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Transportation Updates and Reminders

We are well into our second week of school and we could not be more pleased with our new transportation program. Although there are still some points upon which to improve, overall we are grateful for the positive impact we have seen throughout our school community. This is a direct result of all the work done to ensure a safe and sufficient operation. Thank you to all families for your continued cooperation and flexibility as we continue to hone the routes and shore up pick-up and drop-off times each day. All routes and recent updates are listed below. Should you be in need of immediate assistance, please contact First Student dispatch at 508-587-1336 or 781-961-3824 ext. 1.

For non-urgent matters, including day-of changes in your child's pick-up plans, please contact our SSCPS Transportation Coordinator Karen Boyle at 781-982-4202, ext. 484.





We are currently working with SchoolPass to facilitate communication when families have changes in day-of transportation plans. More information will be forthcoming.

Our students have done a terrific job adjusting to the excitement of riding a bus to and from school everyday with their peers. We know it's only the second week of school, but we are exceedingly proud of how well students are getting along with one another, and of all the positive behavior on the school bus. To ensure the safety of all, we are asking our students and families to please continue to remember the following:

Bus Stop Safety Reminders for Students and Families

- 1. Arrive a minimum of ten minutes before the scheduled pick up time.
- 2. Stand off the roadway, away from cars and traffic.
- 3. Do not run or play while waiting for the bus.
- 4. When the bus arrives, wait until the bus comes to a complete stop and the red lights flash.
- 5. Board the bus in an orderly fashion, no running, shouting, or pushing.
- 6. Never run to catch the bus.
- 7. When exiting the schoolbus, always walk straight away from the bus. Do not remain in the "danger zone" where the driver cannot see you.
- 8. Never reach under the bus to pick up lost articles.
- 9. Never cross the roadway behind the bus.

Loading and Unloading at Bus Stop

- Riders should arrive on time meaning ten minutes before the scheduled pick up time. Bus drivers will not wait.
- 2. Riders will enter or leave the bus at regular stops only.
- 3. Orderly behavior and respect for private property will be required.
- 4. Directions of the driver must be followed by the riders when entering or exiting the bus.
- 5. No K-8 student will be dropped off without a parent or guardian present for pickup. Please be sure you get out of your vehicle at the bus stop until the bus

driver is familiar with you and your vehicle. Students who are not met at the bus stop will be taken back to school.



The administration of South Shore Charter Public School shares with students and parents/guardians the responsibility for student safety during transportation to and from school. All school buses are equipped with video recording equipment which is used on transportation routes. The authority for enforcing school-wide requirements of student conduct on buses will rest with school administration. Additional school policies regarding student conduct aboard the bus and disciplinary procedures may be found here in the student handbook.

Updated Bus Routes:

Two of our AM bus routes have been updated since the beginning of the school year. Please see the updates routes below:

ROUTE 12: PLYMOUTH - PEMBROKE

7:08 AM - START: Market Basket (1 Commerce Way, Plymouth)

7:19 AM - STOP: Jones River Tavern (Pembroke)

7:45 AM - DESTINATION: South Shore Charter School

ROUTE 14: SCITUATE - HULL

7:00 AM - START: Marshfield Boys and Girls Club, 37 Proprietors Dr.

7:11 AM - STOP: Greenbush Commuter Rail (247 Old Driftway, Scituate)

7:24 AM - STOP: Nantasket Junction Commuter Rail (190 Summer St. Hingham)

7:36 AM - STOP: South Elementary School Parking Lot (831 Main St. Hingham)

7:45 AM - DESTINATION: South Shore Charter School

The full bus route schedule can be found here.

Currently we have a significant number of families on the waitlist. We are asking all families signed up for transportation services, but who have chosen not to use the school bus, to please contact transportation@sscps.org so that we can make room for students on the waitlist. Families who are on the waitlist will be notified as soon as a spot on their route becomes available.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and support.

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Alicia Savage Executive Director



SAVE THE DATE!

#TheTogetherRunSSCPS



WHEN:

Saturday, October 1st 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

WHERE:

Wompatuck State Park, Hingham, MA

BEFORE-SCHOOL CHOIR





UPCOMING EVENTS

SSCPS Instrument Night



Dear Families,

I hope you've had an enjoyable summer. As the school year begins, I know may students are excited to start the year. The purpose of this letter is to inform you about the upcoming 4th-8th grade Instrument Night on Friday, September 9th, 2022 from 5:30-6:30. This would give students an insight into choosing an instrument they may be interested in. This will take place at 100 Longwater Circle campus.

Learning to play an instrument is a great way for students to grow and express his or herself in a new way: musically. These potential instrumental musicians will be learning the ins and outs of their chosen instrument. Knowing that they each have a specific part to play in making the music come together as a whole will feed their desire to learn and grow as a musician even more!

Thanks to the company Music & Arts, 4th-8th graders will have an opportunity to circulate amongst various rooms to check out many different instruments. Some of these instruments may include flutes, oboes, bassoons, saxophones, trumpets, french horns and more!

There is no cost for participation in the instrumental program. There is, however, an instrument rental fee. This is limited to number of instruments. On the other hand, there are various 3rd party rent-to-own programs that are great; such as the providers of the instruments for the night. Soon the student will have their very first instrument! At the end of the night, students will choose their top three instrument choices!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Theron Leonard Music Teacher South Shore Charter Public School

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Best Buddies | MA & RI

For the first time, Best Buddies MA & RI is partnering with organizations around the Greater Boston area to offer a series of resource fairs geared toward students and families of students approaching transition age. This is the perfect opportunity to explore all of the programs and resources offered through Best Buddies and other members of this wonderful community including PLAN, Special Olympics, Northeast Arc, and Cardinal Cushing Centers. We will be hosting two resource fairs across the coming months, check out the details below!

North Shore Resource Fair:

When: Tuesday, September 20, 4:00pm-6:00pm

Where: Center of Linking Lives, Liberty Tree Mall, Danvers, MA

South Shore Resource Fair:

When: Wednesday October 5, 4:00pm-6:00pm

Where: Cardinal Cushing Centers Café, 120 Columbia Road, Hanover, MA

You will find more information about who will be in attendance and can **RSVP here:** Greater Boston Resource Fairs - Best Buddies International

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions about these events, and feel free to pass this event information on to anyone in your circle that may be interested. We hope to see you there!

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!



VIEW WISHLISTS

First PA Meeting of the 2022-2023 School Year

The SSCPS Parents Association would like to invite all parents and caregivers to attend our first meeting of the school year. It will be held on September 21st at 6:30 PM, both at 100 Longwater Ave and via Zoom.

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 <u>here</u>.

Cindy Lyons
Parent Council Chair
Cindylyons1337@gmail.com

This Week | Up and Coming

Tuesday	09/13	Senior Parent Night via Zoom	6:30pm
Wednesday	09/14	Executive Committee Meeting	8:00am
Friday	09/16	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

<u>Student and Family</u> <u>Handbook</u>

<u>Arrival and Dismissal</u> <u>Procedures</u>

SSCPS By-Laws



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