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**A Message from Alicia**

The end of the school year is upon us all here at South Shore Charter. This will be the final Weekly Update of what has turned out to be a phenomenal year. The long days filled with extra daylight and warm weather allow us to shed classroom routine and make way for field days, adventurous competitions, and award ceremonies. We are thrilled to be able to celebrate all our students have accomplished together.

Student achievement has been showcased through many noteworthy events. Students in grades K-12 showcased their brilliant work at the second annual Art Show in May. In addition to classroom Exhibitions of Mastery, the Spring Concerts were an outstanding display of student talent. Once again we are reminded of how fortunate we are to have an extensive music program. Last week eighth grade students worked hard to bring the Civics Action Project Showcase to our school community, and seniors displayed their Senior Project Presentations together at the high school.





Not enough can be said about the wonderful Class of 2024. The Class of 2024 was honored at their Commencement on Friday, June 7, 2024 at the Campus Center at University of Massachusetts, Boston. The students in this year's graduating class have impressive accomplishments. This year, 13 seniors were inducted into the Fraternity of Thirteen, a prestigious recognition for students who have been attending South Shore Charter since kindergarten. Twenty-four graduating seniors are members of the National Honor Society. Seventeen graduates were awarded eligibility for the John and Abigail Adams Merit Scholarship. Scholarship awards were presented to Aditi Suryawanshi for Highest GPA, Amogh Athimamula for the Citizenship award, Naimah Fernandes for the Leadership in Workshop award, and Lehna Belony for the Mentorship award. Six students earned the Seal of Biliteracy; Benjamin Myrtil, Jordan Alexandre, Amogh Athimamula, Cecilia Medina, Aditi Suryawanshi, and Samuel-Henrique Santana. Jordan Alexandre was awarded the Jacquelyn Marie Block Memorial Scholarship, Amogh Athimamula was awarded the Joanne F. Harrington Memorial Scholarship, and Ciara Mullane and Jordan Alexandre were awarded the Karen Alice Yelin Scholarship. Jordan Alexandre was recognized for being named a National Merit Scholarship Winner — the highest National Merit Scholarship recognition.





The Class of 2024 is truly exceptional. This year the class presented a Senior Class Gift: a one thousand dollar scholarship for the Class of 2025 as a way of giving back to the school

community. As you may remember, seniors on the Student Board brought the Spring Fair to our school community last April. Students voted to designate funds raised from the fair to institute a scholarship for upcoming graduating classes. Their generosity knows no bounds. Another highlight of the evening was the student speakers. This year eight students addressed the audience: Jordan Alexandre, Amogh Athimamula, Brianna Belizaire, Ethan Lee, Samuel Oji, Sawhah Osman, Mikaylah Pamphile, and Samuel-Henrique Santana. A video of the graduation ceremony in its entirety may be found linked below. Congratulations to the Class of 2024.

### SSCPS Commencement Exercises 2024





There have been so many wonderful happenings throughout the year. This school year has been a time of institutional reflection. We are pleased to report that the SSCPS Strategic Plan 2025-2029 is complete. The Strategic Planning Committee has been actively engaged in mapping what our school will accomplish over the next five years. Nine meetings have been held throughout the year during which the committee members discussed institutional goals and the School's mission. Planning included focus group protocols, best practices to obtain meaningful data, and compiling data from multiple stakeholders. This comprehensive approach helped to create a better understanding of the school's current and future needs. The insights and key themes identified through these efforts were used to inform the goals and action steps of the strategic plan.

I would like to thank all family members, faculty, staff, and students who participated in focus groups this year. We have successfully completed all 28 focus groups, which has given our school community a chance to share their ideas. The first eleven strategic planning focus groups were conducted and attended by faculty and staff on January 12, 2024. By utilizing the expertise of our faculty and staff, the goal was to develop programs and student experiences that reflect the collective wisdom of our teachers, school administrators, and staff. The Family Focus Groups were held on campus, via Zoom, and at libraries in our largest sending districts: the Brockton Public Library, the Tufts Library in Weymouth, and the Turner Library in Randolph. All sessions were well-attended. There have been three Zoom sessions, one of which was conducted in Haitian Creole. Student focus groups were conducted in March. The Strategic Planning Committee has analyzed all focus group data, including feedback from families and students, to identify trends.

The goal of the focus group sessions was to collect detailed feedback and perspectives from stakeholders regarding their experiences, identifying both strengths and areas for growth. The emphasis was on gathering specific examples, stories, and experiences that will help inform next steps. The insights and feedback gathered from these sessions was used to shape goals, objectives, and strategies for the new strategic plan when the Strategic Planning Committee reconvened in April and May to write the first draft of the plan. We are excited to share the final Strategic Plan with our school community today.

### South Shore Charter Strategic Plan 2025-2029

One significant discovery the Strategic Planning Committee uncovered during the all focus groups was that the focus groups were well received and successful for building a sense of community. Participants welcomed the opportunity to share their experiences and areas of expertise. Moving forward, we would like to be able to offer focus groups next year to provide stakeholders with the opportunity to gather as a community and have informed, productive, and face forward discussions about our school and how we can continue to shape education throughout the South Shore together.

A tremendous thank you to all members of the Strategic Planning Committee:

Ann Mantil, Parent and Co-Chair  
Alisha Uhlenbrock-Furst, Parent and Trustee  
AuJané Stewart, Level II Teacher  
Dawn Whitney, Parent  
Donika Darabus, Mathematics Curriculum Coordinator  
Haley Edmondson, World Languages Curriculum Coordinator  
Jamie Allen, Science Curriculum Coordinator  
Jennifer DiBara Crandell, Parent  
Katie Cianelli, High School Teacher and Faculty Trustee  
Kerri Doble, Procurement Manager  
Kristine Bingham, Director of Finance and Human Resources  
Mary Carter, Director of Guidance  
Melissa Freitas, Level I Teacher  
Michelle Gallagher, Special Education Administrator  
Pamela Algera, Director of Admissions  
Rachel Brodeur, Parent  
Rowena Samuels, High School Science Teacher and Parent

Sheina Prince-Eugene, Reading Teacher and Civil Rights Coordinator

Wayne Heuer, Director of Facilities

Members of the committee worked tirelessly to ensure that all voices were heard and that the South Shore Charter Public School Strategic Plan will provide an important roadmap as we embark upon the next five years.

Much of what happens here at South Shore Charter happens behind the scenes. This year the Board of Trustees worked especially hard in support of our school community. Special thanks to Natacha Webster Julien for spearheading Multicultural Food Night, to Tiffany Brown Grier for assisting our students as they planned for the Spring Fair, to Board Chair, Jimmy Juste and Kathleen Sullivan for assisting with Teacher Contract Negotiations, to Kathleen Sullivan for her work on the Board By-Laws, and to Alisha Uhlenbrock-Furst for her work on the Strategic Plan and the Parents Association. We are grateful for the ongoing commitment from all Board members.

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The end of the school year is also a time of transition. I would like to thank our trustees who are stepping off the Board at the end of this month. Special thanks to Vincent Walsh (Vice Chair), Kiki Fluhr (Trustee), Katie Walsh (Faculty Representative), and Raeven Charles (Student Representative) for their years of service to the South Shore Charter Public School Board of Trustees.

There are three members of our faculty who will be ending this phase of their lives to embark upon another.



**Alicia Scafidi, School Adjustment Counselor**

Not enough can be said about the impact Alicia has had on our school community. Since joining our school in 2004, Alicia has been a glowing light for our students in need of a friendly face and a kind word. Alicia has grown our student support services into the program it is today. She leaves South Shore Charter after twenty years of making children's lives better.



**William Tramontana, Learning Services Teacher**

Bill has been with South Shore Charter since 2007 - serving in multiple roles as a substitute teacher, a paraprofessional, even a kindergarten science teacher until ultimately becoming a Learning Services teacher. In each role he did what it took to foster learning for every student who needed him. Bill's work with our students has been far reaching.

**Hanora Broderick, English Teacher and Curriculum Coordinator**

Nora has been teaching at South Shore Charter since 2004. Nora has graciously taken on multiple leadership roles as a Level I coordinator, an assistant principal, a curriculum coordinator, and school librarian. As a classroom teacher on Level I, Nora's Poetry Project brought joy and a love of language to all. As a high school English teacher, Nora supported her students' love of poetry through the Poetry Out Loud competition. Her compassion, high standards, and ability to meet each student where they are allowed for a love of literature and the beauty of the written word to take hold.

We thank these three amazing educators for their time and commitment to the students of the South Shore Charter Public School. Every day they represented the best of the South Shore Charter Public School. Each has been a gift to our school community and we wish them all the best as they head out on their next venture.

To all of our families and friends of South Shore Charter, my sincere thank you for being an integral part of our school community. It has been a privilege working with your children and we look forward to continuing that work in the fall. Until we are all together again, have a relaxing summer and enjoy this time with family and friends.

**Alicia Savage**

Executive Director

# SSCPS Class of 2024 Graduation Photos









# IMPORTANT REMINDER

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**FRIDAY, JUNE 14th**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 17th**

**EARLY DISMISSALS**

From the Health Office

## Health Office Update

Medication pick up will start on Thursday, June 13th during dismissal, then will be on Friday, June 14th and Monday, June 17th at drop off and dismissal.

If your student is in grades 1 & 2, pick up will start for them on Friday, June 14th at dismissal (due to field day on Friday).

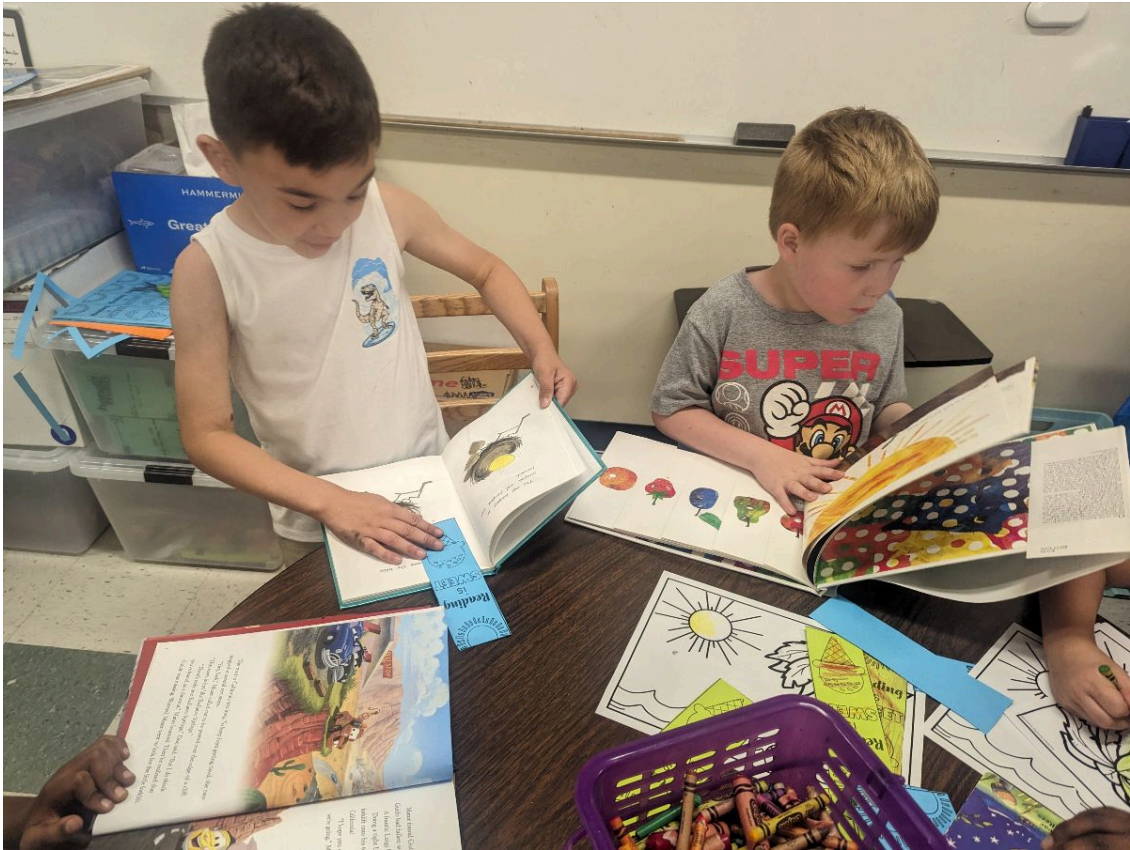
A parent must pick up all medication, it can not be sent home on the bus with students. Any medication not picked up will be properly disposed of at the end of the year.

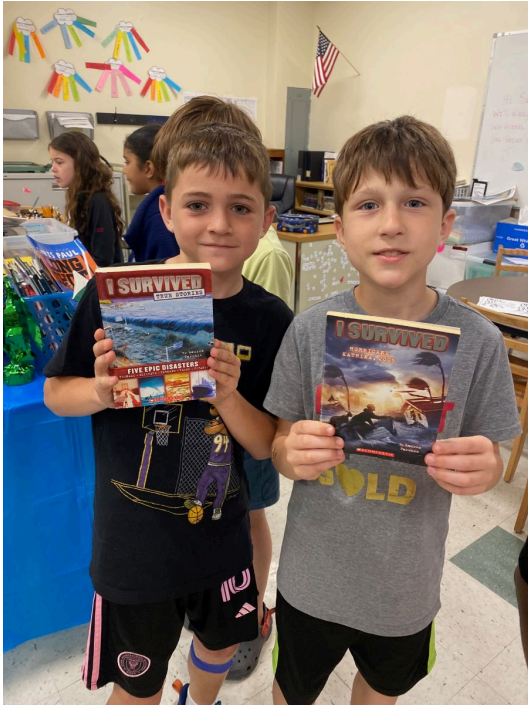
If you are not able to pick up medication during the above mentioned times, please reach out to me at [jkjelgaard@sscps.org](mailto:jkjelgaard@sscps.org) to arrange another pick up time (medication can not be picked up before field day). Please include your student's name and when you would like to pick up the medication in the email.

# On the Levels

## K-4 Book Swap







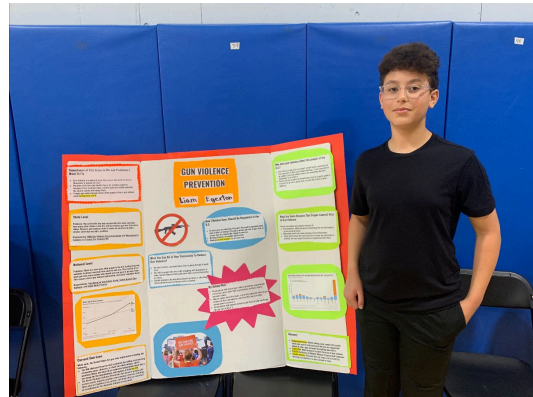


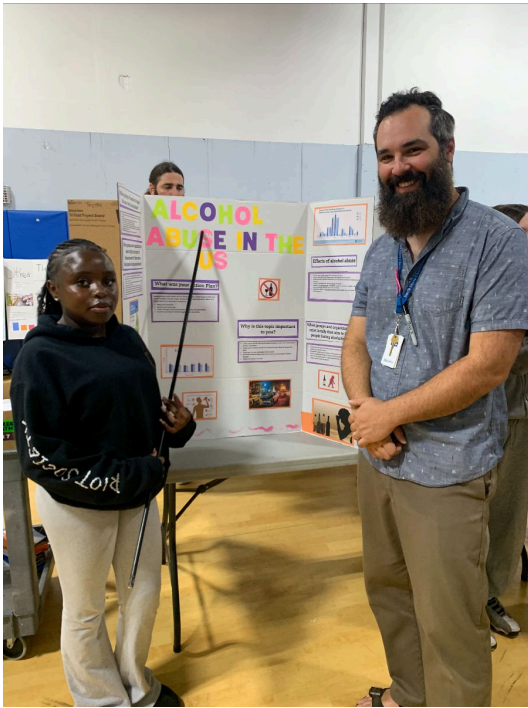


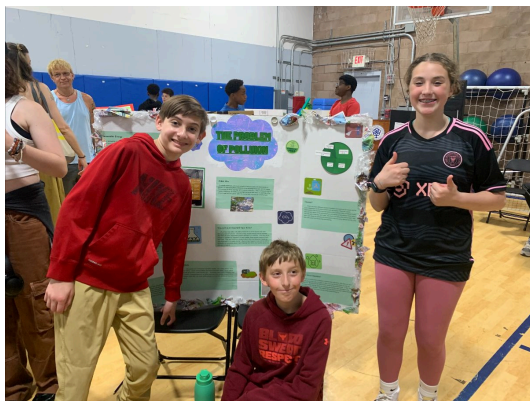
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## Grade 8 Civic Projects

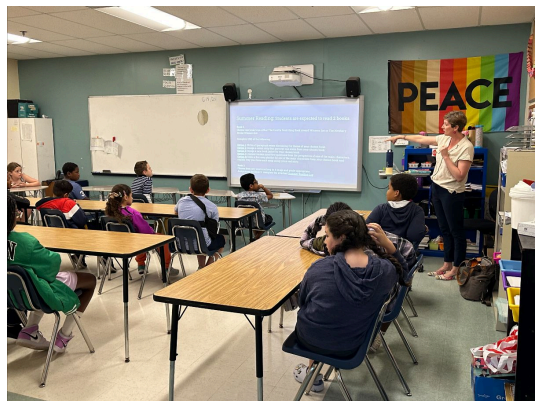
Eighth graders worked on their civic project for several months under the direction of history teacher Nick Kerrigan. The project requires six stages of development, including researching an issue and taking civic action.







## Move-Up Day



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## NHS Beach Cleanup



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## Best Buddies

This week our K-8 Best Buddies Program completed our inaugural year!

Best Buddies International is a nonprofit organization dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, leadership development, and inclusive living for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

Within our Best Buddies chapter, students were invited to participate in monthly group activities and chose to be matched in one-to-one friendships between students with and without disabilities. These 'buddy pairs' spent time together and grew lasting connections. Thank you to all for supporting our student's participation in building a kind and inclusive culture at SSCPS!

In friendship,

**Elyse Kay, Angie Williamson and Mariah Zutaut**

# Friendships of Best Buddies



## Athletics and Extracurricular Activities

### Afterschool Enrichment Program

Available for students in Levels II, III, IV

Dear Families,

As we come to the conclusion of our afterschool enrichment program, we wish to thank you for your support and commitment to the program. Entrusting us with your students has been a privilege and we've been deeply moved by the enthusiasm and curiosity each

participant has brought to the learning spaces. We're thrilled to have seen the growth, creativity and the formation of new friendships that have blossomed throughout the three sessions. We hope to see this program grow for the betterment of all of our students.

Please take some time to complete a short [survey](#) that will inform the development of this program.

Very Best,

**Nadeen Sullivan**

**Afterschool Enrichment Coordinator**

## What's New in Projects and Workshops

### Cultural Diversity Workshop

The Cultural Diversity Workshop culminated with a check presentation to the representative from the United States Foundation for the Children of Haiti and the presentation of students' EOM Creative Assessment. Throughout the year, students have been fundraising for the organization which benefits children from Haiti. This effort was especially meaningful for many students in the workshop, as they have family connections to Haiti.

The EOM showcased models and symbols representing various countries around the world. Students had the opportunity to utilize their **creativity** to demonstrate their knowledge of culture and appreciation of global diversity. Highlights include a model of the The Great Wall of China, Christ The Redeemer in Brazil, Mount Kilimanjaro and the Acropolis of Athens. Teachers and peers had the opportunity to witness the displays and ask various questions of the students. It was a wonderful success.

By **Sarry Stimpard** and **Soraya Nicolas**

**Interim Leaders of the Cultural Diversity Workshop**

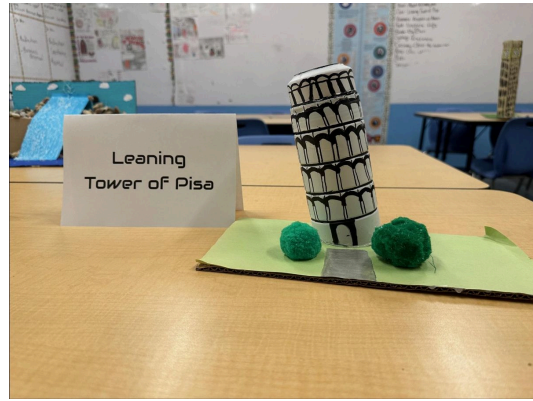
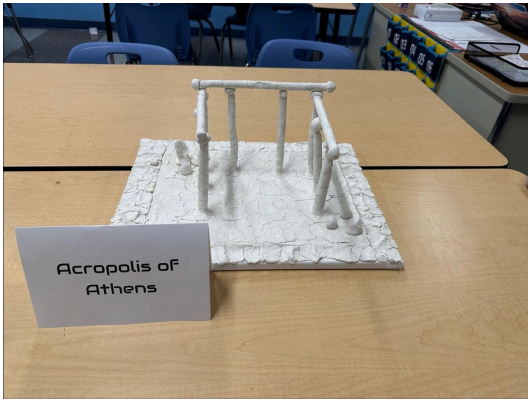
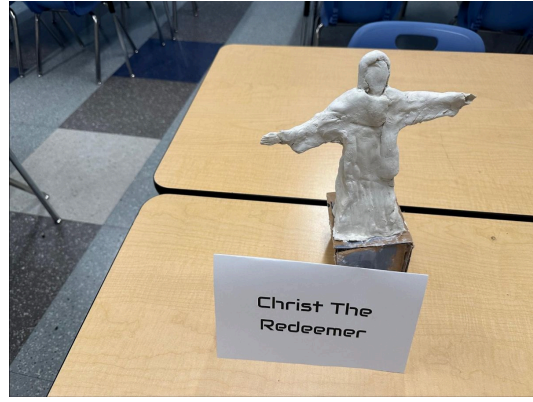




Terri Fortin accepting check from students of the Cultural Diversity Workshop

### **Cultural Diversity Workshop: EOM Presentation**





Cultural Diversity Workshop's Field Trip to Starland Sportsplex & Fun Park in Hanover





## **High School: School Store Workshop**

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

**SSCPS School Apparel**

**Community Service**

**Interfaith Social Services**



INTERFAITH  
SOCIAL SERVICES

**PLANT.  
GROW.  
SHARE.**

*a fresh food initiative  
for food pantries*



### Calling all gardeners...

**PLANT a row at home, GROW veggies,  
then SHARE with the food pantry**

Are you a home gardener with a green thumb? Plant a few extra vegetable plants this season in order to provide fresh produce to your neighbors in need! Our **Plant.Grow.Share.** program encourages local individuals and organizations to donate a portion of their harvest to Interfaith's food pantry.

This program helps the community focus on not only feeding, but nourishing, our neighbors in need.



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## 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

**We encourage all to participate in our Annual Fund Giving Campaign by donating through the form below. We appreciate your continued support!**

[Donate Here](#)

## Parents Association, ELPAC, SEPAC



Join Me in Congratulating the New Parent Leaders for the Parents Association and School Council!

It is with great pleasure that I announce the new leadership team for the Parents Association and voting seats on the School Council for the 2024/2025 school year. Thank you to all the candidates (11 for PA leadership positions and 13 for a parent voting seat on School Council) and to all who voted (we had 61 ballots submitted.)

**Our new Parents Association leaders are as follows:**

- Co-Chair Level I&II (K-4) - Nakeya Miller
- Co-Chair Level III&IV (Grades 5-8) - Kaleigh Fortune
- Co-Chair Level V (High School) - Addy Olaoye
- Treasurer - Ruth Louis



- Secretary - Lisa Elwell

The new parent voting members of School Council are as follows:

### **Voting Members**

- Rachel Brodeur
- Rianna Allen-Charles
- Kevonna Jones Tandon
- Ann Mantil
- Ola Alostath
- Keisha O'Marde-Jack

### **Alternates**

- Nakeya Miller
- Kaleigh Fortune
- Alisha Uhlenbrock-Furst

I am officially signing off as your interim PA Chair and turning over all PA activities to this capable group of new leaders. If you ever want to get involved in corporate fundraising, please come and find me!

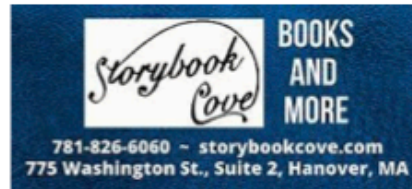
Thanks and have a great summer,

**Alisha Uhlenbrock-Furst**

**Board of Trustees, Development Chair**


**Parent to rising 6th, 9th, and 12th Graders**

## **Special Announcements**



### SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL SUMMER READING FUND RAISER VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR

- ▶ SSCPS and Storybook Cove are hosting an online Summer Reading Book Fair.
- ▶ **SSCPS Families receive a 10% discount on books purchased, SSCPS receives 10% of each sale, and there will be NO sales tax.**
- ▶ The online Fair will run from JUNE 10 through JUNE 21, 2024.
- ▶ Use the below LINK to access the  
**STORYBOOK COVE SUMMER READING VIRTUAL BOOKFAIR:**  
<https://www.storybookcove.com/sscps-summer-reading-2024>

or click on this logo  on the home page of [www.storybookcove.com](http://www.storybookcove.com)

- ▶ **ALL PURCHASES ARE TO BE MADE THROUGH [www.storybookcove.com](http://www.storybookcove.com).**
- ▶ **When you purchase books from the book fair lists on the website, you will need to choose whether to pick up the books at Storybook Cove ("In Store Pick-Up Hanover MA") OR to have the books shipped ("USPS Media Rate")**

If you choose In-Store Pick-Up, you will be contacted when your order is ready for pick-up at Storybook Cove, 775 Washington Street, Suite 2, Hanover, MA (Route 53) across from Brothers Grill. Enter the car lot of Dave Delaney's Columbia Motors through the white rail fence. Green building is at the end of lot.

- ▶ **CHECK-OUT TIPS—PLEASE FOLLOW THESE STEPS.**  
You need to complete **ONLY** the following sections:

- **ENTER CUSTOMER INFORMATION/EMAIL**
- **COUPON DISCOUNT (ENTER THIS CODE: SSCPS)**
- **TAX-EXEMPT INFORMATION** [click check box and then type SSCPS for entity name and Book Fair for tax exempt number. Do not fill in rest of section.]
- **DELIVERY INFORMATION (NEEDED EVEN IF PICKING UP at STORE)**
- **CLICK ON CALCULATE SHIPPING COSTS AND THEN CHOOSE EITHER: USPS Media Rate (2 to 10 days; no insurance) or In Store Pick-Up Hanover MA. We'll contact you when order is ready.**
- **CHOOSE PAYMENT METHOD**
- **CONTACT/BILLING INFORMATION**
- **REVIEW; and**
- **SUBMIT.**

If you are interested in purchasing any summer reading books please consider our Virtual Summer Reading Book Fair with Storybook Cove! You will receive 10% off of your purchase, and SSCPS will receive 10% of the proceeds. A flyer with detailed information about how to order is below. If you have any questions please contact Kristen  
Gale: [kgale@sscps.org](mailto:kgale@sscps.org).



# INVENT THE SUMMER

Are you 12 and under? Are you looking for something fun, creative and different to do this summer? Try Invent the Summer! Invent the Summer starts its weekly Invent the Summer Engineering Challenges next week June 19th. Students with their parents can sign up on the website if they would like to join: <https://www.inventthesummer.org/>. You may even recognize our very own Stella V on the board of engineers. Each week the kid-run “board of engineers” present a problem and kids invent a solution. This year the program reward system has been updated. You can see it here! [Updated Rewards Program](#).

## A note from the kids behind Invent the Summer:

**INVENT THE SUMMER** is a non-profit organization created by kids, for kids. We inspire creativity, resourcefulness, innovation, problem-solving, and leadership by engaging kids in design and engineering challenges throughout the summer. We aim to help kids discover how much fun engineering, inventing, and problem-solving can be. Our mission is to inspire the next generation of innovators, engineers, and entrepreneurs. Our programming supports this mission for kids from elementary school through high school.

## Weekly Calendar

### 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.

Monday, June 17 will be a half day for all students.

<b>Weds-Fri</b>	<b>06/12- 06/14</b>	<b>Level IV Final Exams</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>06/12</b>	<b>Principal’s Coffee for Grades 5-8 via <a href="#">Zoom</a></b>	<b>12:30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>06/12</b>	<b>School Council Meeting via <a href="#">Zoom</a></b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Thurs-Fri</b>	<b>06/13-06/14</b>	<b>High School Final Exams</b>	

Thursday	06/13	Level II Awards Ceremony at the PE Space	
Thursday	06/13	Level III Field Day	
Friday	06/14	Level I Field Day	
Friday	06/14	Early Dismissal	12:00pm
Monday	06/17	High School Final Exams	
Monday	06/17	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Ceremony at the PE Space	10:00am
Monday	06/17	Last day of classes – Early Release	12:00pm

## Community Events

1. [PYD Inclusive Music Program](#)
2. [Holly Hill Farm Spring Programs](#)
3. [Girls Who Code Summer Program](#)

## Important Links

**Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website [www.sscps.org](http://www.sscps.org).**

1. [Afterschool Enrichment Program](#)
2. [DESE Student Attendance Letter](#)  
Translated:  
[Arabic](#), [Cape Verdean Creole](#), [Chinese](#), [Haitian Creole](#), [Portuguese](#), [Spanish](#), [Vietnamese](#)
3. [Back-to-School Information](#)
4. [Food Services](#)
5. [Health Office](#)
6. [Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance](#)
7. [Community Service](#)

## School Documents

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)  
[2024-2025 School Calendar](#)  
[Student and Family Handbook](#)  
[Arrival and Dismissal Procedures](#)  
[SSCPS By-Laws](#)

## 8. Visit the [Parents Association Website](#)



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