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SPANISH LIBRARY PROGRAM

CELEBRATING
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
AT SOUTH SHORE CHARTER
PUBLIC SCHOOL

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In recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, we would like to give the SSCPS community the opportunity to participate in our Spanish Library Book Program! This new program will focus on adding Level-appropriate Spanish books to our K-8 library.

Transportation Updates and Important Reminders

As the first month of the school year rolls to an end, we would like to take this opportunity to provide families with some updates on our regional transportation program now in its second year here at SSCPS. While there are areas where we can continue to make improvements, we remain appreciative of the positive messages we have received from families within our school community. This progress is the result of the collective efforts to maintain safety and efficiency for students and families.

Over the summer we worked directly with First Student to make deliberate adjustments to the regional transportation system, including the addition of strategic stops on bus routes. Changes were outlined and communicated to families via email on August 16, 2023. New stops include local libraries, community child care organizations, and the YMCA. The goal of these adjustments is to enhance the effectiveness of the regional transportation program by providing more options for families.

There has been a change made to the bus stop drop off policy regarding student grade level. New this year is the policy that Level IV students may be dropped off without a designated pick-up person as long as families have completed the permission form. South Shore Charter families have done an excellent job remaining flexible with new stops, communicating the importance of good behavior on the buses, and articulating transportation needs and concerns.

Students have done a great job adjusting to the new school year and the excitement that comes with riding a bus to and from school everyday with their friends. Although the school year is still young, we are pleased with how well students are getting along with one another, and of all the positive behavior on the school bus. To ensure that the safety and good behavior continues, we are asking students to continue to remember these important points for safe bus transportation:

Bus Stop Safety Reminders for Students and Families

1. Arrive a minimum of ten minutes before the scheduled pick up time.
2. Stand off the roadway, away from cars and traffic.
3. Do not run or play while waiting for the bus.
4. When the bus arrives, wait until the bus comes to a complete stop and the red lights flash.
5. Board the bus in an orderly fashion, no running, shouting, or pushing.
6. Never run to catch the bus.
7. When exiting the schoolbus, always walk straight away from the bus. Do not remain in the "danger zone" where the driver cannot see you.
8. Never reach under the bus to pick up lost articles.
9. Never cross the roadway behind the bus.

Loading and Unloading at Bus Stop

1. Riders should arrive on time meaning ten minutes before the scheduled pick up time. Bus drivers will not wait.
2. Riders will enter or leave the bus at regular stops only.
3. Orderly behavior and respect for private property will be required.
4. Directions of the driver must be followed by the riders when entering or exiting the bus.
5. No K-6 student will be dropped off without a parent or guardian present for pickup. Please be sure you get out of your vehicle at the bus stop until the bus driver is familiar with you and your vehicle.
6. 7-8 students may be dropped off without a parent or guardian present for pickup with written permission.
7. K-6 students who are not met at the bus stop will be taken back to school.



The administration of South Shore Charter Public School shares with students and parents/guardians the responsibility for student safety during transportation to and from school. All school buses are equipped with video recording equipment which is used on transportation routes. Video recordings of bus rides may be viewed by First Student or SSCPS administration. The authority for enforcing school-wide requirements of student conduct on buses will rest with SSCPS administration.

Information about Regional Transportation may be found [here](#).

School policies regarding student conduct aboard the bus and disciplinary procedures may be found [here](#) and in the [SSCPS Student and Family Handbook](#).

The full and updated bus route schedule may be found [here](#).

Should you be in need of immediate assistance, please contact First Student Dispatch at 508-587-1336 or 781-961-3824 ext. 1. For non-urgent matters, including day-of changes in your child's pick-up plans, please contact SSCPS Transportation Coordinator Karen Boyle at 781-982-4202, ext. 484.

There remain a number of students on the waitlist at this time. We are asking all families who have signed up for transportation services, but who have chosen not to use the school bus, to please contact transportation@sscps.org so that we can give those spots to students on the waitlist. Families who are on the waitlist will be notified as soon as a spot on their route is available.

Thank you.

Karen Boyle

Transportation Coordinator

THE 2023 RACE FOR SPACE 5K

THIS SATURDAY!

REGISTER NOW

Early registration will take place at 700 Longwater Drive from 2:00PM-5:00PM. Please use the Business Office entrance.

2023

RACE FOR SPACE 5K

SUPPORTING OUTDOOR LEARNING AT SSCPS!

SATURDAY, SEPT 30TH
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
WOMPATUCK STATE PARK



SPONSOR THE RACE!
SPONSOR A STUDENT!
VOLUNTEER!
MAKE A DONATION!

REGISTER TO RUN THE RACE TODAY!



ATHLETICS

VOLLEYBALL

Coach Update:

The girls volleyball team ended last week with TWO wins putting them at 2-1.

On Wednesday, they defeated MIAA team South Shore Christian Academy (SSCA) at home 3-1. SSCA won the first set with SSCPS taking the next 3. The scores were:

Set 1: 26-24 SSCA (a team must win by 2)

Set 2: 25-22 SSCPS

Set 3: 28-26 SSCPS

Set 4: 25-9 SSCPS

Highlights included senior captain Gabby Louis who had a total of 18 completed serves with 2 aces. Senior Raeven Charles had 17 completed serves with 3 aces and 7 digs. Sophomore Devyn Bowden had her volleyball debut and had 3 completed serves and one ace.



On Thursday, the Jaguars played MCSAO/MIAA team Boston Prep in Boston and won 3-0. The scores were:

Set 1: 25-11 SSCPS

Set 2: 25-16 SSCPS

Set 3: 25-16 SSCPS

Highlights included senior captain Aditi Suryawanshi who had a total of 14 made serves with 6 aces and 3 digs. The team has adopted the saying, "Let Aditi do it" because she truly can do it all. Sophomore Jalysa Facey had a total of 20 made serves with 3 aces and she continued to take charge in the front row as one of our two setters. Senior Amira Hamam had 15 completed serves with 7 aces with 11 of those serves in the third and final set. Enjoy the attached photo following Thursday's win!

We have two home games this week - TWO chances to come and cheer on the Jaguars Volleyball Team! **Thursday, September 28th vs. Foxborough Charter School and Friday, September 29th vs. Academy of Pacific Rim. Both matches start at 3:30 at The U in Hanover.**

Come cheer on the Jaguars in their upcoming games:

Wednesday | September 27, 2023

Varsity Girls Soccer v. Codman Academy (Away) 4:00 - 5:30 pm [Roberts Playground](#)

Middle School Cross Country Meet 4:30 - 6:00 pm @851 Andover Street, Lawrence

Varsity Boys Soccer v. New Heights Charter (Away) 5:30 - 7:30 pm [270 Centre Street](#)

Thursday | September 28, 2023

High School Cross Country Meet 4:30 pm [Breakheart Reservation](#)

Friday | September 29, 2023

Varsity Boys Soccer v. Foxborough Charter (Away) 3:30 - 5:30 pm @25 Payson Road,
Foxborough

#GoJaguars 🐾🐾

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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 OPPORTUNITIES

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**The Race for Space 5K
needs student
volunteers!**

**BREAKDOWN
OF HOURS:**

- **4 community service hours** will be given to students who run the race and volunteer with set up and break down.
- **2 additional hours** will be given to students who get 2 or more sponsors.

SSCPS students are able to run and volunteer at this year's road race to earn community service hours. Students are encouraged to find 2+ personal sponsors to earn more hours and support the race! Use the form below to submit sponsor information.



SPONSOR FORM

For more information about volunteering or getting sponsors, contact Joe Kay:
jkay@sscps.org

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 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

THE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday	09/27	Junior Parent Night via Zoom	6:00pm
Thursday	09/28	Volunteer Training with Angie via Zoom	8:30am
Thursday	09/28	High School Parent Back-to-School Night at 700 Longwater Drive	6:00-7:30pm
Saturday	09/30	2023 Race for Space 5K – Wompatuck State Park	9:00-10:30am
Tuesday	10/03	Holocaust Speaker - Werner Salinger – Grades 8-12	
Tuesday	10/03	Freshman Parent Night via Zoom	6:00pm
Wednesday	10/04	Freshman Field Trip to Tree Top Adventures	
Wednesday	10/04	Executive Committee Meeting at 100 Longwater Circle	9:00am
Monday	10/09	Indigenous People’s Day Observed – No School	
Monday	10/09	Columbus Day Observed – No School	

IMPORTANT LINKS

Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website 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 to submit SSCPS items for publication.



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