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Weekly Update | May 10, 2023

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A Message from Angie

Yesterday our twelfth grade students attended their final day of classes as high school students. Today they begin their last round of final exams as they close the academic portion of their K-12 careers. This is an exciting time for graduating students, marked by both the excitement of the start of a new chapter and the sadness that comes with leaving the familiar behind. The remainder of school days that remain for our Seniors will be spent on internships during Senior Project. We are eager to celebrate their accomplishments, and the hard work that they put in to get to this point at graduation on June 2nd. The three short weeks between now and that Friday evening are full of events to help mark this important milestone including Prom, Senior breakfast, a bowling trip, and the Grad Walk.

The calendar is packed with much more than Senior events as we march toward the last days of school. These last weeks are a frenzy of activity. Across our campus teachers are focused on working through the final units of the curriculum; Projects and Workshops are planning culminating events; and Levels have community activities, celebrations, and field trips to look forward to. The final weeks of learning provide us with an opportunity to reflect on our work and to celebrate the many accomplishments of our students and their teachers this year as we lay the foundation for the 2023-2024 school year.

Our students and our teachers have a great deal to be proud of. I know that all our lives whether your role is that of a parent, a teacher, or a student are incredibly busy. It is easy to get caught up in everything that needs to be accomplished each day and to lose sight of the growth that happens over the course of an academic year. We often fixate on the challenges that children face as they develop as students and learn to navigate school, losing sight of their continual progress. The problems demand more of our attention. As the school year winds down I encourage you to take some time to talk to your child about how far he or she has come since August and to reflect on their achievements. Forget the struggles for a moment and celebrate the growth and change. What new things did they learn this year? What skills do they have now that they didn't have in August? What new interests have they developed? What new friendships have they made? We look forward to celebrating student learning and growth not just at graduation but throughout the building and for all of our students. We do have traditional special events that mark significant student transition points with ceremonies and encourage families to attend these events to celebrate with us. Please mark your calendars with the dates for the following school celebrations of student achievement. Further details about these events will be forthcoming.

| Event | Date | Location |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Class of 2023 Graduation | Friday, June 2nd | 700 Longwater Drive |
| Level II (4th grade) Awards Ceremony | Wednesday, June 14th | PE Space |
| Level IV (8th grade) Awards Ceremony | Thursday, June 15th | PE Space |

Reflection is not just for students. Teaching is a dynamic profession that requires constant reflection and change. Teachers don't start planning for next year in May or June but they think ahead after every lesson, project, or event. The experiences of teachers combined with feedback from families and students are essential to the work of continuous improvement. This year the K-8 Math Curriculum Committee, the [Lead for Literacy](#) Team, and the [School Council](#) have regularly met and made some exciting recommendations that

impact our curriculum, programming, and scheduling for next school year, particularly for students in grades K-8. We will be holding two Parent Coffees, one for the families of students entering grades K-4 and one for the families of students entering grades 5-8, to provide updates about these changes and to answer questions. The meetings will be virtual and will be recorded for those who are unable to attend.

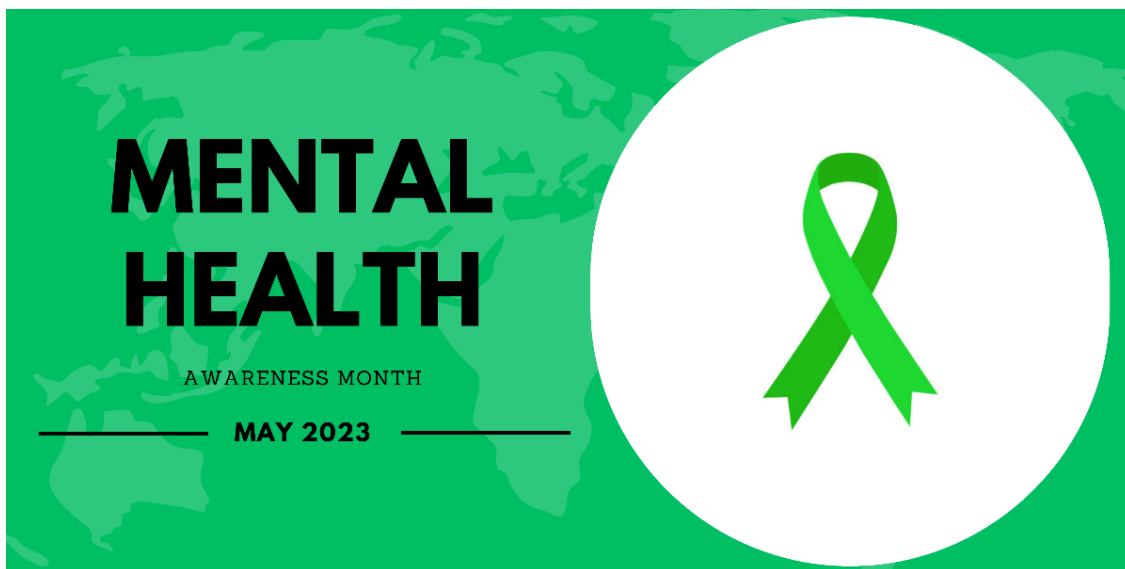
Parent Coffee Dates and Links

| Grade Span | Date | Zoom Link |
|------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| K-4 | Wednesday, May 24th 8:30am - 9:30am | K-4 Parent Coffee |
| 5-8 | Thursday May 25th, 8:30am - 9:30am | 5-8 Parent Coffee |

The next few weeks are busy and exciting. I hope to see many of you as we collectively look back and look forward. As always, please reach out with any questions or concerns.

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Angie Pepin
Principal, K-12





JAGUAR GAMES 2023



(Photo Credit: Instagram Account @sscps2025)





Kindness Matters!

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 |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Adhya A. | Nashmia C. |
| Jasper B. x 2 | Jaelyn G. x 2 |
| Cece Chouloute | Sheryl K. |
| Henry D. x 2 | Beckett L. |
| Gavin E. | Connor M. |
| Leah F. | Leigha N. |
| Brooke F. | Nataniella O. |
| Ryan G. | Deana R. |
| Jeremiah L. x 3 | |
| Jake M. | |
| Dalylah R. | |

SSCPS ATHLETICS

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK





Track Meet held on May 3, 2023

Team won a total of 61 points

(Photo Credit: Instagram account: @sscps_sports)





UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC
SCHOOL PRESENTS

SPRING CONCERT

**CHARTER GOES
TO THE MOVIES**

17 MAY | 6 PM | PE SPACE



LET'S BOWL!



SEPAC Sponsored Family Bowling Day

Grades K-4

Olindy's Bowling
170 Quincy Ave. Quincy MA

June 4th 12:30-3:30

**RSVP by May 21st to
SEPAC@SSCPS.ORG**

SSCPS SEPAC PRESENTS

Different Children Different Needs

Presented by
**Jeanine
Fitzgerald**

Tufts library
Weymouth

**MONDAY
JUNE 5th
6:30-8:30 PM**



DIFFERENT CHILDREN, DIFFERENT NEEDS

Children are not things to be molded, but people to be unfolded. This session is designed to reveal the essence of every child and what nurtures their greatness. Understanding the seven major influences on behavior and development is critical to ensuring that every child we relate to and interact with is visible, valued and supported in their own way. Together, we will discover the layers of possibilities waiting to unfold and the strengths each child brings to this world. These will be revealed through a research-based model of temperament that honors the differences among us.



ALL ARE WELCOME

RSVP SEPAC@SSCPS.ORG

Tufts Library 46 Broad St. Weymouth
Room 138





SSCPS Summer Reading Kindergarten - 4th Grade Book Swap

WHO: Kindergarten - 4th grade students

WHAT: Please have your child bring in any gently used summer reading books or any other book appropriate for Kindergarten -4th grade students that you would like to donate.

WHEN: Students should bring in books by Friday, June 2nd. Each student will pick a book to take home with them on June 5th or June 6th.

Questions? Contact Kristen Gale: kgale@sscps.org

Our goal is to provide one book to each student in Kindergarten - 4th grade. All donations are greatly appreciated!



SSCPS PROM COMMITTEE PRESENTS..

D RIPPING IN L UXURY

FRIDAY
MAY 12

AT THE TIRELL ROOM
254 Quarry St. Quincy, Ma.02169
07:00pm-11:00pm

Featuring:
dj **JUUKES**

EARLY TICKET SALES START
\$65 March 20th-24th, 27th-31st
Full plated food provided and drinks !!

SSCPS SENIOR CLASS

FOOD DRIVE

COLLECTION DATE: APRIL 5TH-MAY 3RD

FOOD IS A HUMAN RIGHT AND IS AN IMMEDIATE AND TANGIBLE WAY TO HELP SOMEONE. EVERY DONATION OF FOOD CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. OUR GOAL IS 500 CANS: HELP US REACH IT!

DONATE FOOD IN THE DONATION BOX IN YOUR HOMEROOM. THE HOMEROOM THAT COLLECTS THE MOST FOOD GETS A POPSICLE PARTY!



IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT ITEMS TO DONATE, CHECK WITH YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER.

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS:

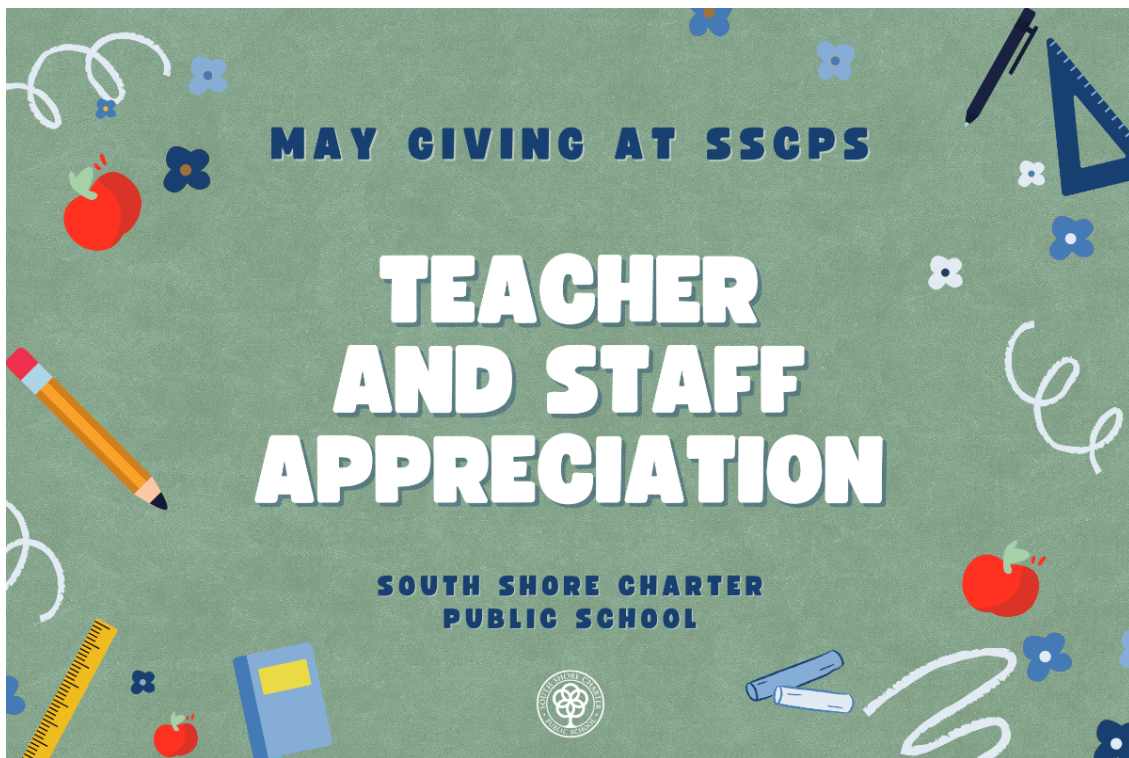
- (Bolded text is the most needed)
- > **Canned or Dry Soups**
 - o Lentil soup
 - o Nipostrene soup
 - o Split pea soup
 - o Tomato soup
 - o Vegetable soup
 - o Vegetable stock
 - > **Canned Stews and Chili**
 - o Turkey chili
 - > **Canned Vegetables**
 - o Tomatoes
 - o Green beans
 - o Green chilies
 - o Carrots
 - o Onions
 - o Pumpkin
 - o Spinach
 - o Tomatoes
 - o Artichokes
 - > **Canned Fruit**
 - o Peaches
 - o Apricots
 - o Prunes
 - > **Canned Meats**
 - > **Canned Tuna and Salmon**
 - > **Peanut Butter**
 - > **Jelly (in glass)**
 - > **Tea Bags**
 - > **Coffee (Ground No Beans)**
 - > **Canned Pasta**
 - > **Canned Pasta (Spaghetti 'O's')**
 - > **Hot and Cold Cereals**
 - > **Rice**
 - > **Cake Mixes**
 - > **Pancake Mix**
 - > **Syrup**
 - > **Powdered Milk**
 - > **Packaged Pasta (Macaroni & Cheese, etc.)**
- > **Juice Boxes**
 - > **Canned Juices**
 - > **Canned Beans**
 - > **Spam**
 - > **Canned Gravy**
 - > **Granulated Sugar**
 - > **Baby Food & Cereal (Glass Jars Accepted)**
 - > **Baby Formula (Infant/Similar)**
 - > **Granola Bars**
 - > **Cereal Bars**
- > **Others:**
 - o Brown rice
 - o Grits
 - o Dats
 - o Pasta
 - o Quinoa
 - o White rice
 - o Almonds
 - o Almond butter
 - o Cashews
 - o Cashew butter
 - o Chia seeds
 - o Hazelnut butter
 - o Pumpkin seeds
 - o Sesame seeds
 - o Walnuts
 - o Avocado oil
 - o Bottled water
 - o Cashew milk
 - o Coconut milk
 - o Coffee & tea
 - o Dark chocolate
 - o Protein bars
 - o Jelly
 - o Maple syrup & honey
 - o Non-dairy creamer
 - o Olive oil
 - o Raisins
 - o Bone broth

These are all just examples. If you're unsure about an item not on this list, feel free to do a quick Google search!

MAY GIVING AT SSCPS

TEACHER AND STAFF APPRECIATION

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL



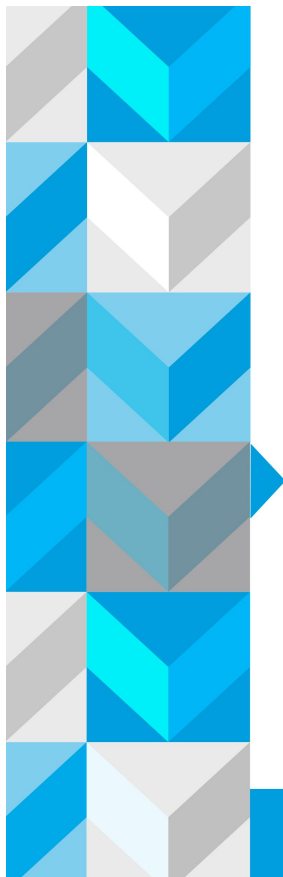
As it is Teacher Appreciation week, we're kickstarting our May Giving campaign to celebrate the wonderful teachers and staff at South Shore Charter Public School!

Teachers and school faculty are the backbone of our education system. They not only teach our children but also provide support, guidance, and encouragement to help them achieve their full potential. They are responsible for shaping the future of our community by

equipping our children with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed, as well as providing the best possible learning environment and experience for our students.

MAKE A DONATION!

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK!



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Fecha Tope Para el Pedido:

04/28/2023

Yearbook ID Code:

Código ID del anuario:

14917723

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Comunicate con nuestro Centro de Ayuda para recibir asistencia en lifetouch.com/support-us. Selecciona Pedidos del Anuario para recibir asistencia.

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To order your yearbook click the button below!

Yearbook ID code: 14917723

Order deadline: 04/28/2023

Order Your Yearbook!

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!

COMMUNITY INTEREST



EMPLOYERS

LocalMotion of Boston

Feeney Brothers Utility Services

Rockland Trust

Electroswitch

HFI

Department of Conservation and Recreation

The Norfolk Companies

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Suffolk County Sheriff's Department

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Linden Ponds

Shaw's

National Express Transit

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15+ EMPLOYERS | MULTIPLE INDUSTRIES

GOVERNMENT - UTILITIES - FINANCE
HEALTHCARE - TRANSPORTATION - ENGINEERING

THURSDAY, MAY 18TH

10AM - 2PM

Call 617-745-4000 to Register

1515 Hancock Street, Suite 101
Quincy, MA 02169



← FREE PARKING IN REAR

Free Parking will be available during the Job Fair at the lot immediately off of Walter J. Hannon Parkway, behind the Career Center.

1515 Hancock Street • Quincy, MA 02169 • 617.745.4000
www.MassHireSS.com

MassHire Programs & Services are funded in full by US Department of Labor (USDOL) Employment and Training Administration grants. Additional details furnished upon request.



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- 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 :
Alice McNeill
Medical Admin. Program Coordinator
857.302.1019
amcneill@ymcaboston.org

APPLY TODAY!



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
lmcsweeney@ssymca.org
Phone: 781-826-7900 x 5240

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

☎️ **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 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 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



Final Nominations for PA Leadership Positions

The SSCPS Parents Association Needs You!

We are in the final few days of nominations for the 2023-2024 school year and we need you!

Leadership and active participation in the PA is a great way to get more informed and involved in your child's school. Our monthly meetings are focused on keeping families and the school connected to make it a better place to learn and grow.

We kicked off the election process on April 26th by inviting you to self-nominate for a position, and we are now closing out the nomination phase on this Saturday.

Once nominations have been collected, we will send another email with a survey link for you to vote for all of your PA officers, committee chairs and level/grade representatives.

Voting will close on 6/3/23 and we will announce the new leaders in the 6/7/23 Weekly Update.

All positions are open. Please consider nominating yourself here: [PA Nomination Form](#)

Questions can be sent to sscpspaelection@gmail.com, or you can contact any member of the PA. Thank you for your continued support of our children and their school!

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!

amazon



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 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

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

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

THIS WEEK | UP AND COMING

| | | | |
|------------------|--------------------|---|----------------------|
| Weds-Fri | 05/10-05/12 | Senior Finals | |
| Thursday | 05/11 | MCAS Level II Math | |
| Thursday | 05/11 | AP World History | |
| Thursday | 05/11 | Board of Trustees Annual Meeting & Regular Meeting | 7:30pm |
| | | Personnel Committee Meeting | 5:00pm |
| | | Governance Committee Meeting | 6:00pm |
| | | Finance Committee Meeting | 6:30pm |
| | | Development Committee Meeting | 7:00pm |
| | | Ad Hoc Field Trip Committee Meeting | 7:20pm |
| | | All meetings held in person at 700 Longwater Drive, Norwell and available via Zoom | |
| Friday | 05/12 | 6th Grade Field Trip to Wheelock Family Theater | |
| Friday | 05/12 | SSCPS Prom – Tirrell Room – Quincy | 7:00-11:00pm |
| Monday | 05/15 | MCAS Level IV Math | |
| Monday | 05/15 | Grade 4 Field Trip to Blue Hills | |
| Tuesday | 05/16 | MCAS Grade 10 Math | |
| Tuesday | 05/16 | MCAS Level IV Math | |
| Wednesday | 05/17 | MCAS Grade 10 Math | |
| Wednesday | 05/17 | MCAS Level III Math | |
| Wednesday | 05/17 | Level I Spring Concert at the PE Space | 10:00-11:30am |
| Wednesday | 05/17 | Spring Ensemble Concert at the PE Space | 6:00-7:00pm |
| Thursday | 05/18 | MCAS Level III Math | |
| Thursday | 05/18 | School Council Meeting via Zoom | 4:30pm |

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](#)
- [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 to submit SSCPS items for publication.

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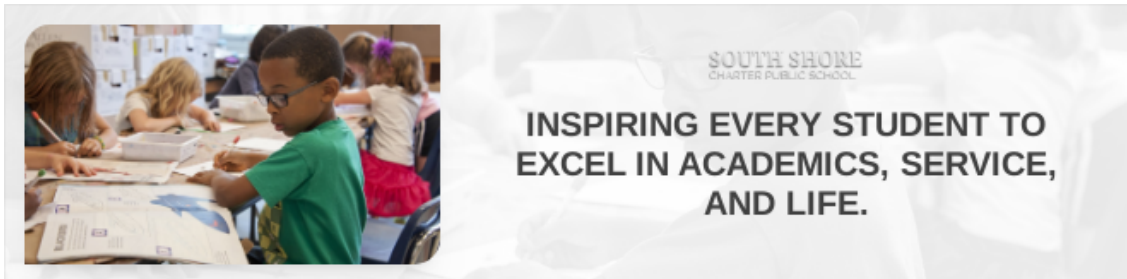
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