

Weekly Update | May 8, 2024

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A Message from Angie

We are in May and the countdown to the end of the year is officially on. Nowhere is this more clear than in our kindergarten classrooms. Kindergarten students have begun to work

their way through their annual end of year ABC countdown. Each day has a special theme; today our kindergarten students celebrated the letter E with Exercise Day. They are moving toward the letter Z on June 7th when they will "zip up their backpacks and zoom into summer" on their last day as kindergarteners.

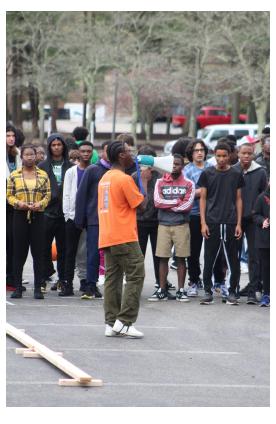
These final weeks of school are packed with events, celebrations, and traditions for students across our campus. Please make note of the important dates listed below as the calendar is busy and time in the spring moves quickly. First, the visual arts department will celebrate student work Thursday, May 23rd at our second annual art show. The event will showcase art pieces from students in grades K-12 and take place from 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm in the common area at 700 Longwater Drive.

Music students will perform in the last two concerts of the year at the close of the month. On Tuesday, May 28th students in grades K-2 will sing in the PE space at 104 Longwater Drive. The performance will run from 10:00 am - 11:00 am with second graders leading the show and kindergarten students closing the event. Families should plan on parking at the high school and walking across the street to the PE space. The next evening on Wednesday, May 29th students in our performing groups in grades 3-12 will perform for the final time this school year at 6:00 pm at Hingham Middle School.





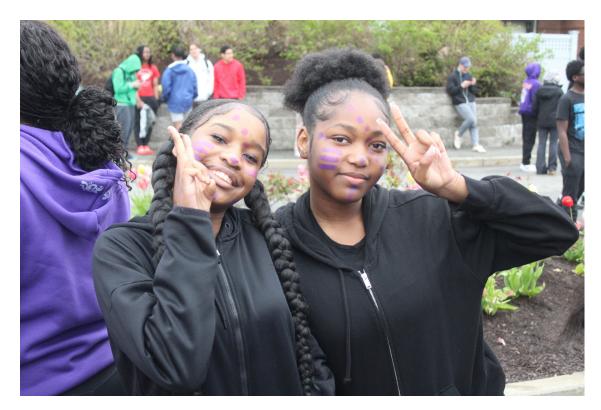






Last Friday our high school students participated in this year's Jaguar Games, a field day consisting of a series of team events organized by the Student Board. This high school field day comes early to allow Seniors to participate prior to their departure for Senior Project. Each Level has a field day on the calendar in June and for many students this day is the highlight of the school year. SSCPS is lucky to have a parent community willing to take the time to help organize and run these events. If you are interested in volunteering,

you must have completed all volunteer requirements, including a CORI, fingerprinting, and a confidentiality form. Please reach out to me if you would like to volunteer and have yet to complete these requirements. We will be sending out emails by Level to let families know where help is needed. Please find the field day dates below.





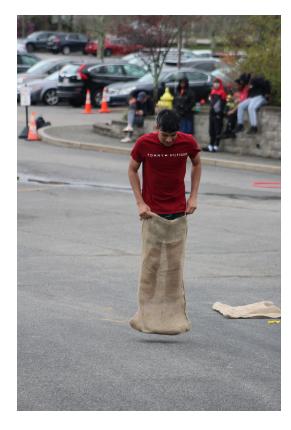
















2024 Field Days

Level	Date	Location
Level I (Grades 1 and 2)	Friday, June 14th	100 Longwater Circle
Level II	Tuesday, June 11th	Forges Field, Hanover
Level III	Thursday, June 13th	100 Longwater Circle
Level IV (Color Games)	Monday, June 10th	100 Longwater Circle

Our most important event of the year, commencement exercises for the class of 2024, will take place off-site this year at UMass Boston in the Campus Center Ballroom. We will be livestreaming the event and will share the details on how to access the livestream with the community as soon as they are available. 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 find the dates, times, and locations of these events below.

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

More information will be forthcoming as the events draw nearer. Thank you for your support of our students and our school throughout the school year and especially for your willingness to adjust your busy schedules to make our end of year events special for our students. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Angie Pepin

Principal, K-12



Important Save the Date!

High School Commencement and Elementary/Middle

School Awards Ceremonies

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On the Levels

Grade 5 Wax Museum













Athletics and Extracurricular Activities

Athletics

Come cheer on the Jaguars at their upcoming games:

Wednesday | May 8, 2024

Varsity Boys Volleyball vs Argosy (Home) 2:30 – 5:30pm **Starland Sportsplex & Fun Park**

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

Thursday | May 9, 2024

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



Afterschool Enrichment Program

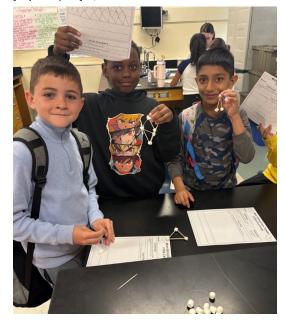
Available for students in Levels II, III, IV

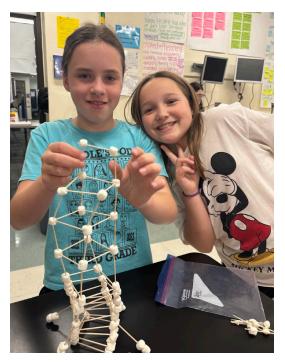
STEAM club

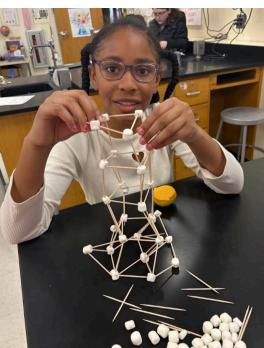


Students learned about prototyping and the engineering design process. The challenge was to build the tallest freestanding tower out of toothpicks and mini marshmallows.





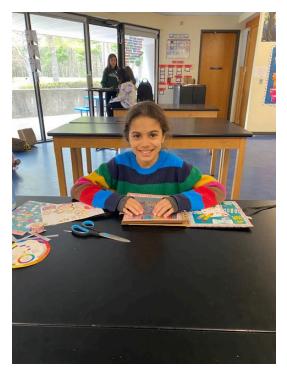




Scrapbooking Club











A Message from Tanya Ames

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



Counseling Department Newsletter

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

HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE

LEVEL III COMMUNITY SERVICE

LEVEL IV COMMUNITY SERVICE

From the Foundation



As we enter 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

Teacher Appreciation Week!



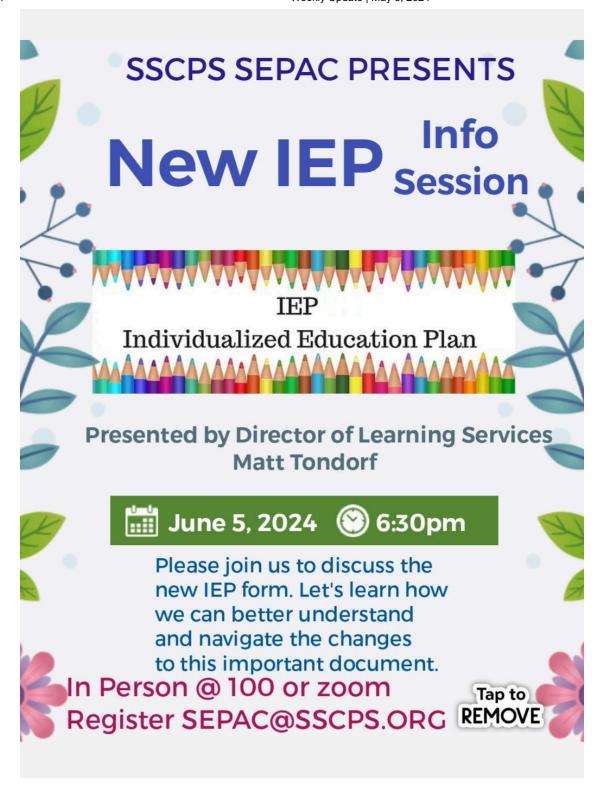




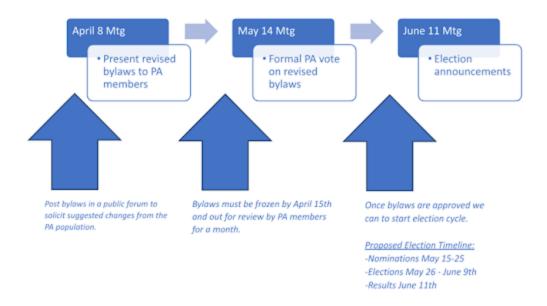


A tremendous thank you to all families who contributed to Teacher Appreciation Week festivities over the past two weeks. Special thanks to SSCPS parents Brittany Lofstrand and Stephanie Inniss for all of their hard work.

Parents Association, SEPAC, and ELPAC







Next PA Meeting on May 14th @6:30PM

Please join us at our next Parents Association meeting on May 14th @6:30PM. This meeting will only be held on Zoom, so please use this link to join the meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8250882374?omn=83194048675 (Meeting ID: 825 088 2374) or by dialing:+17193594580,,8250882374#.

The Zoom call will be opened at 6:15PM for introductions with the meeting to start promptly at 6:30PM.

The agenda can be found here: <u>14.May.PA.Mtg.Agenda.docx</u>

Topics include:

- 1. [VOTE] Review and approve March meeting minutes **PA.Meeting.Minutes-8.APR.2024**
- 2. Status on Operation "Revive the PA" which includes:
 - a. [VOTE] on the **revised PA Bylaws** (you have to attend meeting to vote)
- b. Self-nominations for elected officers of the PA for the 2024/2025 school year will start on May 15 th once the new Bylaws have been approved
- 3. Review upcoming events and opportunities for parent engagement

- 4. Treasurer update/grant requests
- 5. New Business

Thanks,

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!)

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.

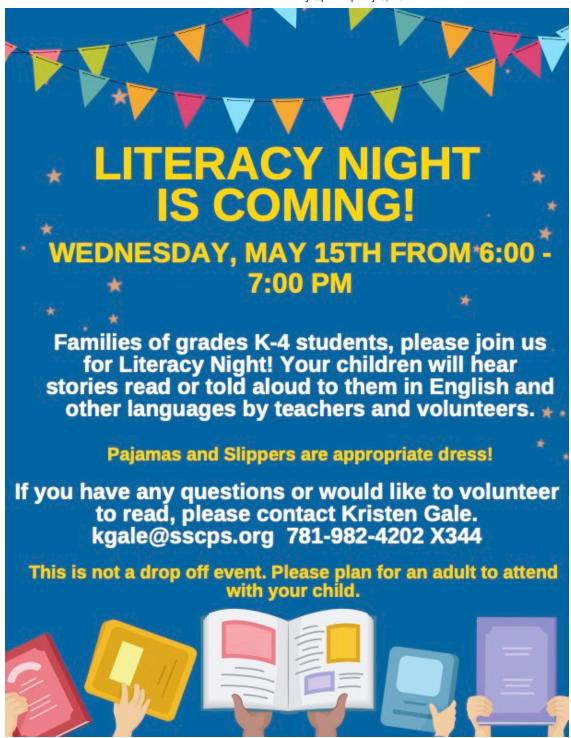
SAVE your sanity.

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.

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



From the Health Office

COVID-19 Guidelines for Massachusetts

MA DPH Health Guidelines - Updated

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday	05/08	School Council Meeting via <u>Zoom</u>	6:30pm
Thursday	05/09	AP Environmental Science Exam	
Thursday	05/09	MCAS Science 8 th Grade	
	05/09	Board of Trustees Annual & Regular Meeting	7:30pm
		Personnel	5:30pm
rol 1		Governance	6:00pm
Thursday		Finance	6:30pm
		Development	7:00pm
		All meeting held at 700 Longwater Drive and via Zoom	
Friday	05/10	AP US History Exam	
Friday	05/10	Level III Social at the PE Space	3:15-4:45pm
Monday	05/13	AP Pre-Calculus Exam	
		AP Calculus AB/BC Exam	
Tuesday	05/14	MCAS Level IV Math	
Tuesday	05/14	AP African American Studies Exam	
		AP Language and Composition Exam	
		AP Physics C Electricity/Magnetism Exam	
		AP Physics C Mechanics Exam	
Tuesday	05/14	Parents Association Meeting via Zoom	6:15pm
Wednesday	05/15	MCAS Level IV Math	
Wednesday	05/15	AP Computer Science Principles	
		AP World History Modern	
Wednesday	05/15	Literacy Night for Grades K-4 at 100 Longwater Circle	6:00-7:00pm
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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.

Community Events

Check the links below for updates on community events!

-PYD Inclusive Music Program
-Holly Hill Farm - Spring Programs
-Girls Who Code Summer Program
-gbSTEM - Free STEM Courses

Important Links

Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website www.sscps.org every Wednesday.

- Afterschool Enrichment Program
- DESE Student Attendance Letter Translated:
 <u>Arabic</u>, <u>Cape Verdean Creole</u>, <u>Chinese</u>, <u>Haitian</u>
 <u>Creole</u>, <u>Portuguese</u>, <u>Spanish</u>, <u>Vietnamese</u>
- Back-to-School Information
- Food Services
- Health Office
- <u>Massachusetts Department of Transitional</u>
 <u>Assistance</u>
- Community Service
- Visit the Parents Association Website

Here are links to upcoming events and other items of interest. Please contact Pam Algera at palgera@sscps.org to submit SSCPS items for publication.

School

Documents:

2023-2024 School
Calendar
Student and Family
Handbook
Arrival and Dismissal
Procedures
SSCPS By-Laws



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