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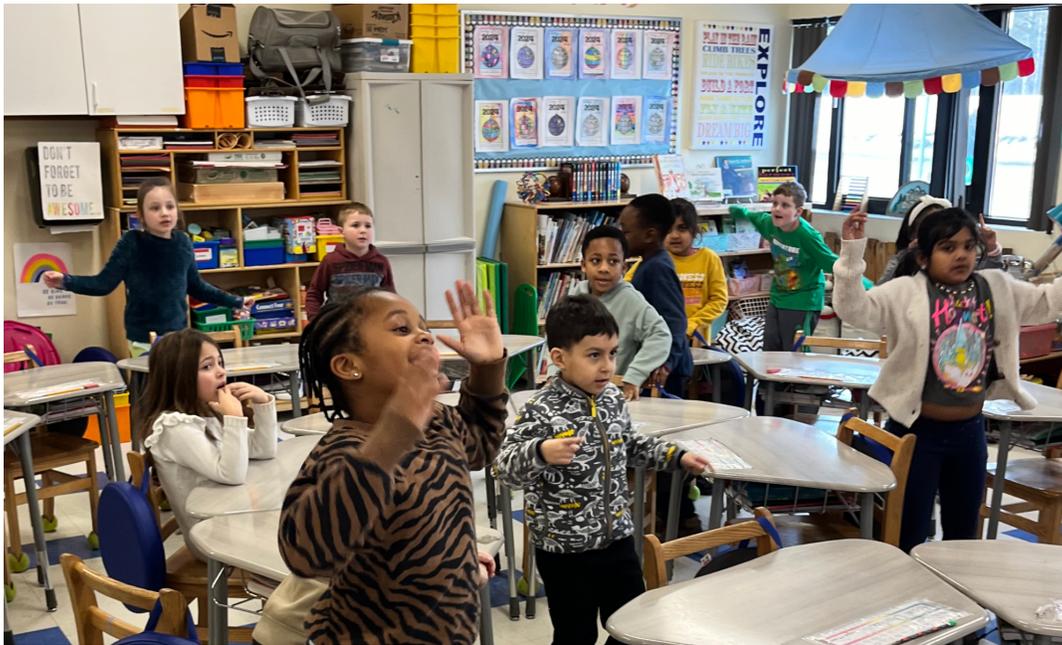
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A Message from Haley

World Language K-12



Students in Level I taking a Spanish brain breaking performance the dance: Emoción.

At SSCPS, we offer a K-12 world language program. Students in our K-8 building all have the opportunity to take Spanish, which meets once a week in the lower levels and meets more frequently as students move from level to level.

Level/Grades	Spanish classes per week
Level 1 & 2 (grades K-4)	1x/week
Level 3 (grades 5 & 6)	4x/week
Level IV (grades 7 & 8)	5x/week

At SSCPS, our elementary Spanish program, beginning in kindergarten, sets us apart from other public schools. We are proud to provide our youngest students with the opportunity to learn a world language at this early stage of development. Giving a child a head-start in today's world by speaking a second language can be beneficial in a number of ways.

- **Cognitive Development:** Young brains are more flexible and adaptable. Learning languages can enhance cognitive abilities, such as problem-solving, critical thinking, and creativity.
- **Long-Term Fluency:** Learning a language takes time, and starting early allows for a longer period of exposure and practice, increasing the likelihood of achieving fluency.

- **Cultural Sensitivity:** Exposure to different languages early on can promote cultural understanding and sensitivity. It helps in developing an appreciation for diversity and fosters open-mindedness.
- **Ease of Pronunciation:** Children tend to pick up accents and pronunciation more effortlessly than adults. Starting early can lead to a more authentic accent and better language fluency.



Level III Spanish teacher, Maria Lappas, presented at this year's American Council of Teaching Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Conference in Chicago. Her presentation focused on differentiation and alternative assessments for heritage language learners.

As a college preparatory high school, we strongly encourage students to complete a four year world language course of studies. Students have the opportunity to continue with Spanish or transition to French. Taking four years of the same language gives students eligibility to test for the Seal of Biliteracy, as well as prepares them for college-level

language courses. The recommendations and requirements from colleges and universities in regards to language varies and should be reviewed by students and families. A list of college and university recommendations and requirements can be found [here](#).

Massachusetts Seal of Biliteracy



In the upcoming weeks, we will begin Seal of Biliteracy testing at the high school for our upperclassman. Since bringing the Massachusetts Seal of Biliteracy program to South Shore Charter Public School in 2020, we have had 21 students achieve this award, despite the setbacks of Covid-19. These students have achieved the Seal in Spanish, French, Portuguese, Haitian-Creole and Arabic. With 4 seniors already qualifying for the Seal this year, we hope to add to this number in February and April with our 2024 testing.

What is the MA Seal of Biliteracy?

The Seal is an opportunity brought to Massachusetts as part of the [LOOK Act](#), awarded to high school graduates who attain a high level of proficiency in English and another language. It helps students recognize the value of their academic success and see the tangible benefits of being bilingual. The Seal certifies that a student is proficient in all modes of a language, such as speaking, listening, reading and writing. Students can be assessed for language proficiency their junior or senior year or case by case as an underclassman. Qualified students will receive a seal on their high school transcript to signify the award along with a certificate of achievement.

What is the purpose of the Seal?

The purposes of the Seal are to:

- Encourage students to study and master languages;
- Certify attainment of biliteracy skills;
- Recognize the value of language diversity;
- Provide employers with a method of identifying people with language and biliteracy skills;
- Provide universities with a method to recognize and give credit to applicants for the attainment of high-level skills in languages;

- Prepare students with skills that will benefit them in the labor market and the global society; and
- Honor the multiple cultures and languages in a community.

Who can achieve the Seal?

Any students at SSCPS can apply and work towards attaining the Seal. The Seal can be awarded for any world language studied at SSCPS or any heritage or native language learned at home. In order to attain the required proficiency level at SSCPS, students should plan to take four consecutive years of the language and will test their junior and/or senior year. Heritage speakers should be prepared to demonstrate proficiency in both spoken and written language and can test as early as freshman year. ELA 10 MCAS scores must also be proficient or advanced to qualify.

Next Steps

If interested in learning more about the Massachusetts Seal of Biliteracy you can visit the [DESE website](#). The Massachusetts Department of Education is working diligently to present to colleges and universities about the Seal. The list of colleges and universities that accept the Seal for college credit continues to grow. Those that currently accept the Seal can be found [here](#). Students who obtain the Seal are encouraged to advocate for credit upon entering their undergraduate degree. Please contact [Haley Edmondson](#), World Language Curriculum Coordinator for questions or interest. Testing will be February 5th-7th and April 23rd-25th.

Sincerely,

Haley Edmondson

K-12 World Language Curriculum Coordinator

Annual Family Survey

The SSCPS Annual Family Survey is a pivotal tool for strategic planning. Over the past four years we have experienced strong family participation in the survey, and we hope to achieve and surpass the high level of engagement this year. We are asking each SSCPS family to participate in the survey by reflecting on the first half of the academic year, as well as your overall SSCPS experience, to give us more insight during the strategic planning process.

Your feedback is invaluable as we strive for continuous improvement and work to provide the best possible educational experience for our students. Your input contributes significantly to maintaining a positive school culture and enriching student life, which are top priorities for our school. In addition to the strategic plan, data collected will be reviewed by the SSCPS Board of Trustees during the July meeting. During this meeting, the Board

will assess key measures defining student achievement, institutional strength, and areas of growth. It is in this way that survey data collected will not only inform day-to-day enhancements, but will also play a crucial role in institutional planning for the future.

To ensure we capture diverse perspectives, we request the participation of every SSCPS family by Friday, March 1, 2024. Below please find links to the SSCPS 2024 Annual Family Survey. The survey should take approximately 15 minutes. We greatly appreciate your participation and commitment to the South Shore Charter Public School.

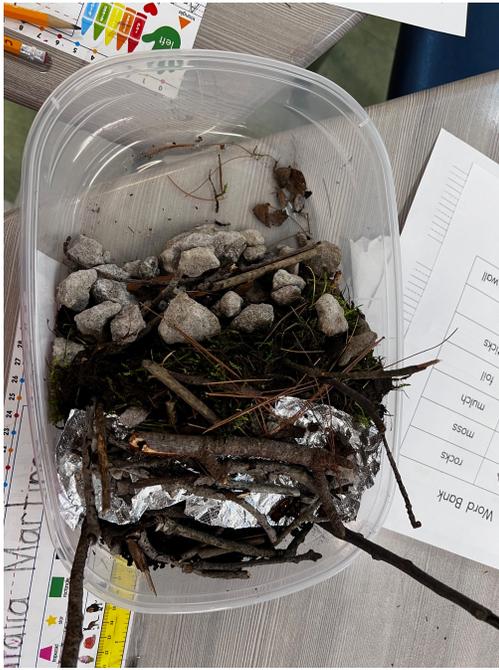
SSCPS 2024 Annual Family Survey

On the Levels

Level I

Cindy Clark's second grade class learns about erosion and students investigated the effectiveness of solutions designed to slow or prevent water erosion. Students used moss, sticks, rocks, and foil to design their solution. Their designs were then tested with water.





Athletics and Extracurricular Activities

Come cheer on the Jaguars at their upcoming games:

Wednesday | January 24, 2024

Varsity Girls Basketball v. Holbrook (Away) @5:00 @Holbrook

Varsity Boys Basketball v. Holbrook (Away) @6:30 @Holbrook

Friday | January 26, 2024

Boys Middle School Basketball v. Codman (Away) 4:00 pm @Perkins Community Center

#GoJaguars 🐾🐾

Afterschool Enrichment Program - Session II

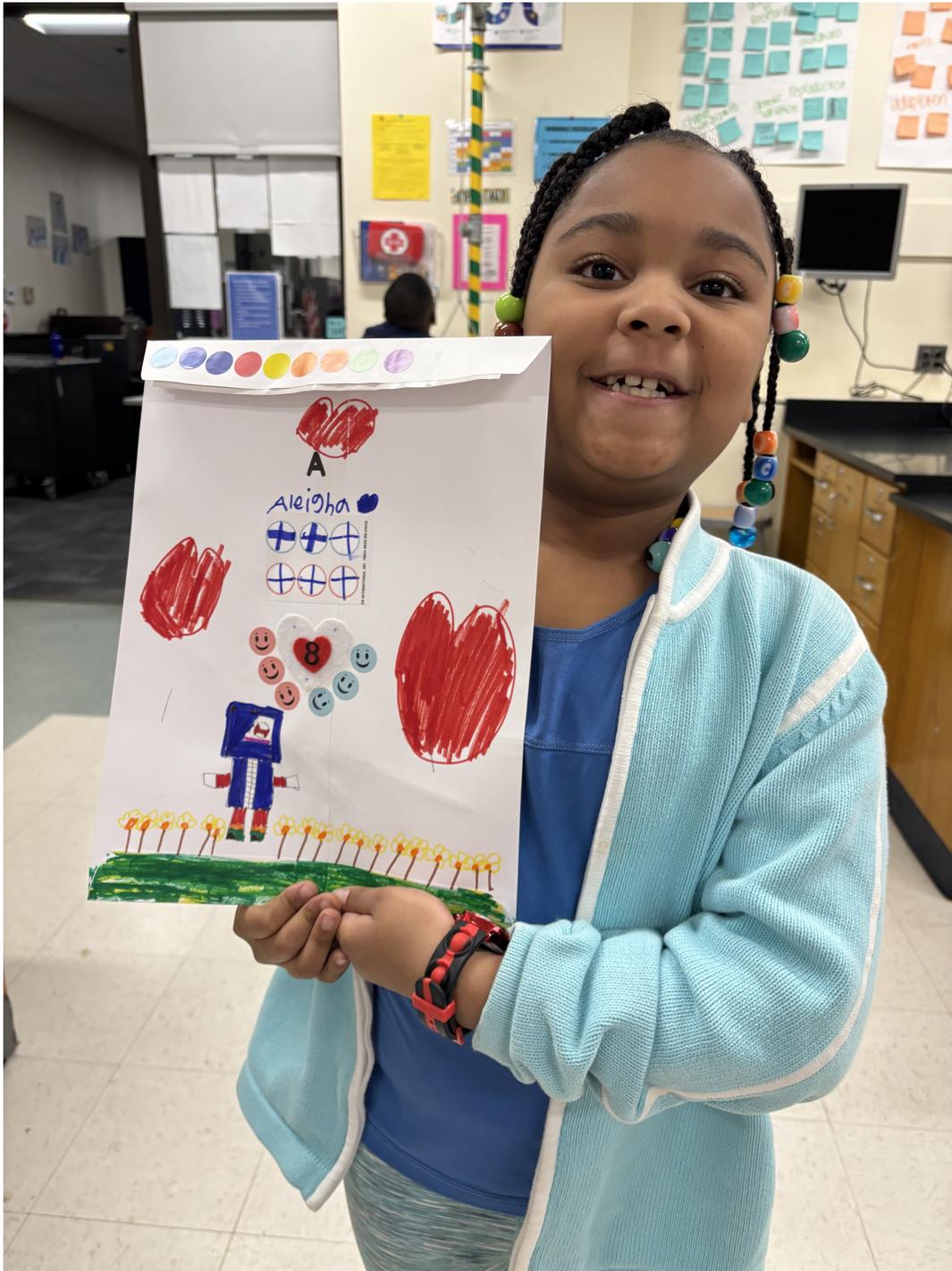
Levels II and III

Crafty Chemist Club





Students decorated their science folders that all of their future prototypes, crafts, and mini lab reports will go into!



Clay and Mixed Media Club





SSCPS AFTERSCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



SESSION 2
JANUARY 22 – MARCH 8, 2024

GRADES 3-6
MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY
TIME: 3:15 - 4:15 PM

MONDAY

- SPORTS AND PLAYTIME CLUB
- CRAFTY CHEMISTS CLUB
- CLAY AND MIXED-MEDIA
- SCRAPBOOKING
- THEATRE CLUB



WEDNESDAY

- THEATRE CLUB
- WEB WARRIORS: CODING AND LOGIC GAMES CLUB
- SPORTS AND PLAYTIME CLUB
- PAINTING PIONEERS CLUB
- CHEMICAL CREATIONS CLUB
- CREATIVE CHRONICLES BOOK CLUB



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What's New in Projects and Workshops

Technology Integration Workshop



The Technology Integration Workshop creates and codes online games, and students are able to play real arcade games with the same functionality as the code they generated. They had a field trip to Ryan Amusement Park in Hanover Crossing last week. This field trip was also their semester-ending celebration.





High School: School Store Workshop

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

[SSCPS SCHOOL APPAREL](#)

Community Service

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](#)

Upcoming Events

Strategic Planning Family Focus Groups

Save the Date!

Location	Date
Brockton Public Library Main Street	February 6, 2024 6:00 pm
Brockton Library West Library	February 15, 2024 6:00 pm
Tufts Library Weymouth	February 27, 2024 6:00 pm
Randolph Library	February 28, 2024 6:00 pm
Thomas Crane Public Library Quincy	February 29, 2024 6:00 pm
Zoom (2)	February 26, 2024 6:30 pm March 1, 2024 12:30 pm
South Shore Charter Public School 700 Longwater Drive, Norwell	January 30, 2024 8:30 am February 1, 2024 6:00 pm

Do you know someone who should register for Talk To Us Tuesday?

Share with a friend who wants to become a part of the SSCPS community by taking part in our campus tours starting next month.

Visit us for our upcoming "Talk To Us Tuesday" tours to explore the Norwell campus, meet students and teachers, and learn about our unique educational model!

Tours will be 15 minutes long in time slots from 9:00-10:00am, and will be held on the following dates:

- Tuesday, January 9
- Tuesday, January 16
- Tuesday, February 6
- Tuesday, February 13

Click the registration links below to sign up!

[K-8 SIGN-UP](#)

[9-12 SIGN-UP](#)



NORWELL COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

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700 LONGWATER DRIVE, NORWELL MA 02061

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH, 2024,
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

PLEASE CALL 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) OR VISIT REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG AND ENTER NORWELL TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

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Grades 1-4 Movie Night!

"The Super Mario Bros. Movie"
We would appreciate any donations of toys, toiletries, school supplies, etc. to support our fundraiser!

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP: 3/1 (OR WHEN 150 STUDENT LIMIT REACHED)

PRICE
\$10.00 per child
(ONLY Grades 1-4,
NO OLDER SIBLINGS)
Snacks and Drinks provided

Note: Permission Slips MUST include payment when returned to school

Date:
March 8, 2024; (12pm to 3pm)

Contact NHS Advisor, Katie Cianelli
w/ Any Questions
kcianelli@sscps.org



The NHS would like to invite you to our showing of 'The Super Mario Bros Movie' on March 8. We are raising money for St. Mary's Women and Children's Home in Boston. The event is reserved for Grades 1-4 and the cost is \$10 per student.

Parents Association and SEPAC

SSCPS SEPAC

Family Movie Day

Kung Fu Panda 4 at The Cameo in South Weymouth



Sunday March 10th

Doors open at 10:30am, movie starts at 11am

Ticket information coming soon

ALL ARE WELCOME Made With Flyerwiz.app

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:

February

Week of 2/5 - Fold/pic

2/13 - Donate

April

Week of 4/1 - Fold/pic

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.

From the Health Office**Cold Weather Reminder**

Dear Parents,

This is just a friendly reminder that students need to come to school properly dressed for the weather. As the weather gets colder, students need to have on warm clothes and a proper winter jacket. Despite the cold weather students can go outside for lunch. There are also scheduled and unscheduled fire drills. All students will need to be outside until the fire department allows all back into the building. Please inform the Health Office if your child is in need of a coat.

Special School Announcements**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](#).

From the Foundation

SUPPORTING SSCPS The Annual Fund



**JANUARY
FUNDRAISING
PROJECTS &
WORKSHOPS**

During the month of January, the South Shore Charter Educational Foundation will be **raising funds toward the Projects and Workshops at SSCPS**. We invite you once again to support our students and staff by investing in our unique educational model. Your contribution, no matter the size, propels us closer to our goal and ensures that these crucial teaching programs continue to flourish at SSCPS.

DONATE TODAY!

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday	01/24	Midyear Exams for Grades 7-12	
Wednesday	01/24	High School Mock Trial to Hingham Courthouse	12:30-4:30pm
Thursday	01/25	Midyear Exams for Grades 7-12	
Friday	01/26	Midyear Exams for Grades 7-12	
Tuesday	01/30	Strategic Plan Family Focus Group - 700 Longwater Drive	8:30am
Wednesday	01/31	Executive Committee Meeting - 100 Longwater Circle	9:00am
Wednesday	01/31	High School Mock Trial to Hingham Courthouse	12:30-4:30pm
Thursday	02/01	Strategic Plan Family Focus Group – 700 Longwater Drive	6:00pm
Friday	02/02	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm

Community Events

- [PYD Inclusive Music Program](#)
- [Holly Hill Farm - Winter 2024 Educational Enrichment Sessions](#)

Important Links

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

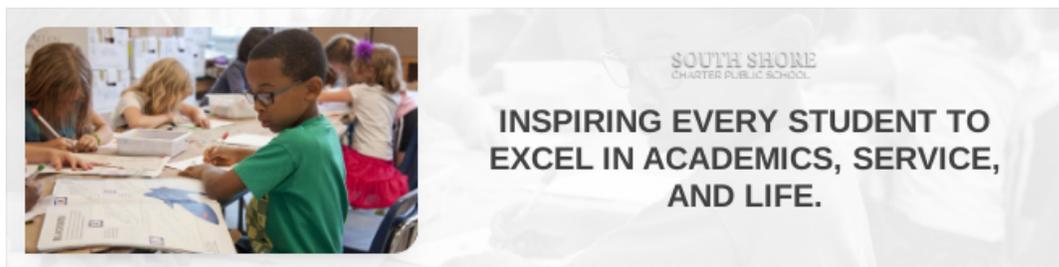
- [Afterschool Enrichment Program](#)
- DESE Student Attendance Letter Translated: [Arabic](#), [Cape Verdean Creole](#), [Chinese](#), [Haitian Creole](#), [Portuguese](#), [Spanish](#), [Vietnamese](#)
- [Back-to-School Information](#)
- [Food Services](#)
- [Health Office](#)
- [Massachusetts Department 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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