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**WOMEN'S
HISTORY MONTH**
MARCH 2023



A Message from Alicia

Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful and rejuvenating February break. Returning from February break is always a special time, with mid-year exams completed

and MCAS just ahead, the ebb and flow of March keeps learning in motion. Despite yesterday's weather, spring is approaching and daylight is getting longer, a constant reminder that more great days are ahead. This year we continue to strive to return to some of our innovative practices and school norms that make us South Shore Charter. Slowly and surely, we continue to build back the elements of our school that are unique and important.

Every year we look forward to welcoming new families to the South Shore Charter Public School. Admissions and student enrollment are at the forefront this week. Beginning on November 1, we actively recruit new families throughout the South Shore for the upcoming school year. This year we were able to host an informative Open House on November 3 at both buildings. We had 191 visitors at 100 Longwater Circle and 71 visitors at 700 Longwater Drive. We were also excited to once again offer *Talk to us Tuesday* sessions in January and February. Prospective students and families were able to visit the campus during the day, tour the hallways and classrooms while classes were in session, and meet students and teachers.

We are fortunate to have a continuously strong interest in our school. This year, we received 743 applications for 95 openings, which serves as a reminder that our school is growing and our educational model is robust. We remain grateful for our school community and the current families who have shared their experiences at the South Shore Charter Public School with others spreading the word and supporting our mission.

Applications Received for Lottery

Grade	Received	Sibling	Grade	Received	Sibling
K	158	33	7	56	1
1	53		8	44	2
2	46	1	9	75	3
3	63	2	10	21	1
4	59	1	11	19	1
5	63	1	12	6	
6	80	4	Total	743	50

Note: 17 additional applications were received however are ineligible due to: applicant too young for kindergarten, applicant already enrolled, or applicant out of state.

The Enrollment Lottery will be held this upcoming Friday, March 3. This will be a half day for students. With 743 applications to be sorted, it is a tremendous undertaking. The weeks leading up to Friday have been filled with admissions events and community outreach.

Anticipated openings are determined by the number of students currently enrolled, the number of students graduating in June, and the number of students who have indicated they will be returning next year on the *Intent to Return* form. To determine optimal class size, taken into consideration are the number of available seats at each grade level, academic programming, and student social/emotional health. Anticipated openings are posted on the day of the Enrollment Lottery.

2023-2024 Enrollment Lottery

Accepting the following for anticipated openings:

Kindergarten	72	Grade 7	0
Grade 1	0	Grade 8	0
Grade 2	0	Grade 9	23
Grade 3	0	Grade 10	0
Grade 4	0	Grade 11	0
Grade 5	0	Grade 12	0
Grade 6	0	Total	95

In addition to posting anticipated openings and the number of applications received, we post the number of applications received from each sending district. This year we received the highest number of applications from Brockton (134), the second highest number of applications from Weymouth (123), and the third highest number of applications from Randolph (102).

We are eagerly anticipating the Enrollment Lottery and the opportunity to welcome new students and families to our school community. Thank you for your ongoing enthusiasm and support as we continue to move towards the future of the South Shore Charter Public School.

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Alicia Savage
Executive Director

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IMPORTANT REMINDER

FRIDAY, MARCH 3rd

EARLY RELEASE AT 12PM
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ANNUAL FAMILY SURVEY

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

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.



**Act now.
Stay covered.**



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:



FROM THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



Dear Families,

Our Kids Heart Challenge is ending on soon! Thank you for supporting the American Heart Association! You are doing AWESOME! The funds you raise help the American Heart Association support people with special hearts. Did you know that every \$50 raised helps to certify someone in CPR and in turn save a life? I am so proud of you for making such a big difference! Thank You!

NOW UNTIL MARCH 10th!!! ***You will earn TWO BONUS MYSTERY GIFTS for every \$50 you raise to help others!***

Register today at www.heart.org/khc or download the **Kids Hearts Challenge** app to complete **FINN'S MISSION**, and learn the steps to **Hands-Only CPR** as a family.

As a reminder, donations are due March 10th



SUPPORTING SSCPS THE ANNUAL FUND

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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



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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:

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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!

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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

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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

Thursday	03/02	School Council Meeting via Zoom	4:30pm
Friday	03/03	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Friday	03/03	2023-2024 Enrollment Lottery 100 Longwater Circle and via Zoom	1:00pm
Weds & Thurs	03/08 & 03/09	MCAS ELA Retest	

Thursday	03/09	Board of Trustees Meeting	7:30pm
		Personnel Committee	5:30pm
		Governance Committee	6:00pm
		Finance Committee	6:30pm
		Development Committee	7:00pm
		All meetings held at 700 Longwater Circle and via Zoom	

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*](#)

[*2023-2024 School Calendar*](#)

[*Student and Family Handbook*](#)

[*Arrival and Dismissal Procedures*](#)

[*SSCPS By-Laws*](#)



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