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Weekly Update | April 12, 2023

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A Message from Angie

The fast approaching April vacation paired with the arrival of warmer weather reminds us that the school year is quickly coming to an end. We have reached the point of the year when teaching and learning remain at the forefront, but the demanding testing schedule, Exhibitions of Mastery, field trips, and end of year events fill the calendar. This is the time of year when the process of planning for next year begins in earnest.



Senior class trip to Boston and the State House with Senator Patrick M. O'Connor April 12, 2023



At the high school level course selection takes center stage in this planning process. In early March students in grades nine, ten, and eleven began designing their schedules for the 2023-2024 year by completing a course selection survey. This is an important first step as this data helps us to determine student interest and tailor offerings to meet needs for the college majors and the careers students are considering. We have since used the data from the surveys to finalize course offerings. Those offerings along with descriptions of the courses, information about prerequisites, and general policies can be found in the [2023-2024 Course Descriptions](#) document.

The availability of courses varies by grade; choice increases as students move through high school. The selections available in ninth grade are relatively narrow as students complete the foundational courses they need for high school success. Seniors have a wide number of courses available to them as they consider what they need to achieve their postsecondary goals. College admissions have become increasingly focused with many programs requiring students to commit to specific majors before their acceptance; those majors often have high school prerequisites. Our guidance department and curriculum team work with students as they navigate these requirements and make decisions.

Our course offerings for the 2023-2024 school year have expanded the programming available to students, including two new Advanced Placement® courses. The AP program

at SSCPS provides students with exposure to rigorous, college-level academics in a high school setting. AP courses aim to improve not only a student's knowledge of the relevant subject matter, but their time management skills, study habits, and close reading skills in preparation for the demands of a college curriculum. The availability of these courses is important as we work to prepare students for both competitive college admissions and the rigors of the coursework they will encounter after high school.

Students may now choose to take [AP Precalculus](#) and [AP African American Studies](#) as well as the AP classes that we have offered for many years. Both of these courses are new to the College Board's slate of courses. The curriculum for AP Precalculus closely mirrors that of our traditional Honors Precalculus course. Now students have the opportunity to earn an AP designation as well as potential college credit when completing this course. AP African American Studies is still in the pilot stage. SSCPS is taking part in the second year of this pilot. The full list of AP courses available, information about the program, prerequisites, and requirements can all be found on our website [here](#).

As the number of available courses grows, it becomes increasingly important for us to communicate with families about student schedules. Significant consideration on the part of both teachers and students goes into course selection. Teachers and students will finalize those selections after the vacation and we will send home a tentative schedule during the first week of May. The selections that go home are not final. There will be time prior to the close of the year for students to make changes. Changes can be made by the appropriate curriculum coordinator in consultation with the [guidance department](#).

I hope that everyone enjoys the beautiful weather as we close out this week. Before the sprint to the end of the year, please take time over the course of next week to enjoy time with family and friends. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

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Angie Pepin
Principal, K-12



FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

With spring upon us the health office wanted to send out some reminders.

- Caffeinated beverages are not allowed in the K through 8 building. This includes coffee, energy drinks and soda.
- Please make sure to check your students for ticks daily, although students are not allowed in the woods, ticks can travel.
- Sunscreen and bug spray can not be applied at school. Please apply bug spray or sunscreen before sending your student to school in the morning.
- Please send your students to school daily with a reusable water bottle.
- Level I students should have a complete change of clothes in their backpacks.

Please keep your students home if they have any off the following symptoms/illness

- Fever greater than 100.0
- Vomiting/diarrhea in last 24 hours
- Not able to manage cough/nasal congestion
- Test positive for COVID

When can my student return to school

- Fever free for 24 hours without medication (if you give Tylenol or Motrin in the morning, please keep student home from school)
 - No vomiting/diarrhea for 24 hours
 - Well enough to stay at school for the day
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Kindness Matters!

Level III teachers are highlighting kind acts that are observed by awarding students with a "caught you being kind" ticket each time we see a student doing something thoughtful. Students then enter their ticket at a town meeting for a chance to win a gift certificate to the school snack shack. While there is only 1 winner each month, each kind kiddo is a winner to us, so we have highlighted those who received tickets last month below. Please ask your Level III student if they were caught being kind today!

6th Graders	5th Graders
Thomas B.	Goodwill A.
Jamie B.	Mackenzie B. x 3
Henry D.	Elijah B.
Nick D.	Tyler D.
Marissa K.	Ryan D.
Sophonie L.	Jaelyn G.
Mary S.	Sheryl K.
Nathan S.	Pavi M.
Brayden S.	Nataniella O. x 2
	Deana R. x 2
	Micah S. x 2
	Avery S.

THIS WEEK IN PROJECTS AND WORKSHOPS

Mindful Movement Workshop





The Mindful Movement Workshop had their year-end celebration and farewell event for our seniors on Monday at Boston Bowl, Hanover.

Holly Hill Farm



UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

SSCPS PROM COMMITTEE PRESENTS..

D RIPPING IN L UXURY

FRIDAY
MAY *12*

AT THE TIRELL ROOM
254 Quarry St. Quincy, Ma.02169
07:00pm-11:00pm

Featuring:
dj **JUUKES**

EARLY TICKET SALES START
\$65 March 20th-24th, 27th-31st
Full plated food provided and drinks !!



Literacy Night is coming!

Thursday, May 4th, 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.

SSCPS SENIOR CLASS
FOOD DRIVE
COLLECTION DATE: APRIL 5TH-MAY 3RD

FOOD IS A HUMAN RIGHT AND IS AN IMMEDIATE AND TANGIBLE WAY TO HELP SOMEONE. EVERY DONATION OF FOOD CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. OUR GOAL IS 500 CANS: HELP US REACH IT!

DONATE FOOD IN THE DONATION BOX IN YOUR HOMEROOM. THE HOMEROOM THAT COLLECTS THE MOST FOOD GETS A POPSICLE PARTY!



IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT ITEMS TO DONATE, CHECK WITH YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER.

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS:

- (Bolded text is the most needed)
- > **Canned or Dry Soups**
 - o Lentil soup
 - o Nipostrene soup
 - o Split pea soup
 - o Tomato soup
 - o Vegetable soup
 - o Vegetable stock
 - > **Canned Stews and Chili**
 - o Turkey chili
 - > **Canned Vegetables**
 - o Tomatoes
 - o Green beans
 - o Green chilies
 - o Carrots
 - o Onions
 - o Pumpkin
 - o Spinach
 - o Tomatoes
 - o Artichokes
 - > **Canned Fruit**
 - o Peaches
 - o Apricots
 - o Prunes
 - > **Canned Meats**
 - > **Canned Tuna and Salmon**
 - > **Peanut Butter**
 - > **Jelly (in glass)**
 - > **Tea Bags**
 - > **Coffee (Ground No Beans)**
 - > **Canned Pasta**
 - > **Canned Pasta (Spaghetti 'O's')**
 - > **Hot and Cold Cereals**
 - > **Rice**
 - > **Cake Mixes**
 - > **Pancake Mix**
 - > **Syrup**
 - > **Powdered Milk**
 - > **Packaged Pasta (Macaroni & Cheese, etc.)**
- > **Juice Boxes**
 - > **Canned Juices**
 - > **Canned Beans**
 - > **Spam**
 - > **Canned Gravy**
 - > **Granulated Sugar**
 - > **Baby Food & Cereal (Glass Jars Accepted)**
 - > **Baby Formula (Infant/Similar)**
 - > **Granola Bars**
 - > **Cereal Bars**
- > **Others:**
 - o Brown rice
 - o Grits
 - o Dats
 - o Pasta
 - o Quinoa
 - o White rice
 - o Almonds
 - o Almond butter
 - o Cashews
 - o Cashew butter
 - o Chia seeds
 - o Hazelnut butter
 - o Pumpkin seeds
 - o Sesame seeds
 - o Walnuts
 - o Avocado oil
 - o Bottled water
 - o Cashew milk
 - o Coconut milk
 - o Coffee & tea
 - o Dark chocolate
 - o Protein bars
 - o Jerky
 - o Maple syrup & honey
 - o Non-dairy creamer
 - o Olive oil
 - o Raisins
 - o Bone broth

These are all just examples. If you're unsure about an item not on this list, feel free to do a quick Google search!

SPRING INTO GIVING

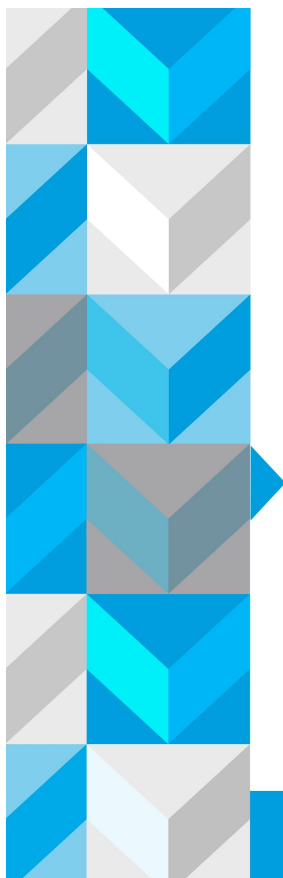


Spring is finally upon us at SSCPS. It's hard to believe that our school is now 28 years old. Where has the time gone? Those early days—the foundation of who we are today—are an important part of our story, and so are you! We are so proud that you have chosen to send your child to our school and have become part of the South Shore Charter Public School story. Together, our stories have shaped this wonderful community into what it is today.

SSCPS has much to offer this spring, and that's largely made possible by the generous donations from our community. Get a glimpse of upcoming special events and athletics that are right around the corner this season at SSCPS [here](#). The money raised toward our Annual Fund this month will be put to use toward the area of greatest need at the end of the school year. Help us reach our \$50k fundraising goal and support the future of SSCPS!

MAKE A DONATION!

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK!



Don't miss out!
¡No te lo pierdas!

Your school memories from cover to cover

Tus recuerdos escolares de principio a fin.

Visit ybpay.com to order your yearbook today!

¡Ingresa a ybpay.com para encargar tu anuario hoy!

Order Deadline:

Fecha Tope Para el Pedido:

04/28/2023

Yearbook ID Code:

Código ID del anuario:

14917723

Contact our Help Center for assistance at lifetouch.com/support-us. Select Yearbook Orders for assistance.
Comunicate con nuestro Centro de Ayuda para recibir asistencia en lifetouch.com/support-us. Selecciona Pedidos del Anuario para recibir asistencia.

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To order your yearbook click the button below!

Yearbook ID code: 14917723

Order deadline: 04/28/2023

Order Your Yearbook!

The Yearbook Design Team kindly requests any interested students to submit a design for the cover page of the yearbook. Students will have the opportunity to choose their first choice from a list. Interested parties of designer students will have until-mid February to submit their creations. The competition is open to the entire school and the theme should be anything SSCPS!

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Park Serve Day

Park Serve Day, when volunteers get involved in a clean-up, painting, or other restorative project for one day at a park, forest, or beach, will be on **Saturday, April 22** and is a great opportunity for middle and high school students to earn community service hours. For details and to register, [please visit the Park Serve Day 2023 Eventbrite page](#). Anyone with questions about Park Serve Day is asked to email Matt Perry, manager of stewardship programs and statewide initiatives, at Matthew.S.Perry1@mass.gov.

Sponsored by Mayor Bob Hedlund & the Community Events Committee

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR...

Weymouth's Community
C  **LEAN UP**
DAY!

SATURDAY, APRIL 22nd, 2023

From 9:00am – Noon

RAIN or SHINE!

All participants **MUST**
register by calling the
Mayor's Office at
781-682-3618 on or
before April 19th, 2023

Lunch
provided for all
Volunteers from
Noon until 1:30 pm
King Oak Hill Park

Gloves, trash and yard waste bags will be available for pick-up between
8:00-9:00 am on Saturday, April 22nd, 2023, at the Department of Public Works,
120 Winter Street, for all registered projects.

*Team up with friends and neighbors to work together in an effort to spruce up Weymouth
and show your Community Pride!*

Interfaith Social Services - Stop the Stigma 5K



5K SPONSORS:



Each year, Interfaith Social Services organizes the Stop the Stigma 5K to support our loved ones, inspire acceptance, and challenge stigmas. On Saturday, April 29 at The Kennedy Center, there will be a race for this year's End the Stigma 5K.

Students who participate in the race will earn 6 community service hours. Register [here](#).

COMMUNITY INTEREST



EMPLOYERS

LocalMotion of Boston

Feeney Brothers Utility Services

Rockland Trust

Electroswitch

HFI

Department of Conservation and Recreation

The Norfolk Companies

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Suffolk County Sheriff's Department

Bay State Community Services

Linden Ponds

Shaw's

National Express Transit

John M. Corcoran & Co.

+ More

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JOB FAIR



SPRING 2023 JOB FAIR

1515 Hancock Street Quincy, MA

15+ EMPLOYERS | MULTIPLE INDUSTRIES

GOVERNMENT - UTILITIES - FINANCE
HEALTHCARE - TRANSPORTATION - ENGINEERING

THURSDAY, MAY 18TH

10AM - 2PM

Call 617-745-4000 to **Register**

1515 Hancock Street, Suite 101
Quincy, MA 02169



← FREE PARKING IN REAR

Free Parking will be available during the Job Fair at the lot immediately off of Walter J. Hannon Parkway, behind the Career Center.

1515 Hancock Street • Quincy, MA 02169 • 617.745.4000
www.MassHireSS.com

MassHire Programs & Services are funded in full by US Department of Labor (USDOL) Employment and Training Administration grants. Additional details furnished upon request.



YMCA TRAINING, INC. IS NOW ENROLLING FOR:

MEDICAL ADMIN CREDENTIAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

TRAINING INCLUDES:

- Online Sessions
- Microsoft Office 365 & Zoom
- Resume Writing, Interview Practice, Job Search & Mentoring
- Internships at Greater Boston hospitals
- Exam for Medical Administrative Assistant Certification

WHAT WE COVER:

- Medical Office Administrative Duties
- Health Insurance
- Billing and Claims
- Introduction to Medical Coding
- Medical Terminology

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- High School Diploma or HiSET (GED)
- Schedule Commitment (Monday-Friday, 9am-1:30pm)
- Seeking Full-Time Employment
- Work Authorization
- Must be up to date with immunizations/vaccinations

DID YOU KNOW?

- Laptops and internet access is available
- You'll receive a one year YMCA of Greater Boston family membership upon enrollment

For More Information :
 Alice McNeill
 Medical Admin. Program Coordinator
 857.302.1019
amcneill@ymcaboston.org



SOUTH SHORE YMCA



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

SOUTH SHORE YMCA AFTERSCHOOL

The South Shore YMCA offers a quality Afterschool Program that takes place in a safe, supportive environment that fosters the physical, cognitive, social, and emotional growth of each child. We strive to support the family unit and provide developmentally appropriate enrichment programs that encourage not just learning, but also the love of learning.

- **Monday through Friday from school dismissal until 6pm**
- **Afterschool options, 1-5 days per week**
- **Grades K-8**
- **Early Release programs from school dismissal until 6pm**
- **Homework assistance**
- **Freedom to explore materials, games, and equipment**
- **Engage in daily indoor/outdoor physical activities**
- **Enhance social skills through positive interactions with peers and YMCA staff**
- **USDA approved healthy daily snacks**

We believe in positive methods of child guidance/discipline. Our staff establishes age-appropriate, reasonable yet consistent limits to help children function in their world. We strive to strengthen each child's own cultural identity while reinforcing respect and celebrating differences through play and positive interactions.



Financial assistance is available thanks to the charitable donations made possible through the South Shore YMCA's Annual Campaign. Monies secured ensure that all are welcome to participate. Applications are available at the Emilson Branch and online at ssymca.org. Please consider donating your time, talent and treasure to this year's campaign!

To inquire about our Afterschool Program please contact:

Shirley Carrier
scarrier@ssymca.org
Phone: 781-826-7900 x 5241

Liam McSweeney
lmcsweeney@ssymca.org
Phone: 781-826-7900 x 5240

MASSHEALTH REDETERMINATIONS

Attention MassHealth Members

You need to renew your coverage this year.



Act now. Stay covered.





Take three steps to renew coverage this year:

- 🕒 **1. Update your info**
- ✉️ **2. Check your mail**
- 📄 **3. Respond to MassHealth**

- 1. Update your personal information:** Inform MassHealth of any changes to your information (address, phone number, email and income).
- 2. Check your mail from MassHealth:** If you get a blue envelope in the mail, you will need to take action to stay covered.
- 3. Respond to MassHealth:** Respond promptly with any requested information from MassHealth. All MassHealth renewals and requests for information will have a due date.

▶ **Submit your renewal form before the deadline, even if your personal information has not changed.**

Need Help?

🌐 **Online:**
www.masshealthrenew.org

☎️ **By phone:**
Call MassHealth Customer Service at 800-841-2900 or (TTY: 711) Monday to Friday between 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
• Learn what documents MassHealth needs from you and your renewal's due date.

👤 **In person:**
Scan this code or go to www.masshealthrenew.org to make an appointment with a MassHealth representative or get help near you.



Update your contact information (address, phone number, email) so MassHealth can contact you when it is time for your renewal. If MassHealth cannot reach you, you could lose your health coverage.

If you think you may no longer be eligible for MassHealth, other health coverage options are available, such as an affordable plan through the MA Health Connector.

Members can visit www.masshealthrenew.org or call customer service at 1-877-MA ENROLL (1-877-623-7773) to learn more or enroll in a plan.

Starting April 1, 2023, MassHealth will begin the eligibility redetermination process, renewing all 2.3M members over the following 12 months. This will generally be the first-time members are at risk of losing their coverage since February 2020. In preparation for this effort, MassHealth has increased staffing significantly to handle a greater volume of calls and applications, improved our systems to automatically renew as many members' coverage as possible, and is working in close collaboration with health plans, providers, and other stakeholders. Even with this preparation, we understand that this may be difficult for members.

FROM THE
PARENTS
ASSOCIATION



COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY AT SSCPS!

April 29, 2023 | 10:00am - 2:00pm

Students can receive 4 hours towards their community service requirement (2 hours for working, and a generous 2 hours for travel time). Please bring a rake, gloves, boots, bug spray, and any other items you might need!

We also need a few parent volunteers (you must have your CORI and fingerprints on file with school). Please email ebsweeney@hotmail.com to sign up.



In 2022 the SSCPS Parents Association created a new chair, Diversity and Inclusion. The Parents Association is looking for a few parent volunteers to help design what we want this role to look like. If interested please attend this months PA meeting on 1/18/2023 at 6:30pm or email cindylyons1337@gmail.com.

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!

amazon



wishlist

help our teachers!

VIEW WISHLISTS

PA Meeting Schedule | 2022-2023 School Year

Below you will find the meeting dates for the 2022-2023 school year:

- September 21, 2022
- October 19, 2022
- November 16, 2022
- December 21, 2022
- January 18, 2023
- February 15, 2023
- March 15, 2023
- April 26, 2023
- May 17, 2023
- June 14, 2023 (Transition Meeting)

Be on the lookout for upcoming volunteer opportunities. Information on the Back to School Picnic will be coming soon as well.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out. Our website can be found [here](#).

Cindy Lyons

Parent Council Chair

Cindylyons1337@gmail.com

You can now access the 2023-2024 school calendar [here](#) and down below under School Documents.

THIS WEEK | UP AND COMING

Wednesday	04/12	MCAS Level III ELA	
Wednesday	04/12	PSAT Testing Grades 8, 9, and 10	
Wednesday	04/12	SAT Testing Grade 11	
Wednesday	04/12	Senior class to visit the Statehouse in Boston	
Mon-Fri	04/17-04/21	Spring Vacation – No School	
Monday	04/24	Classes Resume	8:15am
Tues-Weds	04/25-04/26	MCAS Level IV ELA	
Wednesday	04/26	Parents Association Meeting via Zoom	6:30pm
Thursday	04/27	School Council Meeting via Zoom	4:30pm
Friday	04/28	High School Art Workshop Fashion Show	

IMPORTANT LINKS

Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website www.sscps.org every Wednesday.

- [Back-to-School Information](#)
- [Food Services](#)
- [Health Office](#)
- [Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance](#)
- **Visit the [Parents Association Website](#)**

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.

School Documents:

[2022-23 School Calendar](#)

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

[Student and Family Handbook](#)

[Arrival and Dismissal Procedures](#)

[SSCPS By-Laws](#)



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