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Weekly Update | November 2, 2022

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Autumn

In the dreamy silence
Of the afternoon, a
Cloth of gold is woven
Over wood and prairie;
And the jaybird, newly
Fallen from the heaven,
Scatters cordial greetings,
And the air is filled with
Scarlet leaves, that, dropping,
Rise again, as ever,
With a useless sigh for
Rest—and it is Autumn.

Alexander Posey, Poet

Muscogee (Creek) Nation, 1873-1908

A Message from Alicia

As we enter this season of thanks, one cannot help but remember how fortunate we are to be here at the South Shore Charter Public School at this place and time. So much of our school is growing; the partnership we have with Holly Hill Farm, the music and art programs, the athletics program, Projects and Workshops, and the academic course offerings. With pandemic restrictions in the rear view mirror, we are thrilled to be learning together and taking each day as the adventure unfolds.



November marks the beginning of enrollment season. This is the time of the year when our

admissions department comes alive showcasing all that our students and school contribute on campus and throughout the South Shore. Applications for the 2023-2024 school year became available yesterday, November 1. We will be hosting a number of admissions events during the enrollment period this year. Tomorrow evening there will be an Open House from 5:00 - 7:00 at both 100 and 700 Longwater.

The [new application](#) for 2023-2024 may be found on our [website](#). Open House will be tomorrow night. [Email invitations](#) were sent last week. This year we are inviting new families as well as Level IV families to come and learn about our school and its programs at the high school level. Open House provides an opportunity for students and families on Level IV to start thinking about next year. If you have a child currently enrolled, there is no need to reapply. However, siblings who are not currently enrolled must apply for admission and participate in the Enrollment Lottery.



We rely on current students and families to spread the word. Please share this link or the email invitation with family and friends who may be interested in their children attending SSCPS. Open House registration may be found [here](#).

This winter we will continue *Talk to us Tuesdays* in January and February. Prospective students and one family member will be able to visit the school while in session to see the campus and classrooms. We received positive feedback from these sessions last year and are looking forward to hosting interested applicants again this year.

There are some important dates to remember. The enrollment application deadline is February 27, 2023. The Enrollment Lottery will be on March 3, 2023. We determine the number of available seats at Enrollment Lottery based upon the information we receive from current families upon return of the *Intent to Return* form. *Intent to Return* forms will be sent to current families in February. Please be sure you submit this form by February 27, 2023.

Students accepted at Enrollment Lottery will receive an acceptance package inviting them to participate in an upcoming *Welcome Wednesday* to be held on March 15, 22, and 29. Letters of Intent to Attend for accepted new students will be due April 1, 2023.



From now until the Enrollment Lottery in March we will be reaching out to prospective new

students and families throughout the South Shore. Please continue to inform others about our school and what a South Shore Charter education means to you and your family. Your experience is of great importance and its value tremendous. Please continue to reach out to those in your community to grow our school so that we may continue to inspire students to excel in academics, service, and life.

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Alicia Savage

Executive Director



IMPORTANT REMINDER

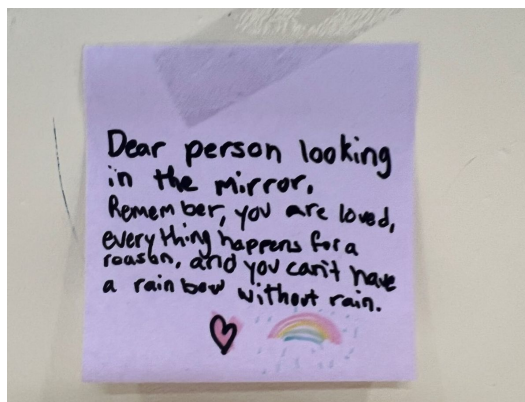
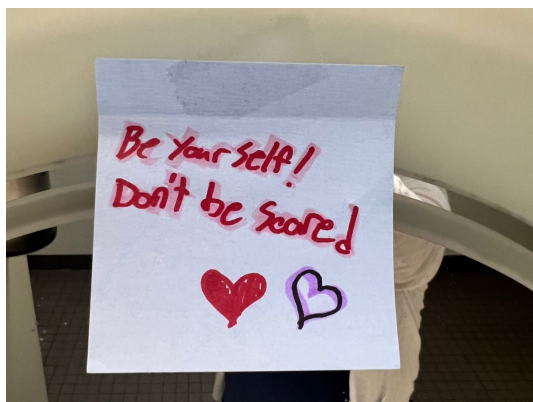
FRIDAY, NOV. 4th

**EARLY DISMISSAL: 12PM
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

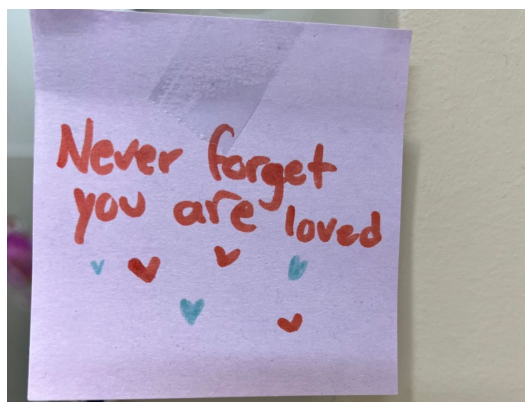
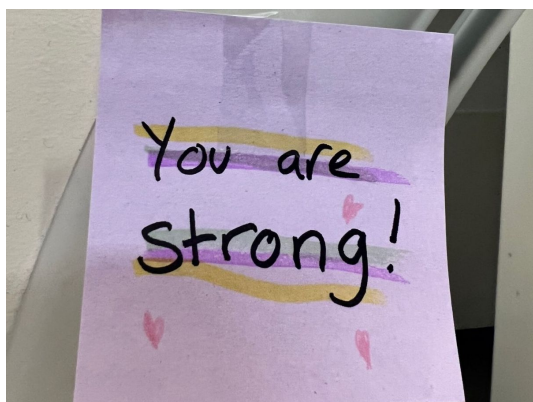


Today is the beginning of Native American Heritage Month, a time to honor Indigenous and Native people in our community and in our history. We have the opportunity to intentionally act to deepen our understanding of the identities, cultures, and traditional knowledge of the world's Indigenous Peoples. Throughout the month of November, South Shore Charter School will be sharing employee stories of identity, strength, and community and celebrating their powerful global impact.

Acts of Kindness

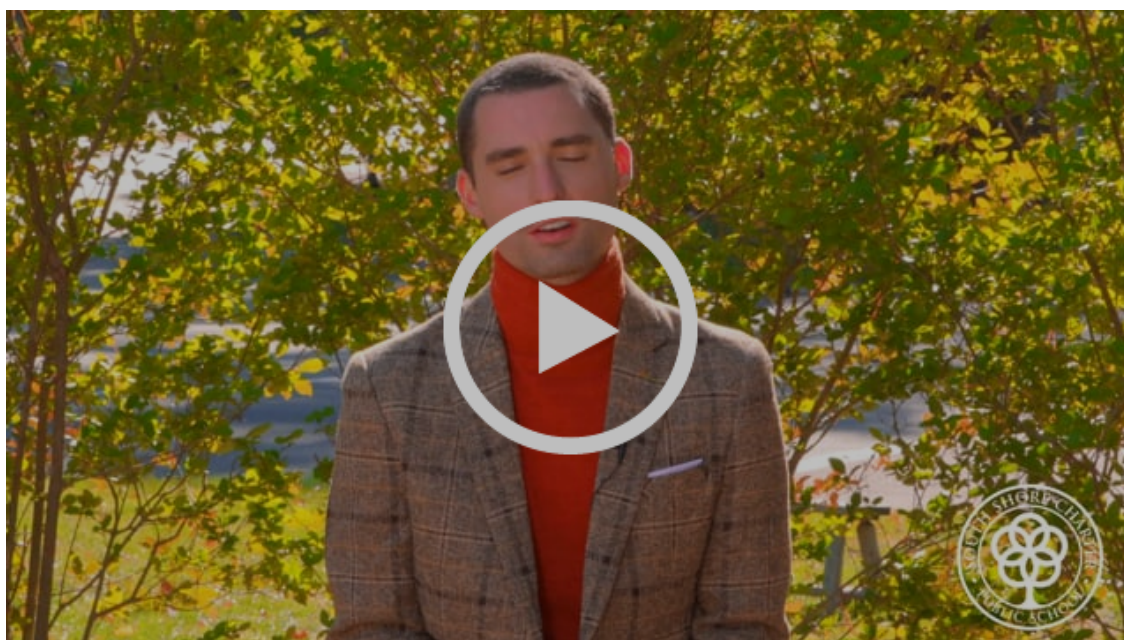


Students decorate the Level IV bathroom with motivational and inspirational quotes.



LGBTQ+ History Month Wrap Up

October 2022




Dear SSCPS Community,

The 31st of October brought to end LGBTQ+ History Month. We have learned as a community we are strongest when we seek to learn from and include all members of our society. This brings about understanding and opportunity for all in our school. Attached please take a moment to view our highlight video of Drew Farrar, yet another member of our community who makes it shine a bit brighter at SSCPS.

Sheina Prince

Reading Teacher & Civil Rights Coordinator


Special Guest Speaker | Dr. Englander



**SOUTH SHORE
CHARTER PUBLIC
SCHOOL PRESENTS
DR. ELIZABETH
ENGLANDER**

**Bullying,
Cyberbullying,
and the
Social Impact
of the Pandemic**

**DR. ELIZABETH
ENGLANDER**



**NOVEMBER 16
6:30 PM
ZOOM**

Join us on November 16 at 6:30pm for Dr. Elizabeth Englander's virtual presentation *Bullying, Cyberbullying, and the Social Impact of the Pandemic*. Dr. Englander will be

discussing concerns surrounding bullying and cyberbullying and how families may best support children and adolescents as they navigate the world around them. Focusing on how the pandemic has impacted students, Dr. Englander will discuss social relationships, the impact of screen use, how to help children recover emotionally and socially, and the importance of developing meaningful peer relationships.

Dr. Elizabeth Englander is the Founder and Executive Director of the [Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center](#) at Bridgewater State University. As a researcher and a professor of psychology for 25 years, Dr. Englander is a nationally recognized expert in the area of bullying and cyberbullying, childhood causes of aggression and abuse, and children's use of technology. During the pandemic, her work has focused on helping children and schools promote strong mental health and social relationships.

The Zoom link will be available as the virtual event draws closer. We hope you are able to join us the evening of the November 16 for this important and timely presentation.

Picture Day Update

**Don't Forget to Order
This Year's School Pictures**

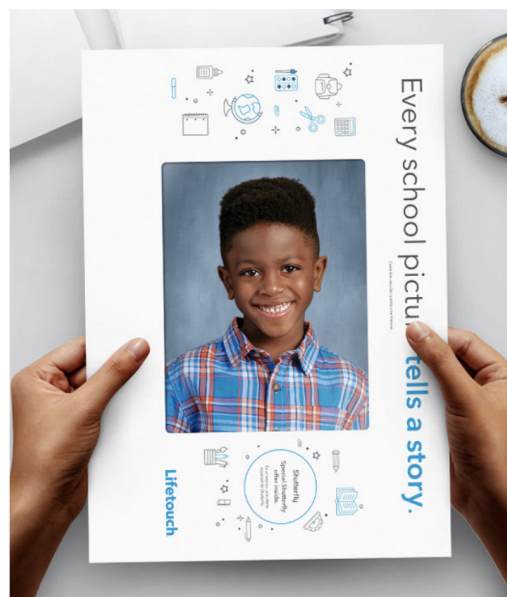
**FREE
SHIPPING**

on your order of \$29.99+

CODE: SHIPFREEF22

ORDER SCHOOL PICTURES

EXPIRES: 05/01/2023



If you would like to order pictures online, your student's ID is: **EVTMZXHSH**. Any student that did not order anything on Picture Day still received a proof. Each student's proof includes a unique Portrait ID and Access Code. If they like the picture on the proof, they can place an order on mylifetouch.com, using that Portrait ID and Access Code.

If your student forgot to bring their picture package to return for yesterday's retake, please bring them in before the end of the week.

THIS WEEK IN PROJECTS & WORKSHOPS

Cultural Diversity Workshop Fundraiser

HANDMADE BEADED BRACELET AND NECKLACES FROM HAITI



Bracelets \$5.00

Necklaces \$20.00



When: Tuesdays & Thursdays during Lunch

Where: In Great Room

Come Support the Children of Haiti!

ATHLETICS

Cross Country

Cross-Country is one of most misunderstood sports, why would someone go out and purposely run for miles and miles? Some say it's the worst spectator sport: the runners line up, the starting gun goes off, then they all run off into the woods, and then pop out 20 minutes later. If you want to cheer on the team, you end up running around the course just to catch a glimpse of them flying past you. Ask those who run it why they do it and who knows, you might take up running!

Let me clarify a few things about the scoring. Team scores are determined by the place of the top 5 runners on the team. The individual runner's place is their points. The team with the lowest points wins. The strategy is to have your team work together, running as a pack, pushing each other and prevent other teams from scoring! Times are irrelevant, but those with faster times are going to get the coveted lower points.

As a team, we worked on ways to decrease our times, push each other and work on blistering fast finishes. The High School Cross-Country team wrapped up their season last week at championships. The men's team put a nice bow on their season placing 3rd! All their hard work and miles provided some nice end of the season smiles.

For the men's team Avery Stout placed 10th and Gavin Maye was right behind him in 11th. Sam Carter was next at 17th, followed by Jaeger Furst in 21st, and his brother Roman in 24th who capped our top 5 scoring runners. But there were more Jaguars to thwart scoring opportunities for the other teams, Joe Beery squeezed in at 25th, followed by Liam Devaney in 27th, and Abe Dehner crossed in 31st.

The women's team didn't have enough runners to place as a team and because of a misdirection on the course, their times and placing didn't get recorded. Which is a shame, because the Lady Jaguars really improved their times and put in the hard work!

The Middle School cross country team also wrapped up the season on Saturday with their championships. As individuals, Abbi Lenihan closed out the top 5, and right behind her was Chloe Eschauzer in 6th place Katherine Nolan (who also runs for the high school team) got 8th, and Kaylie Polefka finished 20th.

Over in the Middle School boy's race, Roman Furst (who also runs for the high school team) was the first jaguar across the line in 11th, followed by Keegan Guthro (29th), Henry Wayman (51st), Graysen Fahey (54th), and Jaylon Hawkins (60th).

Even though the season may be over, don't be surprised if you see the cross county team out running some winter miles for the track season!

SOCCER



Congratulations to the boys soccer team on making round two of playoffs. Here's to another successful season.

Great work, Jaguars!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Original Works Fundraiser

Look What's Coming!

MUGS ★ MAGNETS ★ TOTES ★ TILES ★ ORNAMENTS ★ AND MORE!

A CREATIVE OPPORTUNITY
to support your child and our
school through the Original Works
Program.



CAPTURE A MEMORY!

By ordering custom keepsakes
featuring your child's very own
masterpiece.

LEARN MORE!

about this exciting program by
visiting:

originalworks.com/parents

Be on the lookout for ordering
information coming home soon!



The SSCPS Art Department is running our annual Original Works fundraiser. Later this week all participating art students will be coming home with a packet containing their artwork and ordering materials. Your order, artwork, and payment must be returned to school by November 4th to maintain our production schedule which will have printed

products delivered to SSCPS in early December. Watch next week's Update for a friendly reminder! Email Dan Vasconcellos dvasconcellos@sscps.org with any questions.

Art Instructions

Creating GREAT art is the first step to a successful program.

For best results we recommend . . .

Crayons • Watercolors • Tempera or Acrylic Paints
• Paper Collages • Photos • Markers



Art Paper:

- All paper should be 8 1/2" x 11". We recommend a paper weight of 60-70#
- Construction paper. While it can enhance an art project, construction paper often does not reproduce true to color. Blues can look purple, blacks can be green, etc.



To avoid disappointment and artwork being returned unprocessed,

Please do NOT use the following . . .

- **Colored & lead pencils**- These are too light and do not reproduce well.
- **Glitter of any kind** - including crayons, markers, glue or paint that contains glitter.
- **Fluorescent, neon and metallics.** These do not reproduce true to color.
- **Trademark or copyright** images or logos. This includes brand names, emojis, video game/cartoon characters, stickers, magazines/newspaper prints
- **Abrasives** such as salt or sand
- **3D art** - items including: cotton balls, feathers, yarn, foam or googly eyes
- **Scratch art/scratch board**
- **Poor quality construction paper.** This does not reproduce true to color

Oil Pastels & Chalk:

If you do choose to use them, please do so with caution and they **MUST** be sprayed with a fixative such as Krylon #1311 Matte Fixative.

We capture the full 8.5" x 11" artwork and reproduce it proportionally for each keepsake. Slight cropping occurs during manufacturing. Be sure to keep details and text from the edge of the paper.
All artwork submitted is captured "as is." We cannot be held responsible for remaking custom products if art requirements are not followed.

For more details and examples visit www.originalworks.com/artwork

Helpful Art Tips

TRY THIS!

Rub your hand across the artwork.

- Does color come off or does it feel sticky or scratchy?
- Is there glitter or chalk?
- IF Yes- we will **not** be able to process them.

TRY THIS!

Hold the artwork across the room. Can it be seen clearly?

- Yes - Great! Your art will reproduce well.
- No - Darken areas that are too light to be seen. Outline details with marker.



Hand Print Art:

When creating hand-print art, fill the entire sheet with color or add an exciting background.



Paper Collages:

Be sure to securely glue everything. We don't want a roof to fall off a house while it's being shipped here!



Borders:

Add a border for fun & interest. 1" wide is best, and helps your artists to keep details away from the edge.

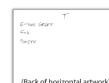
Keep important details (such as names, dates, heads, and bird beaks) **at least 1"** from the edge of the paper or they may be cut off during production of your products.

Avoid "playing on the edge." What exactly does that mean?

- Keep details such as names, dates etc. away from the edge. During reproduction items that are within 1" from the edge could be trimmed. This is especially true on our full bleed products (key chains, tiles, mouse pads.)
- If pencil guide is drawn, be sure that it is completely erased, otherwise it will appear on finished products.

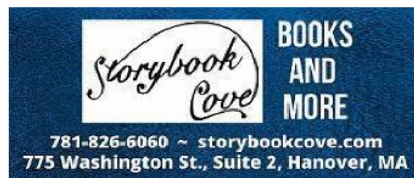
Identify the artwork:

- If signing the **FRONT** of the artwork, stay AT LEAST 1" from the edge
- Applying labels? Apply the label to the **BACK** of the artwork **after** the artwork has been completed
- Include artist's name, teacher and grade on the back of the artwork AND a "T" to indicate the TOP -use pencil only.





- **SSCPS K-8th grade book fair will be held on November 7th, 8th, and 9th**
- **[Click here](#) to see what books will be available**
- **A portion of the proceeds will be donated to SSCPS! Sales tax will not be collected.**
- **Please check your students' folders for a notice with specific information about the book fair, ordering books, donations, and holiday holds.**
- **Orders are due by November 14th**
- **Contact kgale@sscps.org with any questions**



SSCPS presents...

Winter Wonderland

Date: December 8, 2022
Time: 7-10:30
Location: Canoe Club Ballroom
2 South St, West Bridgewater, MA
02379

SSCPS High School Students
ONLY!!!

Unlimited Drinks | Delicious food | Great Music
Most importantly... A great time!!!

DJ JUUKES
insta @dj.juukes

\$40 entry
Starting sales October 24th
in the Great Room at lunch



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!

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 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

The health office will begin doing vision and hearing screens on students in 1st through 5th grade and also 7th graders. We will also begin doing height and weight screenings on 1st, 4th, 7th, and 10th graders. If you would like to opt your student out of the screenings please send an email to Jaime Kjelgaard, RN at jkjelgaard@sscps.org for 1st through 8th grade students or Barbara Folan, RN at bfolan@sscps.org for high school students.

All 4th, 7th and 11th graders should have a current physical (within the last 12 months) on file in the appropriate health office. All students playing sports must have a current physical in order to play.



This Week | Up and Coming

Thursday	11/03	Enrollment Open House	5:00-7:00pm
Friday	11/04	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Mon-Weds	11/07- 11/09	K-8 Book Fair at 100 Longwater Circle	
Wednesday	11/09	Executive Committee Meeting	8:00am
Thursday	11/10	Grade 3 and Grade 5 to Plimoth/Patuxet Museums	
Thursday	11/10	NHS to Cradles to Crayons – Newton	
Friday	11/11	Veteran's Day – No School	

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](#)

School Documents:

[2022-23 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 to submit SSCPS items for publication.



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