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## Summer Updates | August 8, 2022



SSCPS Summer Program July 2022

### A Message from Alicia

Summer greetings! Whether you are a new family or a family that has been with us over the years, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the 2022-2023 school year. As we look ahead to the year to come, we remain grateful for the commitment from all our families. The founders of SSCPS established our school to provide families throughout the South Shore with the opportunity to experience a different kind of education. They believed that children and young adults thrive through project-based learning and a student centered curriculum. Although we are no longer the little school in Hull we were 27 years ago, we are proud that we have held true to our mission of inspiring every student to excel in academics, service and life.

Although it is still a little early for a back-to-school email, much has been happening over the past few weeks. Our summer has been a busy one. Ten days ago we completed the July summer school program. On Friday students completed the Acceleration Academy. We are fortunate to be granted the federal and state funding to maintain summer learning programs. Special thanks to all faculty and staff who taught classes, ran programs, and organized field trips over the past five weeks.

On July 7 the SSCPS Board of Trustees voted on two important documents; the [2022 SSCPS Annual Report](#) and the [SSCPS School Improvement Plan](#). These documents are linked and attached to provide you with an overview of our school's performance last year as well as chart the course for the upcoming school year. Both documents will be posted to our new website on August 15.



Acceleration Academy August 2022

### **Transportation**

We know many of our families await news regarding transportation for the upcoming school year. We have been working with our new transportation provider, First Student, over the past six weeks to establish bus routes and finalize logistics based upon the surveys sent to families in July. Thank you to all families who responded to the survey. On Thursday we met with First Student and reviewed the final details of the 15 bus routes which will begin operation on the first day of school. The bus routes and stops are being finalized and we will be publishing transportation information as it becomes available. Transportation provided by the school is for students who reside in one of our 26 sending districts.

### **Assistant Principal Transitions**

Earlier this summer Sheina, Krista, and Joe announced that they would be leaving their Assistant Principal positions to pursue other roles within our school. Sheina Prince will be teaching reading on Level I and serving as our new Civil Rights Coordinator K-12. Krista Cafourek will be returning to the classroom teaching math on Level III. Joe Kay will be teaching Physical Education K-12. We are happy that all three outstanding educators have chosen their new roles and we remain grateful for their ongoing contributions to our school community.

We are pleased to welcome three wonderful educators, John Toland, Jean-Paul Marcellus, and Christophe Teulet-Cote, to their new roles in school administration. We look forward to the upcoming school year and the wide variety of experience and expertise each will bring to our school.

### John Toland, Interim K-4 Assistant Principal

John Toland will once again be serving as the Interim Assistant Principal for Grades K-4. John has served as a teacher on Level II for seven years. John brought his extensive experience working with students in regular and co-teaching models when he came to SSCPS in August 2015 following thirteen years of teaching at P.S. 297 in Brooklyn, New York. In his time here at SSCPS, John has proven to be a skilled educator who cares deeply about children, their socio-emotional development, and their academic success.



John is a highly effective teacher, collaborator, and classroom innovator who approaches each challenge with creativity and compassion. John holds a Master of Science in Education in Integrated Technology in the Classroom from Walden University in Minneapolis, Minnesota and a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and a Bachelor of Arts in English from Bridgewater State University. John is a student of the world who has studied Spanish at the Maryknoll Institute of Languages in Bolivia and attended the Irish Studies Program at the University of Cork, Ireland.

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### Jean-Paul Marcellus, Assistant Principal 5-8

Our new Assistant Principal for grades 5-8 will be Jean-Paul (JP) Marcellus. Since coming to SSCPS in 2019, JP has grown the athletics program to new heights. His work building relationships with students by fostering a sense of well being and accomplishment extends to our student athletes as well as every student in his PE class.



JP's experience supporting students and building athletic programs is extensive. Prior to SSCPS, JP built the athletics program at Dayspring Christian Academy where he served as the athletic director, the physical education and health teacher, and the boy's basketball head coach. JP has also held similar roles at Lexington Christian Academy where he began teaching following a successful collegiate and professional basketball career. Bringing his unique experience as a professional athlete, JP teaches the importance of setting goals and demonstrates the value of working hard. JP holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Eastern Nazarene College and has recently completed a Masters of Educational Leadership from Fitchburg State College.

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### Christophe Teulet-Cote, Assistant Principal, 9-12

Christophe Teulet-Cote, known by his

students as TC, comes to SSCPS from the Boston Public Schools where he served as Assistant Headmaster for seventeen years at The English High School and Charlestown High School. Recently TC added Head of Middle School at Charlestown High to his school leadership experience when the school transitioned to a middle/high school model last year. TC also served on the SSCPS Board of Trustees in 2012.



Prior to becoming Assistant Headmaster, TC was a lead teacher of AP United States History and World History at English High School. TC is certified in Restorative Justice and is trained and experienced in block scheduling and coordinating standardized exams. His focus on social and emotional learning, as well as his rapport with students both in and out of the classroom, provides students with the support they need to reach their highest potential.

TC's commitment to service and to the importance of teaching the whole child is in full alignment with our school's mission. Before coming to Boston, TC taught at the Wendell Phillips Academy High School in Chicago. He has been an exam writer and a course outline writer for the Chicago Public Schools and his extra-curricular experience includes founding student clubs and coaching athletics as well as service learning programs and school history fairs. TC has received the *Community Beautification Grant*, the *Illinois Department of Commerce and Communication Grant*, the *Oppenheimer Award*, the *Teacher Excellence Award*, the *American Red Cross Grant*, the *Close-Up Grant*, the *Youth Empowerment Grant*, and the *Youth As Resources Grant* in recognition of his professional accomplishment and dedication to service learning. TC served in the United States Marine Corps, holds a BA from the University of Illinois, a Master's in Educational Administration from University of Massachusetts, Boston, and is currently seeking his ED from Northeastern University.

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Although we can start to feel the excitement of the upcoming school year, there is still much of summer left to enjoy. The August mailing, which includes important back-to-school information, will be sent to families the week of August 15. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for being a part of our school community.

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