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# WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

MARCH 2023



## **A Message from John**

**“Do what you can, with what you have, where you are”**

**-Theodore Roosevelt**

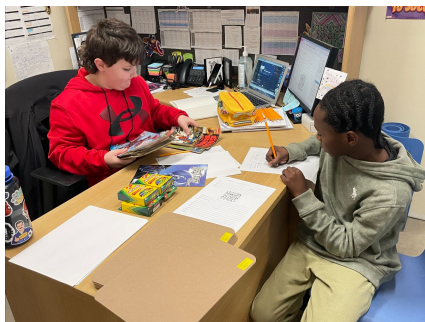
The above quote is one that I used to have displayed in big letters in my classroom at PS 297 in Brooklyn, New York. It was one of the few items on my classroom walls that was more directed at me, rather than the students. We were using old textbooks, mismatched furniture, closets as classrooms, and all the space on every piece of paper we could find. That being said, we had a roof over our heads, heat when it was cold, enough food to provide three meals to our students when necessary, and a community that valued education above all else.



Artist Study FIT with Christen Aiello



Yoga FIT with Tracy Deveau



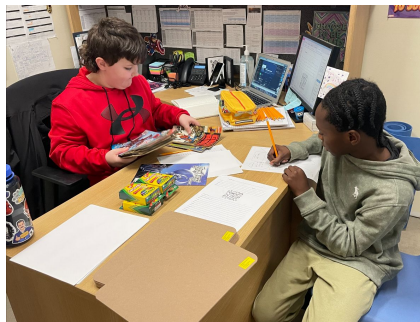
Comic Book FIT with John Toland

It was this quote that came to mind when I was planning the return of 'Parent Directed FITs' on Level II for the Spring trimester. At first I was worried that I wouldn't be able to get any volunteers to come into the school on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. My next concern was, if I do get volunteers, where can I fit them all to make these groups a success. These FITs were one of the initiatives that stood out to me the most when I joined SSCPS in 2015. In my first few years, we had parents volunteer their time and talents to teach 3rd and 4th graders ballet, architecture, scrap booking, yoga, run book clubs, book making, creative writing, painting, fitness, mediation, games and more. As a direct result of these parent volunteers, teachers would be able to work with smaller groups of students while implementing effective intervention and enrichment.



Financial Literacy FIT with Addy Olaoye





Book Club FIT with Marissa O'Brien



History FIT with Kristen Mullin-Connolly

(Kristen is also the History/Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator)

My first fear was quickly put to rest as parents started emailing me back with offers to run a FIT with Level II students. Some parents were excited to volunteer, but were not sure what they had to offer in terms of talent. We worked together to find a topic that tapped into their talents, but ultimately it is the time and attention that these parents are giving the students that will matter the most, regardless of the activity. Similar to the teachers in the building, the parents were doing what they could, with what they have, where they were. We are about to finish our second week of these FITs on Level II and the parents have told me that they are thrilled to be back in the building and love feeling more connected to our school community.





Self-care Fun FIT with Bridget Boursiquot



Crafting FIT with Digna Nuñez



Sewing FIT with Stefanie Hartman

This trimester of FITs is meant to be a return to something that was an essential practice to SSCPS prior to the COVID Pandemic. Parents are doing yoga and sewing FITs in the hallways, history and financial literacy FITs in the Great Room, and others who are working simultaneously with teachers in their classrooms. We hope to expand these opportunities for parents in the 2023-2024 school year, so start thinking about what special talents you'd be able to possibly share with our students. Lastly, I want to take a moment to give thanks and highlight the volunteers working on Level II.

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**John Toland**  
Interim Assistant Principal K-4

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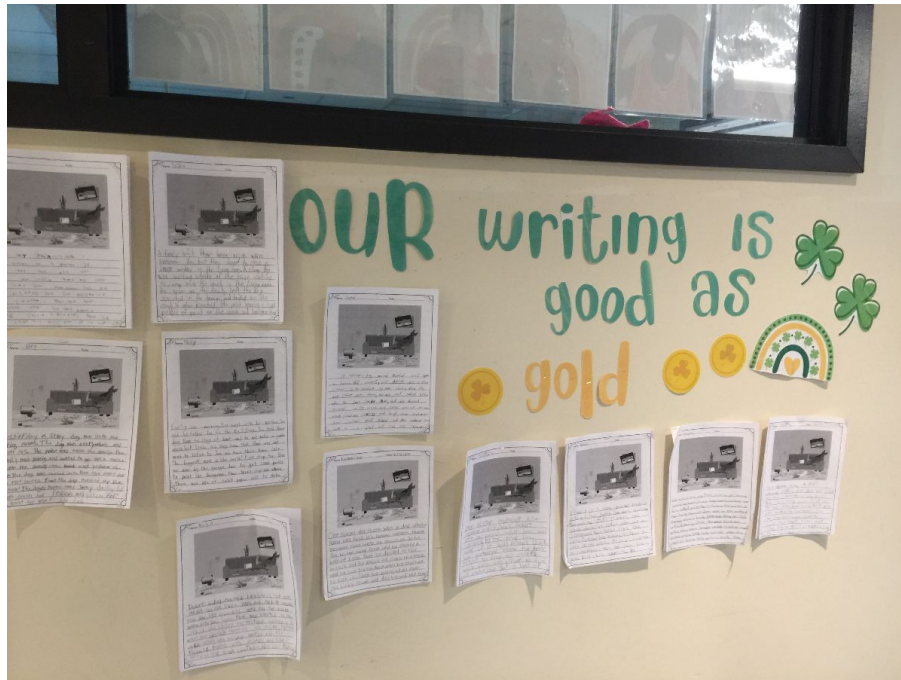


# IMPORTANT REMINDER

**NO SCHOOL  
FRIDAY, MARCH 17th**

**ALL DAY PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT**





**Celebrating St. Patrick's Day at SSCPS!**



**FROM THE PHYSICAL  
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**





The Physical Education Department would like to personally thank our school community for making a lifesaving difference with this year's Kids Heart Challenge in support of the American Heart Association. We have raised **\$4,473.12** for the American Heart Association and in doing so, \$400 towards new P.E. equipment. Students learned how to move more, be kind, and help others! We also learned the lifelong lifesaving skill of Hands-Only CPR and how to spot a stroke F.A.S.T. Great Job, Heart Heroes! Our school created a team of lifesavers, and we couldn't be more proud!

#### **Our Top Student Fundraisers**

James Gould \$825.50

Casey Mantil-Klein \$657.40

Simon Mantil-Klein \$652.40

Katie O'Brien \$434.24

Maddison Crawford \$421.30

Janiyah Walsh \$407.32

Conor Egerten \$386.75

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## **UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS**

**SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS**



**HIGH SCHOOL  
MUSIC WORKSHOP  
CONCERT**

**DONATIONS  
APPRECIATED!**

DATE: MARCH 29TH, 2023  
TIME: 6:00 PM  
LOCATION: PE SPACE

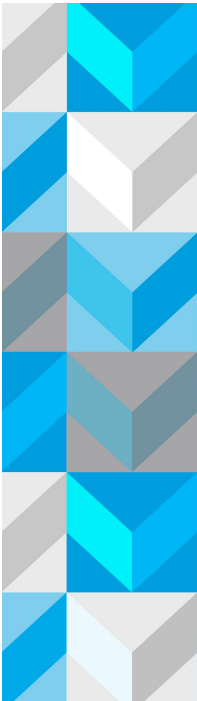


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**Lifetouch**

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!

# 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](http://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





Use the sign-up button to register!

**SIGN-UP HERE**

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## Community Service Opportunity

Community Cleanup Day at SSCPS

April 29th from 10-12

Students can receive 4 hours towards their community service requirement (2 hours for working, and a generous 2 hours for travel time).

Please bring a rake, gloves, boots, bug spray and any other items you might need.

We need a few parent volunteers (you must have your CORI and fingerprints on file with school). Please comment with questions or email [ebsweney@hotmail.com](mailto:ebsweney@hotmail.com) to sign up.

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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](mailto: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

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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 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](mailto:Cindylyons1337@gmail.com)

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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 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

Wednesday	03/15	Parents Association Meeting via <a href="#">Zoom</a>	6:30pm
Friday	03/17	Professional Development Day – No School for Students	
Tues & Weds	03/21 & 03/22	High School New Student Shadow Days	
Thursday	03/23	School Council Meeting via Zoom	4:30pm

# 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](#)
- **Visit the [Parents Association Website](#)**

## **School Documents:**

[2022-23 School Calendar](#)

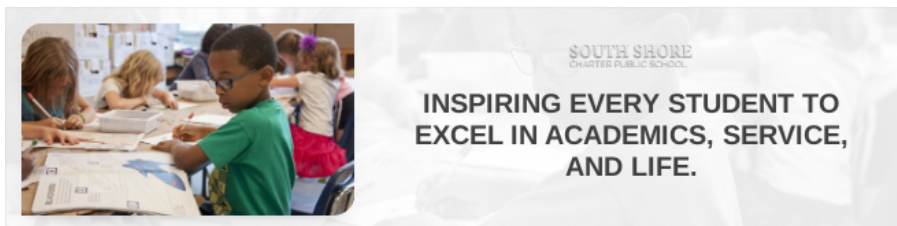
[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

[Student and Family Handbook](#)

[Arrival and Dismissal Procedures](#)

[SSCPS By-Laws](#)

**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.**



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