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Special Edition | End of the Year Trips and Presentations

7th Grade Trip to the Museum of Fine Arts/Boston - May 20

Seventh graders explored the Museum of Fine Arts, the Boston Common, and the Boston Public Garden.



8th Grade Trip to the State House/Boston - May 21

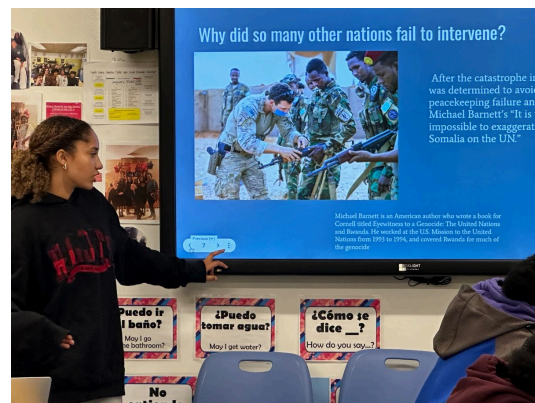
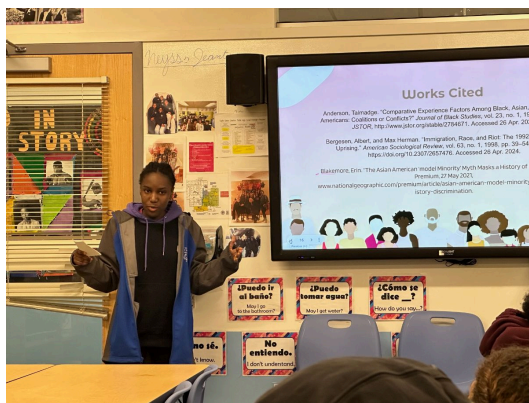
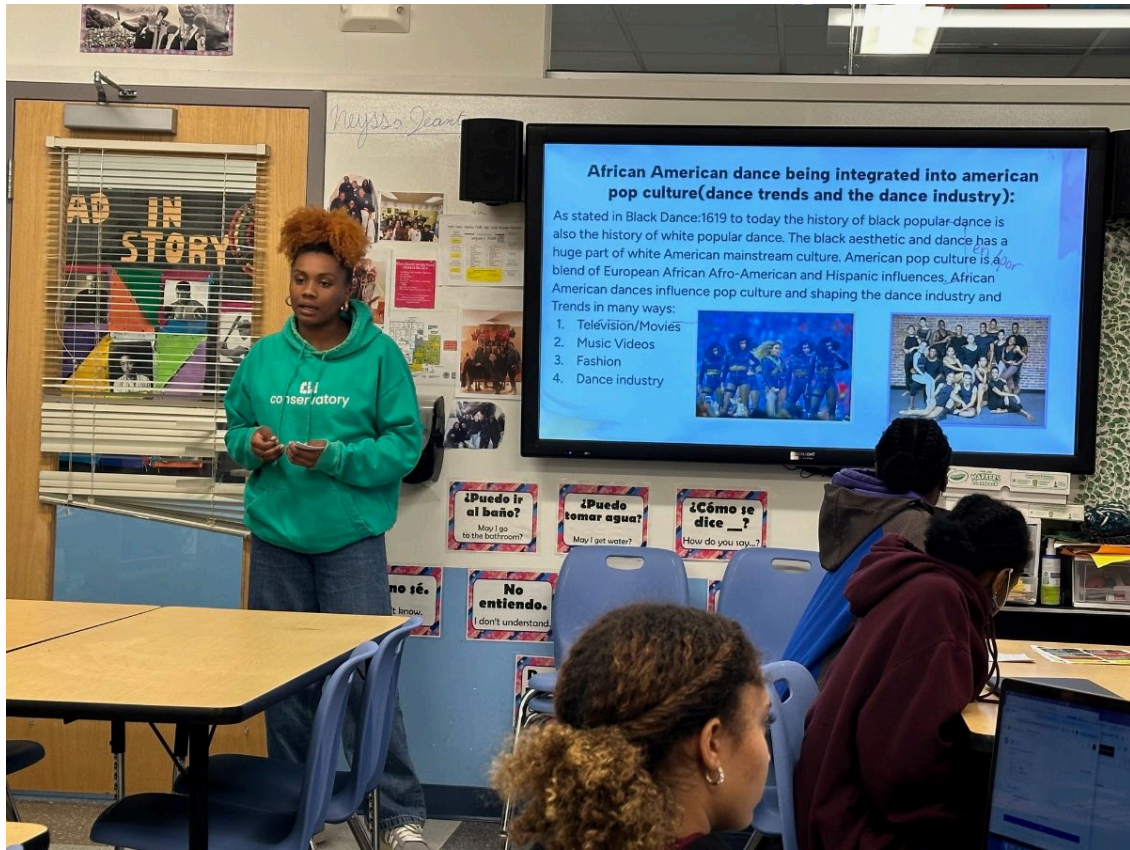
Eighth graders toured the State House and met with State Senator Patrick O'Connor. SSCPS Alumnus Duncan Stone is interning at the State House and accompanied our tour. Students also explored the Boston Common, visited the New England Holocaust Memorial, and ate lunch at Quincy Market.





High School Advanced Placement African American Studies Presentations

In addition to completing the Advanced Placement African American Studies exam, several juniors and seniors presented a research project and participated in an oral defense.



8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip











From the Health Office

Health Office Update

Medication pick up for Kindergarten will be at drop off and dismissal the last week of school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (June 5th through the 7th). If these times do not work for you, please email jkjelgaard@sscps.org to arrange another time for pick up. Please remember that an adult needs to pick up the medication and it can not be sent home with students on the bus. Any medication that is not picked up by the end of the school year will be properly disposed of.

In compliance with the regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health all students entering Kindergarten, 4th, 7th and 10th grade for the 2024/2025 school year are required to submit a current physical form. A physical form and a copy of immunization records is required for all new students. Any student planning on participating in a sports program must have a current physical (within 13 months of the start of the sport).

Please submit physical forms to:

K-8th Jaime Kjelgaard, RN

jkjelgaard@sscps.org

High School- Barbara Folan, RN

bfolan@sscps.org

SSCPS Fax number: 781-982-4201

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.

Every Single Spring: A Message from Michelle

Below is a very old blog post that I saved years ago, that is why the format looks outdated. That being said, its message rings true every year. As a young mother to a child with a disability, I relied on reading this every single spring. Working in grades K, 1, and 2 for 8 years, I shared this with many other moms every single spring. I also used to share it with the staff every single spring. It got lost in my files for years, and I recently dug it out for a relative who needed to "hear it." She immediately shared it with her friend. The message

here is timeless; parents of students of all ages experience it. I urge every parent to read it to be reminded that maturing, growth, and progress is never a straight line at any age; it is always one step forward and two steps back, especially in the spring.

Blog Post: It Isn't Regression!

On the Levels

Level I Concert









Haitian Flag Day





From the Counseling Department

Today is Wear Green Day in support of Mental Health Awareness!



A Message from Tanya Ames

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

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](#)

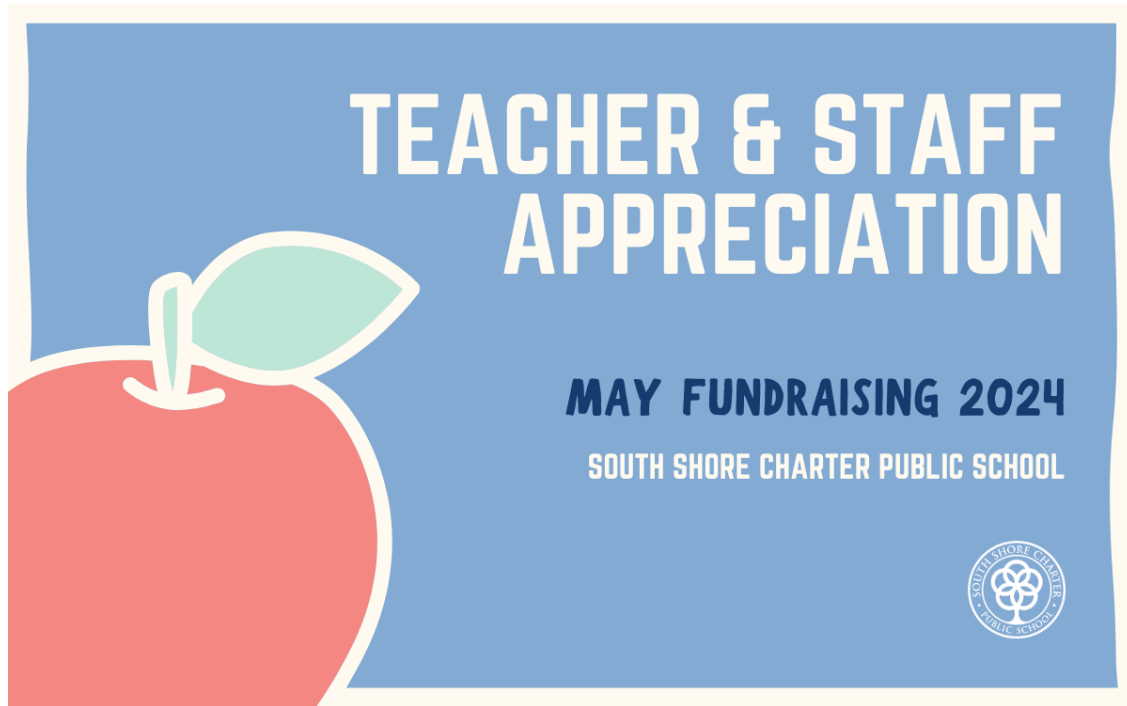
[Level II Community Service](#)

[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



Voting Closes on Sunday June 9th @Noon Parents Association Election for 2024/2025 School Year!

Please vote here: [SSCPS PA Elections Spring 2024](#)

The 2024/2025 PA elections ballot is live and ALL PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ARE INVITED TO VOTE. The newly elected officers will be announced at the June 11th PA meeting. Please cast your vote today for all PA elected positions.

As your appointed Election Team, we are committed to ensuring the process is efficient, fair, and accessible to all parents.

- Only one vote per parent/guardian will be accepted,
- You may only vote for a Co-Chair in the level(s) your child(ren) will be attending next year
- Results will ONLY be shared on an aggregate level (e.g. # of total voters, # of votes per nominee, # that chose not to vote for a position, etc.)

The Election Team remains committed and unbiased throughout its work on this process, and we're committed to the integrity of the SSCPS Parent Association.

I am really excited where the PA is heading next year. Thank you for carefully considering the nominees who have stepped up to represent us.

Thank you,

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

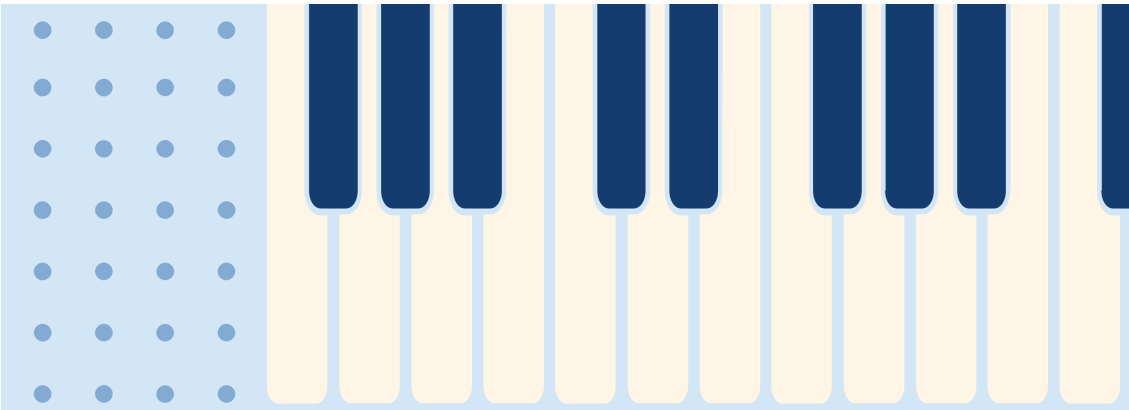
 **June 5, 2024**  **6:30pm**

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

Upcoming Events



SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

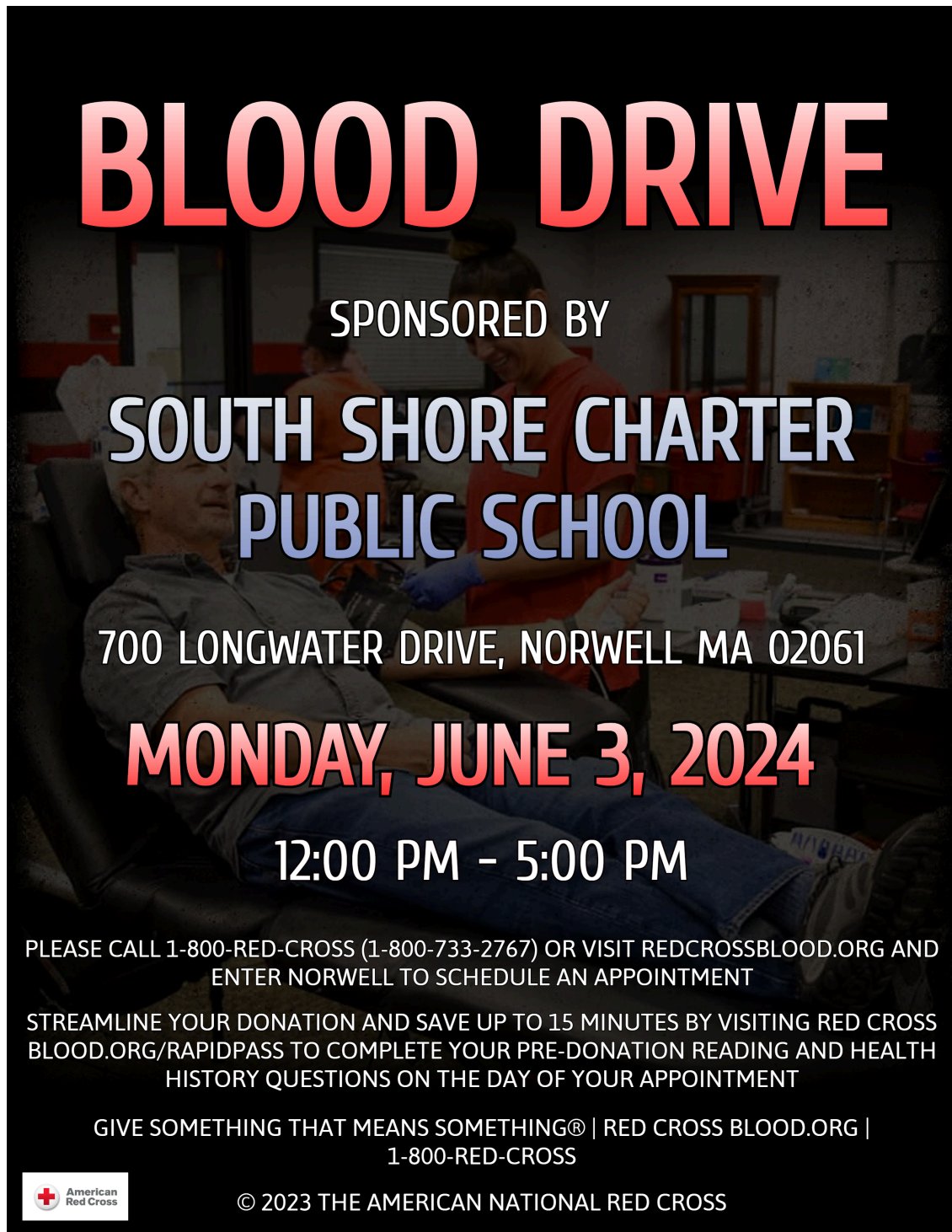


SPRING CONCERT

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



BLOOD DRIVE

SPONSORED BY

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

700 LONGWATER DRIVE, NORWELL MA 02061


MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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

STREAMLINE YOUR DONATION AND SAVE UP TO 15 MINUTES BY VISITING RED CROSS BLOOD.ORG/RAPIDPASS TO COMPLETE YOUR PRE-DONATION READING AND HEALTH HISTORY QUESTIONS ON THE DAY OF YOUR APPOINTMENT

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Did you know that currently, blood donations remain the lowest they've been in the last 20 years? Hospitals are in a severe shortage of blood products, and patients that desperately need blood aren't getting any. But the good news is, you can help with this problem! SSCPS High School is hosting a Blood Drive on June 3rd, Monday from 12AM to 5PM! By going to redcrossblood.org and searching using zip code 02061, you can sign up to donate blood, and help save lives. Students aged 16+ can also donate blood with parental consent using [this form](#), and they will also gain volunteer hours for doing so.

For inquiries, please contact Maheen (mchowdh101@student.sscps.org), John

(john_olaoye@student.sscps.org), or Katie (kcianelli@sscps.org). With just a little time, you can help save lives in dire need of help.

You can do so much to help, with so little effort. Please help us save lives.

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, May 31st. 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!



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	05/29	Spring Concert for Grades 5-12 Hingham Middle School, 1103 Main St, Hingham	6:00pm
Thursday	05/30	MCAS Grade 5 Civics Field Test	
Thursday	05/30	Junior Class to Bridgewater State	
Thursday	05/30	Senior Class to Six Flags	
Thursday	05/30	Governance Committee Meeting via Zoom	7:00pm
Friday	05/31	High School Best Buddies to Timber Lane Abington	
Monday	06/03	National Honor Society Hosting Blood Drive at 700 Longwater Drive	11am-4pm
Tuesday	06/04	MCAS High School Science	
Tuesday	06/04	K- 6 Move Up Day	
Wednesday	06/05	MCAS High School Science	
Wednesday	06/05	Book Swap for Grades K-4	
Wednesday	06/05	Class of 2024 Graduation Walk and Rehearsal	
Wednesday	06/05	Senior Dinner at South Shore Country Club	
Wednesday	06/05	SSCPS SEPAC Meeting at 100 Longwater & Zoom	6:30pm

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.

School Documents

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](#)

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