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## A Message from the Director of Finance

On Thursday, May 9, 2024, the Board of Trustee’s approved the FY25 South Shore Charter Public School Operational and Capital Budget. Since winter break, the Instructional Leadership Team, Administration, Finance Committee, and Personnel Negotiation Team have worked diligently on the development of the school’s FY25 Operating and Capital Budget. The areas of focus were projecting our enrollment and tuition revenues, funding the first year of a new three-year (FY25-FY27) Faculty & Staff Compensation and Benefit package, funding instructional programming requests, funding 100% free breakfast and lunch, funding regional transportation program, funding new facility occupancy expenses, and invested in on-going capital needs and improvements in technology, equipment, and leasehold improvements for the upcoming academic year.

In FY25, the school budgeted \$18,632 average per pupil based on an actual enrollment of 1,065 students with a pre-enrollment of our student cap of 1,075. This allows for demographic shifts in enrollment throughout the year and fluctuations in our district’s spending. Unlike traditional public school districts, commonwealth charter schools are funded differently. To learn more about how commonwealth charter schools are funded, please click [here](#). The tuition and reimbursement revenue we receive from the ESE accounts for 96% of the school’s annual revenue and another 3% comes from federal and state entitlement grants. As you can see, the school is heavily dependent on the ESE to fund our programming. For informational purposes, here is a table showing a seven-year history of tuition data:

	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24*	FY25**
FTE #Students	946.28	1002.66	1008.06	1043.74	1059.65	1055.00	1065.00
Tuition	\$ 12,949,629	\$ 14,186,256	\$ 14,655,046	\$ 16,195,654	\$ 17,200,762	\$ 18,069,802	\$ 18,577,860
Transportation	-	-	-	-	-	1,086,362	1,104,000
Facilities	845,029	940,481	945,555	979,027	1,152,897	1,253,340	1,265,220
Total DESE Tuition Rev & Transportation Reimbursements	\$ 13,794,658	\$ 15,126,737	\$ 15,600,601	\$ 17,174,681	\$ 18,353,659	\$ 20,409,504	\$ 20,947,080
Average Per Pupil (not including Transportation Reimbursements)	\$ 14,578	\$ 15,087	\$ 15,476	\$ 16,455	\$ 17,320	\$ 18,316	\$ 18,632
* SSCPS EOY Projection							
** SSCPS Budget							

To learn more about the FY25 SSCPS Operational and Capital Budget [here is a link to the budget presentation slides](#).

Throughout this year, we heard that many of our sending districts were making significant budget cuts. Our tuition revenue is dependent on what is happening not only on a federal

and state level, but what is happening financially in our sending districts. Throughout 2024-2025, we want to know what is happening in your school district! If you hear that your district is planning significant budget cuts or making significant investments in schools, please let us know. As we serve students from over 26 communities, understanding what is happening at the district level helps us understand forthcoming adjustments in revenues. Please email [kbingham@sscps.org](mailto:kbingham@sscps.org) with any information that you feel might be of importance.

To learn more about our school finances, please feel free to attend our Finance Committee meetings which are open to the public.

**Kristine Bingham**

Director of Finance and Human Resources

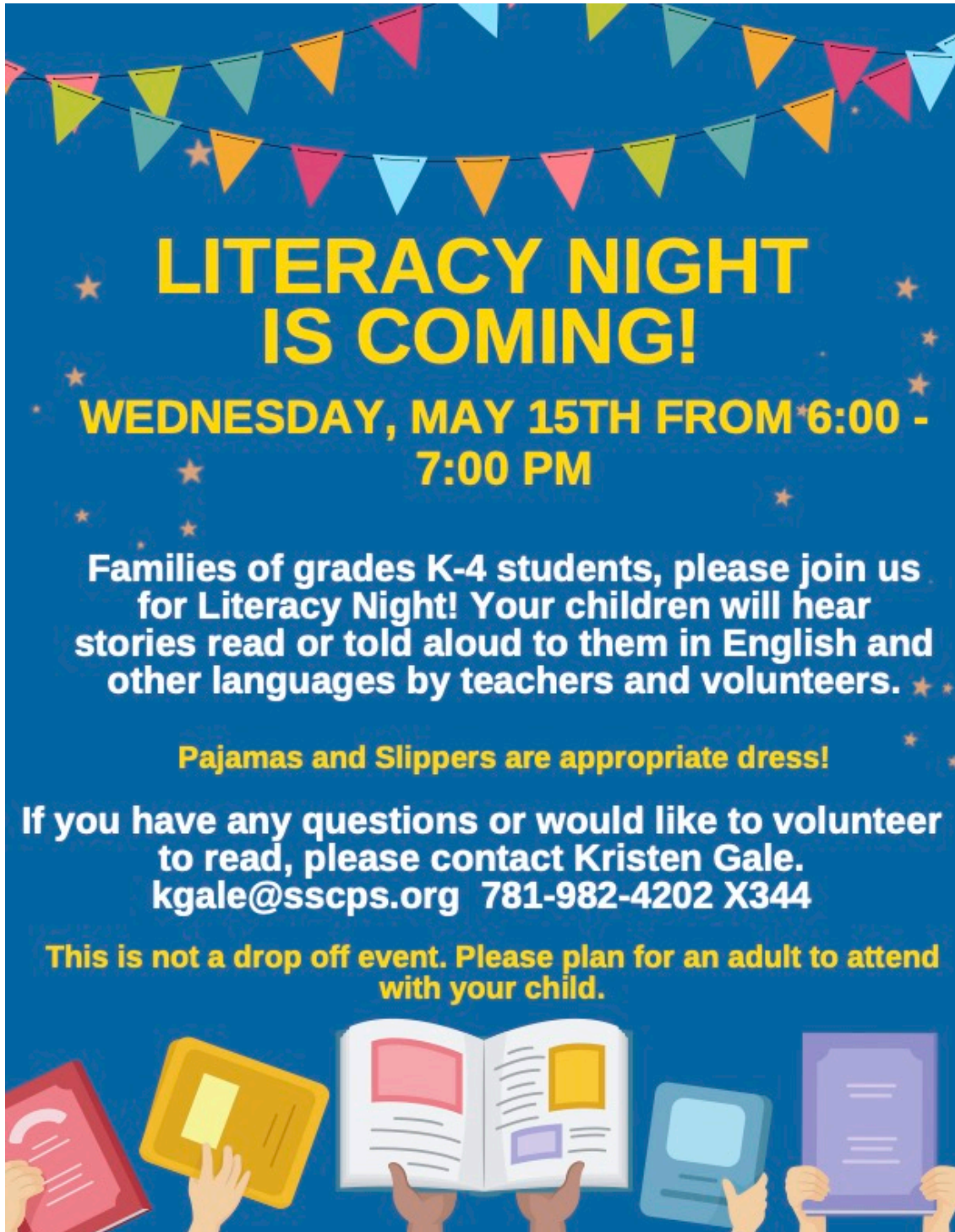
## Important Save the Date! High School Commencement and Elementary/Middle School Awards Ceremonies

Event	Date	Time	Location
Class of 2024 Graduation	Friday, June 7th	6:00 pm	UMass Boston Campus Center Ballroom
Level IV (8th grade) Awards Ceremony	Monday, June 17th	10:00 am	PE Space, 104 Longwater Drive
Level II (4th grade) Awards Ceremony	Thursday, June 13th	Nicole’s Pod and Jenn’s Pod 9:00 am  Kelsey/Drew’s Pod and Mariah’s Pod 12:30 pm	PE Space, 104 Longwater Drive

The countdown to graduation, the most important event of the school year, is on. We look forward to celebrating student learning and growth not just at graduation but throughout the building and for all of our students. SSCPS has traditional special events that mark significant student transition points with ceremonies and we encourage families to attend these events to celebrate with us. Please mark your calendars with the dates for the following school celebrations of student achievement. Further details about these events will be forthcoming.

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### TONIGHT | Literacy Night



From the Counseling Department

**May 29th is Wear Green Day in support of Mental Health Awareness!**





A Message from Tanya Ames

## Athletics and Extracurricular Activities

### Athletics

#### Wednesday | May 15, 2024

Rowing Club to CMI 3:30 - 5:30 pm Cohasset Maritime Institute

Varsity Boys Volleyball v. Hingham (Away) 5:00 - 6:30 pm Hingham High School

#### Thursday | May 16, 2024

Rowing Club to CMI 3:30 - 5:30 pm Cohasset Maritime Institute

High School Track and Field Championships 3:30 - 5:00 pm Madison Park Technical  
Vocational High School

**#GoJaguars** 🐾🐾

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### Afterschool Enrichment Program

Available for students in Levels II, III, IV

Dear Families,

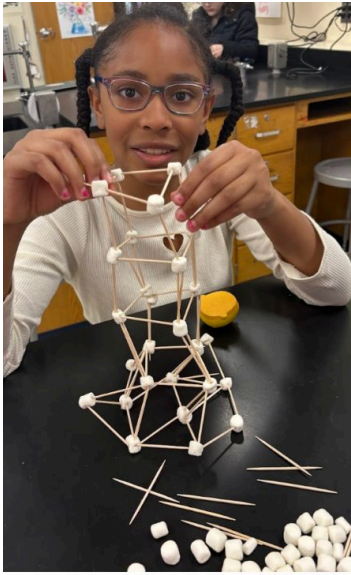
As we come to the conclusion of our afterschool enrichment program, we wish to thank you for your support and commitment to the program. Entrusting us with your students has been a privilege and we've been deeply moved by the enthusiasm and curiosity each participant has brought to the learning spaces.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

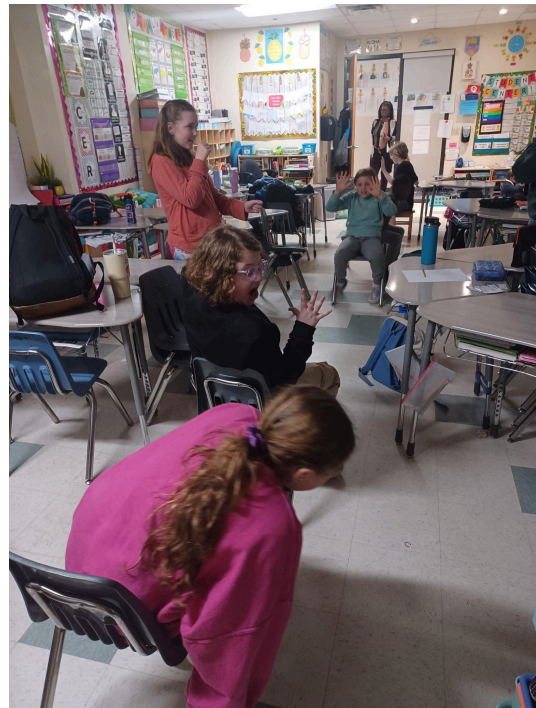
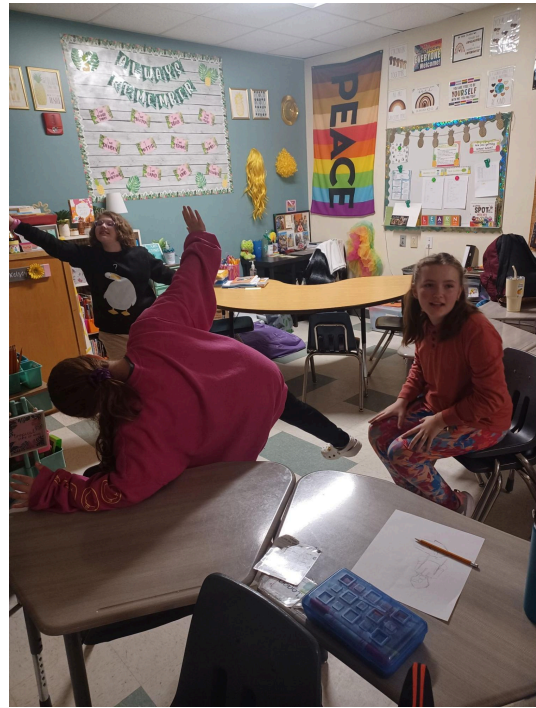
**Afterschool Enrichment Coordinator**



## Theatre Club

Improv in Theatre Class where quick thinking and collaboration reign supreme. As they navigate through various scenarios and characters on the spot, students learned invaluable skills such as adaptability, creativity, and teamwork.





### Natural Artists Club

This week's session: Creativity blossomed alongside nature! In our latest session, members embraced the beauty of botanicals by painting pots and planting seeds. With brushes in hand and pots as their canvas, participants unleashed their artistic flair, transforming ordinary clay pots into vibrant works of art. As colors mingled and designs flourished, each pot became a unique expression of its creator's imagination. Through this fusion of art and nature, the Natural Artists Club not only cultivated creativity but also fostered a deeper appreciation for the wonders of the world outside our windows.



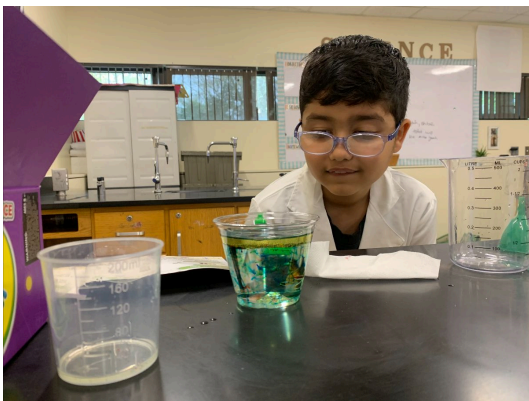


## Chemical Creations Club

Last week, students learned all about colors and how to make new ones by mixing the primary colors. Students got to play with test tubes and droppers, which helped them get better at using their hands carefully, improving their fine motor skills.

Students did a cool experiment where they made rainbow rain using food coloring, oil, and water. They found out that oil and water don't mix, but when they added food coloring to the oil, it made a beautiful rainbow effect as the color dripped into the water.





## 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

### Community Service Level I



Second Grade students from Tracey's Pod assembled sandwiches and various food items necessary for bagged lunches for the organization "Father Bill's & Mainspring," which helps homeless people across the South Shore region.





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## Support Kids With Cancer



## SUPPORT KIDS WITH CANCER

Level 3 Community Service Project is going to put little gift bags together to give to the kids going through chemotherapy at MGH. There is a wishlist on Amazon with a list of things we will need.

**Please order before May 31.**

**[YOU CAN FIND THE WISHLIST HERE.](#)**



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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**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.



**Attention Students and Families**

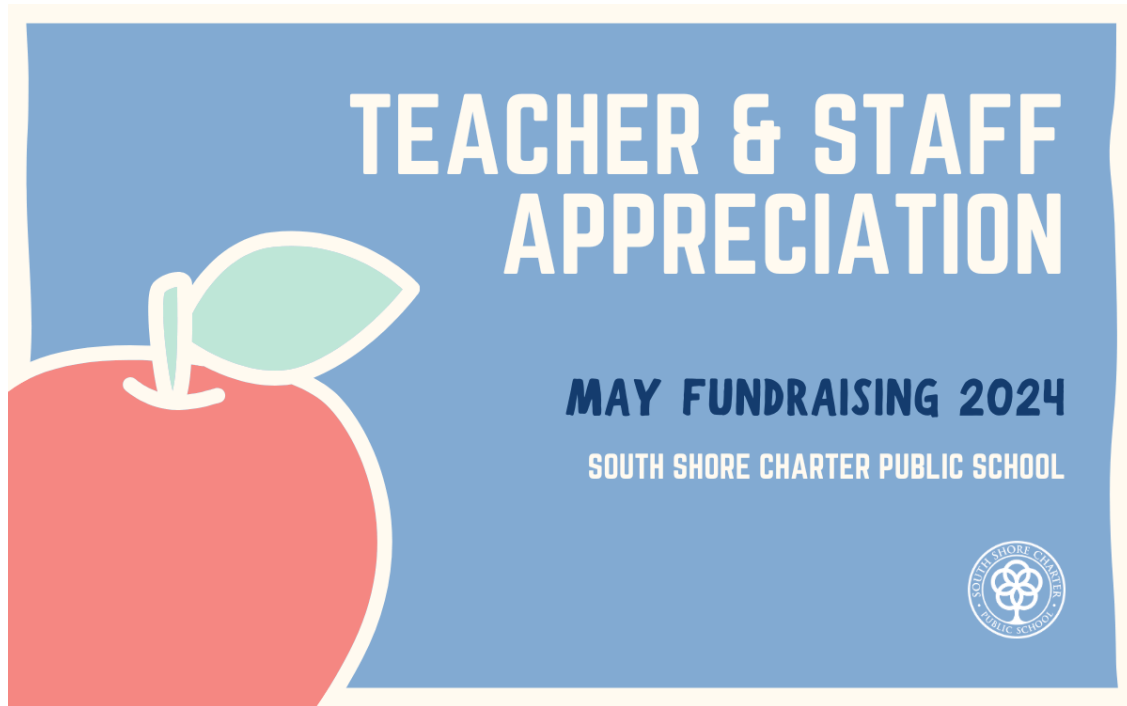
Got some community service hours done?  
Use the links below to submit your community service hours!

[Level I Community Service](#)

[Level II Community Service](#)

[Level III Community Service](#)[Level IV Community Service](#)[High School Community Service](#)

## From the Foundation



During the month of May, we celebrate our dedicated teachers and staff at SSCPS not only during Teacher Appreciation Week, but in new forms each and every day. From goodies in the breakroom to catered lunches for our faculty, finding small, meaningful ways to show our appreciation for our staff is an important part of this month - but coming together as a community to support our students' educators is even more important. The South Shore Charter Educational Foundation is excited to launch our May Giving campaign to **raise funds toward Teacher and Staff Appreciation at SSCPS!**

[Donate Here](#)

**Parents Association, ELPAC, SEPAC**



## Nominations for PA Leaders of the 2024-2025 School Year

I am very excited to announce that the revised PA Bylaws have been approved at last night's PA meeting so that means today is the day that the self-nomination process begins. This is where you let us know your interest in being an elected officer of the Parents Association for the 2024-2025 school year.

As you know the first half of the year we didn't have a PA, and the second half we were only running at minimal capacity. The void was palpable, and it reverberated through the 5-year strategic planning focus groups. WE NEED YOU to step forward and make sure this group continues to evolve forward so that it can meet its mission to serve the school community and participate in the governance and growth of SSCPS. The PA advocates for all parents, students, and the school itself, and strives to create and maintain an environment where students, parents, faculty, administrators, trustees, and other stakeholders work together to pursue common goals.

With the newly approved Bylaws the following elected positions have been created:

- Co-Chair – Level V (grades 9-12)
- Co-Chair – Level III & IV (grades 5-8)
- Co-Chair – Level I & II (grades K-4)
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Nominations will be accepted until May 25. Once this window has been closed, the election process will run from May 26 th through June 9 th at Noon so the winners can be announced at the June 11th PA meeting.

If you are interested in running for a position, please let us know of your intention:

[PA Nomination Form](#) Be prepared to provide a short introduction stating who your SSCPS student(s) are and why you wish to serve on the PA. This description will be listed on the election ballot so make it brief and to the point ;)

Thank you for your continued support of our children and our school,



**Alisha Uhlenbrock-Furst**  
**Parent to 5th, 8th, and 11th Graders**

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## 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:

### **May/June**

Week of 5/28 - Fold/pic (if needed)

6/4 - Donate

Help your students (and your wallets!)

**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.

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**SEPAC**



**SSCPS SEPAC PRESENTS**

# New IEP Info Session



**IEP**  
Individualized Education Plan



**Presented by Director of Learning Services  
Matt Tondorf**

 **June 5, 2024**  **6:30pm**

Please join us to discuss the new IEP form. Let's learn how we can better understand and navigate the changes to this important document.

**In Person @ 100 or zoom**  
**Register [SEPAC@SSCPS.ORG](mailto:SEPAC@SSCPS.ORG)**

**Tap to REMOVE**

**ELPAC**



THURSDAY

23  
MAY  
6:PM

*Last of the year*  
**ELPAC**  
*Meeting*

Join us for our last meeting of the school year. The English Learner Parent Advisory Committee (ELPAC) meeting will be planning for next year. Your participation is crucial in supporting our Multilingual Learners' success.



ZOOM MEETING ID:  
812 3418 3339  
PASSCODE:593775

For more information Contact :  
Contact: Sheina Prince-Eugene  
or Matt Tondorf

## Upcoming Events

# DRESS YOUR HERITAGE DAY



CELEBRATE YOUR HERITAGE  
BY WEARING CLOTHING  
TRADITIONAL TO YOUR  
CULTURE ON MAY 17TH

TRADITIONAL PATTERNS, SHIRTS, DRESSES, AND  
SCARVES ARE ENCOURAGED

MAY 17, 2024

ENJOY CULTURAL MUSIC/DANCES/GAMES  
DURING WORKSHOP





**SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**FREE ENTRY**

# SPRING CONCERT

**MAY 29TH 2024**

**HINGHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
 1103 MAIN ST, HINGHAM, MA 02043  
**SHOW STARTS 6:00 PM**

**THE LEVEL I SPRING CONCERT  
 WILL BE HELD IN THE P.E. SPACE AT  
 SSCPS ON MAY 28TH**

## Special Announcements



## SSCPS Summer Reading Kindergarten - 4th Grade Book Swap

**WHO:** Kindergarten - 4th grade students

**WHAT:** Please have your child bring in any gently used summer reading books or any other book appropriate for Kindergarten -4th grade students that you would like to donate.

**WHEN:** Students should bring in books by Friday, May31st. Each student will pick a book to take home with them on June 5th or June 6th.

**Questions?** Contact Kristen Gale: [kgale@sscps.org](mailto:kgale@sscps.org)

**Our goal is to provide one book to each student in Kindergarten - 4th grade. All donations are greatly appreciated!**



From the Health Office

## COVID-19 Guidelines for Massachusetts

MA DPH Health Guidelines - Updated

# 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>Wednesday</b>	<b>05/15</b>	<b>Literacy Night for Grades K-4 at 100 Longwater Circle</b>	<b>6:00-7:00pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>05/16</b>	<b>AP Biology Exam</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>05/16</b>	<b>MCAS Level III Math</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>05/16</b>	<b>Level IV Spring Dance at the PE Space</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>05/17</b>	<b>SSCPS Dress Your Heritage Day</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>05/17</b>	<b>MCAS Level III Math</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>05/17</b>	<b>AP Physics 1 and 2</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>05/17</b>	<b>Junior/Senior Prom at The Tirrell Room, Quincy</b>	<b>7:00-11:00pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>05/20</b>	<b>MCAS 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science</b>	
<b>Mon-Thurs</b>	<b>05/20- 05/23</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Washington DC</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>05/20</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to MFA Boston</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>05/20</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Blue Hills</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>05/21</b>	<b>MCAS Grade 10 Math</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>05/21</b>	<b>MCAS Level II Math</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>05/22</b>	<b>MCAS Grade 10 Math</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>05/22</b>	<b>MCAS Level II Math</b>	

## Community Events

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

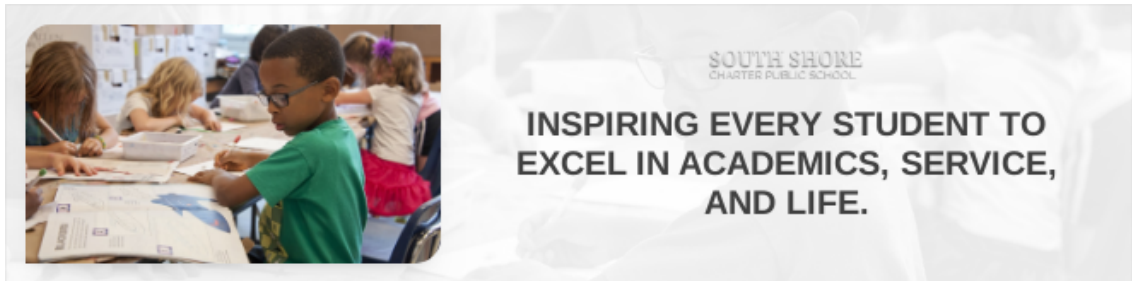
## Important Links

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

## School Documents

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



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