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## Weekly Update | October 4, 2023

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**SPANISH  
LIBRARY  
PROGRAM**

CELEBRATING  
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH  
AT SOUTH SHORE CHARTER  
PUBLIC SCHOOL

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The banner features a dark blue background with a colorful row of books at the top and bottom. The text is prominently displayed in the center, with a call-to-action button.

### A Message from Alicia

October is here and despite the unusually warm weather, all the signs of school in autumn have arrived. With three Back-to-School nights, bus route mapping, and school picture days in our rearview mirror, we look forward to more fall events in and out of the classroom. Yesterday we were honored by the visit of guest speaker Werner Salinger who shared his Holocaust experience with our students. We remain proud of how our students handled a difficult topic and truly grateful to Werner Salinger for sharing his life experience and the lessons learned from a horrific chapter of world history. On behalf of the South Shore Charter Public School community I would like to thank Mr. Salinger for his important visit.

On Saturday we held the Race for Space 5k at Wompatuck State Park. Special thanks to our sponsors and all who ran, walked, and volunteered in support of our school. We had a wonderful turnout of student, parent, faculty, and staff volunteers who worked together to make the event run smoothly. Today our ninth grade students are off to TreeTop Adventures, fall sports teams are thriving in both MCSAO and MIAA leagues, the fall music program is growing, and we are excited about the new after school enrichment program. We remain thankful for the return of numerous community service opportunities which allow us all to look forward to a year of giving back.

Academic achievement remains at the forefront of all we do. The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education released the Spring 2023 MCAS results on September 19, 2023. South Shore Charter MCAS results may be found [here](#) on the DESE website. Families may expect individual student reports to be sent home next week. Included in the report will be information on how to read the report and interpret your student's results. As a school we look at MCAS scores individually, in subgroups, by grade, and as a whole. Although we look at a myriad of assessments to determine strengths and areas for improvement, the MCAS provides a specific window to help determine how closely teaching and learning is aligned to what is being measured by the MCAS. We analyze student growth scores school wide to determine areas in need of additional support as well as pockets of excellence.

This year we have adopted a new Math curriculum for students K-8, the iReady math program. Also new this year is the Wonders English Language Arts curriculum adopted for students K-4. For students in grades 7-12, we are reintroducing the Collins Writing Program in English Language Arts and Social Studies/History. These curricula have been adopted to address possible learning gaps students may be experiencing, as well as tailor learning to students strengths and areas of growth. Although the school year is still new, teachers have spent considerable time during the August and September professional development sessions working together and learning about the best ways to implement these exciting new programs. We look forward to continuing this work throughout the school year.

Another exciting project this year is the Strategic Plan. For those new to South Shore Charter, the Strategic Plan provides our school community with a five-year map. Within the Strategic Plan we identify what is important to our school community, what the school has achieved over the past five years, what we need to continue to work toward, and which direction we are headed. The Strategic Planning Committee will draft the new plan which identifies new pursuits and goals, as well as evaluate initiatives from the 2020 Strategic Plan that evolve and improve with time. Our goal is to have a working draft of the new Strategic Plan available for first review by this winter.

The Strategic Planning Committee will consist of members of our school community who are interested in institutional advancement. This includes family members, faculty, staff,

students, and Trustees. We are seeking individuals who are interested in this work and are willing to make a significant commitment to our school community. If you are interested in learning more about joining the Strategic Planning Committee, please email [strategicplan@sscps.org](mailto:strategicplan@sscps.org).

**Alicia Savage**

Executive Director

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## SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

WERNER SALINGER



Yesterday our school community was honored to host Werner Salinger, Holocaust survivor and guest speaker. Mr. Salinger spoke of the historical events that led up to the Holocaust and his childhood memories of Kristallnacht, "Night of Broken Glass" before his family escaped to the United States. Mr. Salinger gave four talks sharing

his lifetime experiences. We thank Mr. Werner Salinger and his daughter Lynn Salinger for his time and his outstanding presentations to our school community.



Photo Credit: SSCPS Student Grace Spear



## THE 2023 RACE FOR SPACE 5K

On Saturday we held the SSCPS Race for Space 5K at Wompatuck State Park. On behalf of the South Shore Charter Educational Foundation, we'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our sponsors and all who ran, walked, and volunteered in support of our school. We had 141 participants sign up to run the race, and had a wonderful turnout of student and parent volunteers who made the event run smoothly.





### Special thanks to our student and family member volunteers!

Lehna R. Belony  
 Jameson Byrne  
 Celine Cherant  
 Amelia Daniel  
 Jen Dizel-Byrne  
 Prince Gnakou  
 Abygale Gorman  
 Annas Rhimmes  
 John Kim  
 Grace Leighton  
 Eoin Lenihan  
 Joselyn Loc  
 Ning Loc

Wunyoh Loc  
 Gaven Maye  
 Warren Maye  
 Kevwe Ogagan  
 Daniel Olaoye  
 Kaylie Polefka  
 Kendra Polefka  
 Diane Poor-Maye  
 Julia Preble  
 Allyson Rankin  
 George Seabury  
 Stella Veissid

Special thanks to Karl Dreyer and the SSCPS cross country team who came and ran the race. We would like to thank SSCPS faculty and staff members Kristine Bingham, Mary Carter, Annette Golden, Elyse Kay, JP Marcellus, Bill Tramontana, and Dan Vasconcellos for all of their hard work during and in preparation of race day. Additional thanks to our behind the scenes team, Pam Algera, Abby Bingham, Adriana Diaz, Kerri Doble, and Wayne Heuer. And a tremendous thank you to Joe Kay for all of his work organizing the event.

If you attended or participated in the Race for Space 5K, please take a few moments to fill out [this survey](#) and share your feedback to help us improve future road races at SSCPS.















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## COLLEGE BOARD AWARDEES

Congratulations to the the following seniors who have been recognized by the College Board for outstanding student achievement:

**Angel Akyea: National African American Recognition Award**

**Jordan Alexandre: National African American Recognition Award**

**Pierre Joseph: National African American Recognition Award**

**Samuel Santana: National Hispanic Recognition Award**

**Samuel Oji: National African American Recognition Award**



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## AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

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 1 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 1, there will be other opportunities to attend an enrichment class in Sessions 2 and 3.

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](#). Use [this form](#) to register your child.

We are excited to get started!

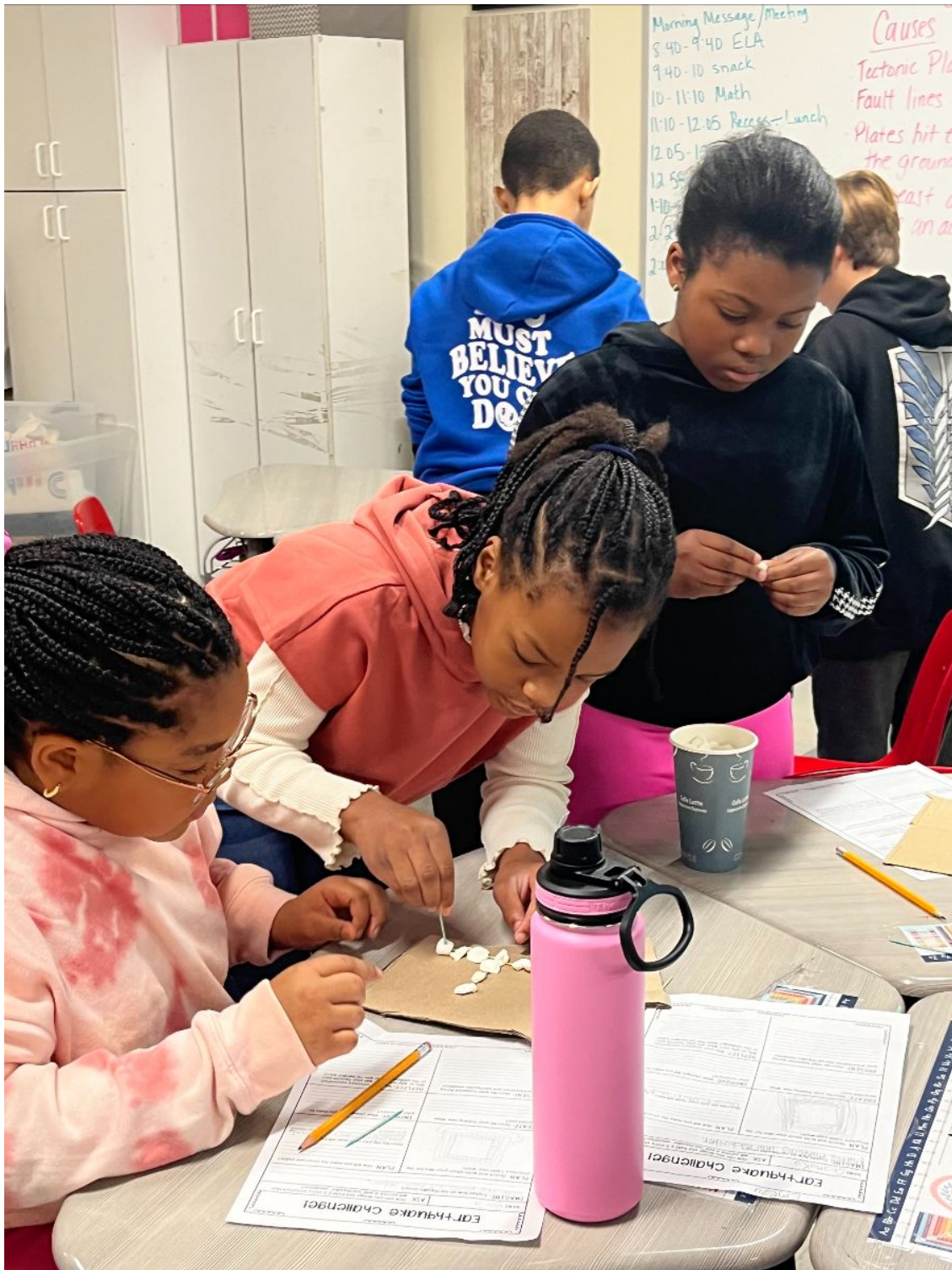
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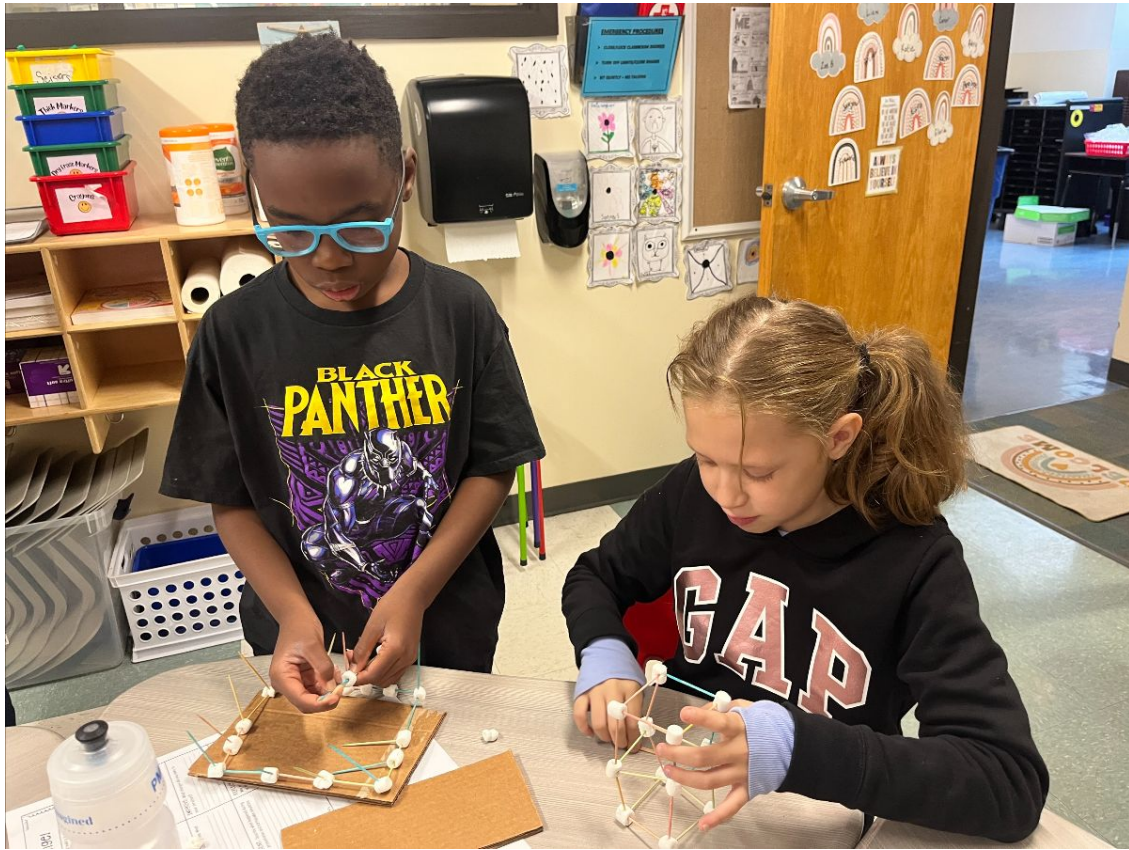
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## LEVEL II HIGHLIGHTS



Students in Nicole and Siobahn's fourth grade class are applying what they learned in their Wonders Unit on Natural catastrophes to build structures that can withstand an earthquake.





## Kindness Matters! September Edition

Level 3 teachers are highlighting kind acts that are observed by awarding students with a "caught you being kind" ticket each time we see a student doing something thoughtful. Students then enter their ticket into a raffle at town meeting for a chance to win a gift certificate to the school snack shack. While there is only 1 raffle winner each month, each kind kiddo is a winner to us, so we have highlighted those who received tickets last month below. Please ask your level 3 student if they were caught being kind today!

6th Graders		5th Graders	
Lila N.	Godwill	Jayson J. x 3	Chase x 2
Zachary	Elizabeth	Isabella V. x 2	Yassin x 5
Tyler	Sheryl	Nolan P.	Kyla
Riley T.	Naomi	Skylar x 2	Gabby x 2
Pavithran x 3	Leah V.	Anya	Faela
Nataniella x 2		Jayden O.	Paris
Sussette		David x 3	Jake
Gift x 2		Zoey	Kamariyah
Micah		Philip	Ava P.

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## ATHELTICS

**SEPT 25 - SEPT 29**

# JAGUARS OF THE WEEK

**ROMAN  
FURST**



**1ST PLACE FINISH  
4TH PLACE FINISH**

★★★

**MISHA  
ATTARDO**



**15 GOALS  
3 ASSISTS  
2 HAT TRICKS**

**#GOJAGUARS**

Photo Credit: @sscps\_sports

Jaguar of the week returns!! Here are the middle school and high school recipients for this week's award:

Middle School JOTW : Roman Furst is off to an incredible start for the middle school Cross Country program. Roman has recorded a 1st place finish and also a 4th place finish in his last meet. Congratulations to Roman!

High School JOTW: Misha Attardo has been nothing short of dominant this past month. In just 8 games, Misha has managed to score 15 goals while dishing out 3 assists, totaling 33 points thus far. Misha has recorded 4 hat tricks this season. Congratulations to Misha!

## RESULTS FROM LAST WEEK!

#GOJAGUARS

SSCPS ATHLETICS

# RESULTS



	BOYS SOCCER VS NEW HEIGHTS	WIN 3-0
	GIRLS SOCCER VS CODMAN	WIN 5-0
	GIRLS VOLLEYBALL VS APR	WIN 3-1
	BOYS SOCCER VS FOXBORO	WIN 8-0

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## SOCCER



**FINAL**

	<b>2</b>		<b>1</b>
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AMOGH ATRIMAMULA (2 GOALS)  
JJ FACZY (1 ASSIST)  
ALI BOUQH (1 ASSIST)



**FINAL**

	<b>7</b>		<b>0</b>
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MISHA ATTARDO (3 GOALS, 1 ASSIST)  
AAYAN ZAYNOUNE (2 GOALS, 1 ASSIST)  
JULIA PREBLE (1 GOAL)  
MUNA EZE (1 GOAL)

Photo Credit: @sscps\_sports

Final results from yesterday's games: Our Jaguar soccer teams' winning streak is still going strong.

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## Come cheer on the Jaguars in their upcoming games:

### Wednesday | October 4, 2023

Varsity Girls Volleyball v. South Shore Christian Academy (Home) 4:00 pm [Starland Sportsplex & Fun Park](#)

### Thursday | October 5, 2023

High School Cross Country Meet 4:00 pm [Franklin Park Playstead](#)

Varsity Girls Volleyball v. Calvary Chapel Academy (Away) 4:00 pm

### Friday | October 6, 2023

Varsity Girls Soccer v. Codman Academy (Home) 2:30 - 4:30 pm [Union Point Sports Complex](#)

Varsity Boys Soccer v. Carver High School (Home) 4:30 - 6:30 pm

**#GoJaguars** 🐾🐾

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## PARENTS ASSOCIATION UPCOMING FOCUS GROUP

Dear Parents,

I hope this message finds you in good spirits. As the Chair of our dedicated Board of Trustees and the help of Alisha Uhlenbrock Furst, I am thrilled to invite you to an important in-person focus group meeting aimed at revamping our parent association to make it more engaging and easier for everyone to participate in.

**Date: Oct 25, 2023**

**Time: 6:30 PM**

**Location: South Shore Charter Public School**

At our upcoming focus group meeting, we will gather to discuss and brainstorm ideas on how we can enhance the parent association experience for everyone involved. Your valuable input and insights are essential in shaping the future of our association, ensuring that it meets the needs and expectations of all parents.

During this session, we will focus on several key areas, including:

**Identifying Challenges:** What makes it hard to participate and how can parents spend more time being a part of the community?

**Engaging Activities:** Brainstorming fun and interactive activities that will encourage more parents to participate actively.

**Effective Communication:** Exploring new communication methods and platforms to keep everyone informed about upcoming events, meetings, and important updates.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Identifying volunteer roles and tasks that match different skill sets and time constraints, making it easier for everyone to contribute meaningfully.

**Inclusivity:** Discussing ways to ensure that every parent feels welcome and valued within our association, regardless of their background or circumstances.

**Fundraising Strategies:** Brainstorming creative and effective fundraising ideas to support our school and its various initiatives.

Your presence and input are highly valued. Diverse voices make for smarter choices! So mark your calendars and make every effort to attend this focus group meeting. Together, we can create a more vibrant, inclusive, and engaging parent association that benefits not only our children but also our entire school community.

If you have any specific topics or suggestions you would like to address during the meeting, please feel free to reply to reach out to me directly @jjuste@board.sscps.org. Your ideas are crucial in shaping our discussion.

I look forward to seeing you all there and working collaboratively to make our parent association the best it can be. Thank you for your continued support, and let's make a positive difference together!

Warm regards,

**Jimmy Juste**

**Chair, SSCPS Board of Trustees**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## SSCPS SEPAC MEETING

### PARENTS RIGHTS AND

### RESPONSIBILITIES IN SPECIAL EDUCATION



Wednesday

October 11,  
2023

7:00 PM

100  
Longwater  
Circle

PRESENTED BY:  
MATT TONDORF  
MICHELLE GALLAGHER



- ✓ Provides families with an introduction to their rights and responsibilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Massachusetts Special Education Law and No Child Left Behind (NCLB)
- ✓ Help parents learn how to be effective partners with SSCPS and assist in determining their child's eligibility for special education
- ✓ Review procedural safeguards, IEP development, and process

EMAIL QUESTIONS TO:  
Rachel Brodeur at  
[SEPAC@SSCPS.ORG](mailto:SEPAC@SSCPS.ORG)

SSCPS SEPAC presents

# Kids & Friendship

Join **Katy Boucher**, founder of **The Accord School**, for an evening of lively conversation on how to help our kids navigate their ever-changing social world.

## Wednesday October 18th

### 7:00-8:30pm

### South Shore Charter Public School

100 Longwater Drive, Norwell



Parents will walk away with practical guidance that they can put to use the very next day!



[www.theaccordschool.org](http://www.theaccordschool.org)

# LITERACY LANE | K-6



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

## A LITERARY-THEMED TRUNK OR TREAT AT 100 LONGWATER!

Join the SSCPS community for an afternoon of celebrating literature through car trunk displays, character costumes, and more! Students will have the opportunity to wander from car to car to visit trunks decorated to represent a favorite book, character, or literary series. Students are encouraged to dress up as their favorite literary characters. The Community Service Project will also be collecting donations of nonperishable food items for local food banks!



SATURDAY  
21 OCT 2023



2:00 PM -  
4:00 PM

### Activities Include :

- Live Music
- Free Book Fair
- Refreshments
- Photo Booth
- Volunteer Opportunities (7-12)

***This is NOT a drop-off event.***



## 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](#)

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## 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](mailto:Jkjelgaard@sscps.org) 781-982-4202 x 104**

**High School: Barbara Folan, RN [Bfolan@sscps.org](mailto: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](mailto: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

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 9TH**

**NO SCHOOL  
INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY  
COLUMBUS DAY**

## THE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	10/09	Indigenous People's Day Observed – No School	
Monday	10/09	Columbus Day Observed – No School	
Wednesday	10/11	SEPAC Meeting – Parent Rights and Responsibilities at 100 Longwater Circle	7:00pm
Thursday	10/12	Title I Information Meeting via Zoom	9:30-10:00am

## IMPORTANT LINKS

*Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website [www.sscps.org](http://www.sscps.org) every Wednesday.*

- [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](mailto:palgera@sscps.org) to submit SSCPS items for publication.**



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