



## Weekly Update | January 31, 2024

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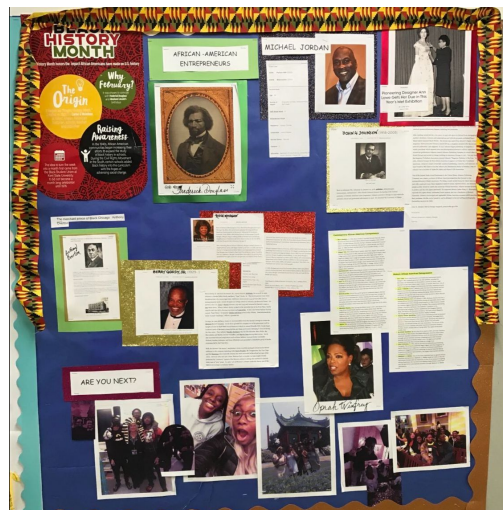
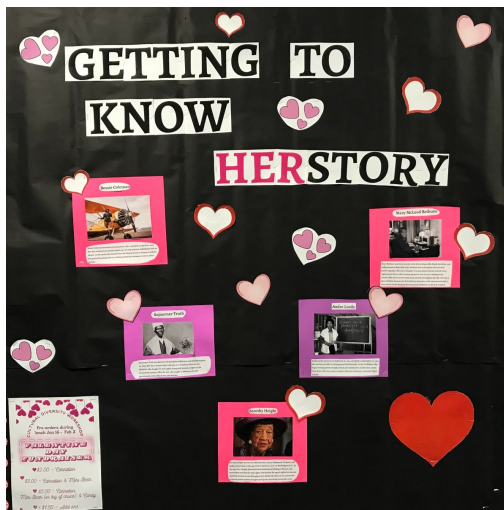
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### A Message from Alicia



Tomorrow will usher in days of celebration and history as Black History Month begins. The month of February is when our school community celebrates the profound contributions of African Americans. Hallways and classroom walls throughout our campus pay tribute to individuals and achievements; contributions that have left indelible marks throughout the history of the United States and the world.

Each year we look to Black History Month as days dedicated to honoring the past and to the recognition that the struggle for equality and civil rights continues. The lessons inherent to this commemoration serve as a vital educational opportunity for students in grades K-12, fostering a profound understanding of the history and experiences of African Americans. It is this understanding that our children use as the tool to build a world free from racism and prejudice.





Students from the BSU work on the HBCU bulletin board

South Shore Charter students lead by example. Once again students in the Multicultural Workshop and the Black Student Union have ensured that the hallways at 700 Longwater shine radiantly with inspiration. One billboard display draws insight taken from the

Langston Hughes poem [Dreams](#). Hughes, an author and poet of the Harlem Renaissance, wrote of the power of dreams and hope that exists from within — human universals that speak to all of us.



Students in the Multicultural Workshop ready to update a bulletin board

It is no wonder our students were inclined to highlight the significance of this poem. First read while they were on Levels I and II, there is a new perspective to the poem that comes with time. Growing from childhood to adolescence, teenagers understand the power of aspirations. Who better understands the importance of *holding fast* to that which lives within you? Who more fully understands the pressures of overbearing conformity? Who more competently understands the pain of negative messages that left unchecked pull away hope and achievement? And who more effectively realizes that the path towards a more equitable and just society comes to life first within growing outward with time. Our students have looked through the lens of Langston Hughes' poetry and found recognition of their own resilience, creativity, and enduring spirit.



Here at South Shore Charter, Black History Month is about that enduring spirit. We celebrate with multiple learning opportunities in grades K-12. Students in AP African American History will be sharing historical facts with the high school community throughout the month. Celebrations on our calendar include some impressive Black Student Union (BSU) events. The BSU will be hosting a historical wax museum for students on the lower levels on February 7; and the BSU Read Aloud Week beginning February 12 when high school students will cross our campus to classrooms on the lower level and share multicultural literature with our younger students. We are pleased to invite all SSCPS families to celebrate at African Diaspora Night on March 7, 2024. We know we are at our best when we are together.

Thank you for being a part of our school community.

Sincerely,

**Alicia Savage**

Executive Director

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# IMPORTANT REMINDER

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd

EARLY RELEASE AT 12  
Professional Development Day

## Strategic Planning Update

Thank you to all who participated in our first Family Focus Group yesterday morning! It was wonderful to see so many of our families ready to help as we chart our course over the next five years. Special thanks to our Strategic Plan Focus Group leaders, Ann Mantil, Rachel Brodeur, and Jennifer DiBara Crandell, for leading yesterday's wonderful group.

Our next Family Focus Group will be tomorrow evening at 6:00. We welcome all who are able to attend. Although preregistration is not necessary, it will help our planning. Registration for Focus Groups 2 and 3 is below.

Focus Group	Location	Date
Focus Group 2	South Shore Charter Public School 700 Longwater Drive	Thursday, February 1, 2024 6:00 pm
Focus Group 3	Tufts Library   Weymouth	Tuesday, February 27, 2024 6:00 pm
Focus Group 4	Main Library   Brockton Public Library	Monday, February 26, 2024 6:00 pm
Focus Group 5	Turner Free Library   Randolph	Wednesday, February 28, 2024 6:00 pm
Focus Group 6	Thomas Crane Public Library   Quincy	Thursday, February 29, 2024 6:00 pm
Focus Group 7/ <i>Kreyòl Ayisyen</i>	Virtual via Zoom	Tuesday, March 12, 2024 6:00 pm
Focus Group 8	Virtual via Zoom	Friday, March 1, 2024 12:30 pm

## FOCUS GROUPS 2 & 3 REGISTRATION

### 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



## Black History Month



Black History Month is a vital celebration for our school community. This month-long observance allows us to delve into the depth of Black history, culture, and achievements, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation among our students, families and staff. It serves as a powerful reminder of the resilience, creativity, and enduring spirit of a large part of our community, and their pivotal role in shaping our history. By celebrating Black History Month, we are not only educating our students about an integral part of history but also reinforcing our commitment to inclusivity, equity, and respect for all cultures. This celebration aids in building a more empathetic, informed, and united school community, where every individual's heritage and story is valued and recognized.

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# Celebrating BLACK HISTORY MONTH

<p>FEB <b>1</b> THUR</p>	<p><b>6 pm:</b> Free</p> <p><b>Tufts Library</b> Movie Night: Celebrate iconic black musicians and their impact on music and culture. <a href="#">Event Link</a> 46 Broad St. Weymouth, Ma 02188</p>
<p>FEB <b>3</b> SAT</p>	<p><b>6 pm:</b> Free</p> <p><b>Black Art Expo: The Soul of the Matter</b> <a href="#">Event Link</a> 8 Trescott Street, Taunton, Ma 02780</p>
<p>FEB <b>10</b> SAT</p>	<p><b>10 pm:</b> Free</p> <p><b>Black History Month Black Business Pop-Up - Harvard Square</b> <a href="#">Event Link</a> 1 Brattle Square 3 Cambridge, MA 02138</p>
<p>FEB <b>16</b> FRI</p>	<p><b>5 pm:</b> Free (for residents)</p> <p><b>Black History Trivia</b> 128 Pleasant St. Randolph, Ma 02368 <a href="#">Registration Link</a></p>
<p>FEB <b>16</b> FRI</p>	<p><b>8 pm:</b> (\$17/person)</p> <p><b>Boston Conservatory Orchestra: Celebrating Black History Month - Featuring Anita Hill</b> <a href="#">Event Link</a> Symphony Hall 301 Mass. Ave., Boston, Ma</p>
<p>FEB <b>24</b> SAT</p>	<p><b>11 am:</b> (Paid Admission)</p> <p><b>Shaws Celebrates Black History Month with MAGIC 106.7!</b> Family Fun Celebration. <a href="#">Event Link</a> 641 Belmont Street in West Brockton</p>
<p>MARCH <b>7</b> THUR</p>	<p><b>6 pm:</b> (Free admission for students and families)</p> <p><b>Special Event March 7th SSCPS: African Diaspora Night!</b> 100 Longwater Dr. Norwell, Ma 02061</p>

## From the Physical Education Department

**SAVE THE DATE!**



**The Kids Heart Challenge is coming to South Shore Charter Public School!**

**Event Week: February 12-16**

Each year, the Physical Education Department partners with the American Heart Association to participate in the Kids Heart Challenge. During this week, all students K-4 will be participating by joining in heart health discussions and engaging in fun games and activities during their Phys. Ed. classes.

The Kids Heart Challenge provides a great opportunity to deliver heart healthy focused lessons while raising funds for the American Heart Association and our Physical Education department.

Visit <http://www2.heart.org/goto/SouthShoreCharterPublicSchool> to get started!

## Athletics and Extracurricular Activities

**Come cheer on the Jaguars at their upcoming games:**

**Wednesday | January 31, 2024**

MS Basketball vs. Brooke Mattapan (Home) 3:30 pm @Starland Sportsplex & Fun Park

**Friday | February 2, 2024**

Varsity Boys Basketball vs Boston Prep (Home) 3:30 @Starland Sportsplex & Fun Park

Varsity Girls Basketball vs Boston Prep (Home) 3:30 @Starland Sportsplex & Fun Park

**#GoJaguars** 🐾🐾

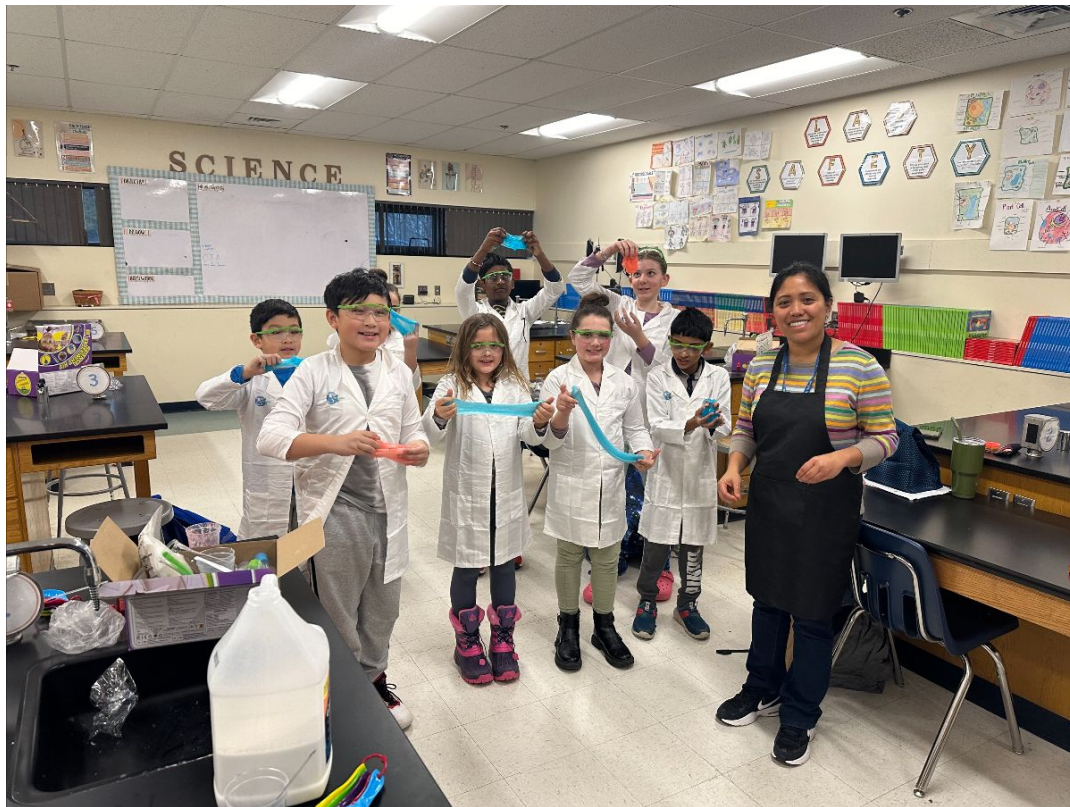
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**Afterschool Enrichment Program - Session II**

*Levels II and III***Painting Pioneers Club**

In week 1 of Painting Pioneers, we welcomed nine young artists to a fun and encouraging environment full of creative minds who are eager to make masterpieces! Each artist set a S.M.A.R.T. goal for one painting skill they would like to improve upon during this session. With the help of their instructor, Sarah and two highly skilled high school assistants from the art workshop, there is nothing stopping these young artists from bringing their creative aspirations to full fruition!

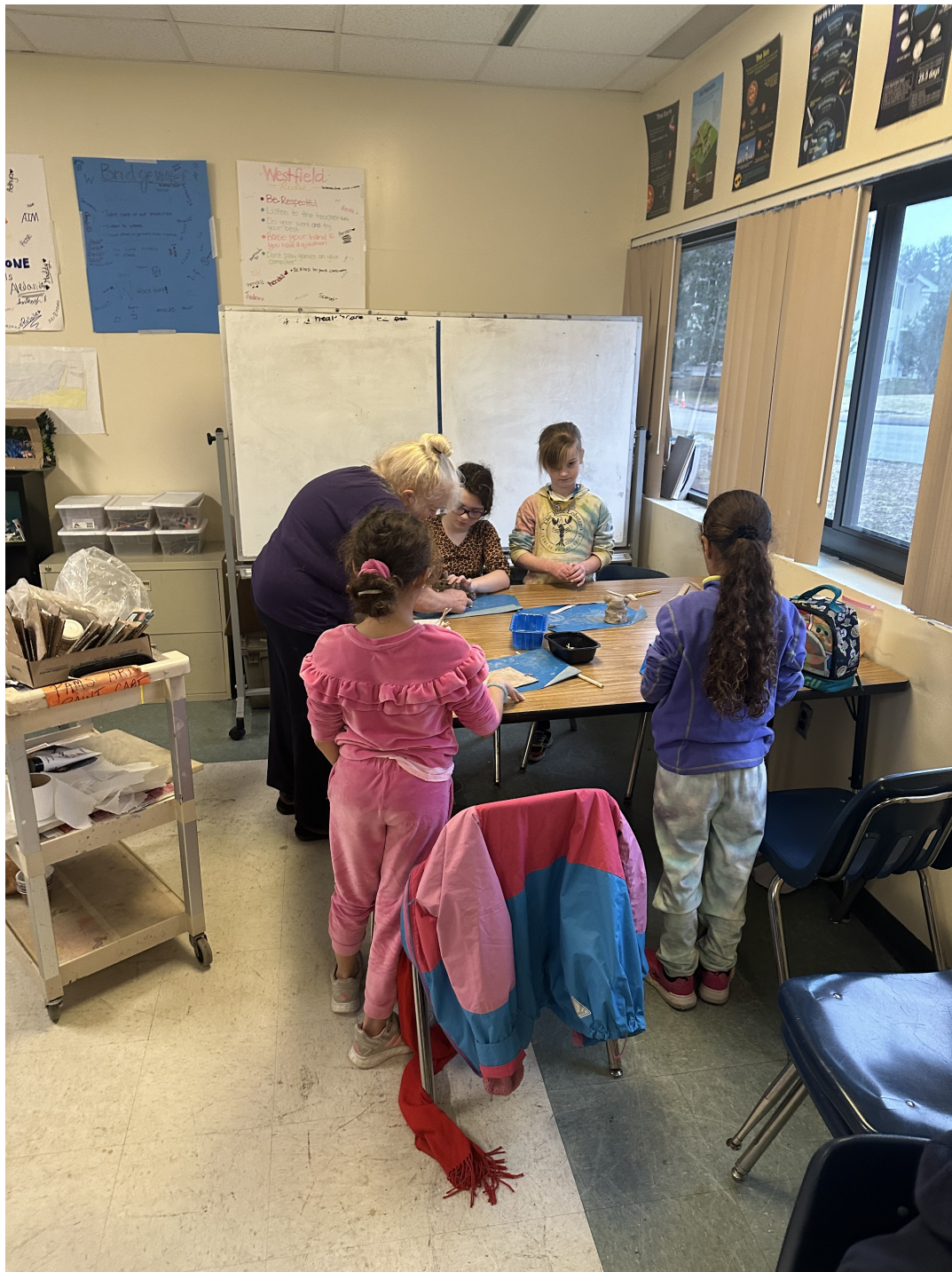
**Chemicals Creations**

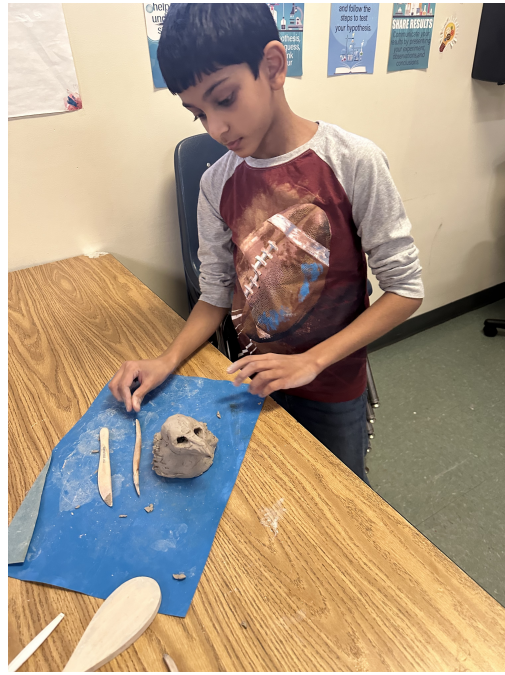


During their first session, students were given a lab kit containing a lab coat, goggles, and other items required for the class. Students created colorful slime by kneading and sculpting with their hands.



### Clay and Mixed Media Club







### Scrapbooking 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



**CONTACT NADEEN SULLIVAN PHONE: 781-982-4202 EXT. 356**  
**EMAIL: NSULLIVAN@SSCPS.ORG**

## 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

### 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

### TONIGHT: FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

There will be a virtual Financial Aid Night on Wednesday, Jan 31st from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

The event will be hosted by Laura Biechier, Bridgewater State University Assistant Vice President of Student Financial Assistance and Enrollment. There have been some major changes to the FAFSA this year, including moving the date from Oct 1st to Dec 31st and having fewer questions. As with any major change to college admissions and financial aid, there are many questions and Laura will be available to answer them. She will also go over

the financial aid awarding process as well as the different types of financial aid. The Zoom link is here: [Financial Aid Zoom Link](#)

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## SSCPS ADMISSIONS

**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.**

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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](#)**

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**NORWELL COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

**SPONSORED BY SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
 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  
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Did you know that currently, it is National Blood Donor Month? It's a time to honor blood donors all over as well as a time to spread awareness and donate blood yourself. And although it is Blood Donor month, blood donations are the lowest they've been in the last 20 years. Hospitals are severely in shortage of blood products, and patients that desperately need blood aren't getting any due to the shortage. Good news, you can help with this problem! **SSCPS High School is hosting a Blood Drive on February 12th, from 11AM to 4PM!** By just signing up at [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org) and searching using zip code 02061, you can sign up to donate blood, and help save lives. Students 16+ can also donate blood with parental consent, and they will also gain volunteer credit for doing so. For inquiries, please contact Maheen ([mchowdh101@student.sscps.org](mailto:mchowdh101@student.sscps.org)) or Katie ([kcianelli@sscps.org](mailto:kcianelli@sscps.org)). With just a little time, you can help save lives in dire need of help.



NHS PRESENTS



# 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, SEPAC, and ELPAC**

# *SSCPS SEPAC* **Family Movie Day**

**Kung Fu Panda 4 at The Cameo in South Weymouth**



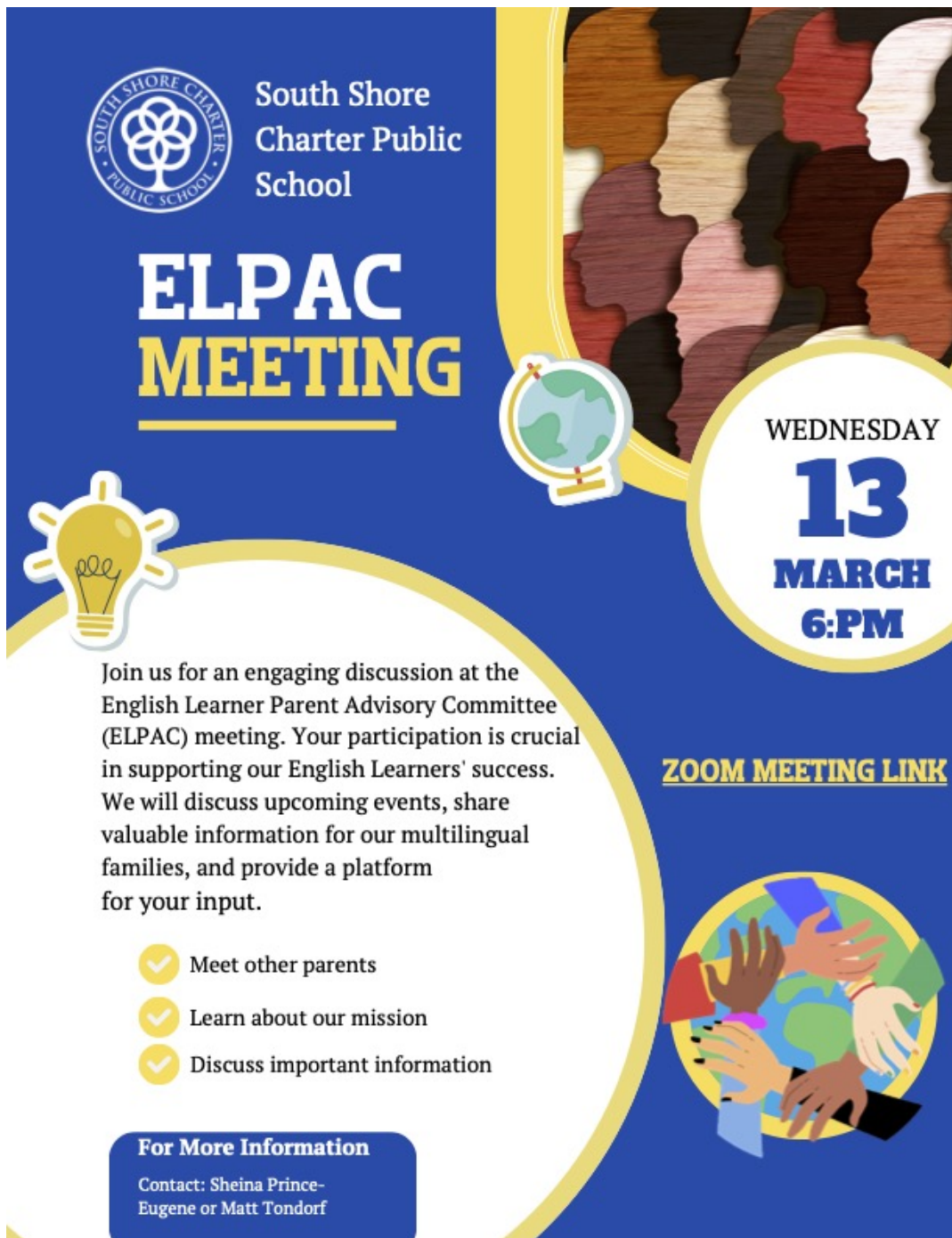
## **Sunday March 10th**

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

Ticket information coming soon

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

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# ELPAC MEETING

**WEDNESDAY  
13  
MARCH  
6:PM**

**ZOOM MEETING LINK**

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.

- ✓ Meet other parents
- ✓ Learn about our mission
- ✓ Discuss important information

**For More Information**  
Contact: Sheina Prince-Eugene or Matt Tondorf

## 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](https://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	01/31	High School Mock Trial to Hingham Courthouse	12:30-4:30pm
Wednesday	01/31	Senior Parent Financial Aid Meeting via <a href="#">Zoom</a>	6:00pm
Thursday	02/01	Strategic Plan Family Focus Group – 700 Longwater Drive	6:00pm
Friday	02/02	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Saturday	02/03	Middle School Bridge Building Competition at Wentworth	
Tuesday	02/06	Enrollment Event Talk to Us Tuesday by Registration	9:00-10:00am
Tuesday	02/06	Strategic Plan Committee Meeting	10:30am
Tuesday	02/06	Level IV Healthy You Project to Gillette	
Wednesday	02/07	School Council Meeting via Zoom	6:30pm

## Community Events

- [PYD Inclusive Music Program](#)
- [Holly Hill Farm - Winter 2024 Educational Enrichment Sessions](#)
- [Black History Month - Community Events](#)
- [Lunar New Year - Community Events](#)

## Important Links

**Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website [www.sscps.org](http://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](mailto:palgera@sscps.org) to submit SSCPS items for publication.



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