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A Message from Alicia

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. On behalf of all of us here at South Shore Charter I would like to welcome all families to a new school year that promises to be one of excitement and accomplishment. The past two days have held all the enthusiasm a new school year brings. Yesterday was a day for meeting new friends, catching up with familiar faces, and working through new routines. These first days of school and the promise that unfolds moment by moment reminds us all of how we live our mission of inspiring every student to excel in academics, service, and life. Thank you for all of your support at home making these important first days of school run smoothly.

Preparing for a successful new school year begins with our families at home. The regional transportation program, now in its second year, has been the result of ongoing collaboration among families, school administration, teachers, and the hard working people at First Student. Special thanks to Karen Boyle, Director of Transportation, and Pam Algera, Director of Admissions, for all of their extensive work throughout the summer. Families may notice some transportation changes with added stops on bus routes. We hope that with the additional stops this year at libraries and after school programs, the regional transportation program will be even more successful.



*Kindergarten Dream Team
Orientation 2023*

Here on campus we owe a great deal to our facilities team, led by Wayne Heuer, who had the building gleaming and the campus grounds welcoming for all. Improvements to the hill area at 100 Longwater have been made and will continue during early fall. This week and last week, faculty and staff participated in professional development days that will prepare us for all we hope to accomplish: new curriculum planning, goal setting, and school safety plans, as well as department and level meetings.

There are some exciting staffing changes for the upcoming school year. Congratulations to Kelly Brulport who will be moving from middle school science to high school learning services. The high school science department welcomes John Oliva who has moved up from Level IV. Congratulations to Molly McDonough and Corrine Newell who have accepted new teaching positions this year. Molly will be a learning services teacher and Corrine will be an elementary teacher on Level I. Adam Gillis will now be teaching ELA as a long term substitute. And Claire Overlee has returned to teach ELA as a long term substitute. We are fortunate to have Claire's expertise and experience once again.

Just as we welcome new families to our school community each year, we also welcome new teachers and staff. This year we have some wonderful new educators that we would like to introduce to our school community.

Levels I and II

Colin Lombard | Learning Services 1:1 Aide

Colin is a recent graduate of Plymouth State University and holds a BA in Business Administration. His work experience includes Swift Hub Window Cleaning, Busy Bee Jumpers, and the US Post Office. Colin's athletic accomplishments include varsity baseball, football, and golf.

Briann Panariello | Grade 1 Paraprofessional

Briann comes to SSCPS from Carver Elementary in Massachusetts where she oversaw lunch and recess for students K-5. Briann has also served as a substitute paraprofessional in the classroom. Briann holds an Associate degree in History from City University of New York, College of Staten Island.

Matthew Rogan | Kindergarten Paraprofessional

Matt has been with SSCPS as a substitute teacher for two years. This year we are thrilled he will be joining us as a paraprofessional in a kindergarten classroom. In addition to his work with students, Matt has worked at Elder Home Care and Urban Outfitters. Matt attended Emerson College in Boston.

Levels III and IV

Patrick Breen | Seventh Grade Science

Patrick comes to South Shore Charter from St. Theresa's School in Somerville where he taught Science, English Literature, Writing, and History. Patrick's teaching experience is extensive, from teaching in independent pods during the COVID-19 pandemic, to student teaching at the University of Massachusetts/Boston. Prior to teaching, Patrick was an Urban Development Advisor and Researcher for the City of Boston Mayor's Office under the Walsh administration. Patrick holds both a Bachelor of Arts in Communications and a Master of Arts in American Studies from the University of Massachusetts/Boston.

Angie Williamson | Eighth Grade Science

Angie is a recent graduate of Boston College Lynch School of Education and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Leadership in Education and Applied Psychology. While at Boston College, Angie studied in Venice, Italy where she earned the Women for Others leadership award. Most recently, Angie has served as the manager and administrative assistant of the Division I Boston College Women's Softball team. Angie completed her student teaching at the Gardner Pilot Academy in Boston Public Schools and the Berkowitz Elementary School in Chelsea Public Schools.

Alan Dandrow | Long Term Substitute for Grade 5 Science and Building Substitute Teacher

Alan joined South Shore Charter last year as a substitute teacher. We are excited that he will be joining us on a more permanent basis. Alan is an author and publisher who holds a Master of Business Administration from Suffolk University. Alan will go on to become our school's building substitute teacher upon Jenna's return.

High School Grades 9-12

Noemi Famador | Math Teacher

Noemi arrived at South Shore Charter from East Boston High School where she taught Algebra, Geometry, Precalculus, and AP Calculus for a number of years. Noemi is a College Board AP Reader for the AP Calculus exam and won the Most Influential Teacher Award given by the United Federation of Fil-Am Educators, Inc. in 2020. Prior to Boston Public Schools, Noemi taught math at the college level at University of Cebu, Cebu City, Philippines and taught math to young women in grades 7, 8, and 9 at the PAREF Woodrose School for Girls in Ayala Alabang Village, Muntinlupa, Philippines. Noemi holds a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics Teaching from Philippine Normal University in Manila and a Masters in Education for Teaching Mathematics from Ateneo de Manila University in Quezon City, Philippines where she was a FAPE Scholar. Noemi has also studied at Fitchburg State University and University of Massachusetts/Boston.

Nabih Saad | French Teacher

Nabih is a published poet and author who has studied French Literature at the Sorbonne in Paris, France. Prior to coming to South Shore Charter, Nabih taught French Language and Literature at Father Joseph Daher school in Hammana, Mount Lebanon. Nabih holds a Bachelor of Philosophy from Lebanese University.

Angeline St. Germain | Guidance Counselor

Angeline comes to South Shore Charter from UP Academy in Boston where she was a Special Education teacher working with students in grades six, seven, and eight. Angeline served as School Counselor Intern at UP Academy while obtaining her Masters in School Counseling from Cambridge College. In addition to her Master of Arts in Education, Angela holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Lesley University.

Kimberley Thompson | High School English

Kim will be teaching American Literature and grade 10 English Honors. Kim arrived at SSCPS from the Belmont Public Schools where she taught high school English. While at Belmont, Kim was a member of the District Curriculum Review Committee, a Professional Learning Team Leader, a Digital Storytelling Grantee, and a member of the METCO Mentoring Program Committee. Kim has taught English at Hanover High School, Episcopal High School in Baton Rouge Louisiana, Georgetown Day School in Washington DC, as well as Loughborough High School and St. Paul's Catholic School, both in Leicestershire England. Kim holds a Bachelor of Arts from Johns Hopkins University, a Master of

Education from Boston College where she served as a Research Assistant for the National Urban League, and a Master of Arts in Mental Health Counseling from University of Massachusetts/Boston.

School Wide

Marlena Liimatainen | Math Intervention Specialist K-8

We are pleased to announce a new Math Interventionist for our K-8 students. Taking on this new position is Marlena Liimatainen. Marlena comes to South Shore Charter from Queen Anne's County Public School Maryland where she taught sixth grade math. Marlena holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Springfield College and a Master of Arts in STEM Education from University of Maryland Baltimore County.

Learning Services

Alyssa Eich | Occupational Therapist K-12

Alyssa comes to South Shore Charter from the Solana Beach School District in Solana Beach, California where she served as a Travel Occupational Therapist. Prior to Solana Beach, Alyssa has served as an Occupational Therapist at Let's Talk Speech and Language Therapy Services in West Bridgewater. Alyssa's experience is extensive; she has worked at South Shore Therapies in Pembroke, Braintree Rehabilitation, At Play OT, Maxim Healthcare, Yuba City Unified School District, Natividad Medical Center, Royal Nursing Center, and Aureus Medical Group in California. Alyssa holds a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Occupational Therapy from Quinnipiac University.

Leisha Bartolo | English Language K-12

Joining the learning services team as our new K-12 EL teacher is Leisha Bartolo. Leisha comes to us from the Ralph Butler Elementary School in Avon where she taught ELL students. Leisha has been a teaching intern at the JFK Elementary School in Holbrook, and a classroom teacher at the First Baptist Christian School in Weymouth. Leisha holds a Bachelor of Science in Integrated Studies from Clarks Summit University and a Masters in Teaching English as a Second Language from Liberty University.

Our school community is pleased to have this wonderful group of educators joining us here at South Shore Charter. Enjoy all of the excitement of the first week of school. We remain grateful for sharing your children with us here at the South Shore Charter Public School.

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Alicia Savage

Executive Director



IMPORTANT REMINDER

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

EARLY RELEASE AT 12PM
LABOR DAY WEEKEND

ANNUAL REPORT AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS

On July 12 the SSCPS Board of Trustees voted on two important documents. The first is [South Shore Charter Public School 2023 Annual Report](#) and the second is the [SSCPS School Improvement Plan](#). Both documents are linked to provide you with an overview of the School's performance last year. These documents help us determine our strengths and areas for growth as we look to the upcoming school year.

SSCPS ATHLETICS

Varsity Soccer

Boys and girls varsity soccer sign-ups/informational meeting/conditioning will take place after school on Wednesday, August 30th from 3:00-5:00. All high school students interested are encouraged to attend. Please bring running shoes and water.

All those participating in SSCPS athletics must complete [Family ID](#) registration in order to begin. Follow the link above, select the sport you will be participating in, and complete the registration.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the appropriate coach.

Matt Goodell, Girls Varsity Soccer Coach, mgoodell@sscps.org

John Oliva, Boys Varsity Soccer Coach, joliva@sscps.org

JP Marcellus, High School Athletic Director, jpmarcellus@sscps.org

FROM THE TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Optional Chromebook Insurance for Families



Application valid for 2023-2024 school year



Protect Your K-12 School-Issued Device

Avoid costly repairs and replacements with comprehensive protection.

South Shore Charter Public School Norwell, MA



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Cracked Screens



Spills & Liquid Submersion



Fire, Flood & Natural Disasters



Power Surge by Lightning



Vandalism



Theft

NOT Covered: Manufacture Defect & Mechanical Failure, Cosmetic Damage, Wear & Tear, and Unexplained Loss.

Device	Coverage	Deductible	Price
Student Chromebook	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$19.00

Policy Term:
8/29/2023-
8/29/2024

Deadline to purchase coverage: October 15, 2023



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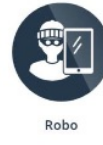
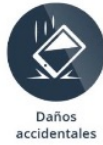
Solicitud válida para el año escolar 2023-2024



Proteja su dispositivo escolar

Evite reparos y reemplazos costosos con una protección completa.

South Shore Charter Public School
Norwell, MA



No se cubre: Defecto del fabricante y falla mecánica, daños cosméticos, desgaste normal, o pérdida inexplicada.

Dispositivo	Cobertura	Deducible	Precio
Student Chromebook	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$19.00

Plazo de la póliza:
8/29/2023-8/29/2024

Fecha límite para comprar cobertura: October 15, 2023



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- Sign-up link for Insurance - <https://gpo.worthavegroup.com/southshorecps>
- SSCPS Chromebook Insurance 2023-24 Handout - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OI75dmYBVTZ-lyWdwCim8Oru7-b_qtmv/view?usp=sharing
- SSCPS is offering a Chromebook Insurance Plan to every student assigned a school-issued device (Grades 3 - 12). This plan covers accidental damage or loss. The cost of the optional coverage plan is \$19 per student device for one school year.

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY



Picture Day is coming on **Monday, September 18 - Tuesday, September 19!**

Picture Day ID: EVT6JJH2T

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

The 2023 Race for Space 5K

REGISTER NOW

THE RACE: WHEN AND WHERE

SEPT
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WOMPATUCK
STATE PARK
204 UNION ST.
HINGHAM, MA

9:00 - 10:30 AM

@sscharterps

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

AN EVENING with INSTRUMENTS

THE INSTRUMENTAL JOURNEY BEGINS

JOIN THE INSTRUMENTAL PROJECT



SEPT 6TH 2023 | 5:00-6:00 PM
100 LONGWATER CIRCLE

4TH-8TH GRADE INSTRUMENT TRY OUT.

STUDENTS WILL SELECT THEIR TOP 3 CHOICES

Please direct all questions to: tleonard@sscps.org

THE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Thursday	08/31	Kindergarten Early Release	12:00pm
Friday	09/01	K-12 Early Release	12:00pm

Monday	09/04	Labor Day – No School	
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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:

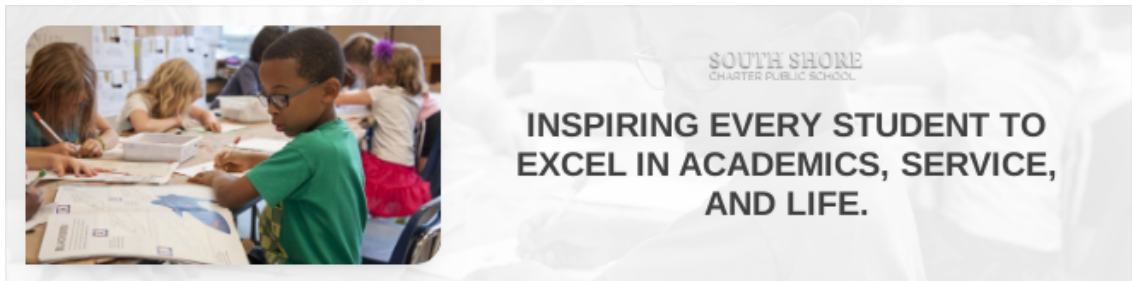
[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

[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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