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A Message from Alicia

As April arrives the days get longer, spring brings a surge of optimism, and excitement abounds. With the weather finally improving, the growing anticipation for community building events and outdoor activities on the horizon are impossible to contain. We look forward to the simple joy of being together. This month we will see the return of Multicultural Food

Night on Thursday, April 11, and the SSCPS Spring Fair on Saturday, April 27. Be sure to register for these community events below.

MULTICULTURAL FOOD NIGHT

SSCPS SPRING FAIR

Last Thursday evening students from the High School Music Workshop showcased their exceptional talent at the annual March Concert. Featuring composers from around the world, students showcased remarkable versatility and mastery across a wide range of musical styles. The concert performance was a captivating exploration of musical diversity spanning the globe. Featured was music from Australia, Brazil, France, Japan, South Korea, Spain, the United Kingdom, and the United States. With each piece audience members were transported to different parts of the world, captivating us all with skillful interpretations and heartfelt performances. It was a truly unforgettable evening celebrating the universal language of music and the remarkable talent of our student musicians. Congratulations to our student musicians and to our music teachers, Paul Barrett and Theron Leonard, for their outstanding performance.







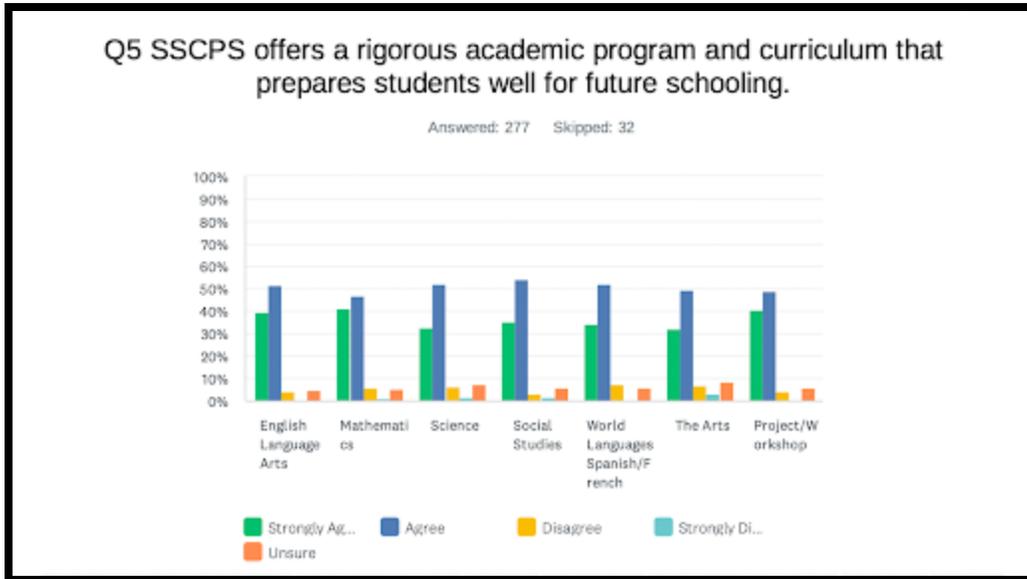




We rely on your support in every facet of our school community. Your valuable input assists us in making essential decisions that contribute to our institutional growth. In addition to extensive family participation in the Strategic Plan Family Focus Groups, this year participation in this year's Annual Family Survey reached an all-time high. We received survey results from 309 out of 688 families, boosting our response rate to 45%. This year we

added a neutral response option which we are aware will alter comparative year-to-year data.

Survey results play a crucial role in informing our decision-making process and in our Strategic Planning process each year. We are grateful to all who participated. We review survey results through the lens of our mission of inspiring every student to excel in academics, service, and life. Your review of our academic programming provides us with key insights in moving forward. Responses to Question 5, *SSCPS offers a rigorous academic program and curriculum that prepares students well for future learning* are as follows:

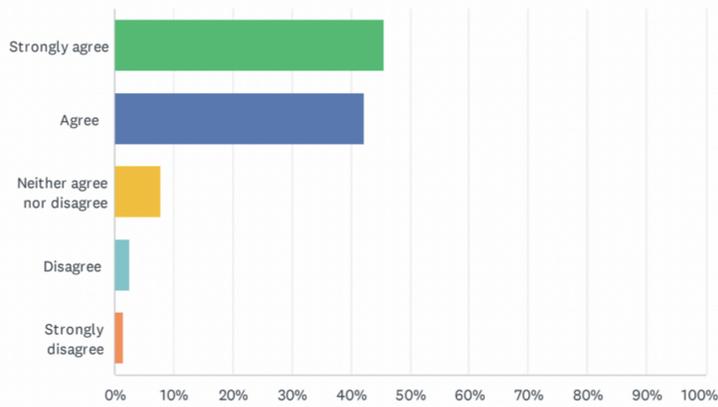


	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	UNSURE	TOTAL
English Language Arts	39.49% 109	51.45% 142	4.35% 12	0.00% 0	4.71% 13	276
Mathematics	41.16% 114	46.93% 130	5.78% 16	1.08% 3	5.05% 14	277
Science	32.85% 91	51.89% 144	6.14% 17	1.44% 4	7.58% 21	277
Social Studies	35.51% 98	54.35% 150	2.90% 8	1.45% 4	5.80% 16	276
World Languages Spanish/French	34.30% 95	51.89% 144	7.22% 20	0.72% 2	5.78% 16	277
The Arts	32.23% 88	49.45% 135	6.59% 18	3.30% 9	8.42% 23	273
Project/Workshop	40.73% 112	48.73% 134	4.36% 12	0.36% 1	5.82% 16	275

In addition to support of our academic programming, data gleaned indicate how we all share some common objectives: improving classroom resources, fostering project-based learning, ensuring access to music and art education for all students, and fostering a spirit of community service, extracurricular involvement, and athletic accomplishments. Included are questions that speak to the essence of who we are as a school community. Question 8, *SSCPS strives to nurture a respectful culture* and Question 9, *SSCPS initiatives on diversity help to make the school a stronger community*, do just that.

Q8 SSCPS strives to nurture a respectful culture.

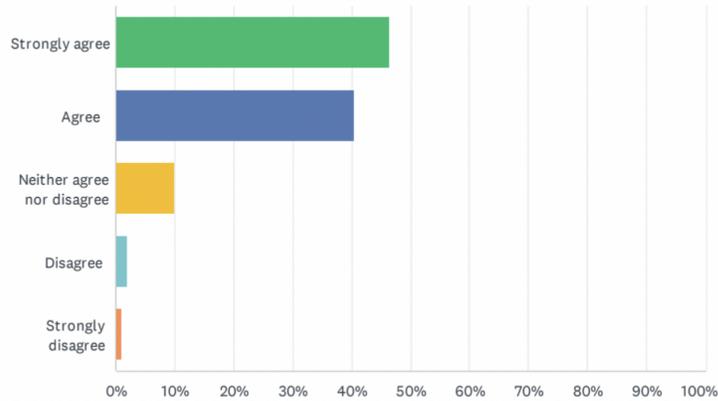
Answered: 263 Skipped: 46



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	45.63%	120
Agree	42.21%	111
Neither agree nor disagree	7.98%	21
Disagree	2.66%	7
Strongly disagree	1.52%	4
TOTAL		263

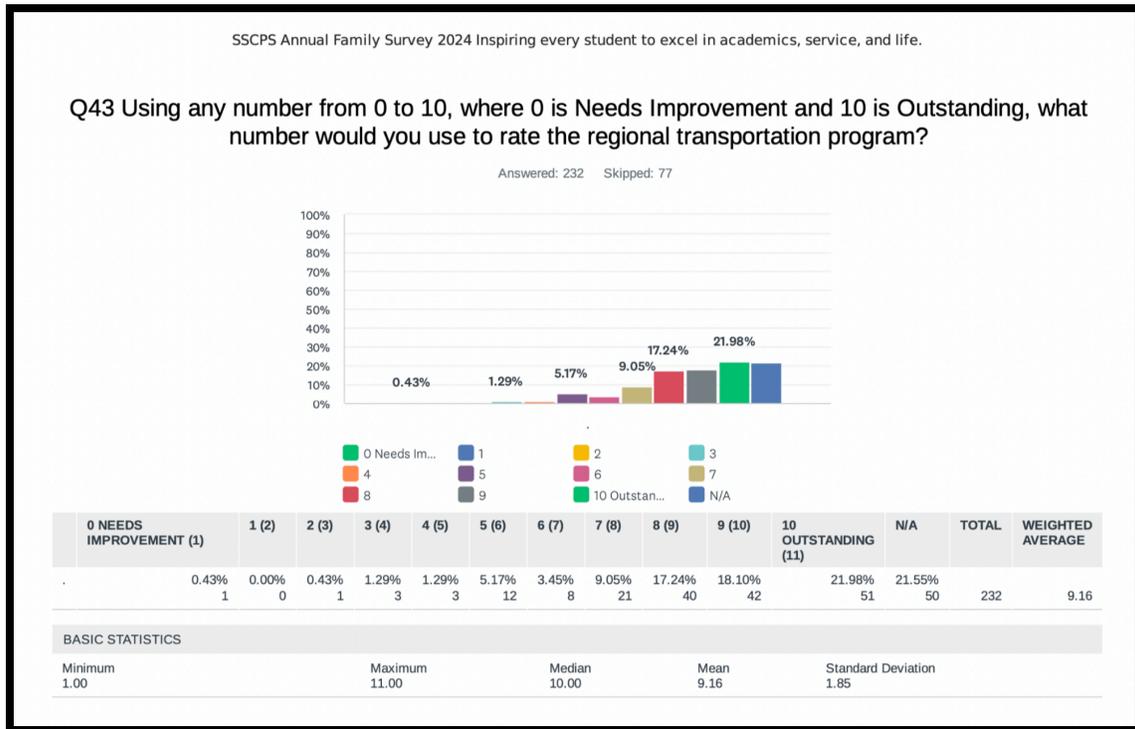
Q9 SSCPS initiatives on diversity help to make the school a stronger community.

Answered: 262 Skipped: 47

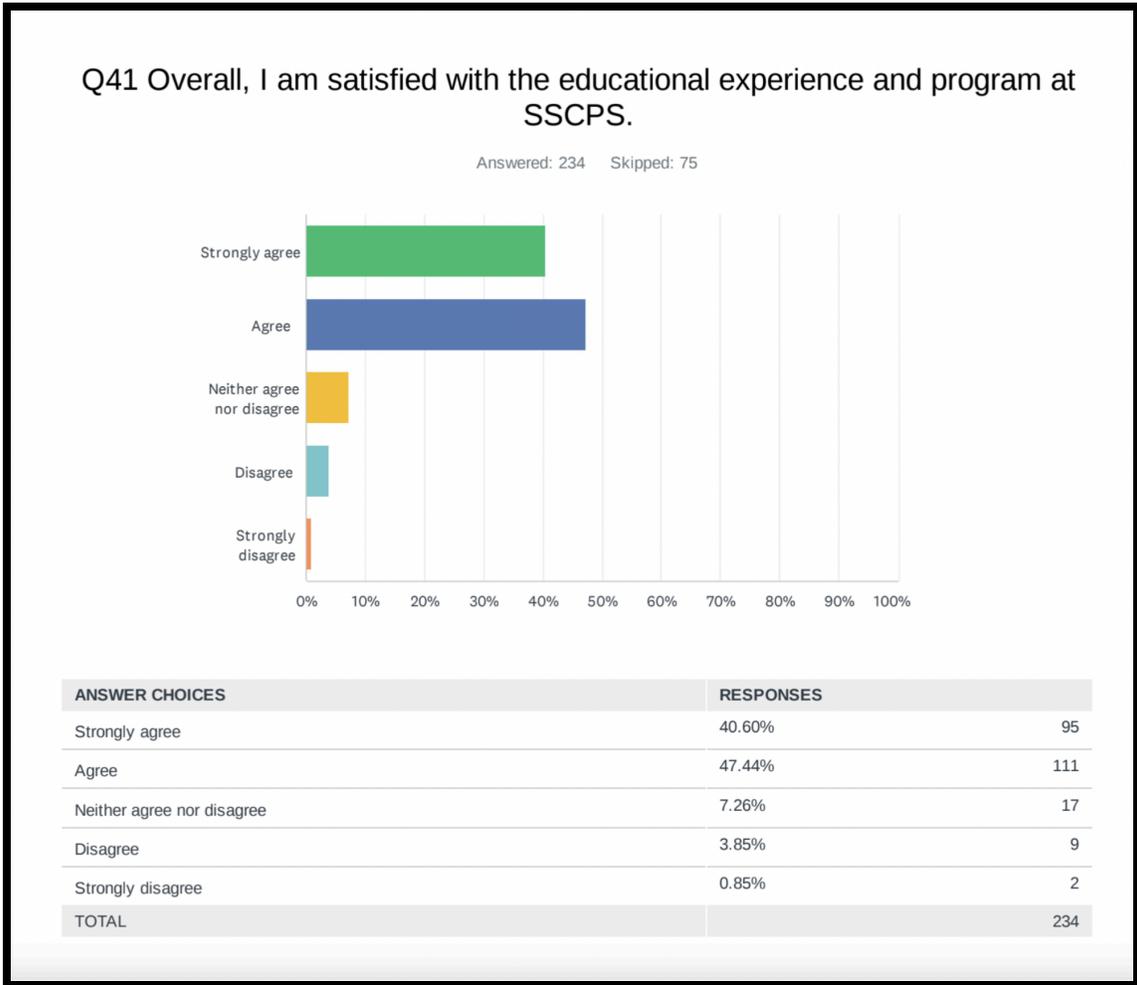


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	46.56%	122
Agree	40.46%	106
Neither agree nor disagree	9.92%	26
Disagree	1.91%	5
Strongly disagree	1.15%	3
TOTAL		262

This year’s survey once again included an overall sliding scale evaluation of the transportation program and an area for comments. Data reveal that families continue to value and appreciate regional transportation.



Question 43 received 232 responses. The Weighted Average for the transportation remains high at 9.16 on a 0-10 scale. 21.98% of families rated the regional transportation program as "Outstanding," giving it a perfect rating of 10. This top rating was the most commonly selected choice, resulting in high ratings for the program now in its second year. As we prepare for next year's transportation services and compose the strategic plan, we will thoroughly review all comments and suggestions provided by our community.



Question 41, *Overall I am satisfied with the educational experience and program at SSCPS*, provides an institutional panorama. Responses indicate a high satisfaction rate year after year among our families. Our strongest area of needed growth continues to be facilities. Feedback regarding our school facilities consistently underscores the need for campus enhancements has remained consistent over the years. This year's data is no exception. Past discussions have included the addition of a learning commons at the high school tailored for the library sciences, as well as science and computer science labs, extra studios to accommodate art classes, a multipurpose gymnasium or auditorium capable of doubling as a performance space, and athletic fields.

Survey results for all questions have been linked [here](#). Survey data will undergo a comprehensive review by the Board of Trustees during the May meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2024, and subsequently during the summer July meeting. During the latter, we will assess the Annual Report, the new Strategic Plan, and the upcoming application for our Charter Renewal. This is the time our school community will plan for the forthcoming year and beyond. As always, if you have any questions, please contact me directly at asavage@sscps.org.

Thank you for believing in our mission and for your contributions to the South Shore Charter community.

Alicia Savage

Executive Director

Important School Calendar Update

The SSCPS Board of Trustees has voted to amend the school calendar to include an inclement weather makeup day on Monday, June 17, 2024.

There will be no school for students on Wednesday, April 10, 2024. Monday, June 17 will be a half day for all students.

Families observing Eid al-Adha may request an excused absence for religious observance in advance at attendance@sscps.org.

Athletics and Extracurricular Activities

Afterschool Enrichment Program

Available for students in Level II, III, IV



SSCPS AFTERSCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

SESSION 3
APRIL 1 - MAY 17, 2024

GRADES 3 - 8
MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY
TIME: 3:15 - 4: 15 PM

MONDAY

- SPORTS AND PLAYTIME CLUB
- STEAM EXPLORERS
- SCRAPBOOKING
- THEATRE CLUB
- SPORTS FUSION SQUAD
- CHEMICAL CREATIONS CLUB

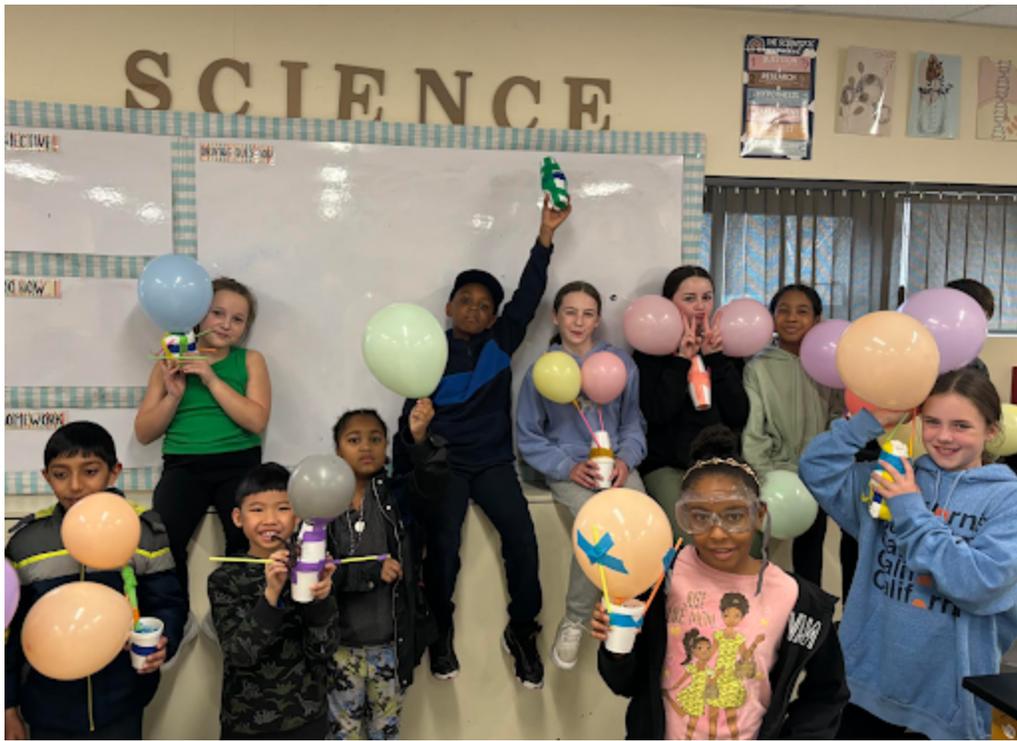
WEDNESDAY

- THEATRE CLUB
- ZUMBA KIDS CLUB
- STEAM EXPLORERS
- NATURAL ARTISTS
- WEB WARRIORS: CODING AND LOGIC GAMES CLUB
- SPORTS AND PLAYTIME CLUB
- PAINTING PIONEERS CLUB
- CHEMICAL CREATIONS CLUB

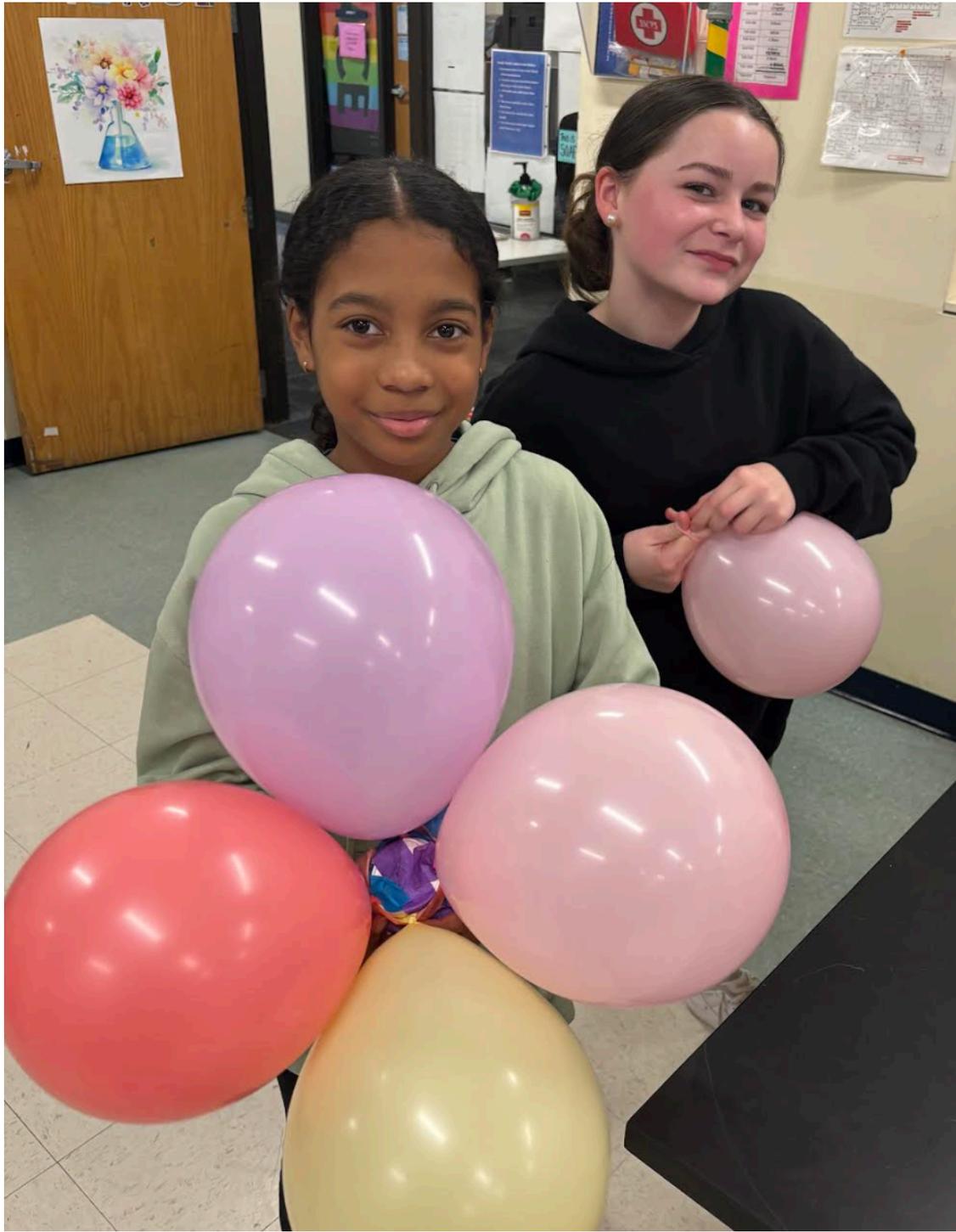


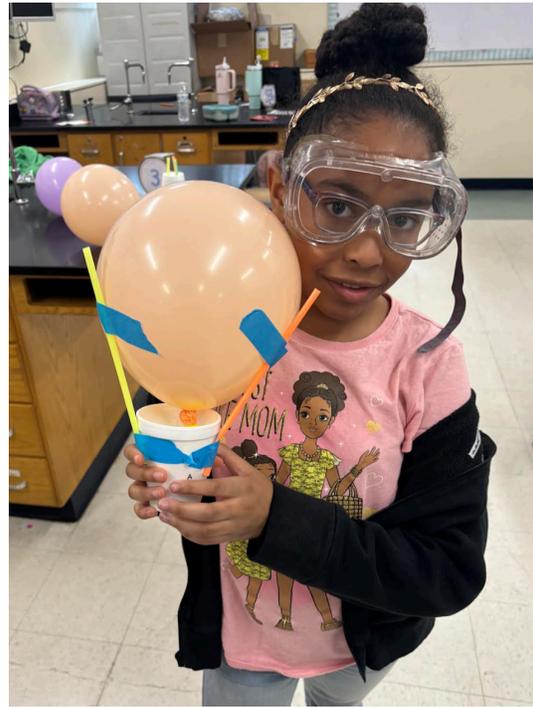
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STEAM Club



The activity to start off STEAM Explorers celebrated student's creativity and critical thinking through an engineer's design process. Students started off by naming and adopting a pet peep. Students then created a home for their peep and shared their creative stories of their peep's life, personality, and reasoning behind the name. Similar to an egg drop challenge, the majority of class was spent designing and building a contraption that would protect the peep and its egg home from the impact of being thrown across the room. Materials included toilet paper, straws, tape, styrofoam cups, popsicle sticks, and scissors. They also had access to balloons and string that many students made parachutes out of to help lessen the impact of their peep's home hitting the floor. They loved learning about momentum by acting as engineers and comparing their prototypes and stories of their peep's lives.





Athletics

Join the Rowing Club!



If any student is interested in joining a rowing club, please let me know. We are partnering with Cohasset Maritime Institute. Last year, we had a group of students who took advantage of this opportunity. We have a couple of students interested, but needed a few more to make it worth our while. If you are a fan of being on the water, then it is a great opportunity for you. As seen below, the season has already started, but we can still add some rowers. Transportation will be provided to and from school on the following days.

This Spring Season runs six weeks in total from **April 1 through May 16 on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday.** No classes April Break 15-20.

The goals are to get fit, have fun and, for those interested, train for the Essex River Race, tentatively scheduled for May 18.

The season is in two parts:

- April 1- April 11 Land Training 3:45-5pm @Cohasset Recreation 35 Ripley Rd
- April 22- May 16 On the Water 3:45-5:30pm @ CMI Boathouse 40 Parker Ave

Please reach out me directly at jkay@sscps.org if you are interested or have any questions. Thank you!

Joe Kay

Physical Education and Health Teacher

Music Department | Artist Spotlight

Check out the Music Department's
current Artist Spotlight - [Victoria Dibb!](#)

What's New in Projects and Workshops

High School: School Store Workshop

Check out the School Apparel website, created by the High School School Store Workshop!

SSCPS SCHOOL APPAREL

Community Service

Kohl's School Cleaning

On Saturday, April 27th, volunteers from Kohls will be coming to the school to do a spring clean up and would love to have families from the school join them. The event is scheduled to be from 9-12 but last year it went very quickly and hopefully that means everyone will get out of here by 11. This is NOT a drop off event. Parents should plan on staying with their children.

Student will receive the full 3 hours of service even if we power through and finish early.

Families should bring gloves and rakes. If you have any questions or concerns please contact **Melissa Freitas** at mfreitas@sscps.org.

Attention Students and Families

Got some community service hours done?

Use the links below to submit your community service hours!

[LEVEL I COMMUNITY SERVICE](#)

[LEVEL II COMMUNITY SERVICE](#)

[LEVEL III COMMUNITY SERVICE](#)

[LEVEL IV COMMUNITY SERVICE](#)

[HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE](#)

From the Foundation

Make a general donation here and look out for next month's campaign:
Teacher and Staff Appreciation!

DONATE HERE

Parents Association, SEPAC, and ELPAC

ELPAC



SOUTH SHORE
CHARTER PUBLIC
SCHOOL



ELPAC MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024

06:00 PM VIA ZOOM

ZOOM MEETING ID: 874 8193 7020 PASSCODE: 983709

TOPICS :
BUILDING A STRONGER ELPAC

JOIN US FOR AN ENGAGING DISCUSSION AT THE ENGLISH LEARNER PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ELPAC) MEETING. YOUR PARTICIPATION IS CRUCIAL IN SUPPORTING OUR ENGLISH LEARNERS' SUCCESS. WE WILL DISCUSS UPCOMING EVENTS SHARE VALUABLE INFORMATION FOR OUR MULTILINGUAL FAMILIES, AND PROVIDE A PLATFORM FOR YOUR INPUT.

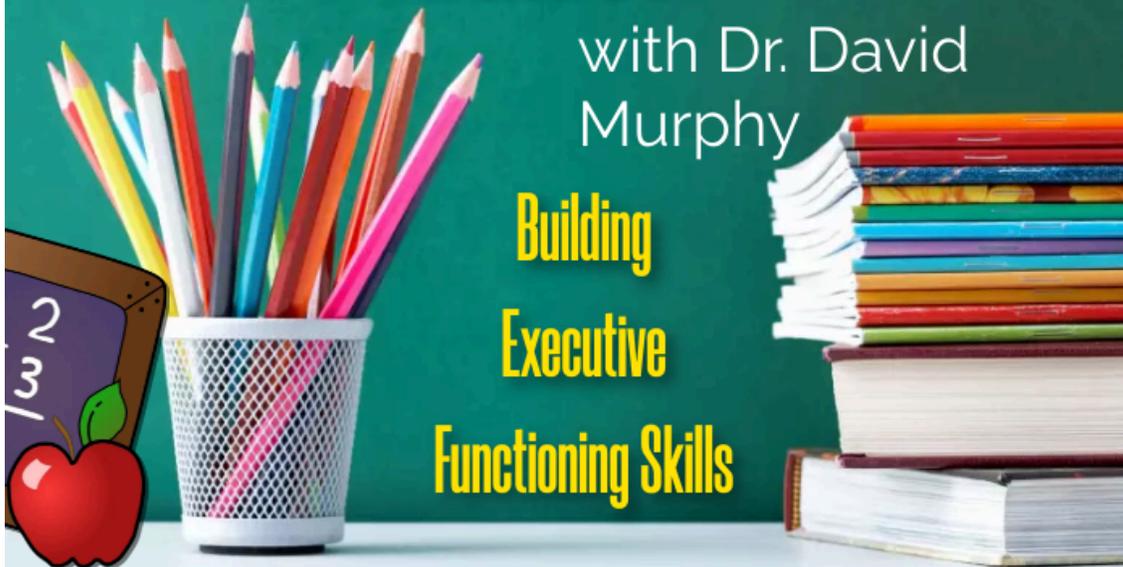
Contact: Sprince@sscps.org or Mtondorf@sscps.org

SEPAC

Reducing Homework Battles

with Dr. David
Murphy

Building
Executive
Functioning Skills



April 3rd 6:30pm

South Shore Charter Public
School 100 Longwater Circle
Norwell and via Zoom

Sponsored by SSCPS SEPAC



Register SEPAC@SSCPS.ORG

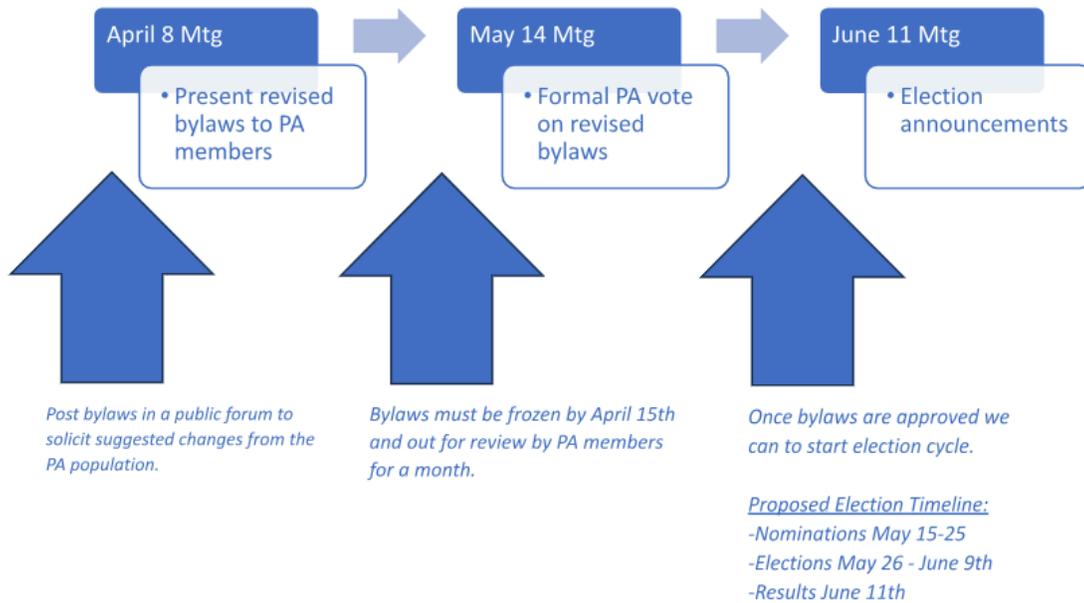
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our next Parents Association (PA) meeting will be held on Monday April 8th in person at 700 and online via Zoom. Please join us @6:15PM for attendee introductions, and the official meeting to start promptly at 6:30PM.

During the April 8th meeting we will be reviewing proposed changes to the bylaws as presented by the PA Taskforce and discuss the upcoming elections cycle as outlined below:



· Please remember to complete the [PA Improvement Survey](#) to let us know your ideas for improving the PA.

· Lastly, please consider stepping up and volunteering to run for an elected position on the PA for the next school year.

Alisha Uhlenbrock-Furst

Lost & Found

Last year we donated over 15 industrial sized trash bags full of Lost & Found items. We know that both students and parents alike spent far too many hours searching for those items before accepting they were gone for good.

We are going to try something slightly different this year. As in past years Lost & Found items will be folded, displayed in hallways at 100 Longwater, and photos will be posted in two parent-run Facebook groups including the **SSCPS Parent/Guardian Information** site.

The major change this year is we will follow a schedule for display/donations:

April

4/9 - Donate

May/June

Week of 5/28 - Fold/pic (if needed)

6/4 - Donate

Help your students (and your wallets!)

LOST & FOUND

LABEL everything that comes to school. We check all clothing for names before donating and 95% of the time there is no name.

OFFER encouragement to your children to keep track of their items.

SAVE your sanity.

TEACH your child/ren that while it is great to donate their used coats, they may want to hold onto it for at least one season.

FOLLOW the FB sites to see pics of lost items.

UNDERSTAND the program is run by volunteers and dates are subject to change.

Upcoming Events

MULTICULTURAL FOOD NIGHT



Bring a Dish!

All food should arrive on time and be ready to serve.

Please bring a list of ingredients in your dish so our friends with food allergies can enjoy the evening and let us know if you need an aluminum pan for a Sterno heating tray.

Become A Volunteer!

If you would like to volunteer to help set up, serve, and/or clean up, or if you have questions, please email Parent Coordinator and SSCPS Trustee, [Natacha Webster Julien](mailto:Natacha.Webster.Julien@sscps.org).

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

SSCPS SPRING FAIR 2024

The SSCPS Fair is a brand new K–12 event hosted for and by the SSCPS community. Many student volunteers who care about this school and its community will come together on Saturday, April 27 to host over twenty activities for all those who'd like to come. On top of that, there will be food trucks and an ice cream truck to satisfy anyone's hunger or sweet tooth. The Fair will take place right in the High School's parking lot, with plenty of space for the bouncy house, inflatable games, and challenges—both physical and mental.

PURCHASE TICKETS



The Fair is open to all SSCPS families and anyone in our community who would like to come together and experience the supportive environment we work to build daily. We encourage entire families to come and enjoy a day here. For those families with older children, the Fair serves as a great community service opportunity and a medium for parents to meet and exchange ideas over cotton candy or a delicious meal from one of our food vendors. For this reason, the Fair is not a drop-off event. Instead, it will be a huge event for our diverse community to fill up our parking lot and remind themselves why they come to SSCPS.

In terms of what to expect, families will be able to park on one side of the parking lot at 700 Longwater or 100 Longwater. We encourage everyone to purchase their tickets online ahead of time so that they can quickly join the fair. Tickets are only \$15 per person, but there is also a 20% discount for those who buy a 4-ticket bundle. Even more reason to bring the whole family! These tickets provide free access to any of our activity booths which offer games like cornhole and Spikeball as well as general arts & crafts and t-shirt tie-dye stations. On top of that, you receive one free voucher for our cotton candy booth. Speaking of food, throughout the entire event, there will always be at least one food truck stationed in the parking lot ready to serve any family. We are lucky enough to be able to host the Melt food truck, as well as The Sausage Guy and the #1 Ice Cream Truck. This food is not covered by a ticket, but we assure you that all of the food options are tasty for a great price. We would love to see everyone and their families at the SSCPS Fair, so see below for the link to the SSCPS Fair Ticket Registration and purchase your tickets today.

PURCHASE TICKETS

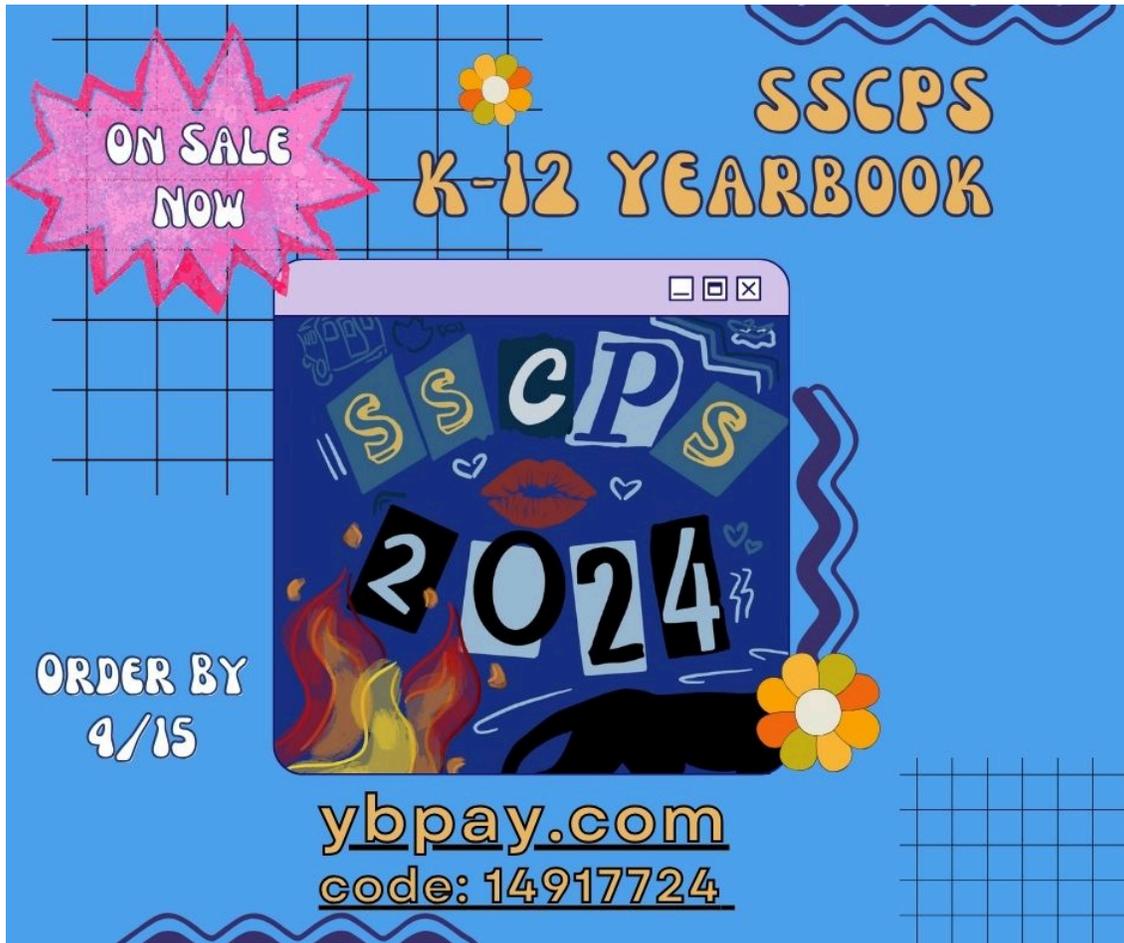
From the Health Office

COVID-19 Guidelines for Massachusetts

[MA DPH Health Guidelines - Updated](#)

Special School Announcements

Order Your Yearbook Today!



Deadline to order is 4/15!

School Picture Orders

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

ENJOY 10% OFF
your order!

CODE: F202310OFF

EXPIRES: May 1, 2024

[Redeem Now](#)

To order, log in to your account on mylifetouch.com or create an account using your student's school ID number. Don't forget to order your FREE Digital SmileSafe card!

More about the Smilesafe program [here](#).

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday	04/03	SSCPS SEPAC Workshop at 100 Longwater Circle and Zoom	6:30pm
Wednesday	04/03	Quarter 3 ends for Grades 5-11	
Thursday	04/04	MCAS ELA Level IV	
Friday	04/05	Joint Personnel and Finance Committee Meeting via Zoom	8:30am
Monday	04/08	Parents Association Meeting via Zoom	6:15pm
Tuesday	04/09	MCAS ELA Level II	
Tuesday	04/09	Strategic Planning Committee Meeting	10:30am
Wednesday	04/10	Eid al-Fitr Observed – No School for Students Professional Development Day	
Thursday	04/11	Multicultural Food Night at 871 N. Main Street, Randolph	6:00pm

Community Events

Check the links below for updates on community events!

[-PYD Inclusive Music Program](#)

[-Holly Hill Farm - Spring Programs](#)

[-Girls Who Code Summer Program](#)

[-gbSTEM - Free STEM Courses](#)

Important Links

Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website www.sscps.org every Wednesday.

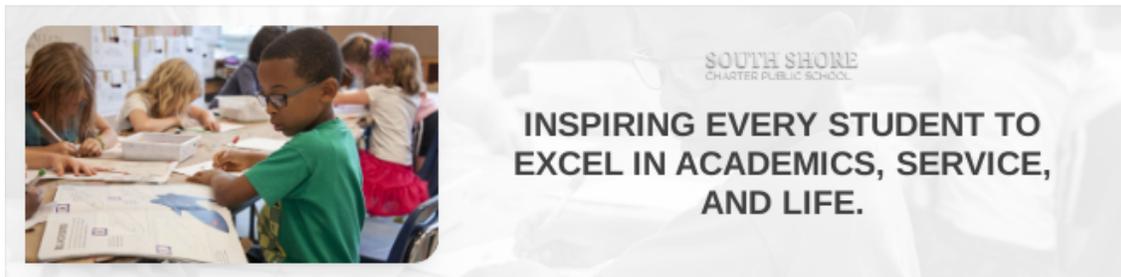
- [Afterschool Enrichment Program](#)
- DESE Student Attendance Letter Translated: [Arabic](#), [Cape Verdean Creole](#), [Chinese](#), [Haitian Creole](#), [Portuguese](#), [Spanish](#), [Vietnamese](#)
- [Back-to-School Information](#)
- [Food Services](#)
- [Health Office](#)
- [Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance](#)
- [Community Service](#)
- Visit the [Parents Association Website](#)

School

Documents:

[2023-2024 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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