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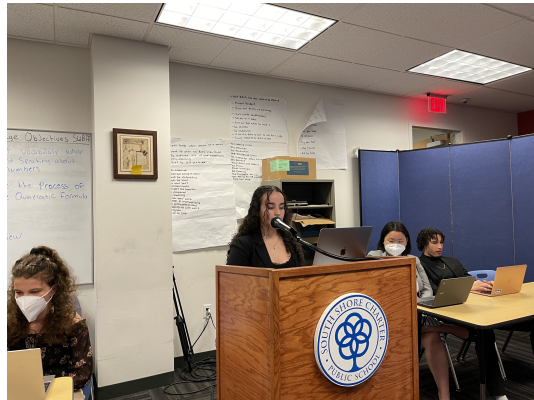
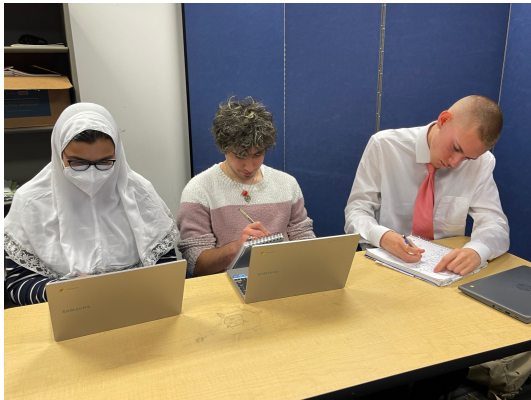
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A Message from Alicia

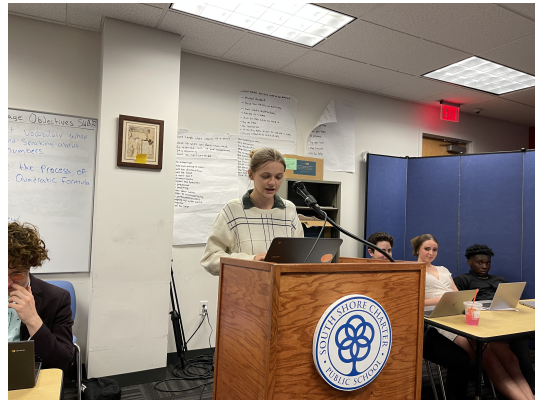
The signs of spring are in full force; wind, rain, and sunshine. The hardship and sadness our school community is experiencing this week have been met with kindness and compassion. Susan's long-standing relationship with our school was both as a parent and as the owner of the transportation service so many families have relied upon over the years. Our thoughts are with Susan's family during this difficult time. I would like to thank our families for the outpouring of support and words of encouragement as we remember Susan Knineh and acknowledge the impact of her life on our school community.

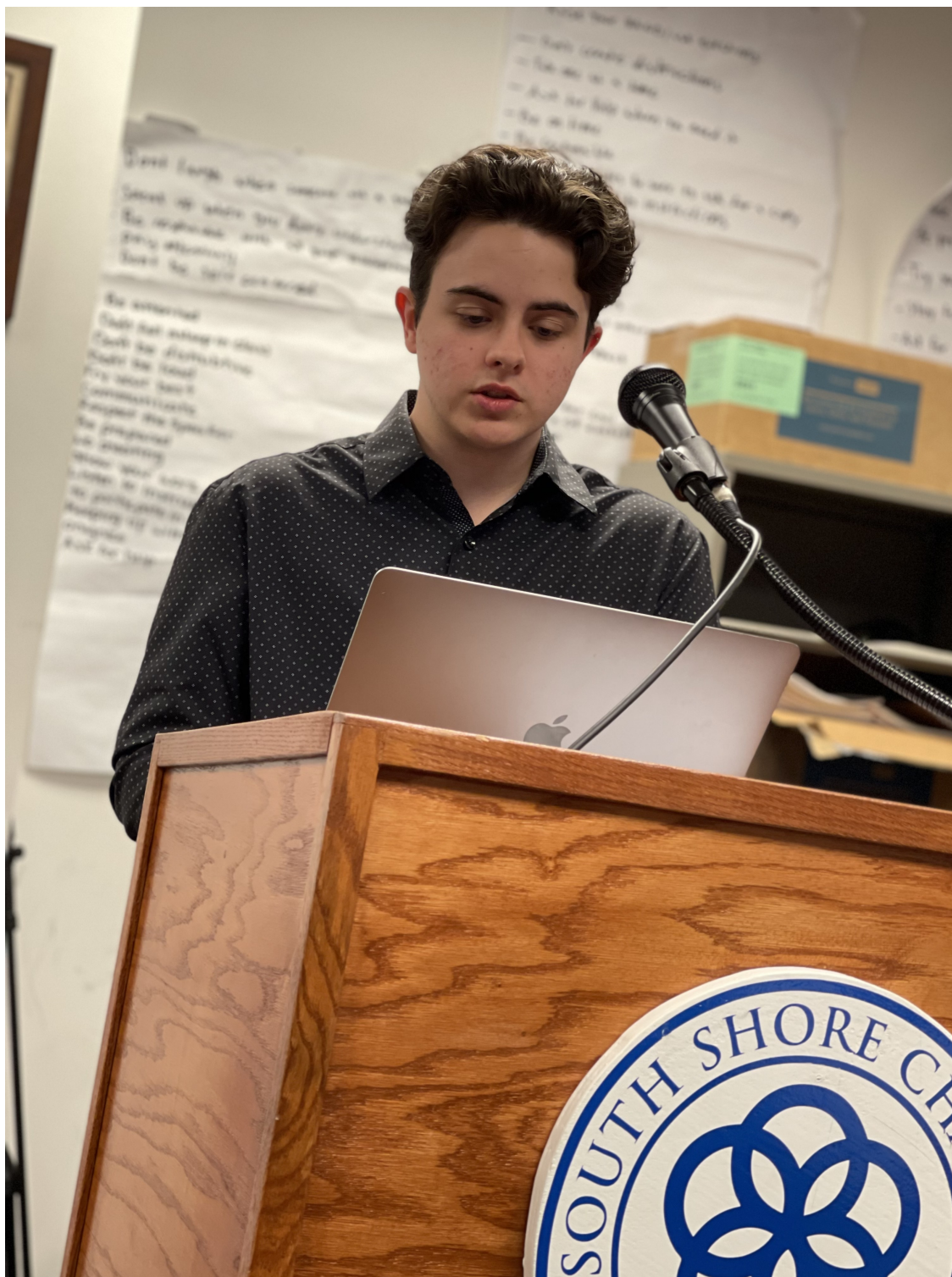
Congratulations to all SSCPS seniors who completed their debates last week. The SSCPS Senior Debates are a rite of passage and a graduation requirement for all seniors. Debates count as the final Exhibition of Mastery for the Ethics course, the capstone History course at SSCPS. Our students have spent the year studying ethics and the outlook it provides when examining the world around them. Seniors spend the year exploring how the principles of ethics are inherent to the sciences and humanities. This year's seniors lived up to SSCPS traditions with many students surpassing high expectations. Debate topics included: *State College Tuition Should be Free to In-State Students*, *Capital Punishment Should be Banned in the US*, *Embryonic Editing/Genetic Modification Should be Banned*, and *Schools Should Start Later*.

Greatness is a group effort. Special thanks to Dan Fish, Ethics Teacher, Kristen Connolly, History and Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator, Joe Kay, Assistant Principal, and Wayne Heuer, Director of Facilities, for helping our students reach for the sky.









Students participating in their Senior Ethics Debates.

We could not be more proud of the Class of 2022. They are the heart of SSCPS. Throughout difficult times and extraordinary circumstances, this senior class has persevered and set a positive example; not only for students in the high school, but for all of our students K-11. This year's graduating class has seven seniors being inducted into the Fraternity of Thirteen. An honor bestowed upon those SSCPS students who have been attending SSCPS since kindergarten. Seven graduating

seniors are members of the National Honor Society. As we approach graduation, we look to what the future will bring this highly accomplished group of students. The Class of 2022 College Acceptances is below. We look forward to honoring the Class of 2022 at their Commencement on Friday, June 3, 2022.

College Acceptances

Anna Maria College	Regis College
Brescia University	Salem State University
Bridgewater State University	Simmons University
Bryant University	Smith College
Coastal Carolina University	Stonehill College
Culinary Institute of America	Suffolk University
Curry College	UMass Amherst
Dean College	UMass Boston
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University	UMass Dartmouth
Emmanuel College	UMass Lowell
George Washington University	University of Connecticut
Hampshire College	University of Hartford
Lesley University	University of Maine
Mass College of Art	University of New England
Massasoit Community College	University of New Hampshire
Merrimack College	University of New Haven
New England College	University of Rhode Island
Ohio Wesleyan University	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Plymouth State University	Westfield State University
Providence College	Wheaton College
Quincy College	

Lastly, I would like to thank our families for the ongoing recognition of our outstanding faculty and staff during Teacher Appreciation week. Whether you have given to the May fundraising drive, sent an uplifting email, or reached out during drop off or pick up, your thoughtfulness is much appreciated. We are fortunate to have amazing teachers who make each day here at school a time of wonder and learning. Thank you for all of your support.

Alicia Savage

Executive Director

IMPORTANT UPCOMING MEETING

We will be hosting a Zoom information session for families directly impacted by the end of FCC Transportation. The meeting login information is provided below:

Topic: Family Transportation Meeting

Time: May 5, 2022 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86429505193?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86429505193?pwd=cHVTWWhQbDE5YUdYbDB5WDRtVVNtQT09)

[pwd=cHVTWWhQbDE5YUdYbDB5WDRtVVNtQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86429505193?pwd=cHVTWWhQbDE5YUdYbDB5WDRtVVNtQT09)

April: Autism Acceptance Month



In honor of Autism Acceptance month, many of our faculty, teachers, and students wore red to school last week to show their support.



SPRING TRACK MEET





SSCPS attended its first track meet of the season last Friday.

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

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY ACTIVITIES



The High School National Honor Society visits our Kindergarten class each week to build relationships between grade levels at SSCPS. Last week, students taught each other how to throw boomerangs and had a contest between the high schoolers and kindergarteners.

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!

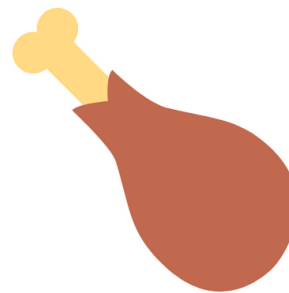
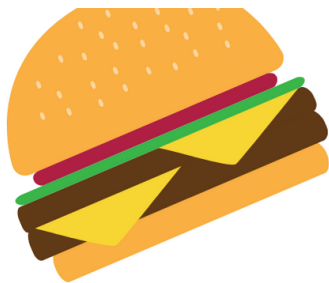
We're kicking off the election process by inviting you to self-nominate for a position. Nominations will be accepted until 5/13/22. Please consider nominating yourself.

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.



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HOME DELIVERY

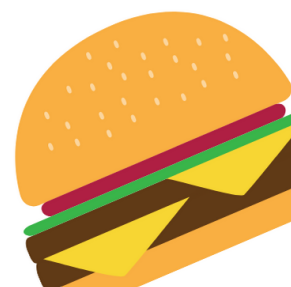
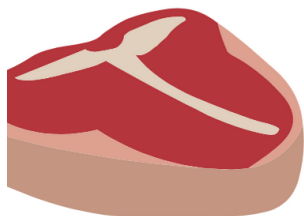
- Placed orders on **May 16, 17 & 18th** and D & N Provisions will donate 10% of gross sales to SSCPS PA!
Order will be delivered May 17, 18 & 19th

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 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.

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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, 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.

[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>

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

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.

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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	05/04	HS Theater Workshop Improv Fundraiser at the SSCPS Gym, 104 Longwater Drive	4:00-5:00pm
Thursday	05/05	Advanced Placement Statistics Exam	
Thursday	05/05	Family Transportation Meeting via Zoom	4:00pm
Friday	05/06	Advanced Placement US History Exam	

Friday	05/06	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Monday	05/09	Advanced Placement Calculus AB and BC Exams	
Tuesday	05/10	Advanced Placement Language Exam	
Wednesday	05/11	Advanced Placement Biology Exam	
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	

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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