

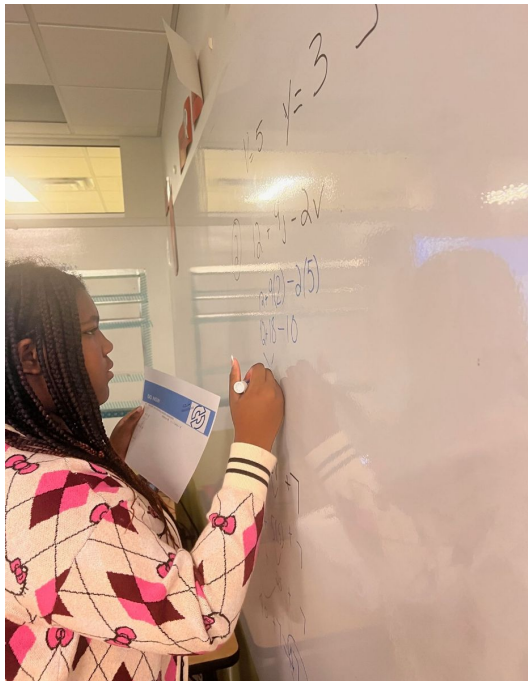
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Weekly Update | September 6, 2023

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A Message from Angie



We are off to a great start!! With one week now behind us, both students and teachers have begun to settle into the familiar rhythm of the school day and the critical work that is teaching and learning is well underway. The faculty has done an outstanding job teaching classroom and school expectations to our students, laying the foundation for a joyful and productive academic year. Having clear expectations and a structured routine in place helps all of us to perform at our best.

I hope that everyone is also settling into a well-balanced routine at home, managing the balancing act between the demands of school life and your family's daily activities. The shift from summer's leisurely pace to a structured school routine can pose a challenge, with social time and screen time needing to make space for homework and earlier bedtimes. Many families have found it beneficial to create an after-school schedule and display it prominently in their homes. This schedule should include designated time for fun, dedicated slots for homework and studying, and a consistent bedtime.

As you work to set a school year schedule and expectations at home, I strongly encourage you to establish a weeknight cut off time for all devices including cell phones, video games, and any devices connected to the internet, including those issued by the school. While that cut off may vary depending on the age of the student, it is important for all children and adolescents to have time to relax before going to bed away from the sleep disrupting blue light of a screen. For middle and high school students who may use social media, it is critical that they do not have access to those apps overnight. Every high school student could use more sleep and nothing disrupts their rest more than the incessant stream of push notifications from a phone.

Now that students have learned the schedule and gotten to know their teachers, we are eager to welcome families into the building to see what the school day is like for their children. Our Back to School Nights begin next week and continue through the month of September. The purpose of these events is to provide parents and guardians with the opportunity to meet their child's teachers and to learn more about the curriculum. Please find the Back-to-School Night dates below. The K-4 event will run from 6:00pm - 7:00pm and both the 5-8 event and the high school event will run from 6:00pm - 7:30pm. Additional information will be available as the dates approach.

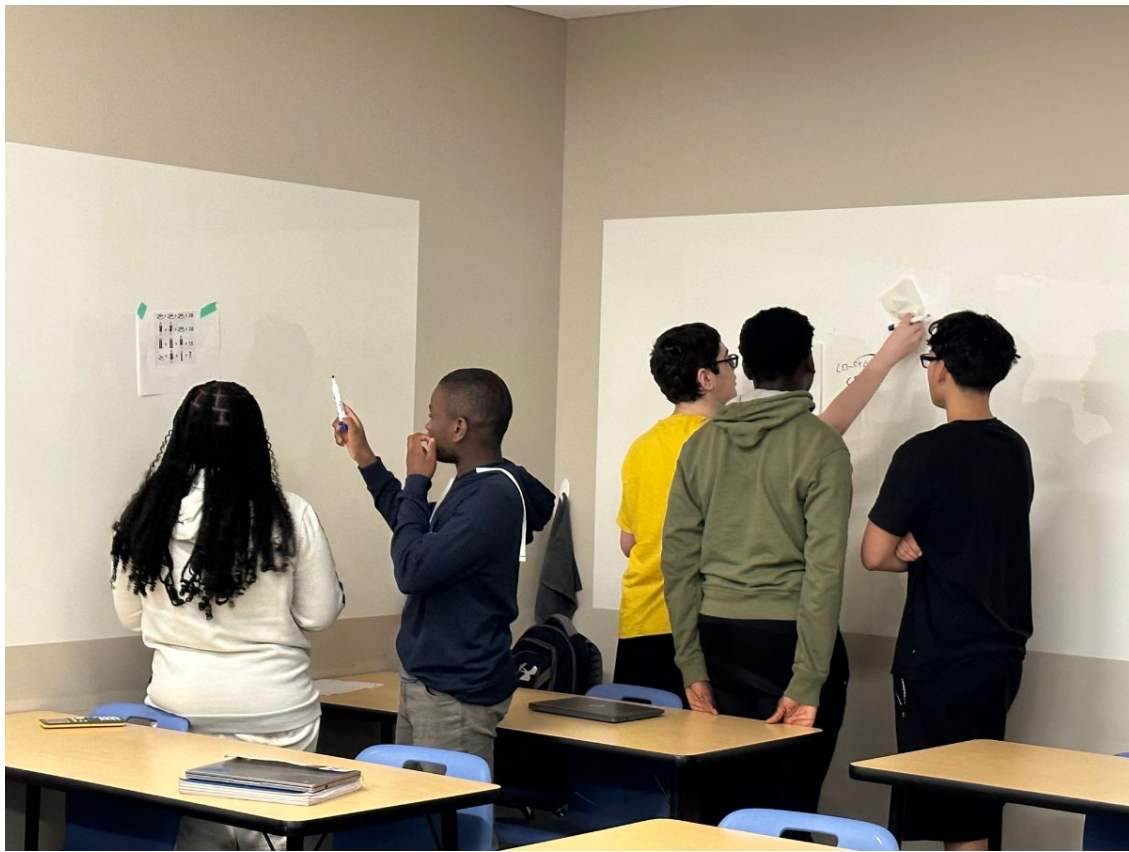
Back-to-School Nights 2023

Grades K-4 -- Thursday, September 14th

Grades 5-8 -- Wednesday, September 20th

High School -- Thursday, September 28th

Last year we were finally able to invite parents and guardians back to regularly volunteer in the building. We were reminded of how much we missed during the pandemic induced disruption. Parents volunteered in classrooms, taught FIT classes, chaperoned field trips, ran the library, covered lunches, helped on field days, and led crafts on Craft Day. They planned celebratory breakfasts, coordinated events for eighth graders and Seniors, and chaperoned dances. The list goes on. We are eager to build on last year's successes with more opportunities for families to model the service portion of our mission in our buildings. Teachers will reach out to families as these opportunities arise throughout the school year.



Students in the Mathletes Workshop

Anyone who is working with children or within our buildings must be officially registered as a volunteer. This policy is in place to protect our students. To register as a volunteer you must complete a CORI form on an annual basis, be fingerprinted, and attend a volunteer training session. We will hold volunteer training sessions and have an opportunity for parents and guardians to complete the necessary paperwork on the evenings of our K-4 and 5-8 Back to School nights from 5:30 - 6:00. If you are unable to attend and would like to complete the paperwork, please reach out to me directly..

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. I am looking forward to a wonderful school year.

Angie Pepin

K-12 Principal

ANNUAL REPORT AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

On July 12 the SSCPS Board of Trustees voted on two important documents. The first is [South Shore Charter Public School 2023 Annual Report](#) and the second is the [SSCPS School Improvement Plan](#). Both documents are linked to provide you with an overview of the School's performance last year. These documents help us determine our strengths and areas for growth as we look to the upcoming school year.

BEFORE SCHOOL CHOIR

Students on Level II will once again have the opportunity to participate in Before School Choir. The program will run on Tuesday mornings from 7:30am - 8:00am and will begin on September 12th. Please find an informational flyer below. If you would like to register your child for the program, please use the Google Form link below.

REGISTER HERE



Level 2 Before School Choir



Level 2 Choir- Before School

Where: Music Room- 100 [Longwater](#)

When: Tuesdays 7:30-8:00 am

Start Date: September 12, 2023

What: Learn to sing in a choir, perform in two concerts, choose some of your own music, have fun!

Questions: email Paul Barrett - pbarrett@sscps.org

Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/MwwHU9rpPw8ngMzS7>

FROM THE TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Optional Chromebook Insurance for Families



Application valid for 2023-2024 school year



Protect Your K-12 School-Issued Device

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Fire, Flood & Natural Disasters



Power Surge by Lightning



Vandalism



Theft

NOT Covered: Manufacture Defect & Mechanical Failure, Cosmetic Damage, Wear & Tear, and Unexplained Loss.

Device	Coverage	Deductible	Price
Student Chromebook	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$19.00

Policy Term:
8/29/2023-
8/29/2024

Deadline to purchase coverage: October 15, 2023



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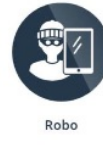
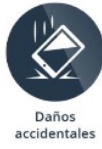
Solicitud válida para el año escolar 2023-2024



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Norwell, MA



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Dispositivo	Cobertura	Deducible	Precio
Student Chromebook	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$19.00

Plazo de la póliza:
8/29/2023-8/29/2024

Fecha límite para comprar cobertura: October 15, 2023



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- Sign-up link for Insurance - <https://gpo.worthavegroup.com/southshorecps>
- SSCPS Chromebook Insurance 2023-24 Handout - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OI75dmYBVTZ-lyWdwCim8Oru7-b_qtmv/view?usp=sharing
- SSCPS is offering a Chromebook Insurance Plan to every student assigned a school-issued device (Grades 3 - 12). This plan covers accidental damage or loss. The cost of the optional coverage plan is \$19 per student device for one school year.

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY



Picture Day is coming on **Monday, September 18 - Tuesday, September 19!**

Picture Day ID: EVT6JJH2T

UPCOMING EVENTS


TONIGHT!

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

AN
EVENING
with
INSTRUMENTS

THE INSTRUMENTAL JOURNEY BEGINS

JOIN
THE INSTRUMENTAL PROJECT



SEPT 6TH 2023 | 5:00-6:00 PM
100 LONGWATER CIRCLE
4TH-8TH GRADE INSTRUMENT TRY OUT.
STUDENTS WILL SELECT THEIR TOP 3 CHOICES
Please direct all questions to: tleonard@sscps.org

The 2023 Race for Space 5K

THE RACE: WHEN AND WHERE

SEPT
30

WOMPATUCK
STATE PARK
204 UNION ST.
HINGHAM, MA

9:00 - 10:30 AM

@sscharterps

REGISTER NOW

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

Monday	09/11	Senior Trip to Camp Burgess	
Wednesday	09/13	Executive Committee Meeting	9:00am
Wednesday	09/13	Senior Parent Virtual Meeting	6:00pm
Thursday	09/14	Level I and Level II Parent Back-to-School Night at 100 Longwater Circle	6:00-7:00pm

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](#)

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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