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A Message from Michelle

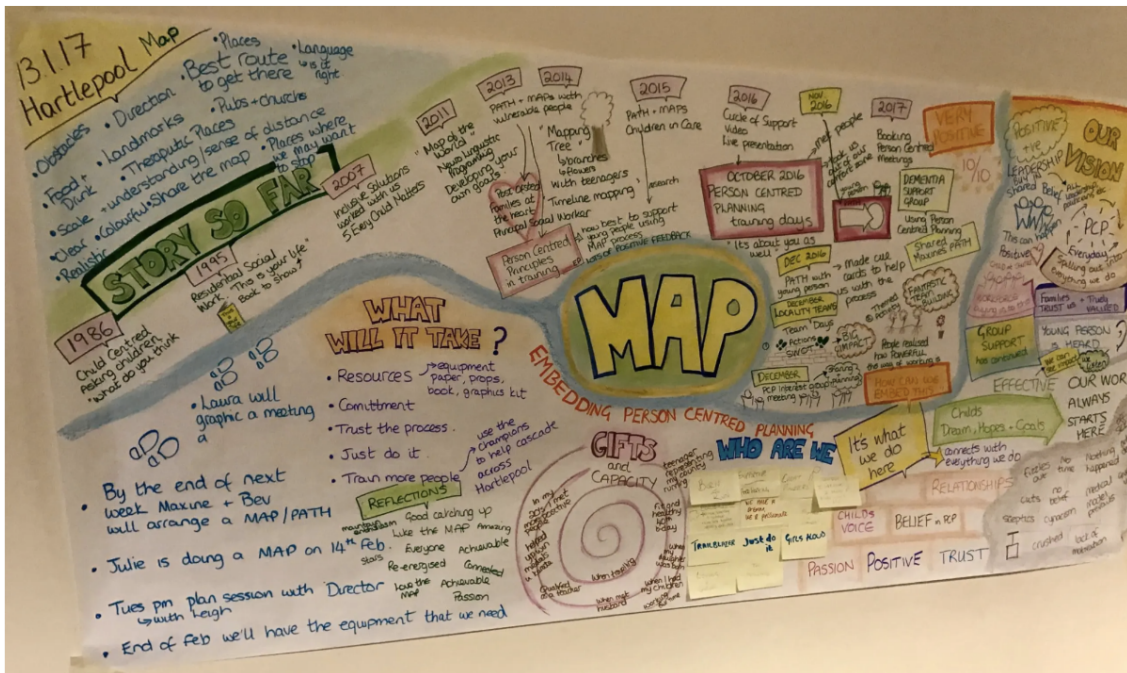


Photo: [Hartlepool Person-Centered Planning work done through MAP process. Inclusive Solutions](#)

Transitions, change, growth, progress, whatever it is you like to call it, all of our students experience it each year as they move to a new grade. Some of the transitions are large; elementary to middle school, middle to high school, and finally exiting from high school. All of these changes are anxiety-provoking for the student and their families. The number one way to support our kids through these changes is by having a plan, being open and honest with them, and most of all, being realistic.

Having a plan that your student has a voice in empowers them, gives them agency, and helps build self-determination skills. In order to be self-determined, you must know what you need, and what you want, and be able to identify your strengths and weaknesses. Then, use this information to guide you in the best way possible toward your goals.

Transition planning is a lot of the work the high school learning services team does with their students as they begin to focus on life after high school. More often than not, our students do not have any idea what they would like to do in the future. If they do have a plan it is often not realistic. It is hard to tell students during their senior year that they most likely will never play in the NBA, but sadly many hold on to that dream without a real backup plan or reality check.

Backward planning from an end goal is a helpful strategy. This can be done at any age for any goal. The student identifies their goal and with the help of a trusted adult then walks back through the steps they will need to get there. Throughout this process, it is essential that adults guide students to acknowledge and develop an awareness of their strengths and weaknesses. These strengths and weaknesses become part of what the student will need to play off of or compensate for while developing a plan so that they can reach their goals.

One well-known Person Centered Planning Tool that can be used at any age is called MAPS. MAPS stands for *Making Action Plans*. MAPS help people acknowledge what they want and tell “their story” so far. It asks “What is their dream?” and “What will it take to get there?” Finally, “What steps can we take now?” To learn more about the process click [here](#).

I know how busy we all are and I know thinking about the future is scary, especially if you have a child with needs. Making a plan for each part of life with your child that is realistic, person-centered, and honors their wants and needs can take away that anxiety. It will increase self-determination and put the student and parent on a path forward that can be supported by those around them.

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Michelle Gallagher

High School Learning Service Teacher & Coordinator

John and Abigail Adams Scholarship Recipients

The South Shore Charter Public School community is proud to announce that twenty-four members of the Class of 2023, thirty-one (31) percent, have been named recipients of the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. The scholarship award recognizes high performance on the ELA and Math MCAS taken in Grade 10 in the Spring of 2021. This merit-based scholarship provides a four year tuition credit at any Massachusetts state college or university. Scholarships are granted to students whose combined MCAS score places them in the top twenty-five (25) percent of students at the South Shore Charter Public School, or in their sending school district.

This year’s recipients hail from an array of cities and towns throughout the South Shore.

Braintree	Hanover	Quincy
Brockton	Holbrook	Randolph
Cohasset	Kingston	Scituate
East Bridgewater	Norwell	Weymouth

[A complete list](#) of Massachusetts State Colleges and Universities that accept the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship may be found on the DESE website.

Congratulations to all South Shore Charter Public School 2023-2024 John and Abigail Adams Scholars.

Ayah Abouyoussef	Nahlya Hall	Jan Ralph Lujares	Sarah Paul
Zachary Dehner	Nathanael Jocelyn	Timothy Manigat	Imani Sainterling
Christinia Delmy	Frisk Lacorazza	Shea McIntyre	Karim Shehadeh
Isaiah Doirin	Brooke Lenling	Rholeen Ray Monte	Avery Stout
Isabel Everson	Riley Long	Faith Oji	Tadhg Sullivan
Daniella Eze	Robert Louis	Kyle Ozturk	Keegan Watchorn

Transportation Update

School Bus Safety Instruction | Friday, October 28, 2022



First Student will be working with us on Friday morning, October 28, to conduct our first session of School Bus Safety Instruction. Under Massachusetts G.L. c. 90, paragraph 7B(15) we are required to practice on-bus emergency evacuation drills during the school year for all students transported by school bus. This includes students who use our new regional transportation program as well as students who only use transportation for field trips. We recommend students wear comfortable clothing and shoes as this will be an active exercise.

Please direct all questions to transportation@sscps.org.


National Honor Society



Congratulations to our newest members of the National Honor Society. Special thanks to our students, families, teachers, NHS Advisor Katie Cianelli, and the Faculty Council, Greg Roaf, Shawn Connors, Margaret Bulger, Alicia Dupuis, Marco Pedulli, and all who made the night so special for students and families.

Angel Akyea	Ciara Mullane
Jordan Alexandre	Benjamin Myrtil
Amough Athimamula	Samuel Oji
Lehna Belony	Sawdah Osman
Samuel Carter	Caleb Pimental
Naimah Fernandes	Julia Prebie
Abygale Gorman	Samuel Henrique Santana
Sadcha Jacinthe	Adria Sunnerberg
Neyssa Jeanty	Aditi Suryawanshi
Pierre Joseph	Arya Suryawanshi
Coleman Joyce	Camryn Williams Cotterell
Ethan Lee	

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.

Diwali Celebration



Diwali is a 5 day Hindu festival celebrating the triumph of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance and good over evil. Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights is one of the most important festivals in Hinduism. Diwali gets its name from the row (avali) of clay lamps (deepa). Diwali generally takes place in the months of October and November, and this year it started on October 24. The goddess Lakshmi is the main goddess that is honored during Diwali, and Diwali also celebrates the God Rama returning back to his kingdom after 14 years of exile. To celebrate Diwali, most people light Diyas, cleanse their houses, make offerings and make Rangolis (sand paintings), and invite family and friends over to celebrate. Feasts are held during Diwali and lots of sweets are made to celebrate the holiday.

Shalini Shweta

SSCPS Teacher



Reya Riva, grade 2, presenting to first grade students about the celebration of Diwali

Pumpkin Carving on Level III









Picture Day Update

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

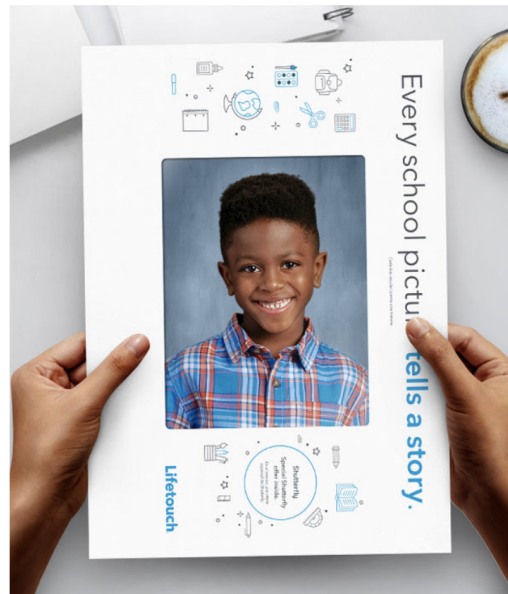
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ORDER SCHOOL PICTURES

EXPIRES: 05/01/2023



We would like to remind parents that we have a Retake and Makeup Day for school photos coming up on **Tuesday, November 1st**.

Reminders:

- If parents would like their child's photo retaken, **THE ORIGINAL MUST BE RETURNED**

that day

- If the student was absent or not yet enrolled in the school on Picture Day (September 19th), we will be taking their picture

- Due to how the group photos came out, **ALL** group pictures, at both buildings, will be *retaken* this same day. In other words, **ALL** students will have their picture taken as part of their class photo.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you!

THIS WEEK IN PROJECTS & WORKSHOPS

Cultural Diversity Workshop

The Cultural Diversity Workshop is raising funds once again for The United States Foundation for the Children of Haiti. For the last three years, the Cultural Diversity Workshop students have embraced this organization to provide support and assistance for the Children of Haiti. This year, we are selling bracelets and necklaces made by mothers in Haiti. The proceeds from this fundraiser will go a long way towards helping those children who need help the most in Haiti. Please consider supporting this important cause. Bracelets are \$5 and Necklaces are \$20. Sales are held every Tuesday and Thursday in the High School Great Room.

Thanks for your support!

Layla Bernadeau

Cultural Diversity Workshop Leader

ATHLETICS

SOCCER

The girls soccer team wrapped up their regular season with a 5-0 win on October 21 against Argosy Charter. With the win, the girls finished the season with a 6-2 record, which is good for the fourth seed in the MCSAO playoffs and a home playoff game.

Boys soccer won their regular season finale 5-2 at Argosy to finish the regular season at 7-1-0. The Jaguars are the #2 seed in the MCSAO tournament, and will host Foxboro **today at 3:00pm** in the state quarterfinals.

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!



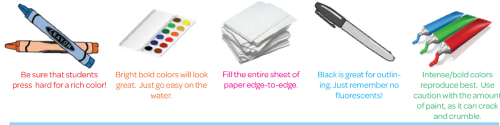
The SSCPS Art Department is running our annual Original Works fundraiser. Later this week all participating art students will be coming home with a packet containing their artwork and ordering materials. Your order, artwork, and payment must be returned to school by November 4th to maintain our production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

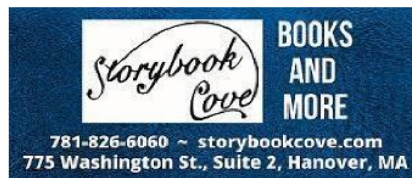
Avoid "playing on the edge." What exactly does that mean?
- Keep details such as names, dates etc. away from the edge. During reproduction items that are within 1" from the edge could be trimmed. This is especially true on our full bleed products (key chains, tiles, mouse pads...)
- If pencil guide is 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**



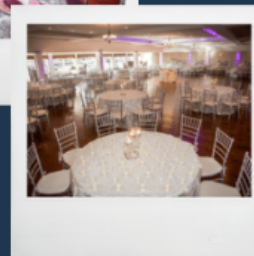
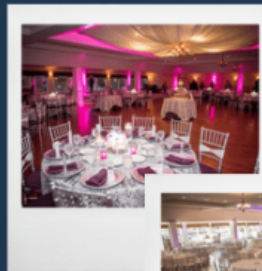
SSCPS presents...

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
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Unlimited Drinks | Delicious food | Great Music
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DJ JUUKES
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\$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

Wednesday	10/26	Freshman Field Trip to Tree Top Adventures	
Thursday	10/27	Principal's MCAS Meeting via Zoom	8:30am
Saturday	10/29	High School Student Board Training in Middleboro	
Tuesday	11/01	1 st Quarter Ends for Grades 5-12	
Tuesday	11/01	2023-2024 Enrollment Application Opens	
Thursday	11/03	Enrollment Open House	5:00-7:00pm
Friday	11/04	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm

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](#)

[Student and Family Handbook](#)

[Arrival and Dismissal Procedures](#)

[SSCPS By-Laws](#)



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