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## Weekly Update | June 7, 2023

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## A Message from Angie

We celebrated our newest class of South Shore Charter Public School graduates at the 28th Commencement Exercises of the South Shore Charter Public School last Friday night. Graduation at South Shore Charter Public School truly is a celebration of our entire community and it is the culmination of many years of hard work on the part of students, families, and teachers. The end of the year is full of exciting events and milestones for our students but commencement is what all of us, K-12, are ultimately working toward. I would like to congratulate our new graduates, their families, and all of the teachers who have supported them throughout their K-12 academic careers.

While Friday's ceremony was joyful and we were able to award all of the diplomas, the weather did not completely cooperate. About an hour in, dark clouds rose behind the stage, the sound team covered the speakers in plastic, and people were running to their cars to fetch ponchos and umbrellas, "just in case," or at least that is what I told myself. We had to cut our ceremony short to make sure that everyone walked across the stage before the flashes of lightning, booms of thunder, and gusts of wind became more than just a threat. At an SSCPS graduation we do not restrict student speeches to the student with the highest GPA or the Executive President of the Student Board. Graduation is about students and at our ceremony any Senior who chooses to speak may do so. This year we had a record breaking seven students who chose to speak at the ceremony. Unfortunately, only four were able to take the stage before we had to move on to the next part of the program. Luckily, the students have agreed to share their words with the wider community. I strongly encourage everyone to watch the videos of their speeches. The links to both the videos and the transcripts of their speeches can be found below. While the videos of their speeches do not replace the opportunity to stand at the podium, they did a remarkable job and their words deserve to be shared.



**Adanna Eze**  
**Class of 2023 Student Board President**  
**Commencement Address**

**Transcript**





**Ava Polito**  
**Class of 2023 Senior Class President**  
**SSCPS Mock Trial Captain**  
**Commencement Address**

**Transcript**



**Frisk Lacorazza**  
**Class of 2023**  
**Recipient of The Jacquelyn Marie Brock Memorial Scholarship**  
**Commencement Address**

## Transcript

Our other speakers who were able to present just under the wire have also agreed to share with the wider school community. Please find links to the transcripts speeches below.

**Ayah Abouyoussef**

**Ugo Aniagu**

**Nahlya Hall**

**Faith Oji**



In keeping with our school tradition, we acknowledged the students who have attended South Shore Charter Public School starting in kindergarten through grade twelve by inducting them into the Fraternity of 13 at graduation. These students now have their names engraved on a plaque in the lobby of 100 Longwater Circle and we gave each student a pin and a book inscribed by the teachers who taught them in K-8 days. Our new inductees are listed below.

**Ugo Aniagu**

Zachary Dehner

Adanna Eze

Shane Frederic

Nathaniel Jocelyn

Colin Longueil

Timothy Manigat

Shea McIntyre

Jeinsey Nelson

Faith Ojji

Natalie Olsen

Sarah Paul

Christian Pettinelli

Destiny Preston

Avery Stout

Tadgh Sullivan

Keegan Watchorn

Mark Whitman

We are incredibly proud of every member of the class of 2023! These students have persevered despite the unique challenges the pandemic has imposed on their high school careers. They endured and they succeeded. We look forward to hearing about their successes and adventures as they move on to the next stage of their lives.

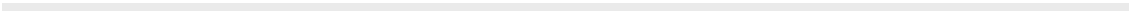
Today is a big day for our youngest learners as kindergarten students complete their last day of school. Kindergarten students “zipped up their backpacks and zoomed into summer” as they checked off the last day on their ABC countdown calendar. Tomorrow we begin to welcome the class of 2036 with the start of the kindergarten screening process for the 2023-2024 school year. If you have a child entering kindergarten in the fall and have not signed up for a screening appointment, please reach out to me directly.

In a few short days we will say goodbye to this school year and transition to summer. I hope that you take this opportunity to unwind, create lasting memories, and embrace the joys of quality time with your loved ones. It is our hope that this season provides a chance for everyone to recharge and replenish their spirits. Thank you for your support of our students and our school this year.

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**Angie Pepin**

Principal, K-12

























Class of 2023 Program

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## Graduation Walk





Enjoy these photos of our seniors during this year's graduation walk

June 1, 2023









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## Reminder from the Health Office

Medication pick up for students will be done Monday, June 12th through Thursday, June 15th at morning arrival or afternoon dismissal or at a prearranged time. Medication needs to be picked up by an adult, it can not be sent home with students. We are unable to store medication until the following school year so any medication not picked up will be properly disposed of. If you are unable to pick up at arrival or dismissal please reach out to the health office at [jkjelgaaard@sscps.org](mailto:jkjelgaaard@sscps.org) or 781-982-4202 x 104.

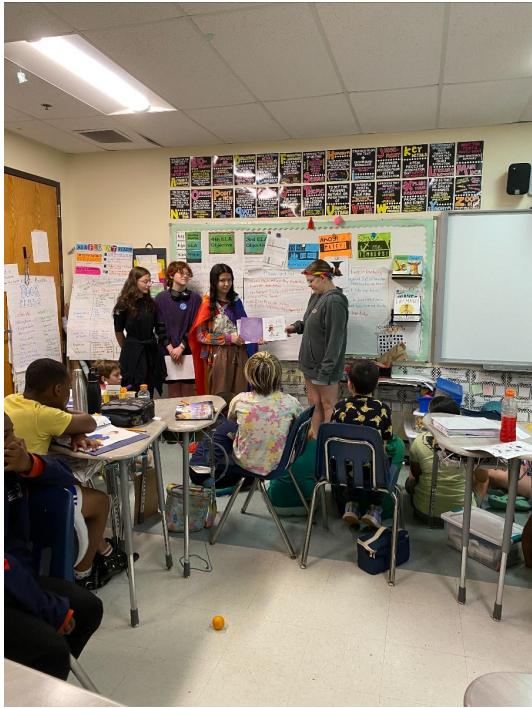
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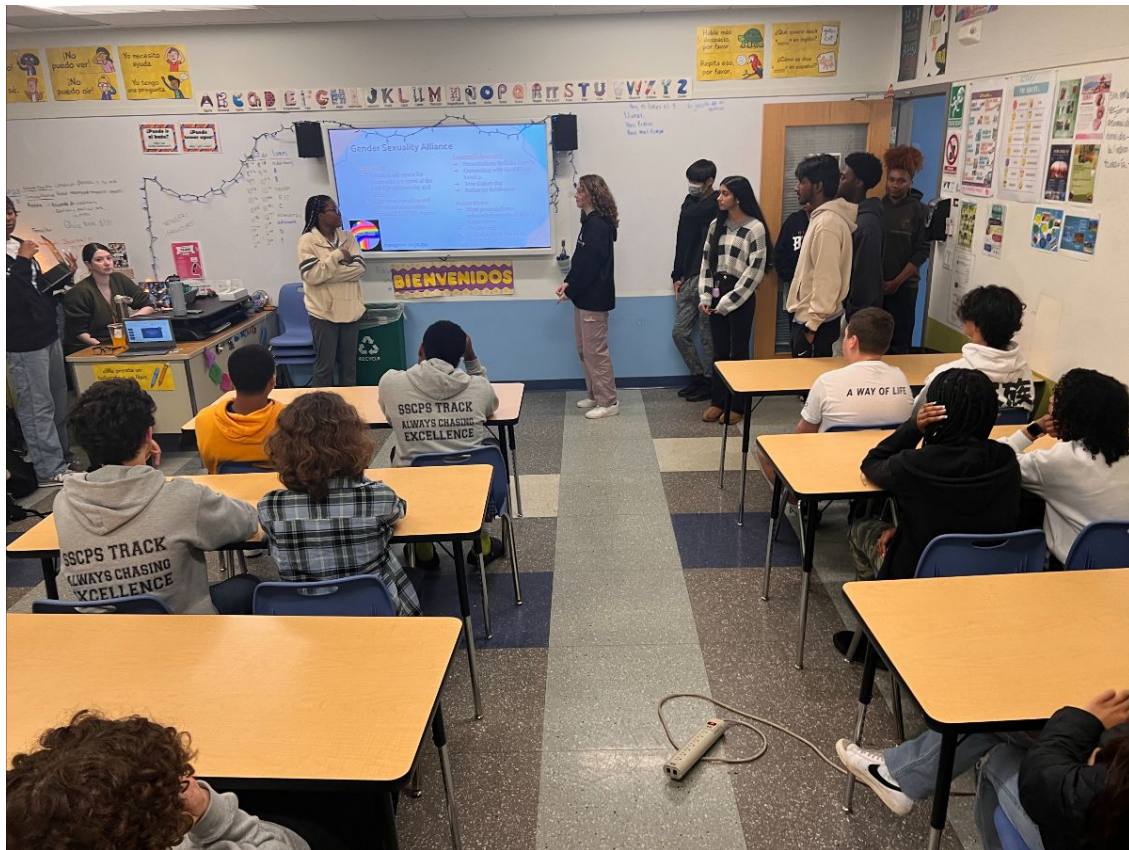






**MOVE-UP DAY!**





The incoming 9th Graders had an excellent Move-Up Day on Monday! Thank you to TC and all who helped organize.





# SEPAC SPONSORED FAMILY BOWLING DAY



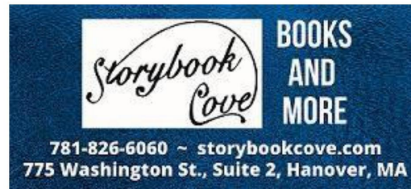
## Kindness Matters! June Edition

Level 3 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 into a raffle at town meeting for a chance to win a gift certificate to the school snack shack. While there is only 1 raffle 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 3 student if they were caught being kind today!

6th Graders	5th Graders
Hassana A.	Zaid A.
Maddy B.	Maddie B.
Gavin E.	Jayden D.
Kenny F.	<b>Sheryl K. x 3</b>
Leah F. x 2	John L.
Brooke F.	Audrey O.-I.
Eoin L.	<b>Amanda O. x 3</b>
Reagan L.	Elisha P.
Jake M.	Deana R
Lizmary Q.	.Forrest S.
Dalylah R.	<b>Taisha T. x 3</b>
Brayden S.	
Priscilla S.	

## UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS





### SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL SUMMER READING FUND RAISER VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR

- ▶ SSCPS and Storybook Cove are hosting an online Summer Reading Book Fair.
- ▶ **SSCPS Families receive a 10% discount on books purchased, SSCPS receives 10% of each sale, and there will be NO sales tax.**
- ▶ The online Fair will run from MAY 22 through JUNE 23, 2022.
- ▶ Use the below LINK to access the VIRTUAL BOOKFAIR:  
<https://www.storybookcove.com/sscps-summer-reading-2023>

or click on this logo



on the home page of [www.storybookcove.com](http://www.storybookcove.com)

- ▶ **ALL PURCHASES ARE TO BE MADE THROUGH [www.storybookcove.com](http://www.storybookcove.com).**
- ▶ **When you purchase books from these book fair lists prior to June 8<sup>th</sup>, the books will be delivered to SSCPS. Kindergarten students must place orders by May 30<sup>th</sup> in order to have books dropped off at the school by June 7<sup>th</sup>. All other students must place orders by June 8<sup>th</sup> in order to have books dropped off at school by June 14<sup>th</sup>. Any orders after June 8<sup>th</sup> through June 23, you will be able to choose "In Store Pick-Up Hanover MA" OR "USPS Media Rate".**

If you choose In-Store Pick-Up, you will be contacted when your order is ready for pick-up at Storybook Cove, 775 Washington Street, Suite 2, Hanover, MA (Route 53) across from Brothers Grill. Enter the car lot of Dave Delaney's Columbia Motors through the white rail fence. Green building is at the end of lot.)

#### ▶ CHECK-OUT TIPS—PLEASE FOLLOW THESE STEPS.

You need to complete **ONLY** the following sections:

- ENTER CUSTOMER INFORMATION/EMAIL
- COUPON DISCOUNT (ENTER THIS CODE: SSCPS)
- TAX-EXEMPT INFORMATION [click check box and then type SSCPS for entity name and Book Fair for tax exempt number. Do not fill in rest of section.]
- DELIVERY INFORMATION (NEEDED EVEN IF PICKING UP at SCHOOL)
- CLICK ON CALCULATE SHIPPING COSTS AND THEN CHOOSE BEFORE JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>: **SSCPS BOOK FAIR. AFTER JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>, CHOOSE EITHER: USPS Media Rate (2 to 10 days; no insurance) or In Store Pick-Up Hanover MA. We'll contact you when order is ready.**
- CHOOSE PAYMENT METHOD
- CONTACT/BILLING INFORMATION
- REVIEW; and
- SUBMIT.

We are excited to team up with Storybook Cove for another virtual summer reading book fair! Families will get 10% off their purchases, and Storybook Cove will donate 10% of the sales to SSCPS. **The book fair will run from May 22nd - June 23rd.**

If Kindergarten students order by May 30th they will have the option to have them delivered to SSCPS. If 1st - 8th grade students order their books by June 8th they will have the option to have them delivered to SSCPS. All orders can also be picked up at Storybook Cove or families can pay for shipping.



During the remainder of the school year, we will be raising funds to help invest in Outdoor Education at SSCPS. Outdoor learning spaces have been an instrumental part of our school's educational framework for many years, and they have given our students a new environment to learn and grow within. We pride ourselves on our experiential learning processes at SSCPS, and our various outdoor learning spaces are a positive reminder of

how students can flourish through hands-on learning. Now, it's time to invest in and expand on those outdoor spaces to give our students even more opportunities to learn and thrive!

**MAKE A DONATION!**

## COMMUNITY INTEREST



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 :  
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Medical Admin. Program Coordinator  
857.302.1019  
[amcneill@ymcaboston.org](mailto:amcneill@ymcaboston.org)

**APPLY TODAY!**



# 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](http://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](http://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](http://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



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](#)

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## 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 31, 2023 (Rescheduled from May 17)**
- 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](mailto:Cindylyons1337@gmail.com)

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

## THIS WEEK | UP AND COMING

Wednesday	06/07	High School Science MCAS	
Wednesday	06/07	Last Day for Kindergarten	
Thursday	06/08	Level II Forge Park Field Day	
Thursday	06/08	Level IV Color Games at 100	
Thursday	06/08	NHS Beach Clean Up	
Thursday	06/08	SSCPS K-12 Spring Art Show at 700 Longwater Drive	3:30-7:00pm
Thurs-Fri	06/08-06/09	New Kindergarten Class Screenings	
Friday	06/09	Grade 7 Museum of Fine Arts Field Trip	
Friday	06/09	Grade 8 Civics Showcase at the PE Space	8:30-10:30am
Monday	06/12	New Kindergarten Class Screenings	
Mon - Weds	06/12-06/14	Level IV Final Exams	
Mon-Tues	06/12-06/13	Level II Science EOM's	
Tues-Thurs	06/13-06/15	High School Final Exams	
Tuesday	06/13	South Shore Charter Educational Foundation Meeting at 700 Longwater or via <a href="#">Zoom</a>	5:00-6:00pm
Wednesday	06/14	Level II Awards at the PE Space	
Wednesday	06/14	Level III Field Day	
Wednesday	06/14	Parents Association Meeting via Zoom	6:30pm
Thursday	06/15	Level I Field Day	

Thursday	06/15	Level IV Move Up Ceremony at the PE Space	9:30-11:30am
Thursday	06/15	Last Day of School – Early Dismissal	12:00pm

## IMPORTANT LINKS

**Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website [www.sscps.org](http://www.sscps.org) every Wednesday.**

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

**Here are links to upcoming events and other items of interest. Please contact Pam Algera at [palgera@sscps.org](mailto:palgera@sscps.org) to submit SSCPS items for publication.**

### ***School Documents:***

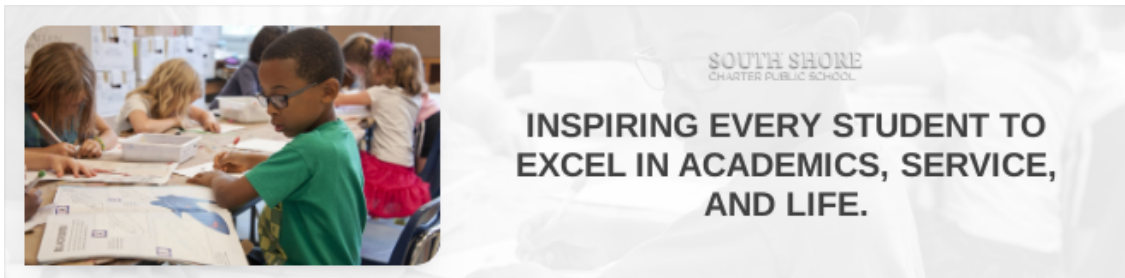
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