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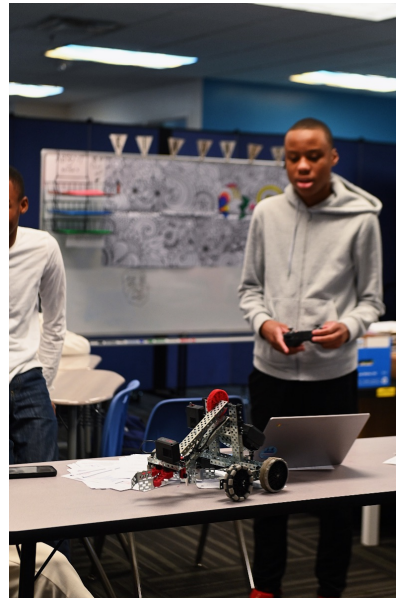


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[A Message from Alicia](#)

November brings with it a season of gratitude and thanks. Life at South Shore Charter is no exception. With the many wonderful happenings here on campus, it becomes an ambitious endeavor to keep track of all things accomplished this early thus far. This week academic achievement abounds as we celebrate twenty-one new John and Abigail Adams Scholars from the Class of 2024. In the upper grades, South Shore Charter has had the privilege of hosting two esteemed guest speakers: author Dr. Caroline Kautire and Holocaust survivor Werner Salinger. Enthusiasm reigns in our K-8 classrooms with the hard work of day-to-day learning and lively special events. Be it a field trip to Holly Hill Farm, completing the fall road race, or donning a special outfit at Literacy Lane, we remain grateful for the special moments our students provide every day.



With so many wonderful happenings here at South Shore Charter, it's impossible not to be excited about the beginning of enrollment season. For those of you new to South Shore Charter, this is the time of the year when our school showcases student achievement and the school community. Applications for the 2024-2025 school year are available today, November 1, 2023. The new application for 2024-2025 may be found on the SSCPS website. For our current families, siblings of current students seeking admission must complete an application and participate in the Enrollment Lottery.

Tomorrow evening, November 2, 2023, there will be an Open House for new students and prospective families. The Open House will be at 100 Longwater Circle and 700 Longwater Drive. We are delighted to report that over 150 families have registered to attend. Although current students do not need to reapply, we encourage Level IV students to come and visit the high school to learn more about student life and programs unique to the high school.

Every year the number of applications we receive exceeds the number of openings. Our waitlist has remained long and steady despite post-pandemic challenges. We greatly attribute this persistent strong interest to our current students and families who spread the word about our school and mission. Your message about our school and what a South Shore Charter education means to you and your family has proven invaluable. Thank you for reaching out to your community and sharing our mission of inspiring every student to excel in academics, service, and life.

Alicia Savage
Executive Director

Abigail Adams Scholarship Recipients
SSCPS Class of 2024

Angel Akyea, Jordan Alexandre, Austin Anagnos, Amogh Athimamula, Laylah Bernadeau, Samuel Carter, Richard Deibel, Naimah Fernandes, Abygale Gorman, Amira Hamam, Pierre Joseph, Tyler MacDonald, Ciara Mullane, Benjamin Myrtil, Samuel Oji, Sawdah Osman, Caleb Pimental, Samuel Henrique Santana, Aditi Suryawanshi, Arya Suryawanshi, Abigail Weir

The South Shore Charter Public School community is proud to announce the twenty-one (21) students who are named recipients of the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. We

are proud of the Class of 2024 as thirty (30) percent of this class has attained this prestigious scholarship. The scholarship award recognizes high performance on the ELA and Math MCAS taken in Grade 10 in the Spring of 2022. This merit-based scholarship provides a four-year tuition credit at a Massachusetts state college or university. Scholarships are granted to students whose combined MCAS score places them in the top twenty-five (25) percent of students at the South Shore Charter Public School, or in their sending school district.

This year's recipients hail from an array of cities and towns throughout the South Shore including Abington, Brockton, East Bridgewater, Holbrook, Plymouth, Randolph, Rockland, Weymouth, and Whitman.

[A complete list](#) of Massachusetts State Colleges and Universities that accept the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship may be found on the DESE website.

Congratulations to all South Shore Charter Public School 2023-2024 John and Abigail Adams Scholars.

On the Levels

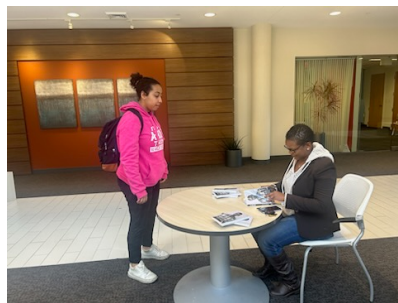
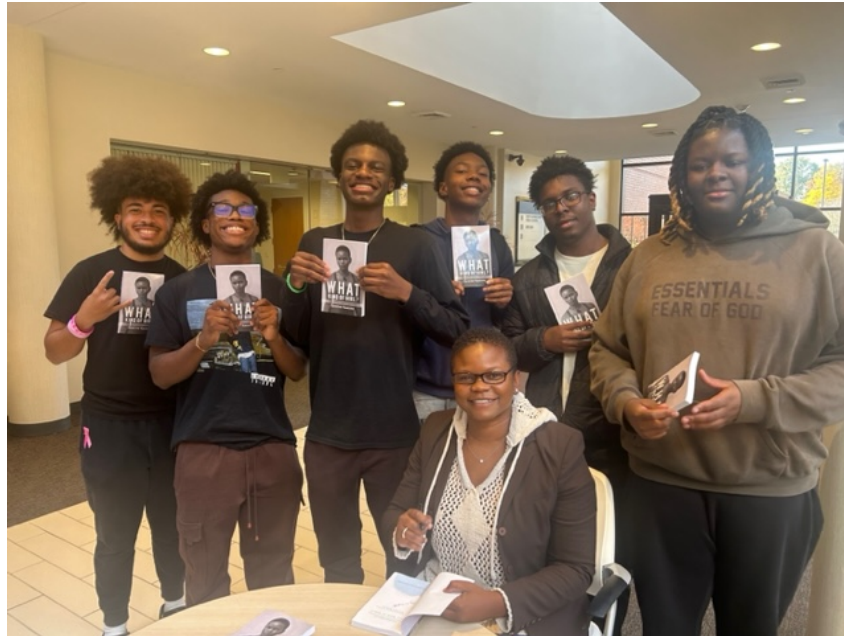
Guest Speaker | Caroline Kautsire



On October 18 we welcomed an impactful guest speaker at the high school. Caroline Kautsire, an author who immigrated from Malawi, came in to speak to students in the World Literature, AP African American Studies, and Writers Workshop classes about her memoir *What Kind of Girl*. In addition to being a published author, Dr. Kautsire is a lecturer at Bunker Hill College and was featured on WCVB 's show Chronicle.

Last week Dr. Kautsire returned to SSCPS for a special book signing. Students were

treated to their own copy of *What Kind of Girl*. Special thanks to Dr. Kautsire, and Nadine Sullivan, SSCPS ELA and History teacher, for inviting Dr. Kautsire to South Shore Charter, and to the South Shore Charter Educational Foundation for providing each participating student with a copy of the memoir *What Kind of Girl*.





Athletics and Extracurricular Activities

Afterschool Enrichment Program

Levels II and III

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

SSCPS AFTERSCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

SESSION 1

GRADES 3-6

- NOV 6, 2023 - DEC 22, 2023

MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

TIME: 3:15 - 4:15 PM

SESSION 1 CLUBS:

<p>MONDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPORTS AND PLAYTIME CLUB • CRAFTY CREATORS CLUB • ART CLUB • THEATRE CLUB 	<p>WEDNESDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STORY ILLUSTRATORS CLUB • THEATRE CLUB • WEB WARRIORS: CODING AND LOGIC GAMES CLUB • SPORTS AND PLAYTIME CLUB • PAINTING PIONEERS CLUB • YOGA AND QIGONG CLUB
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SESSION 2 COMING SOON!

GET READY FOR MORE EXCITING AFTERSCHOOL ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN SESSION 2!
 KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR UPCOMING INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLASSES AND ENROLLMENT PROCESS.
 WE CAN'T WAIT TO SPARK YOUR CHILD'S CURIOSITY AND INSPIRE A LIFELONG PASSION FOR LEARNING.

CONTACT NADREEN SULLIVAN
 PHONE: 781-982-4202 EXT. 356
 EMAIL: NSULLIVAN@SSCPS.ORG

Dear Families,

Unlock your child's potential with our dynamic afterschool enrichment program, tailored for students in grades 3-6! Our engaging activities and expert instructors provide the perfect blend of learning and fun. Your child will have the opportunity to explore their interests, develop new skills and make lasting friendships in a safe and supportive environment. By offering students a range of enrichment classes, they can grow their skills and improve

their social emotional learning. The program will run throughout the year in 3 sessions. Session I runs from November 6th - December 22nd 2023 on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please note that there are limited spots available. If your student is not selected for Session I, there will be other opportunities to attend an enrichment class in Sessions II and III.

Enroll today to spark your child's curiosity and inspire a lifelong passion for learning!

Please find a description of the enrichment clubs running during Session 1 [here](#) on our website. Use [this form](#) to register your child.

We are excited to get started!

Sincerely,

Nadeen

nsullivan@sscps.org



BC Splash is a program where middle and high school students can take classes taught by Boston College Students. This semester, we have classes on everything from the history of the Vietnam War to Surfing 101. The program is a wonderful opportunity for students to explore their interests and have a great day on the Boston College campus. This semester,

the program will take place on **Sunday, November 19th, from 10 am - 3 pm**, and lunch will be provided. We would love it if you could share this information with your students, teachers, and parents. You can register by visiting our website at <https://bcsplash.learningu.org> or using the QR code in the poster below.

Come cheer on the Jaguars in their upcoming games:

Wednesday | October 25, 2023

Varsity Girls Soccer v. Salem Academy (Home) 2:30 pm [Union Point Sports Complex](#)

#GoJaguars 🍌🍌

What's New In Projects and Workshops




Donate warm winter coats for children and adults.

Front Desk @100

Nadeen's Classroom @700

All sizes are welcome! Coats only, please.



SCHOOL REWARDS  **With your help, we could win up to \$1,000 in School Rewards donated by Jordan's Furniture!**

Donated coats are professionally cleaned by Anton's and given free of charge to local families in need.



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](#)

[LEVEL III COMMUNITY SERVICE](#)

[LEVEL IV COMMUNITY SERVICE](#)

[HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE](#)

National Honor Society Hosting Blood Drive

National Honor Society is hosting a Blood Drive on Wednesday, November 8th, from 11:00-4:00 in the public space at 700 Longwater Drive, in front of the faculty bathrooms. Please consider donating and helping us give back to the community. [Here is the link](#) to sign up. Just type in our zip code or the date to find our drive.



American Red Cross



NORWELL COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

SPONSORED BY SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL
 700 LONGWATER DRIVE, NORWELL MA 02061
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, 2023,
11:00 AM - 4:00 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 EXPERIENCE 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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Upcoming Events

It's almost time for the SSCPS Enrollment Open House!

Our Enrollment Open House at SSCPS will take place this **Thursday, November 2nd** from 5:00-7:00pm.

Whether it's your first look at South Shore Charter Public School, or you're preparing to transition to our high school, we invite you to join us! Take the opportunity to meet with our students and teachers to learn more about what makes SSCPS different from the rest.

If you haven't registered yet, use the button below to sign up.

[K-8 SIGN UP](#)

[HIGH SCHOOL SIGN UP](#)

Parent Association and SEPAC



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:

November

Week of 11/14 - Fold/pics

11/22 - Donate

December

Week of 12/11 - Fold/pic (If needed)

12/21 - Donate

February

Week of 2/5 - Fold/pic

2/13 - Donate

April

Week of 4/1 - Fold/pic

4/9 - Donate

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.

From the Health Office

If your student takes prescription medication during the school day, including epipens or inhalers, the medication will need to be dropped off to the school nurse by an adult. Medication cannot be sent on the bus with students. All medication needs to be accompanied by a prescription medication form. Your doctor may fill out their own medication form, an Asthma Action Plan, Allergy Action Plan, or the school's [Prescription Drug Form](#). No medication can be accepted without the proper paperwork. Parents/guardians will also need to sign the form to give permission for medication to be administered in school. Students can not bring in over the counter medication. All medication needed at school must be held in the Health Office and have the proper paperwork in order for it to be administered at school.

If your student is planning on playing a school sport in the fall they must have a current physical dated within the past 13 months. Students who do not have a current physical will not be allowed to try out or participate in sports. You may submit health forms to:

K-8: Jaime Kjelgaard, RN Jkjelgaard@sscps.org 781-982-4202 x 104

High School: Barbara Folan, RN Bfolan@sscps.org 781-982-4202 x 182

Fax: 781-982-4201

Students entering K, 4th, 7th & 10th grade must submit current physical forms and vaccine records.

The K through 8 school is a **peanut/nut free** building. Please make sure you do not send your child to school with any food that contains peanuts or nuts or the label reads "may contain nuts or traces of nuts". Caffeinated beverages are not allowed in the elementary school. Please send your student to school with a reusable water bottle as the school does not provide water bottles. Level 1 students should have a full change of weather appropriate clothes that is kept at school.

Please reach out to your school nurse and teacher if your student is sick. Students who have vomiting, diarrhea, or a fever of 100 or above need to remain out of school until the symptoms or fever have resolved for 24 hours. If your student has strep throat,

conjunctivitis or any other contagious illness they will need to remain out until they have been on antibiotics for 24 hours. Students who develop any of these symptoms during the school day will need to be picked up from school promptly. Please make sure your contact information with the school is up to date. Absences can be reported to attendance@sscps.org.

If your student tests positive for COVID-19 please reach out to your school nurse so it can be determined when your student is able to return to school. Thank you!

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Jaime Kjelgaard
 SSCPS School Nurse



IMPORTANT REMINDER

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

NO SCHOOL

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday	11/01	School Council Meeting via Zoom	6:30pm
Thursday	11/02	1 st Quarter Ends for Grades 5-12	
Thursday	11/02	Enrollment Open House at 100 Longwater Circle and 700 Longwater Drive	5:00-7:00pm
Friday	11/03	School Picture Retake Day	
Friday	11/03	Professional Development Early Release	12:00pm
Wed & Thurs	11/08 & 11/09	MCAS ELA Retest	
Wednesday	11/08	NHS hosting Blood Drive at 700 Main Lobby	11:00 am-4:00pm
Wednesday	11/08	SEPAC Meeting via Zoom – email sepac@sscps.org	7:00pm

Thursday	11/09	Board of Trustees	7:30pm
		Personnel Committee	5:30pm
		Governance Committee	6:00pm
		Finance Committee	6:30pm
		Development Committee	7:00pm
		All meetings held at 700 Longwater Drive and via Zoom	
Friday	11/10	Veterans Day Observed – No School	

School Picture Orders

Don't Forget to Order This Year's School Pictures

**ENJOY 10% OFF
your order!**

CODE: F202310OFF

EXPIRES: May 1, 2024

[**Redeem Now**](#)

Important Links

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

- [Afterschool Enrichment Program](#)
- [Back-to-School Information](#)
- [Food Services](#)
- [Health Office](#)
- [Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance](#)
- [Community Service](#)
- **Visit the [Parents Association Website](#)**

School

Documents:

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

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.



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