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A Message from Alicia

Greetings to all our students and families! Whether you are a new family or one that has been with us over the years, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. As we look forward to the excitement that a new school year brings, we remain grateful for your support and commitment.

Our school was founded on opportunity. The founders of South Shore Charter sought to provide students with the opportunity to experience a different kind of education, one predicated on project-based learning, a student-centered approach, and a college preparatory education for all. Although much has changed since we began in Hull 28 years ago, South Shore Charter has remained committed to our mission of inspiring every student to excel in academics, service, and life.

Our classrooms and hallways may be empty right now, but the summer has been a busy one. Throughout July we hosted two terrific summer school programs. We also held another year of the Acceleration Academy during the first week of August. We are fortunate to be granted federal and state funding to maintain summer learning programs. Special thanks to all faculty and staff who made these programs possible teaching classes, developing programming, and organizing field trips.

Summer is a terrific time to accomplish campus projects on our buildings and outside spaces. Our facilities team has worked hard to get the campus ready for those first days of school in August. This year the facilities team has been busy painting, conducting electrical repairs, upgrading the alarm service, adding ceiling speakers, and landscaping. As always,

we continue to maintain and monitor air quality in all of our classrooms and hallways to ensure a healthy and safe environment for students and staff.

Kindergarten Orientation will be Monday, August 28 at 100 Longwater Circle. Freshman Orientation for grade 9 students will be on Monday, August 28, at 700 Longwater Drive. Transportation services begin on the first day of school, Tuesday, August 29, 2023. Families will be receiving an email regarding transportation information and updates this afternoon.

You will receive an email later this week with a link to your child's contact information and information regarding the upcoming school year. Please complete and update your child's profile. Please review the [Back to School Resources](#) with your family and refer to our [School Calendar](#) for important dates and times of school wide events. We have a few exciting events planned for the fall, including the annual run [SSCPS Race for Space](#) on Saturday, September 30. Additional calendar updates may be found on our [website](#) and in the Weekly Update as the school year progresses.

Enjoy these remaking days of summer and thank you for being here at South Shore Charter Public School as a great new school year begins.

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Alicia Savage

Executive Director

SSCPS SUMMER 2023

Take a peek at what our students have been up to this summer!



Nantasket Beach





Museum of Science

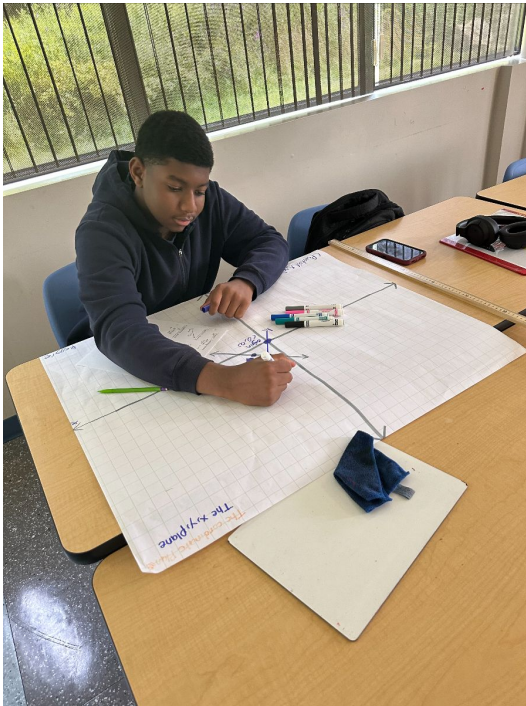




Houghton's Pond



Acceleration Academy



FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

If your student takes prescription medication during the school day, including epipens or inhalers, the medication will need to be dropped off to the school nurse by an adult. Medication cannot be sent on the bus with students. All medication needs to be accompanied by a prescription medication form. Your doctor may fill out their own medication form, an Asthma Action Plan, Allergy Action Plan, or the school's [Prescription Drug Form](#). No medication can be accepted without the proper paperwork. Parents/guardians will also need to sign the form to give permission for medication to be administered in school. Students can not bring in over the counter medication. All medication needed at school must be held in the Health Office and have the proper paperwork in order for it to be administered at school.

If your student is planning on playing a school sport in the fall they must have a current physical dated within the past 13 months. Students who do not have a current physical will not be allowed to try out or participate in sports. You may submit health forms to:

K-8: Jaime Kjelgaard, RN Jkjelgaard@sscps.org 781-982-4202 x 104

High School: Barbara Folan, RN Bfolan@sscps.org 781-982-4202 x 182

Fax: 781-982-4201

Students entering K, 4th, 7th & 10th grade must submit current physical forms and vaccine records.

The K through 8 school is a **peanut/nut free** building. Please make sure you do not send your child to school with any food that contains peanuts or nuts or the label reads “may contain nuts or traces of nuts”. Caffeinated beverages are not allowed in the elementary school. Please send your student to school with a reusable water bottle as the school does not provide water bottles. Level 1 students should have a full change of weather appropriate clothes that is kept at school.

Please reach out to your school nurse and teacher if your student is sick. Students who have vomiting, diarrhea, or a fever of 100 or above need to remain out of school until the symptoms or fever have resolved for 24 hours. If your student has strep throat, conjunctivitis or any other contagious illness they will need to remain out until they have been on antibiotics for 24 hours. Students who develop any of these symptoms during the school day will need to be picked up from school promptly. Please make sure your contact information with the school is up to date. Absences can be reported to attendance@sscps.org.

If your student tests positive for COVID-19 please reach out to your school nurse so it can be determined when your student is able to return to school. Thank you!

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Jaime Kjelgaard

SSCPS School Nurse

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](#)**

School Documents:

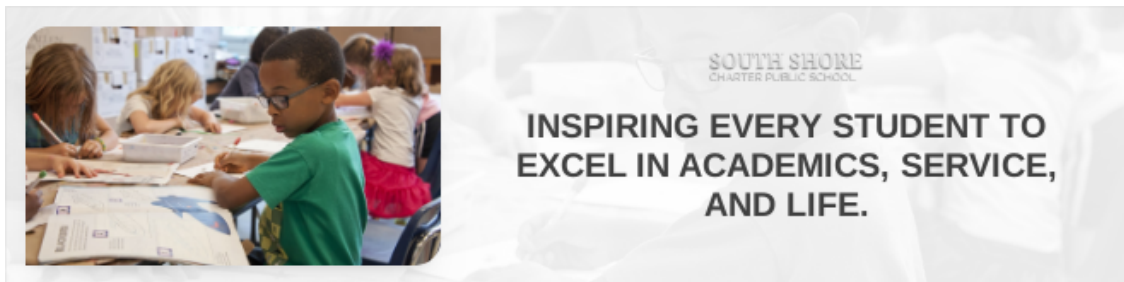
[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

[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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