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A Message from Jamie

As spring's rainy days give way to more sunshine and warm weather, we are steadily moving closer to summer. As the school year ends and we transition into summer vacation, I encourage everyone to take a moment each day to engage with the world around us. By making observations with our senses and asking questions, we are practicing science. The world offers many opportunities to learn about scientific processes, and summer provides an ideal setting for some of the best outdoor classroom experiences. At SSCPS, our science curriculum fosters an environment that encourages students to tap into their inquisitive nature. Our goal is to provide opportunities for our students to grow and develop as young scientists. In these unprecedented post-pandemic times, it has been a challenging feat to adapt our instruction to meet the needs of our students and align with grade-level standards. As we know, education is changing, and the world around us is evolving.

Our teachers have been working incredibly hard to make sure that not only are our students able to access the curriculum they are teaching, but also ensuring that it is remaining inquiry based, hands-on and making real world connections. Science is continually evolving, and with each change our teachers efficiently and effectively adapt. Standards are continually changing as new science emerges. Pedagogical practices promote learning through inquiry and hands-on investigation, all while being driven with student questioning and anchoring phenomena. This is something that OpenSciEd has driven home to our students and it has proven to be effective in equitable access, all while being engaging and promoting student learning through questioning.

The 2024-2025 school year will bring some new developments and curriculum changes with the incorporation of the code.org curriculum, CS Discoveries, for our middle school students. Also, this summer starts a collaboration with the Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research. A group of 7th and 8th grade students will participate in our pilot summer program that revolves around engaging youth in the civic and scientific study of the local watershed and marine environment to inspire stewardship of our planet's ecosystems. This will build into a high school workshop that will work on developing these students to build towards receiving accreditation from NOAA and receiving a *Stream to Sanctuary* Certification.

Students in elementary classrooms are engaged in lessons that are composed of standards based content supplemented with diagrams, videos, interactives, and hands-on

investigations. Content is supplemented with Mystery Science, engaging teacher created lessons, as well as the Farm program. Students are encouraged to learn science through observation and questioning and pushed to apply what they know through discussion. Students have had the opportunity to show proficiency in science through the Exhibitions of Mastery, which is always a favorite for many.

In high school our teachers are trying to find ways to engage our students and finish out the academic year strong. Our senior science classes have just closed out their high school academic careers, and our Advanced Placement courses have taken their exams. Teachers are taking these last few weeks to promote learning through doing, as well as review for finals. Teachers are making connections with current events, doing Fun Friday labs as well as assigning independent creative projects like publishing a children's science book or crafting bottle rockets powered by water.

This summer, encourage your children to observe the world around them and explore the science in their everyday life. The most important way we can engage students in science is through observation of the natural world. Look to local libraries for science related texts for optional reading and enrichment. Investigate by creating slime or oobleck, grow a garden, or even create a Rube Goldberg machine. Tap into your child's natural curiosity and watch in amazement as they ask questions, learn to solve problems and make conclusions.

Anticipating the days of summer,

Jamie Allen

Science Curriculum Coordinator

**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.

On the Levels

Dress Your Heritage Day



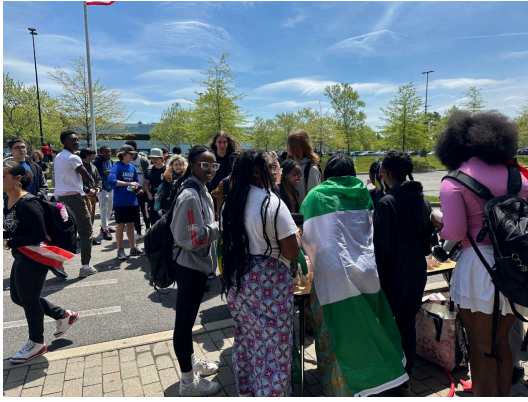
Thank you to everyone who participated in Dress Your Heritage Day and to all of our wonderful parent volunteers! It was wonderful to see our students and staff proudly showcasing their cultural outfits. Events like this are incredibly important to our school as they celebrate our diversity, foster inclusivity, and promote a deeper understanding and appreciation of each other's heritage. Your participation made the day a truly memorable experience, and we look forward to more opportunities to honor our diverse community.

Sheina Prince-Eugene
Reading Teacher & Civil Rights
Coordinator





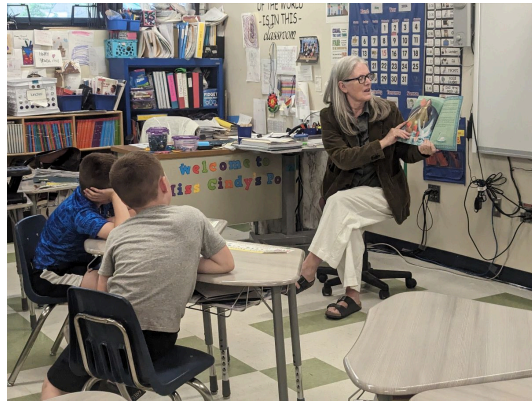




Literacy Night







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 22, 2024

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

Thursday | May 23, 2024

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

#GoJaguars 

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

High School: School Store Workshop

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

SSCPS School Apparel

Community Service

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!

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](#)

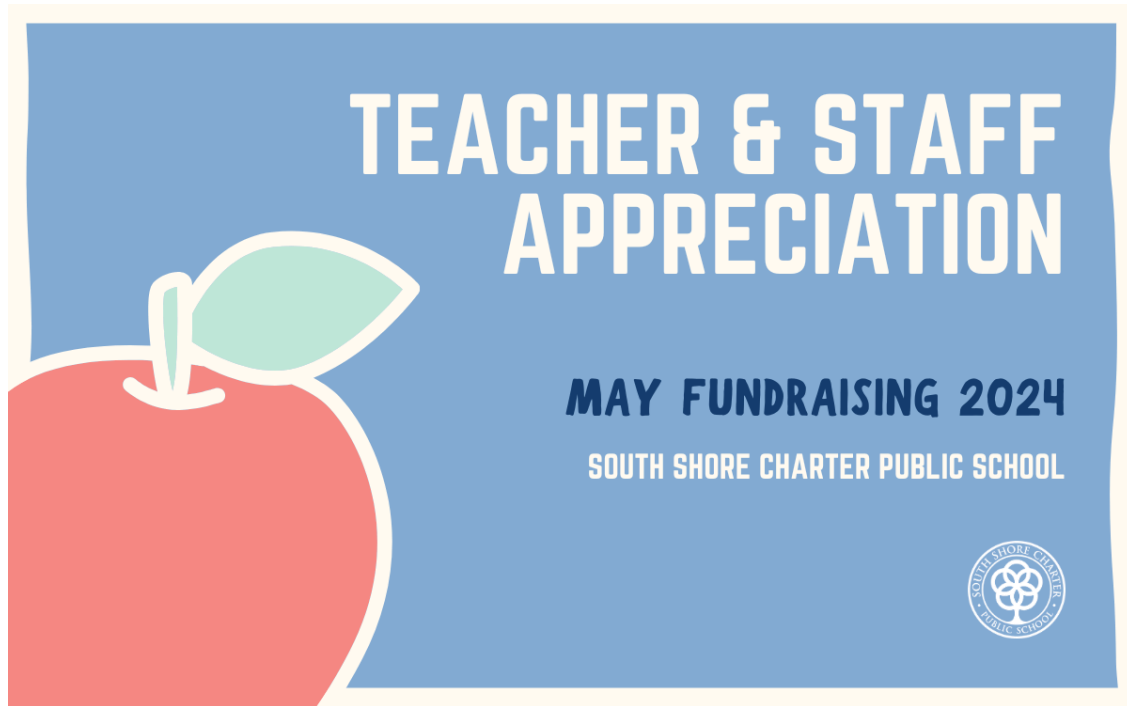
[Level II Community Service](#)

[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



Final Days to Declare Your Intent to Run for a Parents Association Elected Position, Self-Nomination Closes May 25th

The SSCPS Parents Association needs you! We are in the final few days of self-nominations for the 2024-2025 school year and we need you to step up!

Leadership and active participation in the PA is a great way to get more informed and involved in your child's school. Our monthly meetings are focused on keeping families and the school connected to make it a better place to learn and grow.

We kicked off the election process on May 15th by inviting you to self-nominate for a position, and we are now closing out the nomination phase on May 25th. Once nominations have been collected, we will send another email with the elections ballot for you to vote for on your PA officers.

Voting will close on June 9th @Noon and we will announce the new leaders at the June 11th PA meeting.

All positions are open. Please consider nominating yourself here: [PA Nomination Form](#)

Thank you,

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

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.

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

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

The SSCPS Art Department invites you to attend the 2nd annual

K-12 SPRING ART SHOW



THURS. MAY 23, 2024
3:30-6:30PM

Join us for an exhibition featuring artwork created by the dedicated art students of SSCPS in the atrium space of our High School building.

Students, family members, friends, and faculty are welcome!

700 Longwater Dr

Enter through the high school front doors.

Sarah Gavin (sgavin@sscps.org) Pam Golden (pgolden@sscps.org)
Dan Vasconcellos (dvasconcellos@sscps.org)



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

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.

Wednesday	05/22	MCAS Grade 10 Math	
Wednesday	05/22	MCAS Level II Math	
Thursday	05/23	MCAS Grade 5 Science	
Thursday	05/23	Spring Art Show at 700 Longwater Drive	3:30-6:30pm
Thursday	05/23	SSCPS ELPAC via Zoom	6:00pm
Thursday	05/23	8 th Grade Washington DC Trip Returns	
Monday	05/27	Memorial Day Observed – No School	
Tuesday	05/28	Spring Concert for Grades K, 1, 2 at the PE Space	10:00-10:45am
Wednesday	05/29	Spring Concert for Grades 5-12 Hingham Middle School, 1103 Main St, Hingham	6:00pm

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.

1. [Afterschool Enrichment Program](#)
2. [DESE Student Attendance Letter](#)
Translated:
[Arabic](#), [Cape Verdean](#)

School Documents

- [2023-2024 School Calendar](#)
- [2024-2025 School Calendar](#)
- [Student and Family](#)

- [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](#)
- [Handbook](#)
 - [Arrival and Dismissal Procedures](#)
 - [SSCPS By-Laws](#)



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