

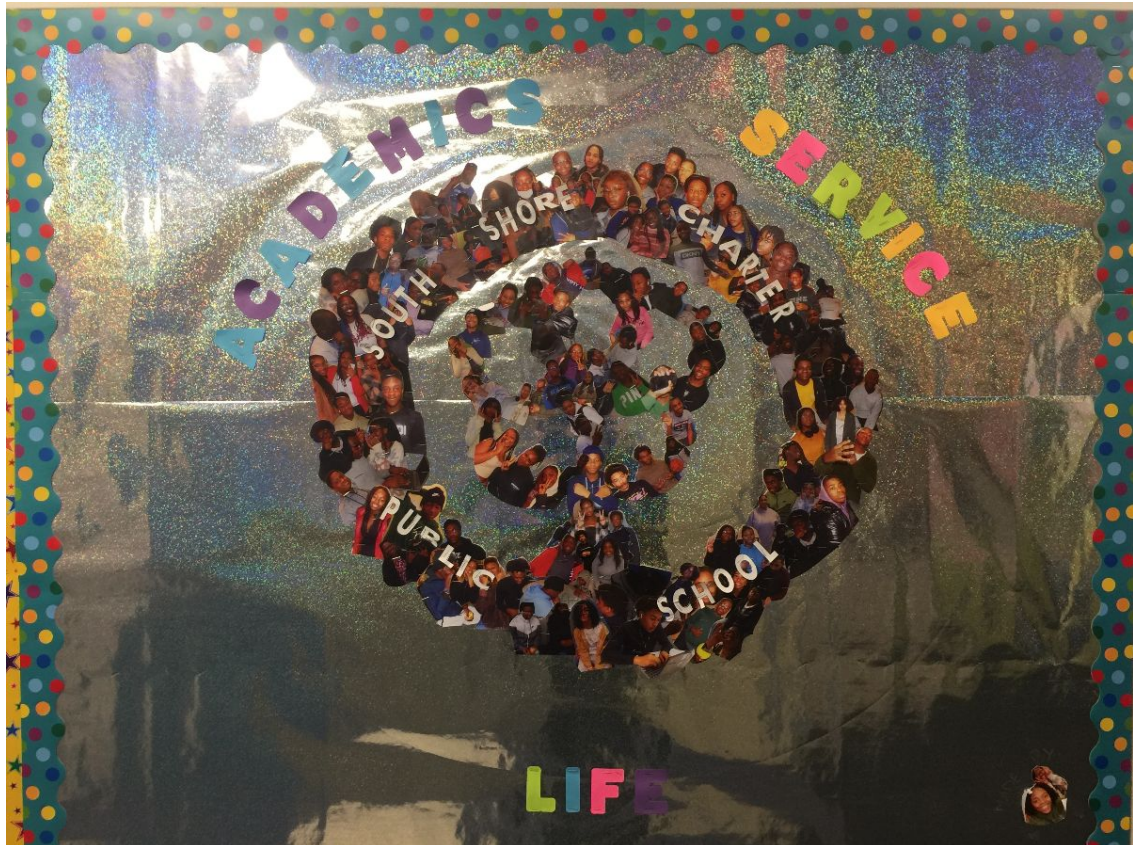
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BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT SSCPS

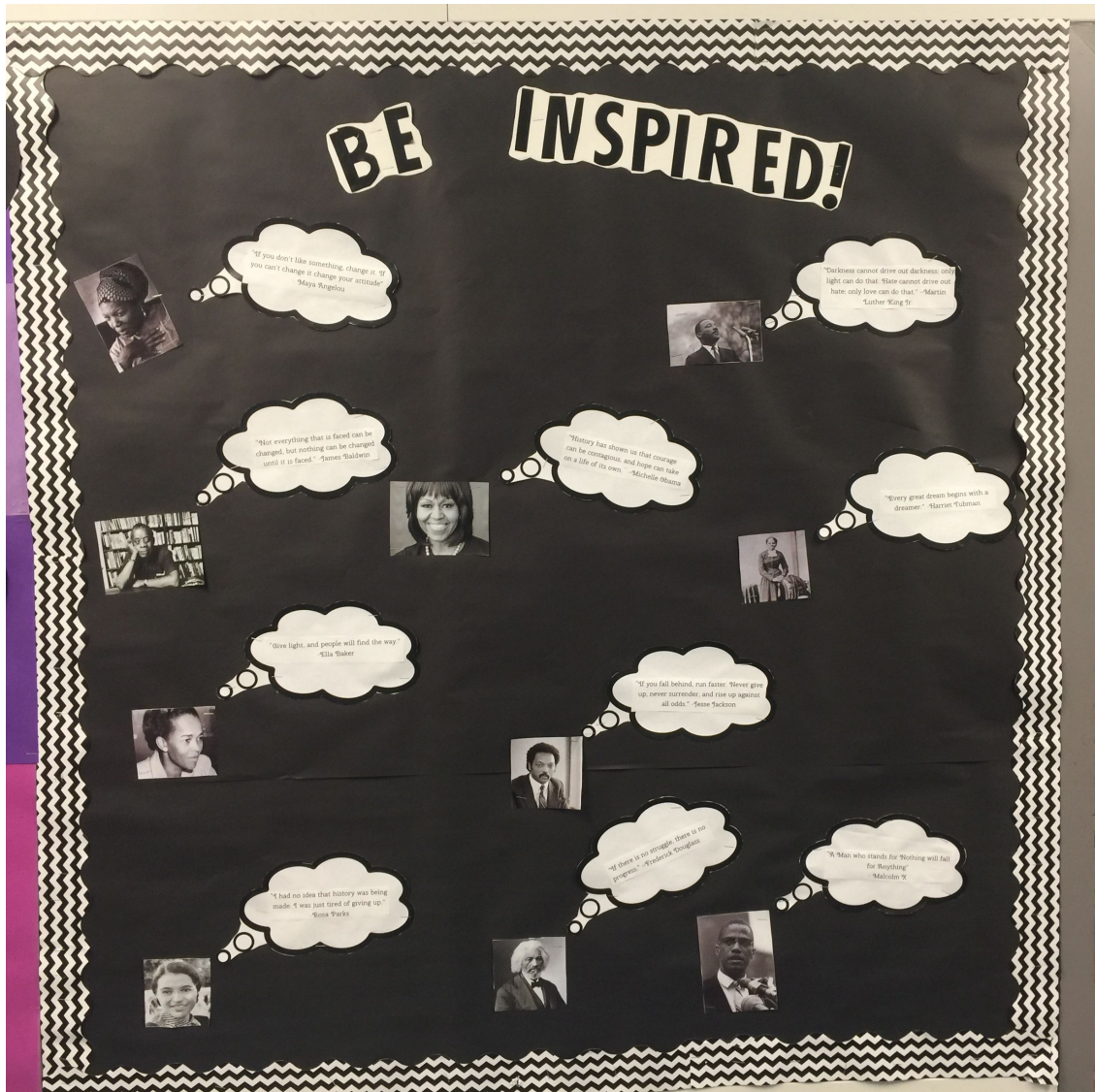


A Message from Alicia

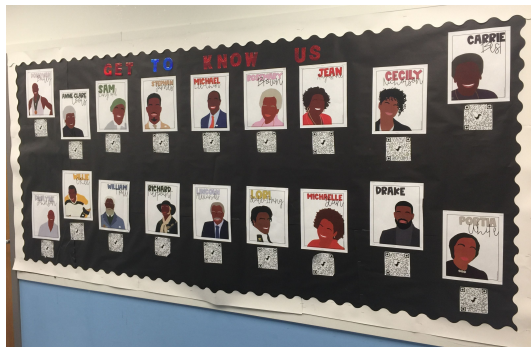
Today we begin the celebration of Black History Month. The month of February provides an opportunity to recognize and honor the contributions and achievements of African-Americans throughout history and in our society today. It is also an opportunity to commemorate the ongoing struggle for equality and civil rights. Black History Month is an educational opportunity that promotes understanding of the history and experiences of Black people, knowledge which serves as an essential tool to combat racism and prejudice.



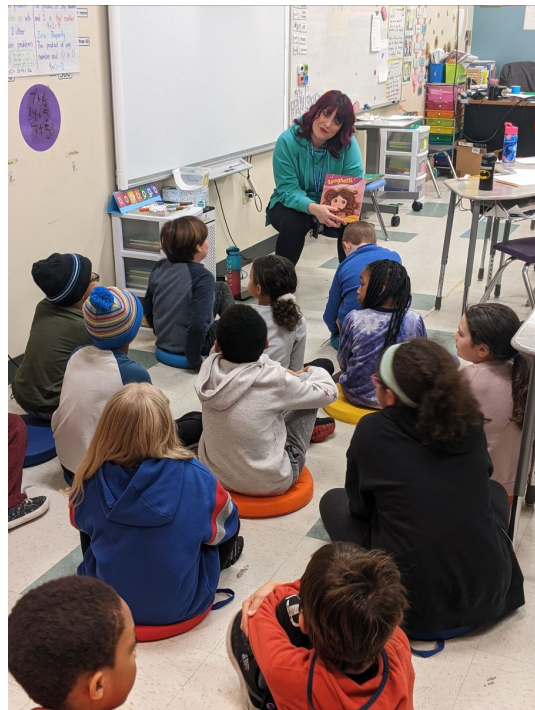
High school displays celebrating Black History Month



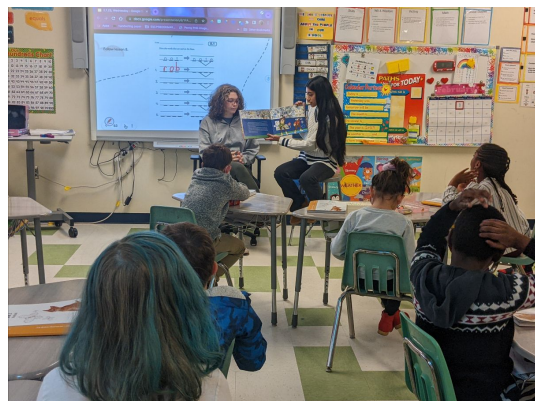
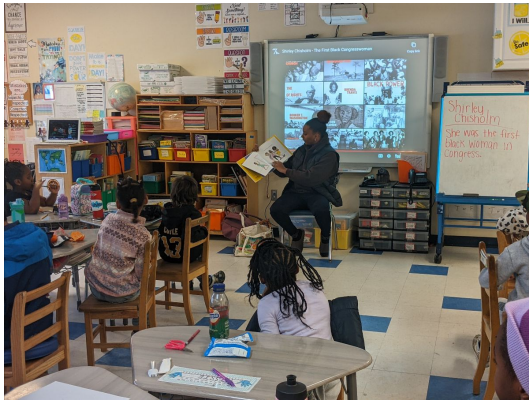
At the high school, our students have done exceptional work creating displays on classroom walls and hallways reminding us all of how the contributions of African-Americans are a foundation of United States history. In classrooms K-8, students and teachers explore and recognize the essential contributions of African Americans throughout history. Displays of student work and reflections serve as visual reminders of Black individuals not always mentioned in history books. Students K-4 are looking forward to a Wax Museum put on by the Black Student Union on February 8. Efforts throughout the month aim to educate about the rich and diverse history and culture of Black people, and foster a greater understanding of human universals that make us all one.

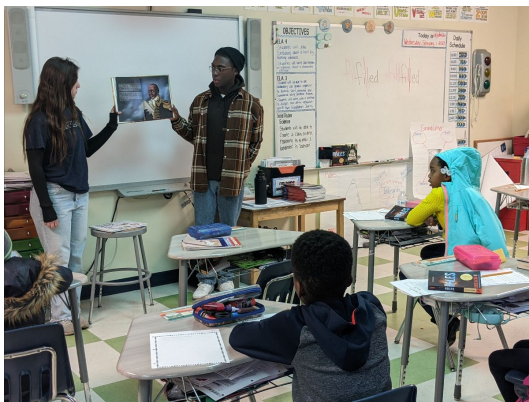


This morning, our school participated in a special event called [World Read Aloud Day](#). During this morning event, 22 classes were visited by readers from our school community, including high school students and teachers, who read aloud a story to our youngest students. This tradition has become extremely popular in our school in the four years since it began. The morning event is a terrific way to promote the love of reading and to bring our school community together.



WORLD READ ALOUD DAY





As we are now entering the third quarter of the school year, and rapidly approaching the 100th day of school, we are looking ahead and seeking input from all of our SSCPS families. As we do every year at this mid-point, our school community takes the time to reflect on the first five months of the school year and to plan for the remainder of the school year. In an effort to gather input from all families, we are requesting that each SSCPS family participate in the 2023 Annual Family Survey. The survey will be available until Friday, March 3, 2023. Your feedback is important as we work to continuously improve and provide the best educational experience for our students.

The data collected from the Annual Family Survey is crucial for the Annual Report and for institutional planning during the July Board of Trustees meeting. During this meeting, the Board of Trustees will review key measures that define student achievement and institutional strength, and the data from this year's survey will play an important role in school-wide planning. We will be using the information provided by families to establish programs, design next year's schedule, evaluation transportation, and improve the day-to-day experience for SSCPS students. Maintaining a positive school culture and enhancing student life remains a top priority for us. In the past three years, family participation in the survey has been high and we hope to continue to have a high participation rate this year as well. Your input is valuable to us, so please make sure to complete the survey linked below to have your voice heard.

ANNUAL FAMILY SURVEY

Thank you for your ongoing participation and support of our school community.

Alicia Savage
Executive Director



IMPORTANT REMINDER

FRIDAY, FEB. 3rd

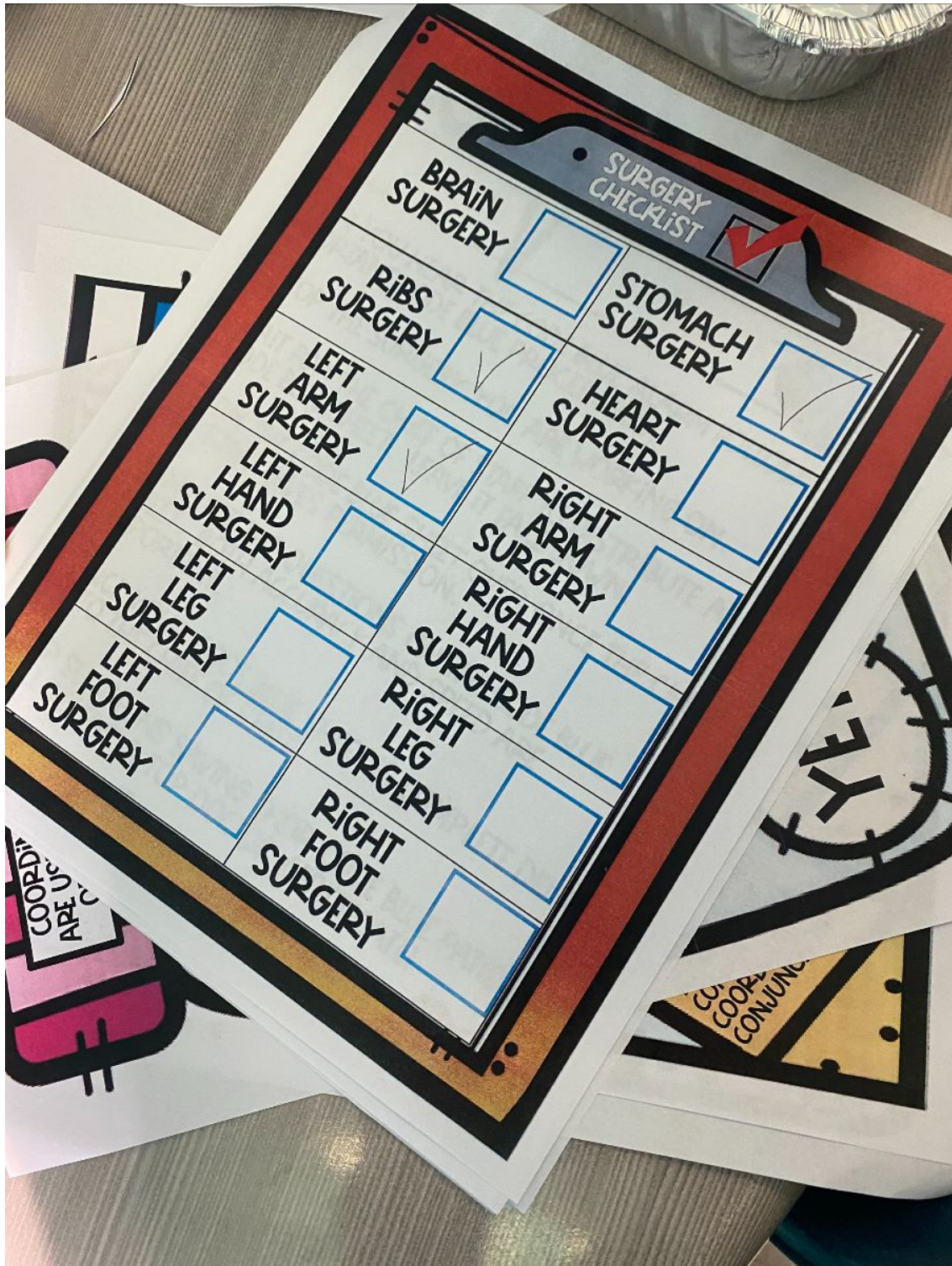
**EARLY DISMISSAL: 12PM
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

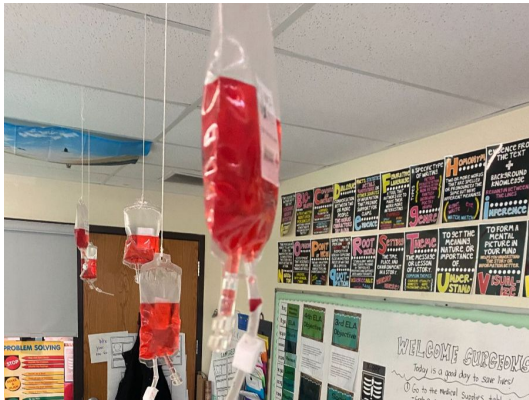
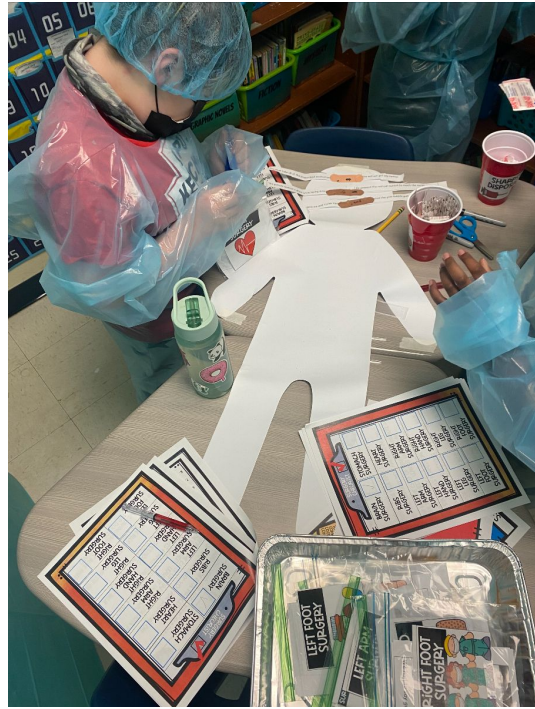
THIS WEEK ON LEVEL II





Students from Danette and Darlene's room operating on language and math





ATHLETICS

BASKETBALL



Varsity Boys Basketball team against EMK

Photo Credit: @sscps_sports

Come cheer on the Jaguars in their upcoming games:

Wednesday | February 1, 2023

Varsity Boys Basketball v. Brooke (Away) @Brooke High School 6:00-7:30 pm

Thursday | February 2, 2023

Middle School Girls Basketball v. Neighborhood House (Home) @Starland Sportsplex
3:00-4:00 pm

Middle School Boys Basketball v. Neighborhood House (Home) @Starland Sportsplex
3:00-4:00 pm

Varsity Boys Basketball v. Calvary Chapel (Away) @Calvary Chapel 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Monday | February 6, 2023

Varsity Girls Basketball v. APR (Away) @TBD 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Varsity Boys Basketball v. APR (Away) @TBD 7:00 - 8:30 pm

#GoJaguars 🐾🐾

**THIS WEEK IN
PROJECTS AND WORKSHOPS**

Level III Community Service Project

Kindness bundles for the homeless

Date's:1/9-2/17

Where: Drop at the front or in Laura's room (101)

We are collecting:

Travel-sized toiletries, for example:

Toothbrush and paste

Dry shampoo

Deodorant

Chapstick

Hand lotion

Hairbrushes

Razors and shaving cream

Water

snacks of all kinds

Socks

Warm hats

Gloves

Hand warmers, Feet warmers, etc

Pencil & Paper

Dunkin Donuts \$5.00 gift card (if possible)

GALLON SIZED ZIPLOCK BAGS



THANK YOU!

-Level 3 Community Service Project

The Level III Community Service Project is collecting several items needed to assemble kindness bundles for the homeless. Last year we were able to put together 900 bundles that were distributed to the homeless in the Boston area. We would love to be able to meet or exceed that number this year! Please send the items listed below in with your student. The Dollar Tree is a great place to pick up many of the needed items. Donations may be left at the front door of 100 Longwater Circle or in Laura's room (101). Thank you!



SUPPORTING SSCPS THE ANNUAL FUND

FEBRUARY GIVING PROJECTS & WORKSHOPS

During the month of February, the South Shore Charter Educational Foundation will be fundraising toward the different Projects and Workshops at SSCPS. Experiential learning is an integral part of our school's mission, and is best exemplified through the various Projects and Workshops for students at all Levels.

Extracurricular subjects and activities allow students to explore different interests, find new passions, and develop critical skills as they advance in their education year after year. All of our lower Level Projects and our high school Workshops incorporate the components of technology, communication, community service, and entrepreneurship, and their demands and complexity increase as students progress through each grade.

The South Shore Charter Educational Foundation sets financial goals each school year that we work hard to reach with the help of our community. These goals are set with the intentions of supporting our students, staff, and community to the best of our ability in order to provide the most excellent learning environment possible. For the 2022-2023 school year, the SSCEF has set a goal of \$50,000 for our Annual Fund. So far this year, we've raised over \$9,000, or 18% of this goal, thanks to you.

If you'd like to help us reach our fundraising goal this year and make a donation in support of the many Projects & Workshops at SSCPS, please use the button below to make a contribution.

Thank you!

DONATE NOW!

UPCOMING EVENTS



The American Heart Association's [Kids Heart Challenge](#) event is coming soon! Our goal is to have all students register online and complete Finn's Mission. They'll even earn a free wristband for registering!

All students K-6 will participate in special heart healthy activities during Physical Education class regardless of fundraising!

Here's how you can register your student:

- **Click to Register:** [South Shore Charter Kids Heart Challenge](#)
- **Complete Finn's Mission:** Watch a 2-minute video to know Hands-Only CPR, spot the signs of a stroke and more!
- **Share with friends and family** through social media, text and/or email

[Click here to learn about our impact!](#)



**Norwell Community
Blood Drive**
**Sponsored by South Shore
Charter Public School**

**700 Longwater Drive
Norwell, MA 02061**

**Friday, February 3, 2023
1:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter NORWELL to schedule an appointment

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [Red CrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment

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National Honor Society is hosting a Blood Drive on February 3rd, our professional development day from 1:00-6:00 in the public space in 700 Longwater Drive, in front of the faculty bathrooms. Please consider donating and helping us give back to the community. [Here is the link](#) to sign up. Just type in our zip code or the date to find our drive. Thank you for your help!

NHS PRESENTS
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

K-4 Movie Night!

You are invited to our showing of "Puss in Boots," as SSCPS NHS fundraises for Boston's "The Home for Little Wanderers."

We encourage you to send your child with toys, toiletries, school supplies, etc. to support our cause!

Permission slips will be sent home, but you can also register at bit.ly/3GRQgT2

PRICE

\$10.00 per Kid
\$15.00 per Family
Snacks and Drinks provided

DEADLINE:
2/1

Date:
Feb 3, 2023; (12pm to 3pm)
FRONT DOOR PICKUP @ 3
Lower School PE Space

Contact Us for Information on Registration

ssantan101@student.sscps.org
samuel_oji@student.sscps.org
kcianelli@sscps.org

COMMUNITY UPDATE



**The Dream Out Loud Center's
Creative Careers Program ~ Winter 2023 Schedule**
127 W Rodney French Blvd, New Bedford, MA // 508-990-9090
information@dreamoutloudnow.org



Our FREE 8-week program for youth in grades 6th through 12th starts on **Tuesday, January 31st** and ends **Thursday, March 30th**.
Space is limited. Application deadline is **Saturday, January 28th by 4pm**.
An Informational Open House for new students & their parents will be held **Saturday, January 28th from 12pm to 4pm**.

Classes Offered:

Songwriting:

Whether it's Hip Hop, R&B, Pop or Rock, students will work with instructors to create an original song. Students will learn lyric writing techniques, how to perform, and other valuable songwriting skills!

Calling All Musicians:

Do you play guitar, keyboard, bass or drums and would like to create original songs with other youth? This class is perfect for you.

Digital Art and Graphic Design:

Do you love drawing comics, manga, or anime-style fan art? Level up your drawing skills in our digital arts class. Using Adobe Photoshop and drawing tablets, you'll practice basic and intermediate digital art techniques.

Creative Writing:

This class is designed for students to create original forms of descriptive writing, poetry, drama and fiction. Creative writing techniques and skills are explored.

Class Days & Times

Songwriting

Tues/Wed/Thurs: 3pm to 5pm
Tues/Wed/Thurs: 6pm to 8pm

Calling All Musicians

Tues/Wed/Thurs: 3pm to 5pm
Tues/Wed/Thurs: 6pm to 8pm

Digital Art & Graphic Design

Tues/Wed/Thurs: 3pm to 5pm
Tues/Wed/Thurs: 6pm to 8pm

Creative Writing

Wed: 3pm to 5pm

Contact us for more information!

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Grade & School: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 Age: _____
 Parent's Email: _____
 Parent's Facebook: _____
 Any Allergies? Yes ___ No ___
 If so please list here: _____
 Date of Birth: _____

Workshop(s) you are signing up for:

Art & Graphic Design Songwriting
 Calling All Musicians Creative Writing
 Day(s): Tues: 3-5 ___ Wed: 3-5 ___ Thurs: 3-5 ___
 Day(s): Tues: 6-8 ___ Wed: 6-8 ___ Thurs: 6-8 ___

I give my child permission to receive the taxi or bus transportation to and from DOLC.
Yes ___ No ___ Initials ___

I give my child permission to participate in special events, activities and field trips related to the program and may include travel under the supervision of the program staff.
Yes ___ No ___ Initials ___

Do you give permission to use your child's photo in social media and newspaper or television promotion?
Yes ___ No ___ Initials ___

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____
 Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

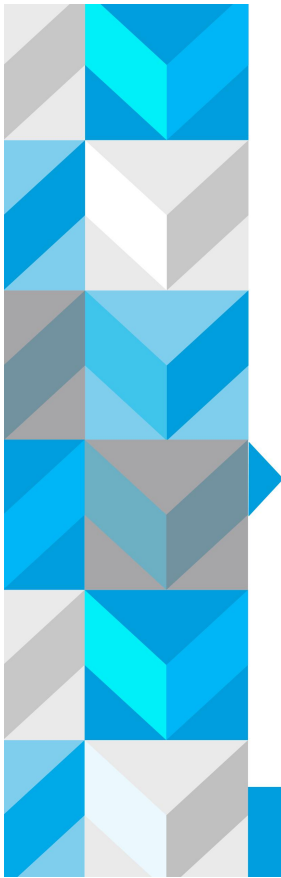
Deadline for applications is **Saturday, January 28th @ 4pm**.
 To be a part of this opportunity, please fill out the application above and email to information@dreamoutloudnow.org (preferred) or mail to: 127 W Rodney French Blvd, New Bedford, MA 02744

Funded in part by: the City of New Bedford's Invest-In-Kids Program; the Island Foundation, Inc; the Margaret Jameson Mellor Memorial Fund; the Rainy Day Fund; SouthCoast Community Foundation; the US Dept of Housing and Urban Development; Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) from the City of New Bedford; Schrafft Charitable Trust; Mass Cultural Council and the New Bedford Day Nursery Fund.



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Lifetouch

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!

MASSHEALTH RENEWALS

We are sharing with you important information that will impact MassHealth (Medicaid and CHIP) health insurance coverage for children and families.

MassHealth has maintained members' coverage and benefits due to continuous coverage requirements that started during the COVID-19 emergency. MassHealth will soon return to our normal renewal process. All MassHealth members will need to renew their health coverage.

If MassHealth has enough information to confirm your eligibility, your coverage will be renewed automatically. If MassHealth is not able to confirm your eligibility automatically, we will send a renewal form in a blue envelope to the mailing address we have on file.

What you need to do now:

- Make sure MassHealth has your most up to date address, phone number, and email so you do not miss important information and notices from MassHealth. If they are not able to contact you when you are selected for renewal your coverage may change or you may lose your coverage.
- Report any household changes. Please continue to report any changes in your household, like a new job, address, changes to your income, disability status, or pregnancy. MassHealth wants to make sure we have the latest information for you and all members of your household.
- Update your information and report changes using your MA Login Account at <http://www.mahix.org/individual>. Don't have an account? To create one call MassHealth Customer Service at (844) 365-1841. Find out more about MA Login Accounts Online at mass.gov/masshealthlogin.

Questions?

If you have questions, need help with your MassHealth coverage, or if you have lost coverage, please contact MassHealth Customer Service at (800) 841-2900.

MassHealth members will soon need to renew their health coverage.



What you need to do now

1 Make sure MassHealth has your most up to date address, phone number, and email so you do not miss important information and notices from MassHealth.

If we are not able to contact you, your coverage may change or you may lose your coverage during your renewal.

2 Report any household changes. These include a new job, address, changes to your income, disability status, or pregnancy.

Update your information and report changes using your MA Login Account at www.mahix.org/individual.

Don't have an account?

If you are under 65, visit mass.gov/mashealthlogin or scan the QR code:



SOUTH SHORE YMCA



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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

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 -I



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*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



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!

The Amazon logo, featuring the word "amazon" in a bold, black, sans-serif font with a curved orange arrow underneath it.

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

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

With the winter season upon us we wanted to send out some reminders from the Health office. We are seeing an increase in viral illness in our school community and would like to remind everyone of the policy about staying home when ill.

Please keep students home from school for the following:

- 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

If your student becomes ill at school, please pick your student up within 45 minutes. If it is important to pick up your student

Home COVID tests were sent home with every student prior to Thanksgiving break. Please do an at home COVID test if your student has cold like symptoms (sore throat, headache, cough, runny nose, or fever)

The school does not provide masks. If you would like your student to wear a mask at school, please send them to school with one on and extras

Kids are going out in all weather, please make sure your student has appropriate winter clothing. It is also important to have a change of clothes at school for days they get wet or need to change clothes for other reasons.

All students should be bringing a water bottle to school every day and can refill at the water refill station.

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

THIS WEEK | UP AND COMING

Friday	02/03	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Friday	02/03	NHS hosting Blood Drive at 700 Longwater Drive	1:00-6:00pm
Friday	02/03	NHS Movie Fundraiser for grades K-4	12:00-3:00pm
Saturday	02/04	Level III and Level IV Bridge Building to Wentworth	7:45am-2:00pm
Sunday	02/05	Ski Club to Wachusett	
Tuesday	02/07	<i>Talk to Us Tuesday</i> Enrollment Event	9:00-10:00am

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](#)**

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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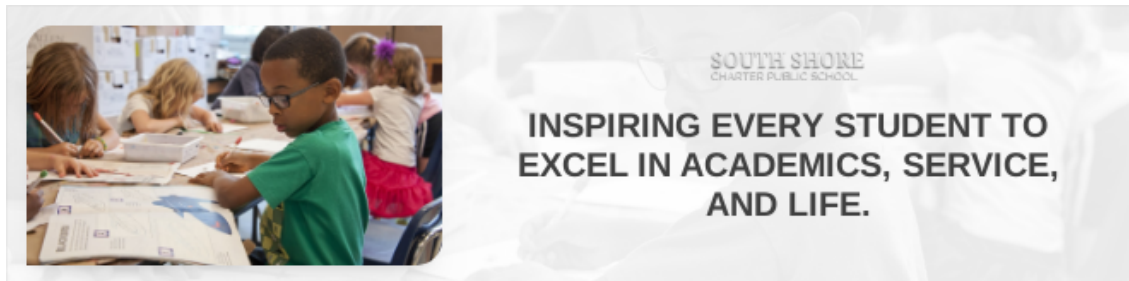
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