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## Weekly Update | September 15, 2021

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### Athletics return to SSCPS!

After a year and half hiatus from any form of sports, both outdoors and indoors, SSCPS is back with a multitude of activities including, volleyball, cross country and soccer. Coach Karl Dreyer and I would like to "officially" welcome one such sport, the high school varsity boys soccer team and introduce ourselves to the SSCPS community at large.

We are very grateful to our Head Coach and Athletic Director Jean-Paul "JP" Marcellus for making all of this happen.

- Dr. Marco Pedulli

### A Message from the SSCPS Health Office

The Health Office is pleased to report a successful start to the school year. Students have come to school ready to learn and have done a wonderful job remaining in compliance with the health and safety protocols outlined in August. We understand this can be a challenging landscape, however, our students have exceeded our expectations and continue to wow us everyday with hard work and positive attitudes.

Adherence to our health and safety protocols has academic benefits, but also social ones as well. This year we are able to begin offering class field trips on a limited basis, after school and morning childcare programs are running again, band and strings have returned, and just this week soccer, cross country, and volleyball have made their way back on campus. We are slowly able to return to normal because we have learned what it is we need to do and we are doing it. One of those protocols is our new **COVID-19 Testing** program.

Thank you all who signed up yesterday for our new **COVID-19 Testing** program. **COVID-19 Testing** has become an essential component to keeping our students in school and learning. We are excited the Massachusetts Department of Education is offering this program free of charge and is in the final stages of full implementation.

As mentioned in yesterday's email to you, **COVID-19 Testing** is being offered in school this year to limit learning disruptions to the greatest extent possible. The program for the 2021-2022 school year has three components: **Symptomatic** for students who show symptoms of COVID-19 at school, **Test and Stay** for students who may have been exposed while in school but are not showing symptoms, **Weekly COVID Safety Testing** to prevent the spread of the virus undetected among students who are not showing symptoms. Each of these is a quick, non-invasive nasal swab that is collected under the supervision of a school nurse or trained health provider. Unlike COVID-19 tests of the past, these are not uncomfortable and easy to do.

An overview of the three different testing programs we are planning to offer this year is below.

**Symptomatic** rapid antigen testing for students that become ill while at school. *Students with mild symptoms will be able to remain in school with a negative rapid test. Students with more severe symptoms will need to go home, but may return to school when symptoms have resolved. Students with negative rapid tests will not need a backup PCR test this year.*

**Test and Stay** rapid antigen testing for unvaccinated students that are deemed close contacts from a school exposure.

*Students deemed close contacts (within 3' of a positive student in the classroom) will report to school each morning and have a rapid antigen test performed for 7 days. Students may remain in school if they continue to have negative tests and remain symptom free. Parents must remain close to the school for 15 minutes, until the results are in. Results will be sent via text message or the health office will call you if positive and you must immediately come pick up your student.*

**Weekly COVID Safety Testing**, which will be a grouped weekly PCR test.

*This program is similar to last year's pool testing. If students are in a positive pool they will report to school for a backup rapid antigen test the next day. If an antigen test is negative, students may remain in school. Tentative start date TBD.*

We are currently up and running for Symptomatic Rapid Antigen Testing and the Test and Stay Rapid Antigen Testing. If you would like to have your student participate in these programs sign up using the link below. Students **MUST** be pre-registered to participate in these programs. If you choose not to have your student participate they will need to remain out of school if they are close contacts or if they are symptomatic for the above COVID-19 symptoms.

<https://pbcovid.cic-health.com/register/with-code?code=KDHEHV>

**\*\*\*Due to the overwhelming number of schools that have signed up with the state to run COVID-19 testing programs, we have been moved to CIC Project Beacon testing platform. If you had previously registered your student under the CIC consent from the newsletter, you will need to sign them up for this testing platform in order for them to participate.**

If your student has received their COVID-19 vaccine please send in proof of immunization. Vaccinated students will not be required to quarantine if they are considered close contacts unless they become symptomatic.

#### **COVID-19 Symptoms List**

- **Fever (100.0°F or higher), chills, or shaking chills**
- **Difficulty breathing or Shortness of breath**
- **New loss of taste or smell**
- **Muscle aches or body aches**
- Cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
- Sore throat, when in combination of other symptoms
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea, when in combination of other symptoms
- Headache, when in combination with other symptoms
- Fatigue, when in combination with other symptoms
- Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies), when in combination with other symptoms

If your child is ill please have the child remain home and reach out to the appropriate Health Office.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our efforts here at the Health Office. What you do every day greatly impacts our school community. We are grateful for all of your kind words and efforts at home. As always, please contact any one of us here at the SSCPS Health Office should you have any questions.

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Save the date for our Back to School Community Picnic and Walk to be held on Saturday, October 2nd from 9-12 at Wompatuck State Park Visitor Center.

We hope you will gather your family members and join us for a fun morning to connect with other SSCPS families. We will have vendors, games and raffles and will start the One Mile Heart Healthy Walk at 10am. The one mile walk is a beautiful flat course that is stroller and dog friendly.

Suggested family donation is \$10. Sign up and donate [HERE!](#)

If you have any questions, please reach out to Laurie Dannison at [ldannison@sscps.org](mailto:ldannison@sscps.org).

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you next month!

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

SSCPS Community Walk & Back to School Picnic

Saturday, October 2

Wompatuck State Park

9:00 – 12:00

Sign up [HERE](#) to help with this fun-filled community event!



**SSCPS Level 3-High School**  
**Before School Concert Band**



SSCPS  
 Music Room @ 100 Longwater  
 Tuesdays & Thursdays 7:00-8:00 am

Have you been playing a band instrument for a year or more?  
 Then Concert Band is for you!  
 If interested please complete [this form](#).

Please direct all questions to : [tleonard@sscps.org](mailto:tleonard@sscps.org)



**SSCPS Level 3-4**  
**After School Strings**



South Shore Charter Public School  
 Music Room  
 Wednesdays and Fridays 3:00-4:00

Do you have and interest in learning the Violin or Cello? Join the after school string program.

If interested please complete [this form](#).

Please direct all questions to : [tleonard@sscps.org](mailto:tleonard@sscps.org)

If interested in the Before School Band or After School Strings  
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# PICTURE DAYS!

**Grades K-8 Only – Picture Day is  
WEDNESDAY, September 29**

**High School Only – Picture Day is  
THURSDAY, September 30**

Please watch for your child's order form,  
FILL IT OUT, and send it back in!

All students will have their pictures taken even if the  
family isn't buying a package.



# THE RECENT EARTHQUAKE AND HURRICANE HAS LEFT HAITI DEVASTATED.

So many people urgently need our help.

Now that pathways are clearing we are hoping to be able to send supplies to the people of South Haiti still struggling to survive.

- HYGIENIC SUPPLIES
- CLOTHES
- WATER
- MEDICAL SUPPLIES
- BLANKETS
- SHELTER

Boxes will be located in the Great Room of each level.

If you have any questions please contact Sheina [sprince@sscps.org](mailto:sprince@sscps.org)

## 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 go to [www.mass.gov/covidhousinghelp](http://www.mass.gov/covidhousinghelp) for more information.

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## Food Service - Breakfast and Lunch Program

All students enrolled at SSCPS qualify for Free Breakfast and Lunch for the 2020-2021 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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## From the Parents Association

The first meeting of the 2021-22 school year will be held on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 6:30pm via [Zoom](#). All are welcome to attend!

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**CARPPOOL CONNECT:** The Parents Association is collecting information from families interested in carpooling with other local families for the 2021-2022 school year. This information will be available for parents on our website ([www.SSCPS-PA.org](http://www.SSCPS-PA.org)) to connect with one another in order to set-up their own carpool scheduled.

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Wednesday	09/15	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Tree Top Adventures	
Thursday	09/16	Yom Kipper Observed – No School	
Friday	09/17	POSTPONED DUE TO WEATHER 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Tree Top Adventures	
Monday	09/20	Rescheduled: Level III Field Trip to Nantasket Beach	
Tuesday	09/21	<a href="#">Virtual</a> Freshman Parent Meeting with Guidance	6:00pm
Tuesday	09/21	Finance Committee at 700 Longwater Drive	6:30pm
Wednesday	09/22	<a href="#">Virtual</a> Senior Parent Meeting with Guidance	6:00pm
Wednesday	09/22	Parents Association Meeting via <a href="#">Zoom</a>	6:30pm
Thursday	09/23	Senior Trip to Camp Burgess	



Thursday	09/23	Level III and Level IV Back-to-School Night at 100 Longwater Circle	6:00-7:00pm
Thursday	09/23	Board of Trustees Governance Committee Personnel Committee Development and Facilities Meeting All meetings will be held at 700 Longwater Drive and virtual via Zoom	7:30pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm

**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

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.

**School Documents**

[2021-22 School Calendar](#)

[Student and Family Handbook](#)

[Arrival and Dismissal Procedures](#)

[SSCPS By-Laws](#)



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