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A Message From Alicia

At long last the new school year is upon us all. What excitement a new year brings! Students new to SSCPS are a welcome addition to our school community. Returning students had a day of reconnecting with old friends and making new ones. The day was filled with new acquaintances, new schedules, and the adventure of finding classrooms. Watching students entering the building yesterday was an experience made even more special by the number of students who rode the school bus for the first time. All the sights and sounds of opening day serve as a reminder of what matters most: we are learning, we are growing, and we are together.

Preparing for a successful new school year is no easy victory. Our facilities team, led by Wayne Heuer, had the building gleaming and welcoming for all. Last week, faculty and staff began the school year with days of professional development and preparing classrooms. Teachers participated in curriculum planning, goal setting, and level meetings. And of course, the transportation program which launched yesterday has been the result of ongoing collaboration among families, school administration and teachers, and the wonderful people at First Student.

The early days of the school year are an important time for our students, teachers, and families. Every year we welcome new students and families to our school community. In addition to new students, we are excited to welcome new teachers and staff for the upcoming school year.



*Rolling in and ready to learn.
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Level I and Level II

Cindy Clark | Level I Classroom Teacher

Reading teacher Cindy Clark has a new role this year as a classroom teacher on Level I. Prior to coming to SSCPS, Cindy was a K-5 substitute teacher for Quincy Public Schools and has also worked as an Associate Architectural Designer at CBT. Cindy holds a Bachelor of Environmental Studies from the University of Manitoba, a Bachelor of Environmental Design Studies from the Technical University of Nova Scotia, a Master of Architecture from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia,

and a Master of Science in Elementary Education from Bay Path University.

Kristin DuFresne | Elementary Paraprofessional

We were fortunate enough to have Kristin join us at the end of last year, and what a terrific impact she has had on our students. Kristin came to us from Hanover Public Schools where she served as an ABA tutor in a Therapeutic Grade 2 Language Based Learning Center. Kristin has experience in retail management, has served as a mentor for the Weymouth High Robotics Team, and has volunteered for the Boy Scouts. Kristin holds an associate degree in Liberal Arts and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from University of Massachusetts - Boston.

Amelia Freitas | Elementary Paraprofessional

After serving as a substitute teacher here at SSCPS, Amelia has joined us as a paraprofessional this year on Level I. Amelia is studying education at Bridgewater State University and is a former SSCPS student herself. We are thrilled to welcome Amelia back to classrooms she may find familiar.

Crystal Hayden | Learning Services Paraprofessional

Crystal joins SSCPS after serving as a lead toddler teacher at the Rainbow Kids Learning Center. Crystal has eight years of classroom experience and is extensively trained in the developmental stages of young children. Crystal holds a degree in Early Childhood Education from Fisher College.

Ryan Loftus | Learning Services Paraprofessional

Ryan comes to SSCPS after serving as a building substitute teacher at the Wawecus Elementary School in Worcester. Ryan has played baseball at the college level, has taught ice skating to preschoolers, and has been a Special Olympics Volunteer Trainer. Ryan holds a Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations from the University of Rhode Island.

Jennifer Moore | Level II Teacher

Jennifer Moore has returned to SSCPS and will now be a classroom teacher on Level II for the upcoming school year. Prior to coming to SSCPS, Jennifer was a homeschool teacher. Jennifer holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies, a minor in Outdoor Education from Westfield State College, and a Master of Education in Elementary Education from Bridgewater State University.

Corinne Newell | Elementary Paraprofessional

Corrine holds a Bachelor of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders from Worcester State College. Welcome Corinne!

Svetlana Schultz | Elementary Paraprofessional

Svetlana is an experienced teacher who taught elementary school in Slovakia. She has also served as a Lead Teacher in Coral Springs Florida, and has worked as a nanny. Svetlana holds a BA in Science in Elementary Education and a Masters in Elementary Education from the University of Constantine the Philosopher in Nitra, Slovakia.



Classrooms in Level I (left) and the High School (right) ready for the first day of classes.

Level III and Level IV**Colin Conkey | History 5-8**

Last year, Colin taught at SSCPS as a learning services paraprofessional. This year he is joining the History Department as a new teacher. Colin came to SSCPS from the Amherst Regional Public Schools where he worked as a teacher's assistant. Prior to teaching at Amherst Regional, Colin was a Writing Center Tutor at the UMass Amherst Writing Center. Colin holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Massachusetts - Amherst.

Ana Jimenez | Spanish Substitute Teacher

Ana began at SSCPS as a paraprofessional. This year, she will be teaching in Spanish classrooms as a substitute teacher. Ana has worked as a teacher's assistant at South Bay Early Interventions and was a preschool substitute teacher and student teacher at Politécnico Virgen de la Altagracia in the Dominican Republic. Ana holds an Associate Degree in Bilingual Early Childhood from the Urban College of Boston and is seeking a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Endicott College.

Chinki Kumari | Math 5-8

Joining the math team at the middle school is Chinki Kumari. Chinki comes to SSCPS from Browne Middle School in Chelsea where she taught math in grades 5-7. Chinki has also served as a Mathematics Academic Mentor at the Gardner Pilot Academy in the Boston Public Schools. Chinki holds a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology from the Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology in Bhopal, India.

John Oliva | Science 5-8

We are excited to welcome John back to SSCPS as a new teacher. Last year, John was a long term substitute science teacher. This year he is teaching middle school Science. John came to SSCPS from Hanover Middle School where he served as a long term substitute teaching sixth grade science. Prior to teaching in Hanover, John was a fifth grade math and science teacher at the Abigail Adams Middle School in Weymouth. John holds a Bachelor of Science in Economics from Bridgewater State University.

Debra Sloane | History Long Term Substitute

Debra Sloane will be starting the year as the long term substitute teacher of History on Level III. Debra comes to SSCPS from Marshfield Public Schools where she served as a substitute teacher and tutor. Prior to Marshfield, Debra was a classroom teacher for Rockland Public Schools. Debra holds a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Curry College.



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High School Grades 9-12

Jerome Ford | Geometry

Jerry comes to SSCPS from the Carver Public Schools where he served as a math teacher. Jerry taught math as a long-term substitute at the Duxbury Public Schools and was a paraprofessional for the Hingham Public Schools. He did his student teaching at Braintree High School and has tutored at Mathnasium in Hanover. Jerry holds a Bachelor of Education in Accounting from Boston College and a Master of Education in Teaching and Curriculum from Fitchburg State University.

David Tondorf-Dick | AP Calculus AB and PreAP Algebra I

David comes to SSCPS from Fusion Academy in Hingham where he taught US History, Chemistry, Physics, and Biology as well as Geometry, Algebra, and Calculus. He has also taught integrated science and technology at The Calverton School in Huntingtown, Maryland. David has been a middle school and science teacher at St. Elizabeth Seton School in Rochester, New Hampshire. At the college level, David has been a teaching assistant, Physics teacher, and Professor of Physics at the University of New Hampshire and the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. David holds a Bachelor of Arts in Physics from St. Mary's College of Maryland and a Master of Science in Physics from the University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth.

Kim Williamson | Geometry Honors and Qualitative Reasoning

Kim comes to SSCPS from the Bridgewater Raynham School District where she served as a Math Interventionist. She has taught math at the Upper Cape Vocational Technical School in Bourne, Stoughton High School, and Hanover High School. Kim has been a Title I math tutor at the Eames Way School and has directed the after school program at the Eames. She holds a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in History, minoring in Math, from Boston College.

School Wide K-12**Michael Dupuis | Pupil Adjustment Counselor K-12**

Michael comes to SSCPS from the New Bedford Public Schools where he served as a Behaviorist in the Comprehensive Behavior Intervention Program and School Adjustment Counselor at the Roosevelt Middle School. Michael holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Stonehill College and a master of Education in School Counseling from the University of Massachusetts - Boston.

Sarah Gavin | Art K-12

Sarah is a lifelong artist who has deployed her talent and passion for the arts into the classroom. Sarah's student teaching was at the Browns River Middle School in Jericho, Vermont. Sarah holds a Bachelor of Arts in Art Education, Art and Design from Saint Michael's College in Vermont.

Julia Tramontana | Learning Services Long Term Substitute Teacher

Julia has worked at SSCPS for the past three years as a substitute paraprofessional. We are pleased Julia will be joining SSCPS full time this year. Julia holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from Keene State College in New Hampshire.



High School classroom entrance (left) and student backpacks on Level I (right).

The South Shore Charter Public School community owes a great deal of thanks to three outstanding educators - Sheina Prince-Eugene, Krista Cafourek, and Joe Kay - for their work and dedication in their Assistant Principal roles which ended in June. This year, Sheina will be teaching reading and will also serve as our Civil Rights Coordinator. Krista has joined the Level III team as a math teacher. Joe has accepted a school-wide position teaching Physical Education K-12. Thank you Sheina, Krista, and Joe for all of your work over the past five years, and for your ongoing commitment to SSCPS.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of our families, faculty, and staff for all of the hard work and flexibility demonstrated during these opening days. We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding as we all adjust to the new transportation program.

Here's to another great year.

Alicia Savage
Executive Director

COLLEGE BOARD NATIONAL RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Congratulations to three of our own SSCPS students who are among 62,000 students from across the country to earn academic honors from the College Board's

National Recognition Programs! **Daniella Eze** (Student Board President, NHS), **Faith Oji** (Senior Class Secretary, NHS) and **Robert Louis** all received National African American Recognition awards.

These National Recognition Programs grant students with academic honors that can be included on college and scholarship applications and connect students with universities across the country, helping them stand out during the admissions process. Colleges and scholarship programs use these honors to identify students from underrepresented groups through College Board's Student Search Service.

Daniella, Faith, and Robert earned this recognition by excelling on their PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, or AP Exams and in their classrooms. Students who may be eligible have a GPA of 3.5 or higher and have excelled on the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10, or earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP Exams; and are African American or Black, Hispanic American or Latinx, Indigenous, and/or attend school in a rural area or small town. Eligible students are invited to apply during their sophomore or junior year, and are awarded at the beginning of the next school year.



Congratulations NAARA Recipients Faith Oji, Daniella Eze, and Robert Louis.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SSCPS Instrument Night



Dear Families,

I hope you've had an enjoyable summer. As the school year begins, I know many students are excited to start the year. The purpose of this letter is to inform you about the upcoming **4th-8th grade Instrument Night on Friday, September 9th, 2022 from 5:30-6:30**. This would give students an insight into choosing an instrument they may be interested in. This will take place at 100 Longwater Circle campus.

Learning to play an instrument is a great way for students to grow and express his or herself in a new way: musically. These potential instrumental musicians will be learning the ins and outs of their chosen instrument. Knowing that they each have a specific part to play in making the music come together as a whole will feed their desire to learn and grow as a musician even more!

Thanks to the company Music & Arts, 4th-8th graders will have an opportunity to circulate amongst various rooms to check out many different instruments. Some of these instruments may include flutes, oboes, bassoons, saxophones, trumpets, french horns and more!

There is no cost for participation in the instrumental program. There is, however, an instrument rental fee. This is limited to number of instruments. On the other hand, there are various 3rd party rent-to-own programs that are great; such as the providers of the instruments for the night. Soon the student will have their very first instrument! At the end of the night, students will choose their top three instrument choices!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Best Buddies | MA & RI

For the first time, Best Buddies MA & RI is partnering with organizations around the Greater Boston area to offer a series of resource fairs geared toward students and families of students approaching transition age. This is the perfect opportunity to explore all of the programs and resources offered through Best Buddies and other members of this wonderful community including PLAN, Special Olympics, Northeast Arc, and Cardinal Cushing Centers. We will be hosting two resource fairs across the

coming months, check out the details below!

North Shore Resource Fair:

When: Tuesday, September 20, 4:00pm-6:00pm

Where: Center of Linking Lives, Liberty Tree Mall, Danvers, MA

South Shore Resource Fair:

When: Wednesday October 5, 4:00pm-6:00pm

Where: Cardinal Cushing Centers Café, [120 Columbia Road, Hanover, MA](#)

You will find more information about who will be in attendance and can **RSVP here:** [Greater Boston Resource Fairs - Best Buddies International](#)

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions about these events, and feel free to pass this event information on to anyone in your circle that may be interested. We hope to see you there!

FROM THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION



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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

Thursday	09/01	Kindergarten Early Release	12:00pm
Friday	09/02	K-12 Early Dismissal	12:00pm
Monday	09/05	Labor Day – No School	
Tuesday	09/06	Classes Resume	8:15am
Wednesday	09/07	Executive Committee Meeting	8:00am

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](#)

School Documents:

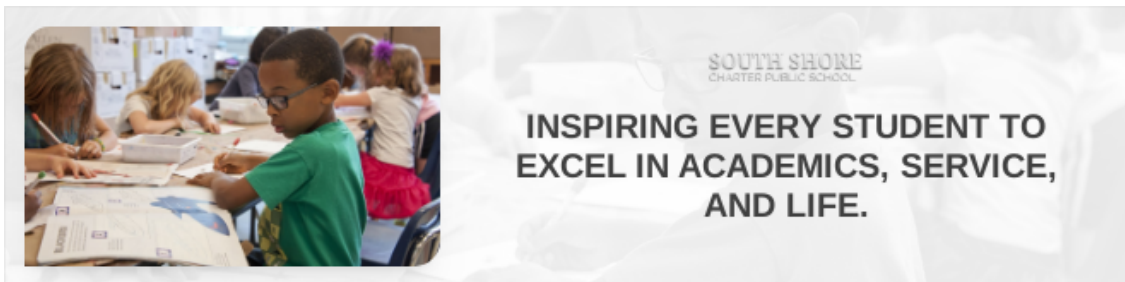
[2022-23 School Calendar](#)

[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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