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A Message from Kristine

When I began working at SSCPS back in 2000, the school employed 57 faculty and staff and served 352 students in three buildings: a restaurant, a bank, and old hotel in Hull, MA. Currently, we employ over 230 faculty and staff and serve 1,063 students from 26 communities in our three Norwell buildings. During my time at SSCPS, many of you have asked me to explain how our school is funded. Here is a Q&A of the top three questions most often asked:

How is our school funded? For each child that the school enrolls, the school receives a monthly tuition payment from the Commonwealth of MA which is calculated by the Department of Education's school finance office based on our enrollment. Charter schools are funded by tuition charges assessed against the school districts where the students reside. Tuition revenue varies from district to district. The Commonwealth of MA provides partial reimbursement to the sending districts for the tuition costs incurred.

Like other public schools, Commonwealth charter schools are eligible to receive federal and state grants. Our supporting foundation, the South Shore Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. (SSCEF) provides an annual unrestricted operating grant which helps to offset operational and instructional programming. This year, the SSCEF plans to grant the school a \$25,000 unrestricted operating grant and a \$3,000 grant for SSCPS student scholarships. The SSCEF also grants the Parent Association (PA) \$5,000 annually to fund grants for field trips, student speakers, Projects/Workshops, books, materials, and other initiatives that the school may not have included in the initial operating budget.

What are SSCPS's operating revenues? The FY23 operating budget was developed based on an enrollment projection of a minimum of 1,060 students and using an average per pupil tuition revenue of \$17,200 or \$18,232,000 in total annual tuition and facility aid revenue. Annual tuition and facility aid revenue comprises 94% of total budgeted revenues. The school projected to receive \$1,050,900 in federal and state grants and federal and state programs reimbursements, which amounts to 5% of total revenues. The school budgeted to receive \$114,000 in additional school program revenues and \$26,000 in school fundraising, private grants, and a \$25,000 unrestricted operating grant from SSCEF for the remaining 1% of total revenues. Total budgeted revenues are \$19,447,900. As you can see, the school is heavily dependent on tuition and federal & state grant revenues in order to operate.

What are the school's expenditures? The school's FY23 budgeted operating expenses include \$15,167,140 or 74% of total expenditures in compensation and benefits, \$2,206,780 or 11% in building utilities and occupancy expenses which includes capital lease amortization and interest, \$1,440,000 or 7% in transportation expenditures which is due to our new regional transportation program, \$761,887 or 4% for direct instructional program materials and support, \$350,258 in general office and other costs, \$181,640 for professional development, and \$430,000 for depreciation (or combined 4%) for total expenditures of \$20.537,705 The school also budgeted \$388,849 in capital expenditures which included funding for leasehold improvements, new technology, and new furniture and equipment. As you can see, the school will operate in a deficit in FY23 due to the

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implementation of a new Regional Transportation program. The school will not receive reimbursement for a portion of FY23 regional transportation expenditures until FY24. Reimbursement is made in the year *following* the school year in which the costs are incurred. For example, eligible costs incurred during the 2021-2022 school year are reimbursed during the 22022-2023 school year. This reimbursement program is funded through line item in the state budget and is subject to appropriation. It has been funded at varying levels.

Our school is heavily dependent on our tuition and facility aid and federal and state grant revenues to fund school operations. The school does receive \$1,088 per student for facility aid. However, there is a significant gap between the amount that charter public schools receive for facilities compared to district schools. Unlike district schools, our school has limited access to funding streams and options for financing the renovation and/or construction of school facilities. For example, charter schools do not have access to MSBA funding. Despite these challenges, over the years we have been able to cultivate and grow our school so that more and more children on the south shore are able to join us in our mission of inspiring every student to excel in academics, service, and life.

To learn more about the school's finances, the Board of Trustee's Finance Committee meets regularly to review the school's year-to-date financials. All Finance Committee meetings are open to the public. Our next meeting is on Thursday, February 9th at 6:30 pm in which we will begin FY24 budget discussions.

<u>Here</u> is a link for additional information on how the DESE calculates tuition payments for Commonwealth Charter Schools. The Schools FY23 budget presentation may be found on our website <u>here</u>. If you have any additional questions regarding the School's finances, please do not hesitate to call 781-982-4202x106, email <u>kbingham@sscps.org</u>, or attend the next Finance Committee Meeting.

Kristine Bingham

Director of Finance and Human Resources

MID-YEAR EXAM SCHEDULE BUS REMINDER EXAMS: JANUARY 25, 26, 27

Please keep in mind that there will be no school buses for the 12 noon dismissal during mid-year exams. All buses will come at their regular dismissal time of 3PM.

Students in grades 7-12 are allowed to get picked up at 12 noon. Those students that do not have a ride to go home at 12 noon will participate in a study block until 3PM. Students will then be dismissed for buses at the regularly scheduled time.

	Wednesday 1/25/23	Thursday 1/26/23	Friday 1/27/23
8:15-8:20	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory
8:25 - 10:00	A Block Exam	C Block Exam	E Block Exam
10:00 - 10:25	Break	Break	Break
10:25 - 12:00	B Block Exam	D Block Exam	Makeup Exam Block*

High School Midyear Exam Schedule

*Students without a makeup exam will be dismissed at 10:00 on Friday.

Level IV Midyear Exam Schedule

	Wednesday 1/25/23	Thursday 1/26/23	Friday 1/27/23
8:15-8:30	Pod Time	Pod Time	Pod Time
8:30 - 10:00	A Block Exam	C Block Exam	E Block Exam
10:00 - 10:30	Break	Break	Break
10:30 - 12:00	B Block Exam	D Block Exam	Project Reflection & Make-ups

MOCK TRIAL



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Mock Trial beat Hull HIgh School in its first competition of the season. SSCPS was the plaintiff in a civil trial. SSCPS beat Hull by more than 10 points! The entire team was responsible for writing direct and cross examinations, opening statements, and closing arguments.

Congratulations especially to last week's performers: Ava Polito, Chi Chi Ugah, Gabriana Estaing, Emma Mooney, Conor Clements, Ava Mathews and Faith Oji. A special shout out to the attorney-witness team of Gabriana Estaing and Emma Mooney, who received the highest scores of the trial!

SPELLING BEE 2023



Congratulations to Shae Leonard! The 2023 SSCPS Spelling Bee Champion

POETRY OUT LOUD



Congratulations to Gabe Guzman! The 2023 Poetry Out Loud Champion

FIRST STUDENT BUS SAFETY DOG VISIT



Safety Dog greets students to remind all about bus safety.



ATHLETICS

BASKETBALL





Boys Varsity Basketball team win 46-34 against Boston Collegiate *Photo Credit: SSCPS Student JJ Facey*

The Boys Varsity basketball team traveled to Boston Collegiate yesterday for a MIAA/MCSAO contest yesterday afternoon. The Jaguars used the strength of the defense to jump out to an early 7-0 lead. Sophomore Clayton Jean-Baptise activity on defense led to deflections, steals led to easy baskets for the visiting Jaguars. Boston Collegiate was able to string a couple of defensive stops and baskets of their own in the second half,

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cutting the SSCPS lead down to 7. Senior Michael Maccarone went on a 5-0 run of his own late in the 4th to help the Jaguars pull away for good, securing a 46-34 win. The Jaguars move to 8-3 on the year and remain in 1st place in the MCSAO south division.

Our Varsity Girls team took on division opponent Boston Prep yesterday afternoon for the second time in 12 days. Boston Prep was able to take the first game by a decent margin but found themselves in a highly competitive contest yesterday afternoon. Grace Leighton and Devyn Bowden made key plays on both ends to keep the Jaguars in the divisional contest. Boston Prep eventually took the lead for good and won 38-23. Leighton was the top scorer for the Jaguars with 11 points, while Devyn Bowden chipped in with 6 points and senior Sarah Paul finished with 4 points. The Jaguars are 3-5 on the season and look to get back on track vs Boston Collegiate on Thursday afternoon (3pm game).



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Photo Credit: Cheer Team Photographer/SSCPS Student Yomaris Cruz



Come cheer on the Jaguars in their upcoming games:

Thursday | January 26, 2023

Varsity Girls Basketball v. Boston Collegiate (Away) @The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Corps Community Center, Boston 3:30-4:30 pm

Middle School Girls Basketball v. Conservatory Lab (Home) @Starland Sportsplex 3:00-4:00 pm Middle School Boys Basketball v. Conservatory Lab (Home) @Starland Sportsplex 3:00-4:00 pm

Monday | January 30, 2023

Varsity Boys Basketball v. Foxboro (Away) @Foxborough Regional Charter School 3:30-5:00 pm Varsity Girls Basketball v. Foxboro (Away) @Foxborough Regional Charter School 5:00-6:30 pm

Tuesday | January 31, 2023

Varsity Boys Basketball v. EMK (Home) @Starland Sportsplex 3:00-5:00 pm

Wednesday | February 1, 2023

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

#GoJaguars 😤

THIS WEEK IN PROJECTS AND WORKSHOPS

Level III Community Service Project

https://mailchi.mp/sscps/weeklyupdate-012523?e=75c0482a70

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!



JANUARY GIVING CAMPUS FACILITIES

The start of a new year is a time to evaluate progress; it is a time to look back on past weeks, months, and days to learn from them and grow from what we've learned. For many, this evaluation takes place on a personal level by looking inward, but it's also a great time for educational organizations like ours to assess our financial goals for the year ahead.

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; we see the wants and needs of our community, and we determine what goals we must reach to meet those wants and needs.

For the 2022-2023 school year, the SSCEF has set a goal of \$50,000 for our Annual Fund. So far, we've raised almost \$8,500, or 17% of this goal. We're able to fundraise in many ways to help reach our financial goals for SSCPS, including well-loved traditions like our annual Harvest Run, student-centered events such as art shows and performances, and of course, these monthly email campaigns. Generous contributions from our community are what make progress and improvement possible; our campus environment can only grow as much as we support it, and we've seen time and time again how much support our community gives.

During the month of January, the South Shore Charter Educational Foundation will be focusing our fundraising efforts on supporting our campus facilities at SSCPS. The infrastructure of our school provides the basic foundation for our students and staff to learn, grow, and excel at SSCPS, but it is only as strong as the support it receives.

If you'd like to help us reach our fundraising goal this year by supporting our campus facilities at SSCPS, please use the button below to make a contribution.

DONATE NOW!

UPCOMING EVENTS



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 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. <u>Here is the link</u> to sign up. Just type in our zip code or the date to find our drive. Thank you for your help!



Welcoming All K-4 Students,

On February 3rd, 2023 following the Professional Development Half-Day, Katie Cianelli's NHS chapter will be hosting a 'Puss in Boots' Movie Night.

The event will be hosted from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm, ideal for parents who may be inconvenienced by the early release schedule. Snacks and drinks will be provided for all attending kids. For pricing, the fee is set at \$10.00 per kid, and \$15.00 per family. All profits will go towards our fundraising for "The Home for Little Wanderers," a Child Welfare home in Boston.

To contribute to this, sending your child with an unused donation item (toys, toiletries, school supplies, sports equipment, etc.) would be greatly encouraged, but is not required.

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

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:

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

FUND

TRUOR MEMORIA

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.

Initials No

Do you give permission to use your child's photo in social media and newspaper or television promotion?

No Initials Yes

Parent/Guardian's Name:

Parent/Guardian's Signature:

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.



Date of Birth:





Cultural Observery FUND

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK!

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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!

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.



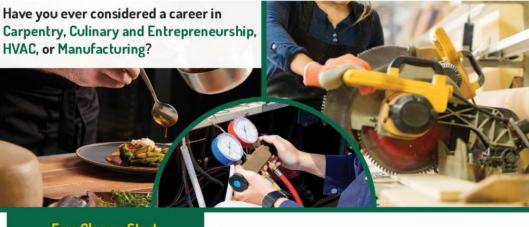
Financial assistance is available thanks to the charitable donations made possible through the South Shore YMCA's Annual Campaign. Monies secured ensure that all are welcome to participate. Applications are available at the Emilson Branch and online at ssymca.org. Please consider donating your time, 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 Imcsweeney@ssymca.org Phone: 781-826-7900 x 5240

MASSHIRE SOUTH SHORE INFORMATION



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@Masshiress.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.

•05HA 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.

•Serve Safe

Food Allergen Certified

Food Truck Permitting

LIVAC

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.

•05HA 10 •EPA -608

•LFA -000

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. •0SHA 10

•MACWIC level -1





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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!



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 <u>here</u>.

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 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 <u>here</u> and down below under School Documents.

THIS WEEK | UP AND COMING

Weds-Fri	01/25-01/27	Midyear Exams for grades 7-12	
Sunday	01/29	Ski Club to Wachusett	
Tuesday	01/31	DESE Charter School Site Visit	
Wednesday	02/01	Executive Committee Meeting	8:00am
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 Click here to register	12:00-3:00pm

IMPORTANT LINKS

Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website <u>www.sscps.org</u> every Wednesday.	School Documents:	
<u>Back-to-School Information</u>	2022-23 School	
Food Services	<u>Calendar</u>	
<u>Health Office</u>		
<u>Massachusetts Department of Transitional</u>	<u>2023-2024 School</u>	
Assistance	<u>Calendar</u>	

• Visit the Parents Association Website

Here are links to upcoming events and other items of interest. Please contact Pam Algera at <u>palgera@sscps.org</u> to submit SSCPS items for publication. <u>Student and Family</u> <u>Handbook</u>

<u>Arrival and Dismissal</u> <u>Procedures</u>

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