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Weekly Update | May 3, 2023

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A Message from Alicia

Here at South Shore Charter, we remain rich in traditions that celebrate our mission. One of the greatest traditions is the SSCPS Fashion Walk. Once again, the show proved a strong reminder of how project-based learning culminating in Exhibitions of Mastery propels our mission of inspiring every student to excel in academics, service, and life. Students from the Fine Arts and Illustration Workshop treated our high school community to two amazing performances on Friday afternoon.

Although the end results were stunning, the work leading up to it was grueling. Fashion design is a challenging area of the arts. It involves understanding the art and structure of line, the chemistry of color, the physics of textiles, and the math of measurement and sewing. For a student to bring their unique vision to life, they must demonstrate a true commitment to their work and demonstrate patience with the artistic process.

In addition to our talented student designers and models, I would like to thank their teachers, Dan Vasconcellos and Sarah Gavin, for being the wind beneath the wings. Thank you Drew Farrar, the announcer for the show, our terrific fashion show judges who came to share their experience and expertise; three former faculty members who have taught an art Project or Workshop Marianne Buckley-Curran, Jody Regan, Christine Bodnar and a special guest judge Cate Stiffler. Cate is a graduate of the Fashion Institute of Technology and works for Macy's in New York City. Another round of thanks to SSCPS senior Avery Stout for directing the musical part of the program. And a tremendous thank you to our Jaguars Cheerleading Team for opening the show brilliantly.

Service remains an important component of our school's mission. As we build back to what once was, the focus on doing for others has remained constant. On Saturday we had a wonderful group of students and family members join volunteers from Kohls to conduct a spring clean up. The rain held off allowing students to rake, plant flowers, and work in the organic gardens for a fantastic day of community service. Special thanks to Wayne Heuer, Facilities Manager and Melissa Freitas, Kindergarten Teacher, for organizing the event. Community service opportunities for students are posted in the Weekly Update and may be found [on our website](#).

Also in today's update is information on Literacy Night. Literacy Night at SSCPS will be held tomorrow night, Thursday, May 4th, from 6:00-7:00 for our K-4 students and families. This year we received a \$1,000 grant from KPMG Boston to purchase books for our students through First Book. We extend our sincere appreciation to the Falokun family for their efforts in applying for the grant on behalf of SSCPS. This kindness has offered a tremendous learning opportunity for our students. I would also like to thank Angie Pepin, K-12 Principal, and Kristen Gale, Literacy Coach and Reading Teacher, for organizing a wonderful evening celebrating children's literature.

Of course, amidst all the joys of spring, exams persist. This week, high school students are undertaking the challenging task of taking AP exams, the first week of a two week endeavor. We commend our high school students for completing this rigorous coursework and doing their best.

May 1 was decision day for the Class of 2023. Our school is excited to share the list of college acceptances for this outstanding senior class. These impressive achievements are a result of thoughtful planning and hard work for students and their families. This is a time for senior families to celebrate and enjoy all that their students have achieved. We extend a special thank you to guidance counselor, Mary Carter, Director of Guidance, as well as our faculty and staff, who have assisted our seniors in reaching their goals and achieving success. This year, we are honored to induct 18 seniors into the Fraternity of Thirteen, a prestigious recognition for students who have been attending SSCPS since kindergarten. As we approach graduation, we eagerly anticipate the bright futures that await this exceptional group of students. Please find the Class of 2023 College Acceptances listed below. We are excited to celebrate and honor the Class of 2023 at their upcoming Commencement on Friday, June 2, 2023.

Thank you for supporting our mission of inspiring every student to excel in academics, service, and life.

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Alicia Savage
Executive Director

Class of 2023 College Acceptances as of May 1

Bentley University	Quincy College
Berklee College of Music	Regis College
Boston University	Rochester Institute of Technology
Brandeis University	Roger Williams University
Bridgewater State University	Sacred Heart University
Bryant University	Saint Michael's College
Colby Sawyer College	Salem State University
Curry College	Seton Hall
Dean College	St John's University
Emmanuel College	Stonehill College
Fitchburg State University	Stoney Brook University
Fordham University	Suffolk University
Framingham State University	Temple University
George Washington University	UMass Boston
Gordon College	UMass Dartmouth
Harvard University	UMass Dartmouth
Hofstra University	UMass Lowell
Holy Cross College	University of Arizona
Howard University	University of Colorado - Boulder
Keene State University	University of Connecticut
Landmark College	University of Hartford
Loyola University Chicago	University of Maine
Marist College	University of Miami- OH
Mass College of Art and Design	University of New Hampshire
Mass College of Pharmacy & Health Science	University of Rhode Island
Massasoit Community College	University of Southern Maine
Merrimack University	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Miami University	Western New England University
Morehouse College	Westfield State University
Northeastern University	Wheaton College
Plymouth State University	Xavier University

FASHION SHOW 2023



Take a sneak peak of the April 28th Fashion Show
More photos to come!



SSCPS COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY







IMPORTANT REMINDER

FRIDAY, MAY 5TH

EARLY RELEASE AT 12PM
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION



Seniors at Muslim Student Association EID Celebration

(Photo credit: Instagram @sscps2023)



**FROM THE PHYSICAL
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**



Brazilian jiu-jitsu is a self-defense martial art and combat sport based on grappling, ground fighting, and submission holds. It is often praised as one of the most effective martial arts for self defense and is ideal for smaller bodies.

Last quarter, 12 junior girls and two female faculty members Emily Merwin and Heather Brems, had the opportunity to participate in a self defense program as their Physical Education class. The program was taught by Janelle Nye from [Dedeco Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu](#) in partnership with Sergeant Brian Resnick and the Norwell Police Department.



Throughout their 10 weeks in the program, these young women learned how to defend themselves in dangerous situations as well as some basic Brazilian jiu-jitsu moves such as guards, sweeps and takedowns.

In addition to this extremely beneficial knowledge, the program brought a sense of community, self confidence and empowerment to the young women involved. The Physical Education Department looks forward to bringing the program back next year to reach more of our female student body.



SSCPS ATHLETICS

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK





High School's First Meet of the Season
(Photo credit: Instagram @sscps_sports picture by Lisa)



SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

I am excited to announce that the SSCPS Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) has elected a new committee and will shortly be announcing a meeting and event schedule for the remainder of this year and the next school year. The new SEPAC committee is:

- **Chairperson:** Rachel Brodeur
- **Co-Chairperson:** Kay Long
- **Secretary:** Sophia Desmornes
- **Treasurer:** Melissa Kruggel
- **Member at Large:** Stephanie Inniss
- **PA Liaison:** Mary Binda

SEPAC has not been active since the 2019-2020 school year. It is due to the hard work and dedication of Kay Long and Rachel Brodeur for getting the committee backup and running. SEPAC is an important parent committee established to assist parents and families of children with learning differences and special needs. They work to enhance the services and support needed for children so they can thrive and reach their potential. SEPAC works in collaboration with teachers, special education service providers, administrators and legislators, in order to advocate for and promote a successful educational and social environment for our children. SEPAC provides a forum for interested individuals and families of children with special needs to obtain information and support that will empower parents to influence change on a personal and community level.

On June 4th, SEPAC will be sponsoring a bowling day at Olindy's Bowling on 170 Quincy Ave. in Quincy, MA. The event will take place from 12:30-3:30 PM. Please RSVP to SEPAC@SSCPS.ORG by May 21st.

If you have any questions about SEPAC please do not hesitate to contact Rachel Brodeur at SEPAC@SSCPS.ORG.

Matthew Tondorf
Director of Learning Services

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

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 PROM COMMITTEE PRESENTS...

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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 !!



Literacy Night is coming!

Thursday, May 4th, from 6 to 7 p.m.

Families of grades K-4 students, please join us for Literacy Night! Your children will hear stories read or told aloud to them in English and other languages by teachers and volunteers.

Pajamas and slippers are appropriate dress!

If you have any questions please contact:

Kristen Gale (kgale@sscps.org) 781-982-4202 x344

This is not a drop off event. Please plan for an adult to attend with your child.

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/Formula)**
- > **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 Jerky
 - 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!

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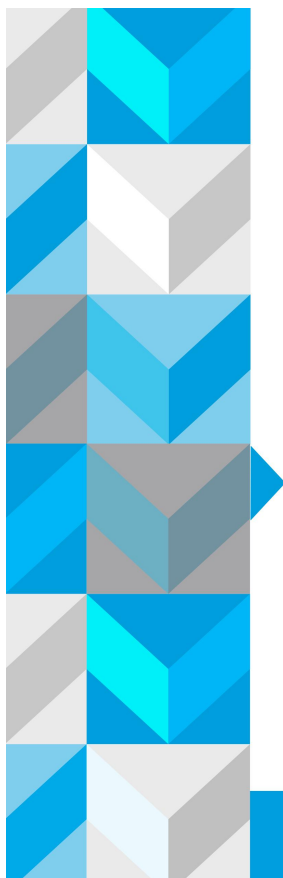


Spring is finally upon us at SSCPS. It's hard to believe that our school is now 28 years old. Where has the time gone? Those early days—the foundation of who we are today—are an important part of our story, and so are you! We are so proud that you have chosen to send your child to our school and have become part of the South Shore Charter Public School story. Together, our stories have shaped this wonderful community into what it is today.

SSCPS has much to offer this spring, and that's largely made possible by the generous donations from our community. Get a glimpse of upcoming special events and athletics that are right around the corner this season at SSCPS [here](#). The money raised toward our Annual Fund this month will be put to use toward the area of greatest need at the end of the school year. Help us reach our \$50k fundraising goal and support the future of SSCPS!

MAKE A DONATION!

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK!



Don't miss out!
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Your school memories from cover to cover

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04/28/2023

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Código ID del anuario:

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Contact our Help Center for assistance at lifetouch.com/support-us. Select Yearbook Orders for assistance.
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

Bay State Community Services

Linden Ponds

Shaw's

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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

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



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



Calling for nominations of all elected positions of the Parents Association for the 2023-2024 school year; self-nomination closes Saturday May 13th.

It's that time of year when we select the leadership of the Parents Association (PA) for the next school year. While every parent is automatically a member of the PA, we have a few positions that require a vote! We are opening nominations for the 2023-2024 school year and invite you to consider YOURSELF!

- Officer positions include; Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer
- Committee positions include; Community Building, Fundraising, Technology, and Diversity and Inclusion
- And of course the Level Representatives are needed from Kindergarten through High School

Elections will be held from May 17th through June 3rd (a new survey will be provided), but to get your name on the ballot, we need you to self nominate by completing the attached form: [PA Nomination Form](#)

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

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
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

Thursday	05/04	AP Statistics Exam	
Thursday	05/04	Grades K-4 Literacy Night	6:00pm
Friday	05/05	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Friday	05/05	NHS hosts Blood Drive at 700 Longwater Drive	1:00-6:00pm
Monday	05/08	AP Computer Science AP Calculus AB & BC	
Monday	05/08	Finance and Ad Hoc Facilities Committee Meeting at 700 Longwater Drive	4:00pm
Tuesday	05/09	AP Language and Composition Exam	

Wednesday	05/10	MCAS Level II Math	
Wednesday	05/10	AP Biology Exam	
Weds-Fri	05/10-05/12	Senior Finals	
Thursday	05/11	AP World History Exam	
Thursday	05/11	Board of Trustees Annual Meeting & Regular Meeting Personnel Committee Meeting Governance Committee Meeting Finance Committee Meeting Development Committee Meeting Ad Hoc Field Trip Committee Meeting All meetings held in person at 700 Longwater Drive, Norwell and available via Zoom	7:30pm 5:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm 7:20pm

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.

School Documents:

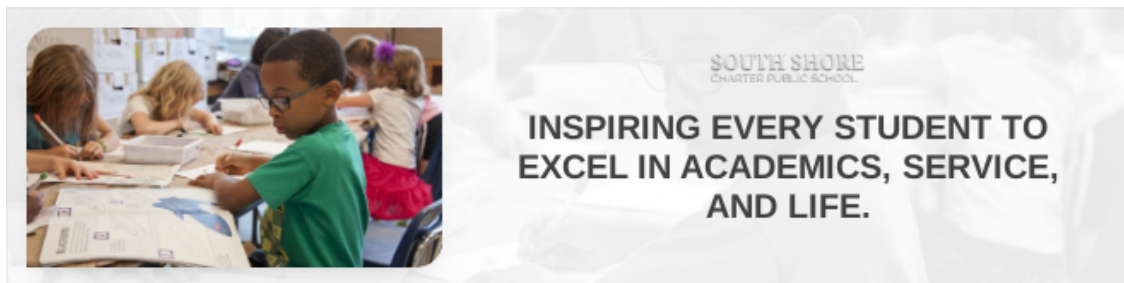
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