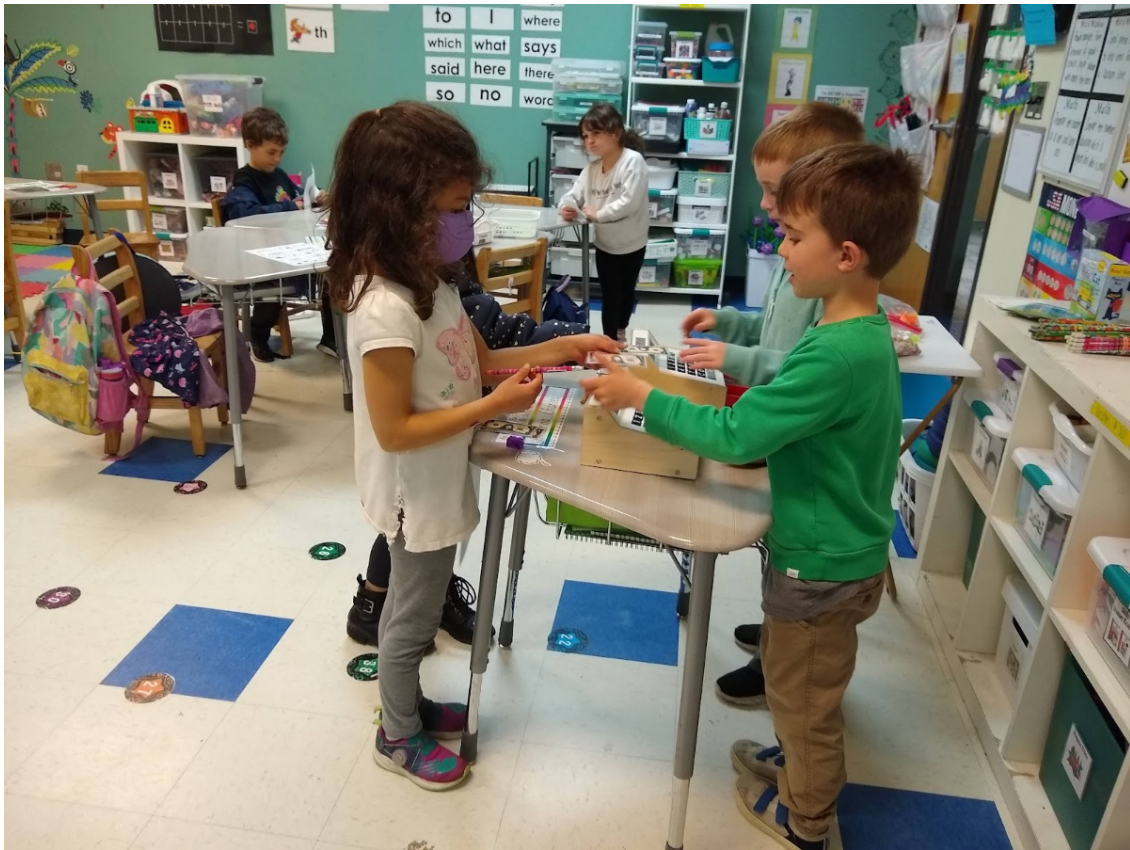


Financial Literacy

Last June, several teachers designed financial literacy units and FITs that have reached students throughout our school. For example, kindergarteners made spending decisions using pretend money during a simulation in which they purchased books, pencils, sharpeners, and/or erasers. Seniors who completed a financial literacy FIT talked to first graders about money management. The first graders were excited to hear from our graduating seniors, and one class ended their visit with a dance party.



Seniors teach financial literacy.



Kindergarten students use cash registers to collect classroom currency.

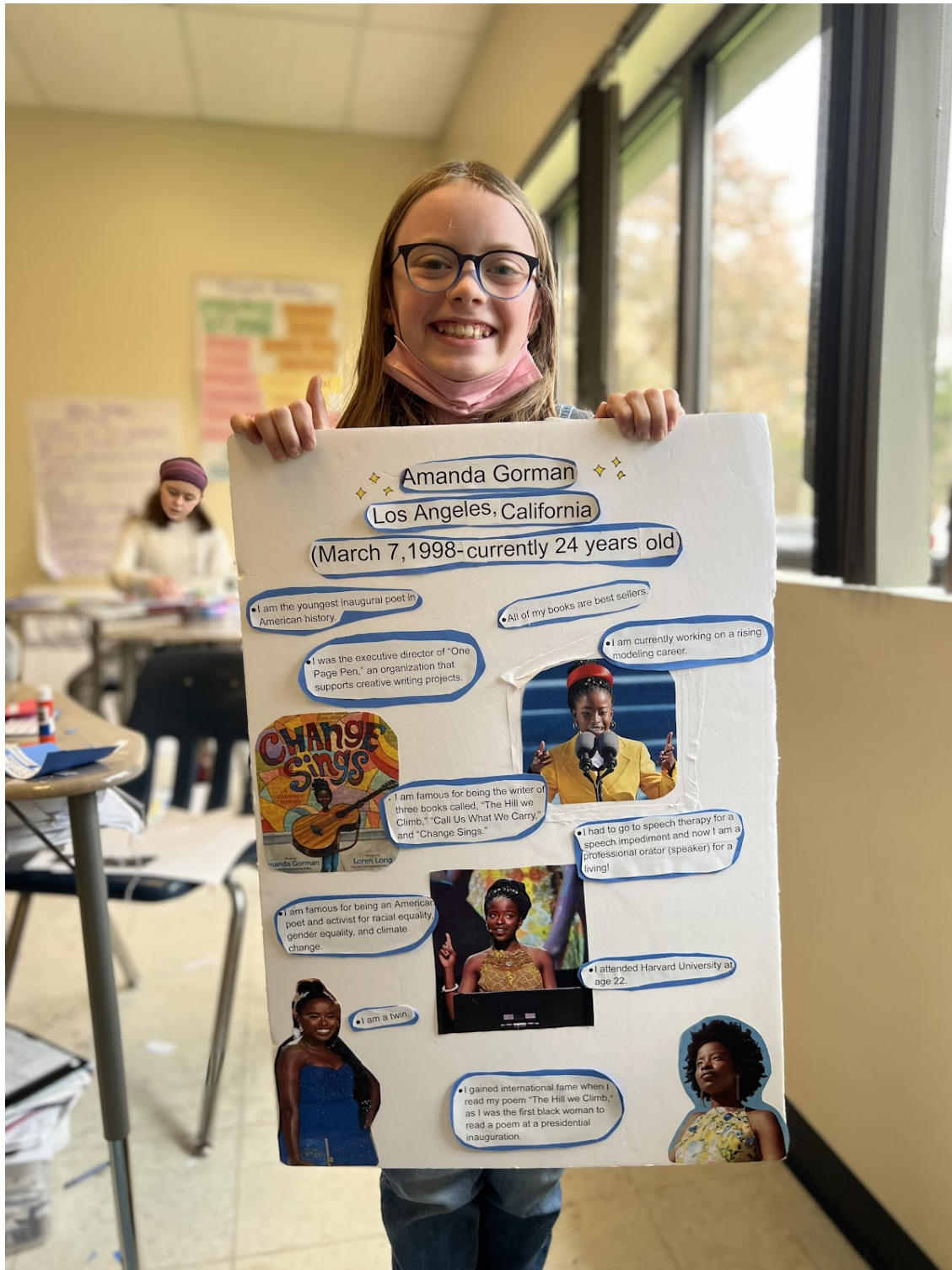
Grades 3 & 4 - Virtual Museum Visit

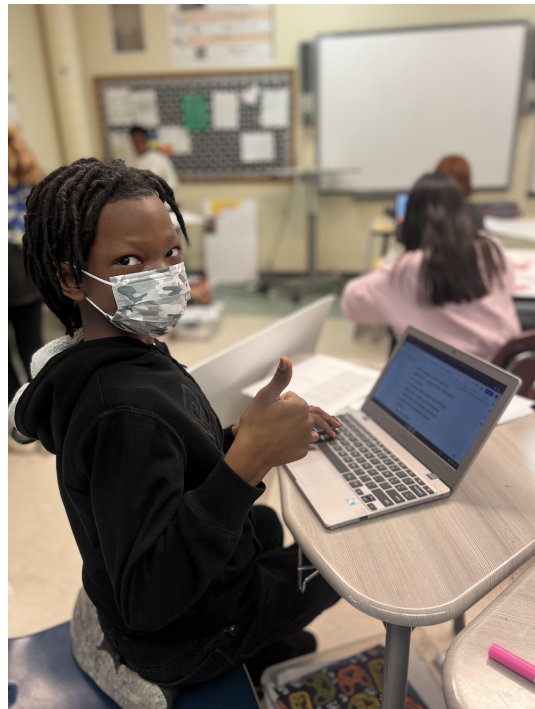
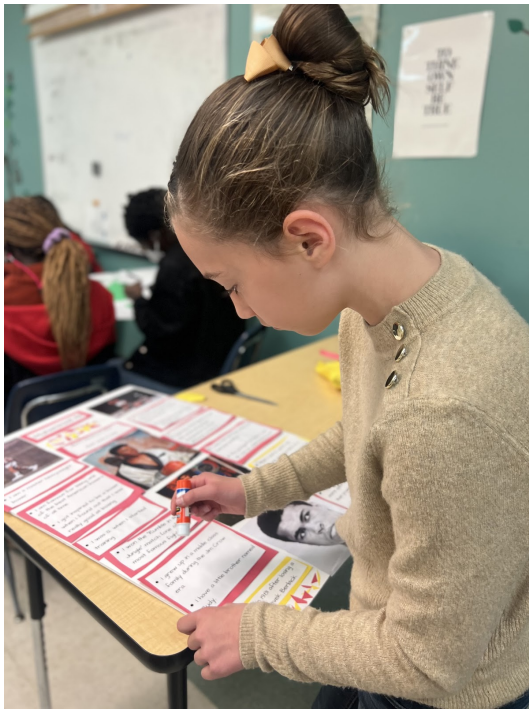
Third and fourth graders virtually experienced the [Commonwealth Museum](#) in April. Their museum docents quizzed them about Massachusetts state symbols. Students made educated guesses and learned more about our state. Do you know what our state flower is? Hint: It shares its name with a famous ship.

Grade 5 - Wax Museum

The Fifth Grade Wax Museum will take place on Friday, May 20 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Students researched historical figures, worked closely with teacher Ashley Hiehiapo, and designed displays featuring facts and images. They look forward to teaching attendees about many interesting American figures.

Parents and guardians of fifth grade students are encouraged to attend the event. Attendees must park in the high school parking lot (700 Longwater Drive) and sign in as visitors at the front door of the PE space (104 Longwater Drive).

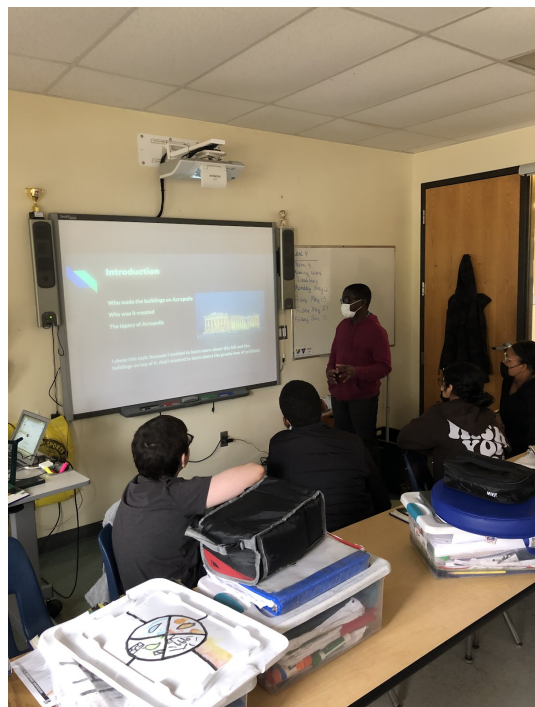
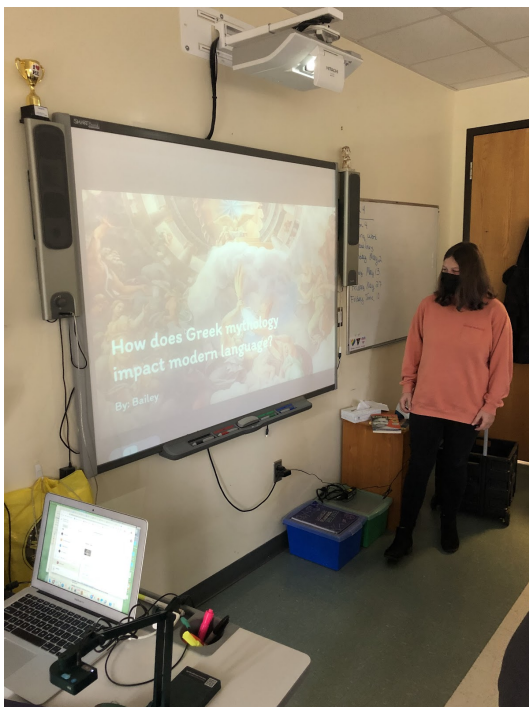


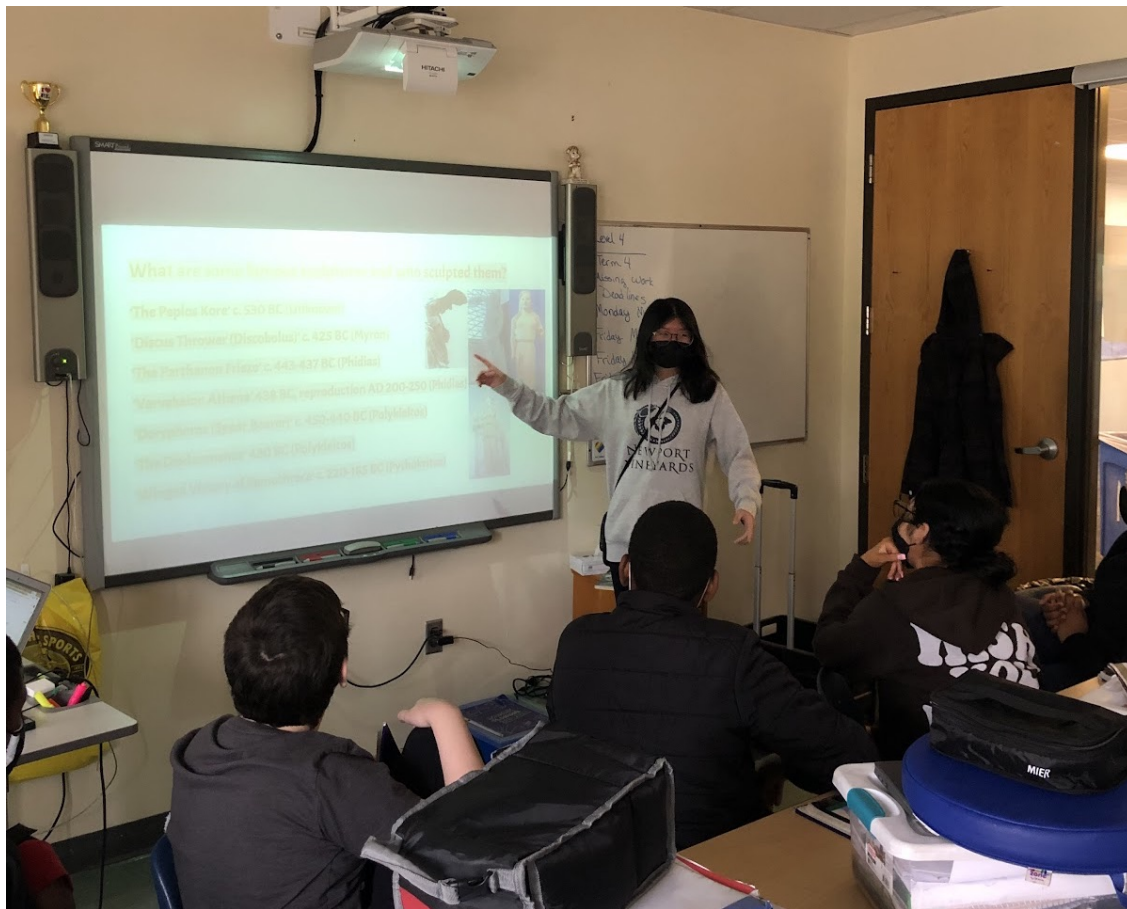


Fifth graders work on their wax museum project.

Grades 6 & 7 - World Geography and Ancient Civilizations

Sixth and seventh graders refined research and presentation skills. Students in Dan Roberts’s social studies classes recently researched African countries while seventh graders in Matt Goodell’s classes researched Greek achievements before sharing with their class.





Seventh graders teach about Greek mythology, architecture, and art.

Civics Action Projects

Eighth graders in Nick Kerrigan’s classes and seniors in Dan Fish’s Ethics classes put civics knowledge into action.

Last week, seniors showcased their civics action projects and reflected on the process. Many mentioned that the project pushed them to look beyond themselves to become change agents. One shared that “overall, [the project] helped us work as a team. It also helped us understand the importance of getting involved with the government...as young adults and people who are about to be able to vote and who are able to actually change systems within our community [the project highlighted] how important it is to get involved.”

Eighth graders researched a community issue and created a theory of action. They also identified several decision-makers and influencers. Moving forward, students will present their ideas to community leaders in the form of a business letter that outlines their policy vision.

High School

Kudos to students who completed the AP United States History and AP World: Modern exams under the direction of teachers Tom O'Connell and Margaret Bulger. Now that the exam is behind them, AP history students are designing projects about a selected time period.

Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors continue to study United States and world history in myriad ways, including participation in Socratic Seminars and analyses of primary source documents. Teacher Mike Forrester uses digital tools such as Quizlet, Edpuzzle, Nearpod, and Edulastic as formative and summative assessments.

Seniors' perseverance paid off during the last week of April when students skillfully presented arguments about controversial topics using ethical reasoning, evidence, and persuasive strategies under the direction of Ethics teacher Dan Fish.



Seniors develop their debate rebuttals.

Model United Nations

SSCPS Model United Nations has practiced for several months in order to prepare for conferences next year. The team continues to investigate world issues and negotiation strategies in addition to learning parliamentary procedures. High school students interested in joining Model United Nations in the fall should stay tuned for more information or reach out to our Secretary-Generals, sophomores Pierre Joseph and Kendall Grier.

Kristen Mullin-Connolly

History & Social Science Curriculum Coordinator

HAITIAN FLAG DAY AT SSCPS



Today is Haitian Flag Day—an incredibly important day for Haitian students and families within the SSCPS community. To celebrate, a presentation on Haitian culture, including its landscapes, wildlife and people was presented by 5th graders Ayden Dominiq and Saoirse Daly, and Level III students from the *World Performance Project* performed a dance (choreographed by 6th grader

Maddy Devany) to honor Haitian culture and independence. To watch the dance, click the button below!

HAITIAN DANCE PERFORMANCE



SSCPS Fashion Show

The SSCPS Fashion Show returns this year! Students participating in the High School Art Workshop designed stunning ensembles for our student models, who confidently walked the runway and put on a wonderful show—the audience had a terrific time. Special thanks to Art Teachers Marianne Buckley Curran and Dan Vasconcellos who both mentored our students along the way.

See some photos below, and click the link to view/download a short video of the Fashion Show in progress.

[SSCPS Fashion Show](#)







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.

APAHM Guest Speaker: Helen Li

On Wednesday, May 25th, SSCPS will host Helen Li as a guest speaker to talk to high school students about Asian American Heritage.

ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH SERIES

WITH

HELEN JI LI

Author, Educator, Journalist, Activist



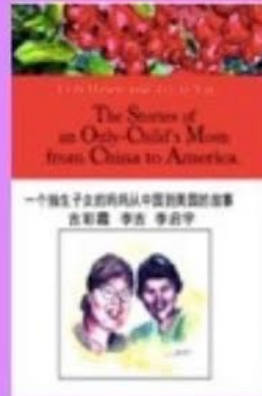
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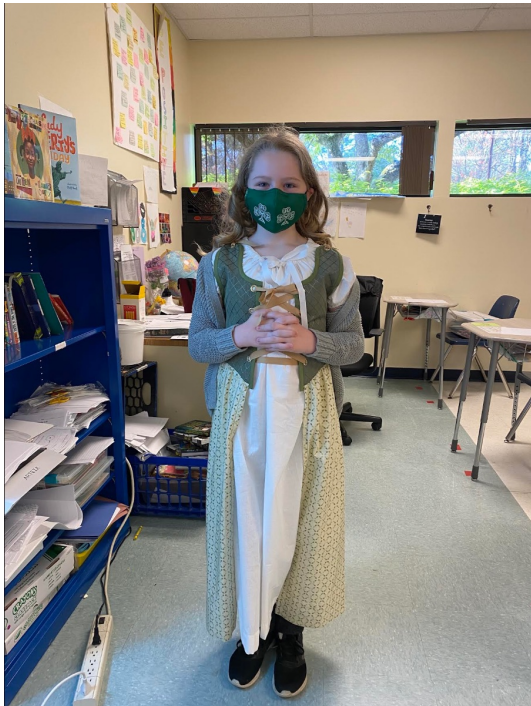
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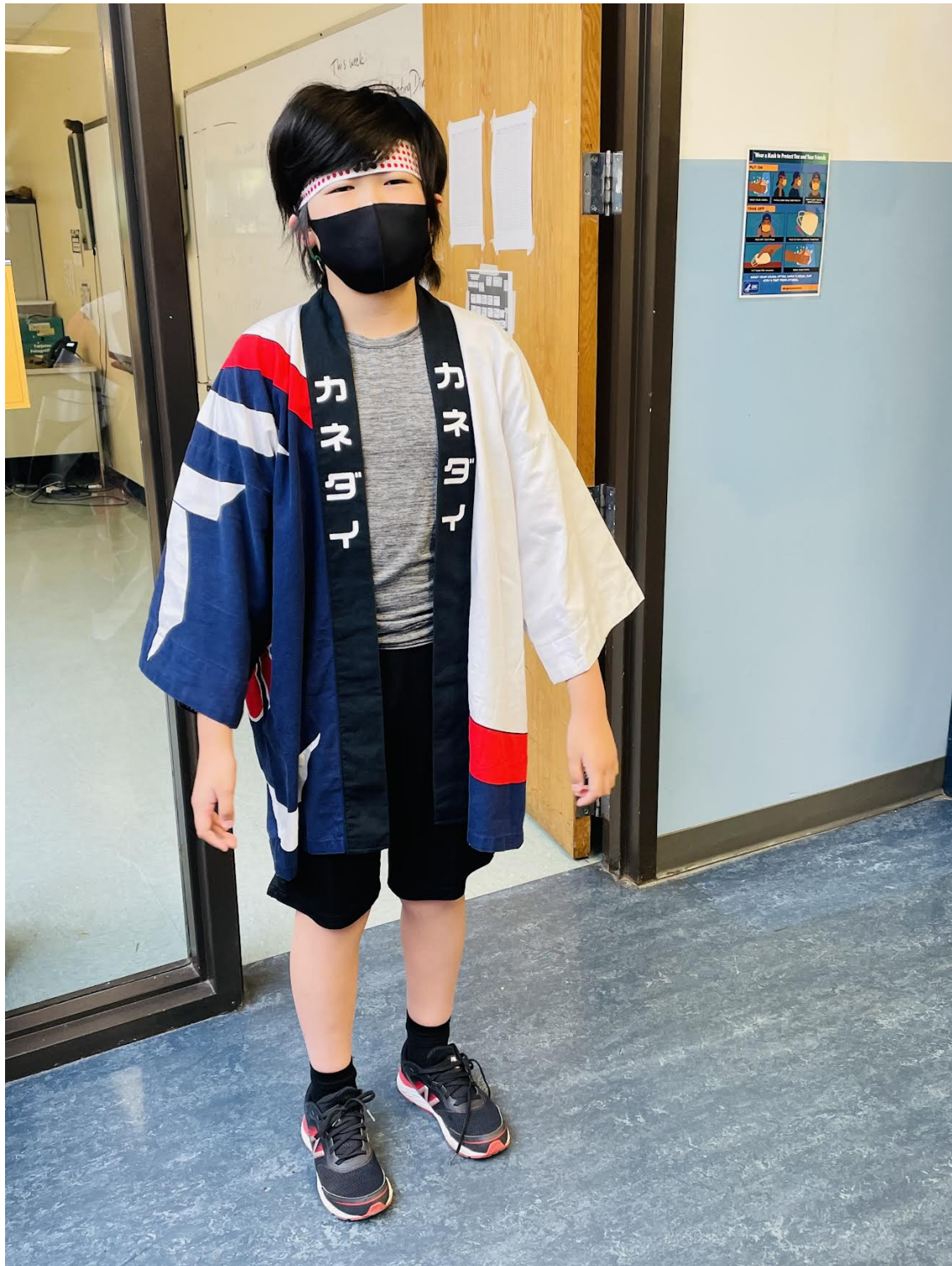
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DRESS YOUR HERITAGE DAY - MAY 19TH

Students are encouraged to celebrate their heritage by wearing clothing traditional to their cultures tomorrow, May 19th. Cultural music, dances, and games will also be enjoyed during Workshop.

Below: photos from last year's Heritage Day at SSCPS.





BOYS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL





The SSCPS Boys Varsity Volleyball team is off to a great start with a 3-2 season so far!

A Goodbye from Wardie

Dear South Shore Charter Public School Community,

I will be leaving my job as music teacher at SSCPS this June and I want to say how much I have loved teaching here over the past 26 years. This is the best job I will ever have, but it is time to go.

I will miss my colleagues, students and families, but know that Theron Leonard and Paul Barrett will keep music in the hearts of our students.

You will be in great hands with them.

It has been a joy to sing with your children and open our ears to the music all around us. Please know that I will carry all of you in my heart.

Keep singing and farewell in June.

-Wardie

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



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.

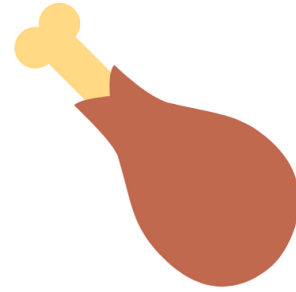
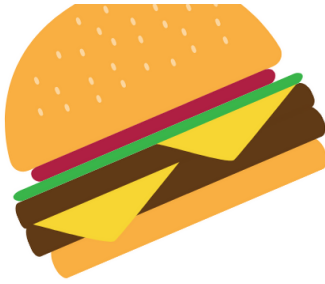
Pajamas and slippers are appropriate dress!

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



D & N
HOME DELIVERY

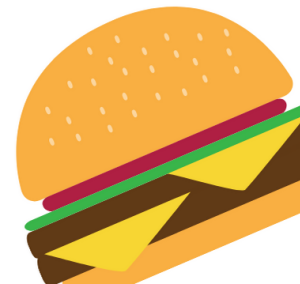
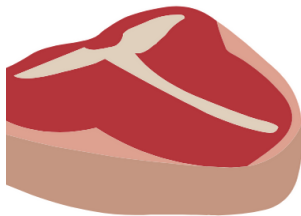
- Placed orders on **May 16, 17 & 18th** and D & N Provisions will donate 10% of gross sales to SSCPS PA!
Order will be delivered May 17, 18 & 19th

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



Sponsor the 2022 Senior Trip

Each year, the South Shore Charter Public School organizes a trip for the senior class at the end of the school year to celebrate their upcoming graduation as well as their hard work during their final year at SSCPS. This year, our 2022 seniors chose Six Flags for their senior trip, which will

take place on Wednesday, June 1st.

The Senior Trip is a long-awaited outing for our students as they come to a close on their high school careers. We know that many parents, family members and friends would like to be a part of this special experience, so if you or someone you know would like to sponsor an SSCPS senior on their trip to Six Flags, you can do so by using the "Sponsor" button below.

If you'd like to include a specific message to be delivered to your sponsored student before they leave for their trip, please write your message and the student's name in the appropriate section on the donation form. Your sponsored senior will receive a handwritten note with your message on it before they arrive at Six Flags for the day.

SPONSOR A SENIOR



FROM THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

2022-2023 Parent Association Election for SSCPS!

Survey Closes: 6/3/2020 – Click the link below to cast your vote:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PAElections2022-2023>

New PA will be announced in Weekly on May 26 and inducted at the June Meeting (Zoom)

Thank you all for coming to cast a ballot for all Parents Association positions. Only SSCPS Parents and Guardians may cast votes.

As your appointed Election Team, we are committed to ensuring the process is efficient, fair, measurable, and accessible to all parents.

- Only current SSCPS Parents or Guardians may vote in this election,
- One vote per parent/guardian will be allowed,
- You must make one selection for each position,
- You are given the option to abstain from voting for a particular position if, for any reason, you choose not to (via an "*I choose not to cast a vote for this position*" option),
- Results will ONLY be shared on an aggregate level (e.g. # of total voters, # of votes per nominee, # that chose not to vote for a position, etc.)
- If there is a tie for a position, a second survey will be sent out only for those who need a tie-breaker,
- If you would like to self-nominate for a position that has no nominees, please insert your name with brief intro. Election will be held at June PA meeting,
- If there is a dispute or demand for a recount, at least one member of the Election Team and one school administrator will be engaged to review or re-count parent/guardian submissions.

The Election Team remains committed and unbiased throughout its work on this process, and we're committed to the integrity of the SSCPS Parent Association.

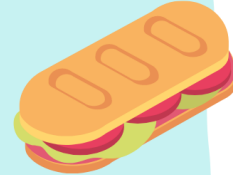
Thank you for carefully considering the nominees who have stepped up to represent us.



DINING FOR DOLLARS



TUESDAY MAY 24, 2022



**39 TROTTER ROAD
WEYMOUTH, MA**

ALL DAY 10% WILL BE DONATED
BACK TO THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

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

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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.

Food Service - Breakfast and Lunch Program

June 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

This Week | Up and Coming

Wednesday	05/18	Grade 10 Math MCAS	
Wed & Thurs	05/18 & 5/19	Level III Math MCAS	
Thursday	05/19	School Council via Zoom	4:30pm

Friday	05/20	Level III 5th Grade Wax Museum at the Gym	10:30am
Friday	05/20	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Friday	05/20	Junior/Senior Prom at the Quincy Marriott	7:00-11:00pm
Mon & Tues	05/23 & 05/24	Level II Math MCAS	
Mon & Tues	05/23 & 05/24	Grade 5 and Grade 8 Science MCAS	
Tuesday	05/24	Junior Class College Field Trip to Bridgewater	
Wednesday	05/25	Parents Association Meeting at 100 Longwater Circle and via Zoom	6:30pm
Wed & Thurs	05/25 & 05/26	Seal of Biliteracy Testing for Juniors	
Thursday	05/26	Literary Night for Level I and Level II at 100 Longwater Circle	6:00pm

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:

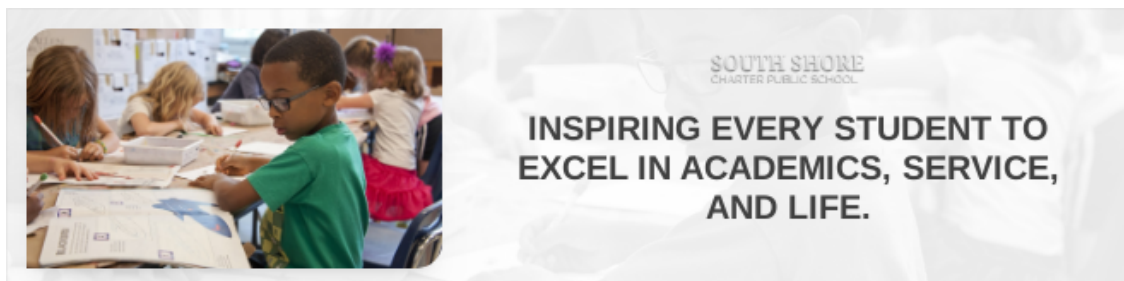
[2021-22 School Calendar](#)

[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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