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A Message from Angie

At SSCPS our students and teachers keep the energy level high and the school day busy. The blur of activity continues even after dismissal ends. For some students, the end of the school day signals a transition to the field or the court. Students and their coaches celebrated the end of the fall sports season at an athletic banquet right before the Thanksgiving break. With the transition into December, the winter sports season has begun. Both our boys and girls basketball teams play their first games against Match Charter Public School in Hyde Park on Friday afternoon. This year the winter season includes a high school cheer team that will be performing at the games. The team is the result of the hard work of a group of students who came together to advocate for and organize this new team. Their practices are underway and they are looking forward to their first appearance later this month.

Academic instruction also continues beyond the school day. The Title I and Title III after school tutoring programs began early in November. Our Title I tutoring program provides targeted small group instruction in math and English Language Arts for students in need of additional support in grades three through eight. The Title III program provides afterschool instruction for our English Language Learners in the lower grades. We have over 120 students currently participating in these tutoring programs.



Programming goes beyond sports and academics. Our before and after school music program continues to grow thanks to the efforts of our talented music teachers, Theron

Leonard and Paul Barrett. Currently, we have two choirs, one for students on Level II and one for students on Level III and Level IV. Both of these groups meet before school. Our expanding instrumental program runs after school with options for students to participate in Beginning Strings, Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Concert Strings. The Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Concert Strings programs are for students who already have some experience with instrumental music. Students seeking to learn to play a string instrument participate in our Beginning Strings program. Other instruments are available through the Instrumental Project once students enter Level III.

We are eager to highlight the work of our students participating in our extracurricular music program and in music Projects and Workshops at our Performing Ensemble Concert on Wednesday, December 14th. The following groups will perform that evening:

Level 2 Chorus

Level III & IV Chorus

Beginning Strings

Concert Strings

Instrumental Project

Concert Band

Jazz Band

High School Music Workshop

The event will take place in our PE space at 104 Longwater Drive beginning at 6pm. Please plan on parking at our K-8 building and walking over to the PE space using the path.

Our winter concert for students in Kindergarten, grade one, and grade two will take place on Wednesday, December 21st in the PE space during the school day. The timing will be as follows:

10:00 am - 10:20 am Kindergarten

10:30 am - 10:50 am Grade One

11:00 am - 11:20 am Grade Two

The event will take place in the PE space at 104 Longwater Drive. Families are welcome to attend the concert. We will use the time between performances to transition both our student performers and our parent audience. Please plan to park at the high school at 700 Longwater Drive and to walk across the street to the PE space.

The return of student performances are another step as we get closer to the normalcy of the pre-pandemic years. We are looking forward to our first in person concerts since December 2019. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Angie Pepin

Principal, K-12

THIS WEEK ON LEVEL I



Students in Cindy Clark's Level I Science class explore water erosion and design a solution to slow its effects.

THIS WEEK IN PROJECTS & WORKSHOPS

CRICUT PROJECT

American Red Cross Clothing Donation



Hello, we're from the Cricut Project on Level 4. We are doing a clothing donation for the American Red Cross. The location is in a bin at the front desk at the 100 Longwater Drive building. We're looking for donations of clothing and shoes. The drive will start on 11-30-22 and end on 12-14-22.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY WORKSHOP

*Cultural Diversity Workshop
Fundraiser*

**HANDMADE
BEADED BRACELET
AND NECKLACES
FROM HAITI**



Bracelets \$5.00

Necklaces \$20.00

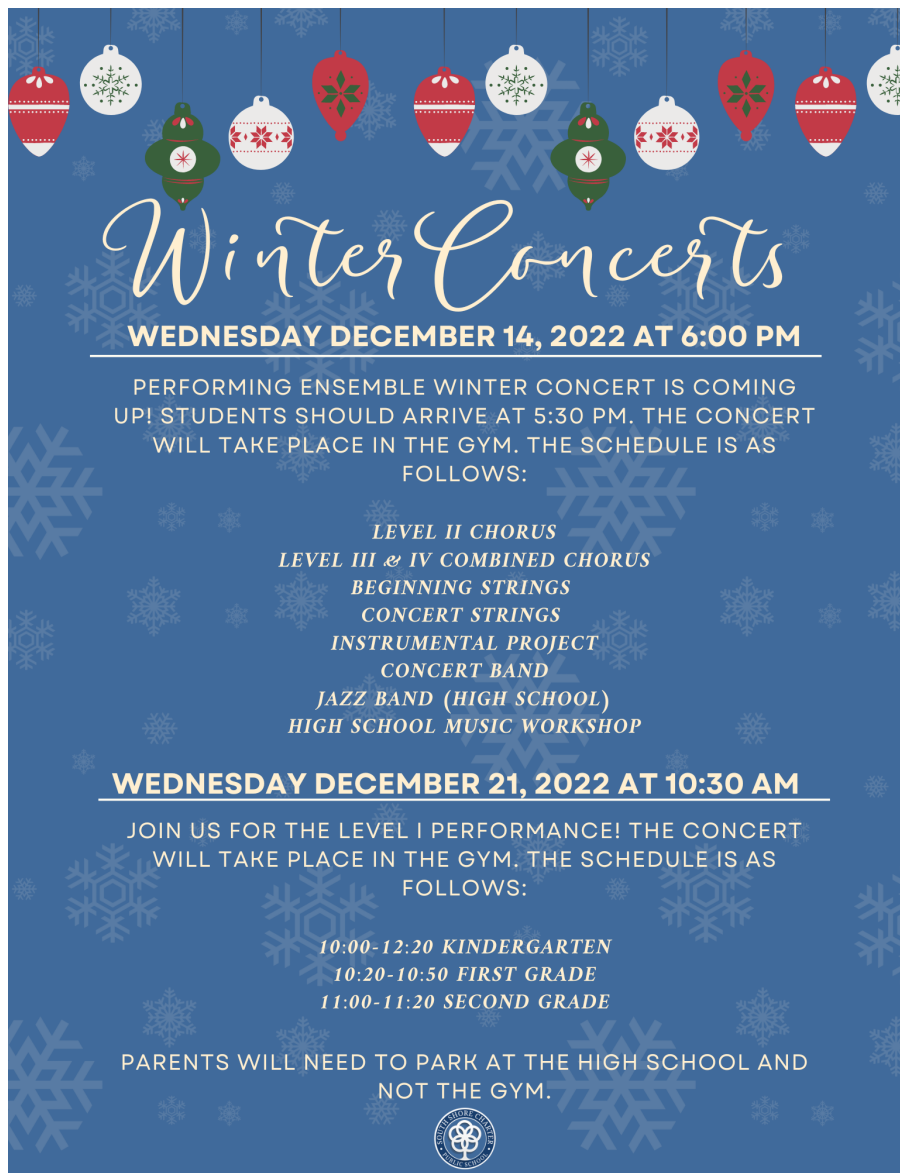


When: Tuesdays & Thursdays during Lunch

Where: In Great Room

Come Support the Children of Haiti!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Winter Concerts

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14, 2022 AT 6:00 PM

PERFORMING ENSEMBLE WINTER CONCERT IS COMING UP! STUDENTS SHOULD ARRIVE AT 5:30 PM. THE CONCERT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE GYM. THE SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:


*LEVEL II CHORUS
LEVEL III & IV COMBINED CHORUS
BEGINNING STRINGS
CONCERT STRINGS
INSTRUMENTAL PROJECT
CONCERT BAND
JAZZ BAND (HIGH SCHOOL)
HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC WORKSHOP*

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 21, 2022 AT 10:30 AM

JOIN US FOR THE LEVEL I PERFORMANCE! THE CONCERT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE GYM. THE SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

*10:00-12:20 KINDERGARTEN
10:20-10:50 FIRST GRADE
11:00-11:20 SECOND GRADE*

PARENTS WILL NEED TO PARK AT THE HIGH SCHOOL AND NOT THE GYM.



CONCERT ETIQUETTE

Dear Parents,

The students have made great progress in learning the fundamentals of playing their string instrument. They are so excited to perform for you and friends! As this may be the first time they have ever performed in a formal concert setting, please help them prepare by reviewing these guidelines together for proper concert etiquette. These also include suggestions for audience behavior expectations to help you.

Date of the first Winter concert: Wednesday, December 14, 2022 6:00pm

- Students should arrive early enough before the concert begins for tuning and warm-up.
- Students should arrive at the **PE space at 5:30**
- Students should arrive at the concert site in proper concert attire. Clothes should be neat and clean. The concert attire is: **Black and White (please no pictures or logos)**.

- Be sure your child brings his/her music, instrument, and bow to the concert. The students will be excited, so it will be easy for them to forget.
- Students should sit quietly on stage during the concert and acknowledge applause of the audience as directed by the teacher. During the concert the students should focus their attention on their director. They should avoid looking at the audience. Students should especially watch the director closely for all starting and stopping cues.
- Remind students that it is inappropriate for them to eat, drink, or chew gum during a concert.
- During the concert students should maintain good posture and a positive stage presence at all times when on stage. They are not only representing themselves, but also the entire orchestra.
- Encourage your child to play with his/her best effort. One purpose of a concert is to show the audience the great progress made. Of course, students should enjoy making beautiful music!

Thanks so much for letting me teach your child. The children have worked very hard and are eager to perform for and your family and friends. Maybe your child has already played for you some of the music that will be performed. I look forward to seeing you at the concert!

Sincerely,

Theron Leonard

Paul Barrett



SSCPS presents...

Winter Wonderland

Date: December 8, 2022
 Time: 7-10:30
 Location: Canoe Club Ballroom
 2 South St, West Bridgewater, MA
 02379



SSCPS High School Students
ONLY!!!

Unlimited Drinks | Delicious food | Great Music
 Most importantly... A great time!!!

DJ JUUKES
 insta @dj.juukes

\$40 entry
 Starting sales October 24th
 in the Great Room at lunch



MassHire South Shore Information



Have you ever considered a career in **Carpentry, Culinary and Entrepreneurship, HVAC, or Manufacturing?**

Free Classes Start February 13th!

Monday -Thursday 4-8pm

SOUTH SHORE Technical Institute

476 Webster Street,
Hanover, MA 02339

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be 18+ years old
 - Must have HS Diploma or equivalent
 - Unemployed/ Underemployed
 - Be able to commit to completion of program hours
- Actively recruiting Veterans & Military Personnel

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Michael Santos, Upskilling Navigator
MassHire South Shore
MSantos@Masshires.com



Scan to apply!

Carpentry

This 220 hour introductory course is designed to prepare students for entry-level jobs in Carpentry. Students will have opportunities to learn residential, commercial, and industrial construction. This training will give proper use of hand tools and equipment, framing, small projects on a work site and so much more.

- OSHA 10
- Certified Lead Carpenter Credential

Culinary and Entrepreneurship

This 220 hour introductory course is designed to prepare students for the culinary arts industry with a dash of food truck entrepreneurship. The student will learn the art of culinary in a state of the art industrial kitchen and a new food trailer. This will allow the student to start with the essential skills needed for the culinary industry.

- OSHA 10
- Serve Safe
- Food Allergen Certified
- Food Truck Permitting

HVAC

This 220 hour introductory course is designed to prepare students for entry-level jobs in HVAC. Learn to install and service HVAC and refrigeration systems. After completing this course students will be able to torch, braze, and solder pipes and fittings to install or repair compressors, condensers, chillers, and pumps in a wide range of environments.

- OSHA 10
- EPA - 608

Manufacturing

This 220 hour introductory course is designed to prepare students for entry-level jobs in Manufacturing. The student will learn in a real machine shop environment that will provide essential skills to secure employment in one of the fastest growing industries in Massachusetts.

- OSHA 10
- MACWIC level -1



**Interested in working?
Need help getting started?**

MassHire South Shore Youth Services introduces

BOOST
Building Our Occupational Skills for Tomorrow







Participants receive:

- Individualized assessment & action plan
- Career readiness coaching
- Financial literacy workshop
- Nationally recognized industry credentials
- 80-hour paid internship

*Applicants must be 16-24 years old and meet eligibility requirements.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Taylor Fry, Youth Career Counselor
MassHire South Shore
1515 Hancock St., Quincy MA
617-657-4973



FROM THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION



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](#)

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

From the Health Office

COVID-19 tests were sent home the week before Thanksgiving. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has provided each student with a total of four COVID-19 tests to bring home. This is free of charge and you can use the tests at your discretion. This will be a onetime program that DESE is offering. You do not have to do anything to participate, but if you would like to opt out please send an email to jkjelgaard@sscps.org.

The health office will begin doing vision and hearing screens on students in 1st through 5th grade and also 7th graders. We will also begin doing height and weight screenings on 1st, 4th, 7th, and 10th graders. If you would like to opt your student out of the screenings please send an email to Jaime Kjelgaard, RN at jkjelgaard@sscps.org for 1st through 8th grade students or Barbara Folan, RN at bfolan@sscps.org for high school students.

All 4th, 7th and 11th graders should have a current physical (within the last 12 months) on file in the appropriate health office. All students playing sports must have a current physical in order to play.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Please see the [attached letter](#) from the Department of Public Health and the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics about steps families can take to prevent illness and stay healthy this season.

You can also find the Spanish version [here](#). These letters will also be posted [online](#).



Massachusetts Chapter
INCORPORATED IN MASSACHUSETTS
American Academy of Pediatrics
DEDICATED TO THE HEALTH OF ALL CHILDREN

November 1, 2022

Dear Families,

The Commonwealth, the Northeast and much of the US are seeing increases in respiratory illness in infants and children. Some of these infants and children are requiring hospitalization for support with breathing and hydration. Emergency departments and other acute care health facilities have been managing significant increases in the number of patients requiring care.

Most of these illnesses are caused by respiratory viral infections, including common seasonal viruses like respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), rhinovirus and enterovirus, and influenza. Infants and children may be particularly susceptible to seasonal respiratory viral infections during the 2022-2023 fall and winter because they have had limited previous exposure to these respiratory viruses. We anticipate that there could be more respiratory illnesses as RSV continues to spread and influenza season ramps up.

The Department of Public Health and the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics want to remind parents and families about steps to take to prevent illness and stay healthy this season:

1. **Vaccinate your children ages 6 months and older against influenza** as soon as possible.
2. **Vaccinate your children ages 6 months and older against COVID-19**; children 5 and older who had their primary series more than 2 months ago should receive an updated COVID-19 booster as soon as possible.
3. **Remember, you can get a COVID-19 vaccine and flu shot at the same time.**
4. **If your infant has been offered treatment with protective antibodies** due to their prematurity or another condition, keep on schedule with their monthly treatments.
5. **Practice hand hygiene** frequently with soap and water or hand sanitizer. **Cover coughs and sneezes** with a tissue, or if a tissue is not available, cover them with an elbow, not a hand.
6. **Clean high touch surfaces** in your home frequently with household disinfectants.
7. **Keep children home from daycare or school** who have fever, especially with a cough, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, congestion, runny nose, or sore throat, until they are fever-free for 24 hours without medications that reduce fever.
8. **Avoid social gatherings if you or your children are ill.**
9. **Contact your pediatrician or healthcare provider if you believe your child needs medical care.** Your provider can offer advice on whether your child needs to be evaluated in person, tested for COVID or flu, and the best location (doctor's office, urgent care, emergency room) for care.

Thank you for doing all you can to keep you and your family healthy during this fall and winter season.

Dr. Estevan Garcia, Chief Medical Officer
Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Dr. Mary Beth Miotto, President
Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

This Week | Up and Coming

Thursday	12/08	Board of Trustees	7:30pm
		Personnel	5:30pm
		Governance	6:00pm
		Finance	6:30pm
		Development	7:00pm
All meetings will be held at 700 Longwater Drive and via Zoom			

Friday	12/09	Parent / Teacher Conferences – No Classes for Students	
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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.

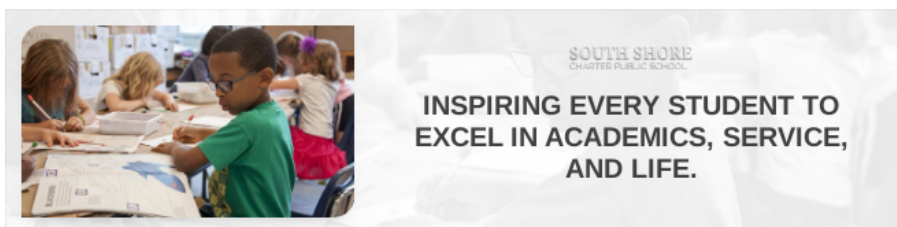
School Documents:

[2022-23 School Calendar](#)

[Student and Family Handbook](#)

[Arrival and Dismissal Procedures](#)

[SSCPS By-Laws](#)



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