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A Message from SSCPS Administration

Dear SSCPS Families,

Our school community is deeply saddened by the school shooting in Texas. Our thoughts are with the children and teacher lost, and with their families and loved ones. In accordance with a Presidential proclamation and Governor Baker, we will fly the United States of America flag and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts flag at half-staff until Saturday, May 28, 2022.

Here at SSCPS we continue to keep safety at the forefront of all we do every day. There is a safety plan in place and all procedures and guidelines are described in the School Crisis Staff Handbook. I have been in contact with the Norwell Police Department and our school resource officer, Officer Rick Phelps. The Norwell Police Department will continue and increase safety checks for the remainder of the school year.

When tragic events occur our children may be exposed to media coverage that includes upsetting images and frightening reports. Please let us know if your child needs to speak to one of our adjustment counselors. Below please find some additional resources you may find helpful when speaking with your child.

<u>U.S. Department of Health andHuman Services | Tips for Talking to Children and Youth After Traumatic Events</u>

Child Mind Institute | Helping Children Cope After a Traumatic Event

Colorín colorado | 15 Tips for Talking with Children About School Violence

Boston Medical Center | Supporting Children Through Grief

<u>American Psychological Association | Helping your children manage</u> <u>distress in the aftermath of a shooting</u>

Sincerely,

Alicia Savage
Executive Director

A Message from Kristine

On Thursday, May 12, 2022, the Board of Trustees approved the FY23 South Shore Charter Public School Operational and Capital Budgets. Since winter break, the Instructional Leadership Team, Administration, and Finance Committee worked diligently on the development of the school's FY23 Operating and Capital Budgets. The areas of focus were projecting our enrollment and tuition revenues, funding the third year of a three-year compensation and benefit package, funding instructional programming requests, funding a new regional transportation program, facility occupancy expenses, and capital needs for the upcoming school year.

The school conservatively budgeted \$17,200 per pupil based on an enrollment of 1,060 students. In April 2022, The ESE reported that the FY23 projected average per pupil tuition is estimated to be \$17,857 based on our preenrollment of 1,075. A conservative budget allows for demographic shifts in enrollment throughout the year and fluctuations in our districts spending. To learn more about how commonwealth charter schools are funded, please click here. The tuition revenue we receive from the ESE accounts for 94% of the school's annual revenue and another 5% comes from federal and state entitlement grants. As you can see, the school is heavily dependent on the ESE

to fund our programming. For informational purposes, here is a table showing a six-year history of tuition data:

	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22*	FY23**
FTE # students	923.71	946.28	1,002.66	1,008.06	1,040.00	1,060.00
Tuition	11,959,950	12,949,629	14,186,256	14,655,046	16,080,480	17,078,720
Transportation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Facilities	825,004	845,029	940,481	945,555	975,520	1,153,280
Total Revenue	\$ 12,784,954	\$ 13,794,658	\$ 15,126,737	\$ 15,600,601	\$ 17,056,000	\$ 18,232,000
Average Per Pupil	\$ 13,841	\$ 14,578	\$ 15,087	\$ 15,476	\$ 16,400	\$ 17,200
*SSCPS EOY Projection						
**SSCPS Budgeted						

To learn more about the FY23 SSCPS Operational and Capital Budget here are the <u>presentation slides</u>, which will also be uploaded to our school website later today.

Throughout the year, we like to know what is happening in your school district. If you hear that your district is planning significant school budget cuts, please let us know. As we serve students from over 26 communities, understanding what is happening at the district level helps us understand forthcoming adjustments in revenues. Please email kbingham@sscps.org with any information that you feel might be of importance.

To learn more about our school finances, please feel free to attend our finance committee meetings which are open to the public.

Kristine Bingham

Director of Finance & Human Resources



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.

HAITIAN FLAG DAY

Students enjoyed festive cupcakes at the end of their school day to celebrate Haitian Flag Day last week.









DRESS YOUR HERITAGE DAY AT SSCPS

Students of all ages celebrated their diverse cultures last week on Dress Your Heritage Day by wearing traditional clothing, hats and headpieces, sports jerseys, waving flags and more. It was a wonderful celebration of the diversity within the SSCPS community, complete with cultural music, games, and dances throughout the day.

















































WELLNESS DAY

Better You, Better World; Strong, Stretched and Centered; Personal Training; School Store and Mindful Movement Workshops hosted a Wellness Day on Friday, May 20th, to help promote May's Mental Health Month. Students and

teachers practiced strategies to improve and maintain good health.

Students began in advisory with a short presentation. Afterwards, along with their Workshop teachers, students spent the day rotating through different activities led by student instructors. Teachers and students participated together in healthy activities throughout the campus.

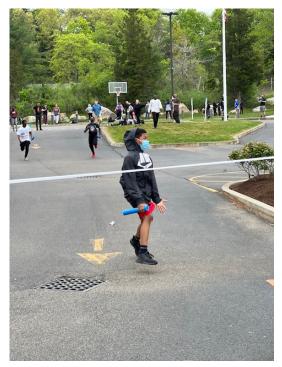
Special thanks to the School Store for providing snacks during breaks.

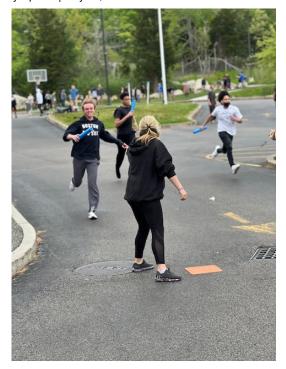








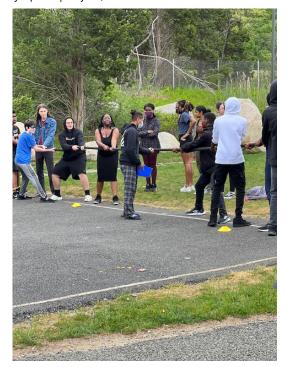


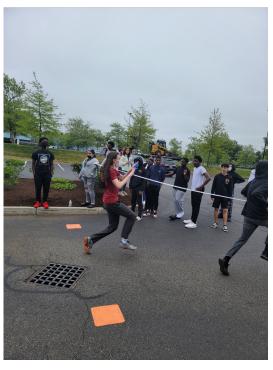


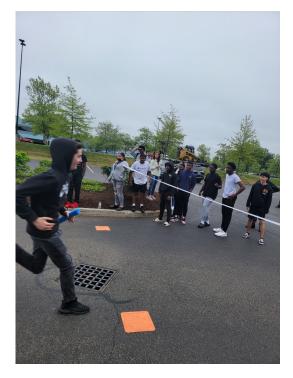






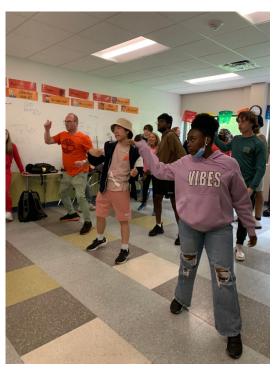


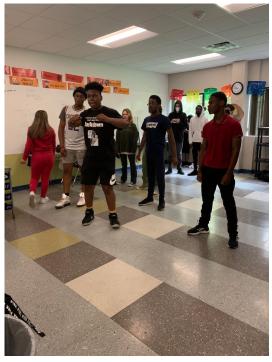












JUNIOR & SENIOR PROM

South Shore Charter Public School held its first prom in two years last Friday! Congratulations to Prom Queen Nikaya Thomas and Prom King Walid Zaynoune, as well as Junior Prince Marcus Lefort and Junior Princess Sarah Paul.











LIVING WAX MUSEUM

Fifth grade students in Level III Teacher Ashley Hiehiapo's class put on a living wax museum last Friday. Students created informational posters and costumes, dressing up as their selected historical figure and acting as wax figures to showcase their work to the community.





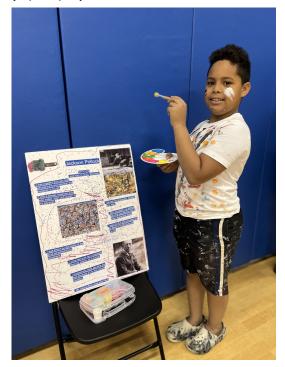


















Special thanks to Ashley Hiehiapo for organizing the Living Wax Museum and teaching our fifth graders so much about history.

SSCPS ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

SSCPS has started an Artist Spotlight highlighting the musical talent we have at the school. Click the button below to view our first Artist Spotlight: SSCPS student Wunyoh Loc!

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

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



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 June 8 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.

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

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.

Once again, we have received unconfirmed reports from our neighbors 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 lots of our neighbors are not public parking lots or roads. Our neighbors 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, <u>click here</u>. 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: <u>iHealth</u> 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. <u>Click here</u> 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

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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 - <u>FamilyID Online</u>

Registration - and register for meals. If you have any questions, contact me at csalamone@sscps.org or at 781-982-4202 x156.



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	05/25	Parents Association Meeting 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
Friday	05/27	Two Kindergarten Classes to Holly Hill Farm	11:30am

Monday	05/30	Memorial Day – No School	
Tuesday	05/31	High School Social Justice Workshop to Boston	ı
Wednesday	06/01	Senior Class Trip to Six Flags	
Wednesday	06/01	Level IV Art Project to Marshfield	
Friday	06/03	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Friday	06/03	Class of 2022 Graduation at 700 Longwater Drive	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

<u>Student and Family</u> <u>Handbook</u>

<u>Arrival and Dismissal</u> <u>Procedures</u>

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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