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A Message from Angie

It has been a busy spring at SSCPS! Students have concluded ELA MCAS testing across our campus, completed PSATs and SATs, and wrapped up the third quarter in grades 5-11. On Monday, Seniors shared their Civics Action Projects with teachers and with underclassmen at our Civics Action Project Showcase. First and second grade students have resumed their regular visits to [Holly Hill Farm](#). Students across grades are hard at work on their final EOMs. We have entered the final stages of the school year.

While this time of year is always characterized by a flurry of activity, this year we are lucky to have more enrichment programming available for students than ever. This includes

additional field trips and a variety of assemblies and experiences for students at all Levels. Fourth grade students are engaged in a series of climate focused in-school workshops and off-site field trips through the educational arm of the [New England Wildlife Center](#). Yesterday, sixth graders spent the day today at the [Plimoth Patuxet Museum](#), a traditional Level II trip they missed due to COVID-19. Both our second graders and our fifth grade students conducted a curriculum-based lab experiment in school with a team from the [Center for the Advancement of STEM Education](#) at Bridgewater State University. Our eighth graders will be visiting the BSU campus for a college lab experience the week we return from break. Fifth graders visited the [USS Constitution Museum](#) last month and grade nine will visit next month.

Last week, Marlon Carey from [Rhode Island Black Storytellers](#) visited students in grades K-3. Marlon kept students at rapt attention with engaging, cross-cultural stories that included opportunities for student participation. On May 21st, the [Whalemobile](#) will pay a visit to our kindergarteners and first graders who will have the chance to pretend to eat, move, and breathe like whales in an experience that takes them both around the exterior and within the interior of the model whale with a marine educator.



Marlon Carey (Rhode Island Black Storytellers) visiting our K-3 students.

These trips and experiences are by no means exhaustive and are in addition to the traditional field trips that our students have attended throughout the year. These additional experiences were partially made possible by grant funding from a variety of sources, but the bulk of these additional experiences are the result of the hard work of the Parents Association and the success of November's Raise Craze fundraiser. That funding has also helped cover some costs of our traditional field trips, keeping the cost reasonable. Under the leadership of Rachel Brodeur and Dawn Whitney the fall fundraising effort raised over

\$22,000 to support our school within an incredibly short timeline. The Parents Association has already begun planning for next year's fundraising efforts to ensure that we are able to sustain and build on this additional programming for our students. Stay tuned for information regarding this effort at the start of next school year.

With a late April vacation this year and an early end to the school year thanks to cooperative weather, we will return from the break with only seven weeks until the school year concludes. Those final days are busy with testing, field trips, concerts, awards ceremonies, field days, celebrations, and most importantly, graduation. With these events come many opportunities to volunteer. We are especially in need of help for Level I and Level II field day as those events are entirely parent run.

This is a reminder that volunteers at SSCPS must complete a CORI, complete volunteer training, take the volunteer training quiz, and be fingerprinted. There are no exceptions to this policy. This policy is in place to protect our students. All of the information about volunteer requirements can be found [here](#) on our website. Please plan ahead and get your paperwork completed as soon as possible if you plan to volunteer at end of year events. It can take some time for fingerprints to come back once they are taken.






I hope that everyone enjoys time with family and friends and some relaxation over the break. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Angie Pepin
K-12 Principal

School Calendar & Announcements

[Click here for the complete SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar](#)

SSCPS WEEKLY CALENDAR APR 16 - APR 23

Wed 16 Passover Day 4 Calculus Field Day at Northeastern University Multicultural Food Night - 6PM	Thu 17 Passover Day 5	Fri 18 Passover Day 6 Good Friday Observed - No School 	Sat/Sun Sat - Passover Day 7 Sun - Passover Day 8 Sun - Easter 
Mon 21 Spring Break - No School 	Tue 22 Spring Break - No School 	Wed 23 Spring Break - No School 	Upcoming April 29 - SSCPS Institutional Growth Family Meeting via Zoom - 9am April 30 - Grade 10 Field Trip to Newport, RI May 3 - SSCPS Spring Fair

SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar

SSCPS Institutional Growth Family Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, April 29th | 9AM

Learn about our growth plan, the enrollment lottery, and draft building plans for the upcoming school year, plus a Q&A. All families welcome!

[MEETING LINK](#)

Upcoming School & Community Events

Tonight: Multicultural Food Night

Join SSCPS for our annual Multicultural Food Night **tonight, April 16th**, and celebrate the rich diversity of our school community! Families are invited to share a favorite dish that represents their culture and enjoy an evening of delicious food, connection, and cultural appreciation. Come taste flavors from around the world, meet new friends, and celebrate

the traditions that make South Shore Charter Public School so special.

RSVP HERE



SSCPS Spring Fair

We'll be holding our second annual SSCPS Spring Fair this May! Our dedicated student volunteers will come together again on Saturday, May 3rd starting at 12PM to host this event with tons of awesome games and activities for all who attend. We'll have a great selection of food and ice cream trucks, a bouncy house and other inflatables, team games, arts & crafts, and lots of other fun activities right here at 100 Longwater Circle! You can find more information [here](#), and use the button below to get your tickets today.

[Buy Tickets](#)



Junior-Senior Prom 2025

Juniors & Seniors - join SSCPS for "An Enchanted Time" at prom on May 16th! The dance will be held at the Tirrell Room in Quincy, MA from 7:00 - 11:00PM. Tickets are on sale now

- use the button below to purchase!

[Buy Tickets](#)

SSCPS Presents...

AN

ENCHANTED

TIME

Junior-Senior Prom

Friday, May 16, 2025

DANCE 7-11PM

At The Tirell room

254 Quarry st Quincy MA

02169

TICKETS

\$60/PERSON

\$65 Outside Guest

Ticket sales start March 6th during lunch

Prices go up April 7th

SSCPS Spring Concerts

SSCPS

SPRING CONCERTS

MAY 28TH

- LEVEL I
- SPANISH GUEST PERFORMANCE
- INTERMEDIATE STRINGS
- COMBINED CONCERT CHOIR (LEVEL II, III, AND IV PROJECTS)

MAY 29TH

- PROJECT BAND (LEVEL III & IV)
- CONCERT BAND
- BEGINNING STRINGS
- CONCERT STRINGS
- HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC WORKSHOP

FREE ENTRY!

**MAY
28+29**

STARTS AT 6PM

Hingham Middle School
1103 Main St, Hingham, MA

CALL TIME: 5:30PM

FOR MORE INFO, EMAIL TLEONARD@SSCPS.ORG OR PBARRETT@SSCPS.ORG

Oceans of Opportunity | CSCR Summer Partnership

Use the button below to learn more information about our summer program at SSCPS partnering with the Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research!

LEARN MORE



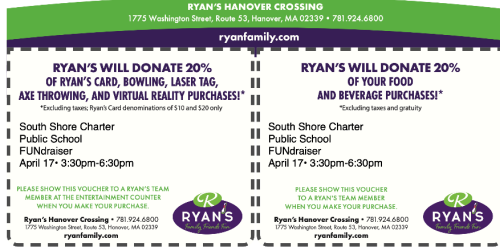
Grade 8 Fundraising Opportunities



RYAN'S WILL DONATE 20%
of FOOD + FUN SALES* from this event
back to the organization.

**South Shore Charter
Public School
FUNdraiser
at Ryan's Hanover Crossing**
Thursday, April 17 • 3:30pm-6:30pm

*Excluding taxes and gratuity. Ryan's Card denominations of \$10 and \$20 only.
RYAN'S CARD PURCHASES MUST BE MADE AT THE ENTERTAINMENT COUNTER.



Eighth graders at South Shore Charter are raising money to help fund our field trips and group activities at the end of this year! We have two field trips coming up: one to Washington D.C. and one to Boston, and we'd love your support.

The last community fundraising opportunity this month is tomorrow at Ryan Family Amusements! Portions of food, beverage, and activity purchases will help support SSCPS students.

For any questions, please contact Kristen Mullin-Connolly at kconnolly@sscps.org

Community Programs & Events

Friends of Holly Hill Farm
236 Jerusalem Road, Colchester, MA 02339
978-383-6905

Register Now!
Spring Programs
... on the Farm

Drop-off programs

Mornings
Ages 3 - 5

8-9 week sessions*
March 31 - June 6, 2025*
9:00 - 11:30 AM

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays

Sign up for one day or a few!

We'll plant and grow, dig in the compost, study the water cycle, seek out pollinators and flowers, perform farm chores, and more!

Afterschool Sessions
Ages 6 - 10

8-9 weeks sessions*
March 31 - June 6, 2025*
4:00 - 6:00 pm

Sessions meet one afternoon per week for 8-9 weeks*

Mondays - Healthy Cooking*
Tuesdays - Outdoor Exploration
Wednesdays - Spring Farming & Nature Exploration
Thursdays - Farm Building & Inventors

Homeschool Sessions
Thursdays
Ages 5-12

8-9 weeks sessions*
March 27 - May 29, 2025*
9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Tiered pricing means you pay at the level that works best for your family.
Reduced prices included!

scan here

hollyhillfarm.org/spring-sessions-2025

*No sessions 4/21-4/25 during April Vacation. See April vacation programs for details. Monday programs 8 weeks (no session 5/26/25)

Monday Music Jam and Connect!
Ages 13-18 | FREE for our families

When: Mondays, 4:30-5:30 PM
Dates: March 17, 24, 31 & April 7, 14, 21
Where: Sing Explore Create, 33 Rockland St., Hanover, MA 02339

Eligibility: This program is exclusively for individuals with autism who live within our service region.

Join us for a fun and engaging 6-week music experience! In Monday Music Jam, participants will explore different ways to create and enjoy music, all while making peer connections in a supportive environment. Activities include:

- Drumming and rhythm exploration
- Sharing favorite music
- Creating beats with music apps
- Group songwriting and collaboration

Led by a **board-certified music therapist** from Sing Explore Create, LLC, this program is designed to inspire creativity, encourage self-expression, and build friendships—**no musical experience required!**

Register today!
For more information, contact Lindsay Stonkus at lstenkas@community-autism-resources.com.
Registrations are not confirmed until you receive an email from Lindsay.

**Spring 2025
Juried National Exhibition**

***Night, Light, &
Half Light***

April 3rd – May 10th, 2025

Juror: Kristine Feeks Hammond,
Co-Director, Galerie d'Orsay,
Boston

**Opening Reception:
Thursday, April 3rd, 6-8 PM**



SPOTLIGHT
MUSIC & THEATER ACADEMY
PRESENTS
ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
THE MUSICAL JR.

Book by **DENNIS KELLY** Music & Lyrics by **TIM MINCHIN**

Directed by **Paulie Devlin**
Musical direction by **Daniel Pooley**
Choreography by **Paulie Devlin & Hallie Grace Nowicki**

Friday May 2, 7 PM
Saturday May 3, 2PM and 7PM
Scituate Performing Arts Center

Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical JR. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY mtishows.com

CLICK HERE TO BUY TICKETS

SSCPS YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW!

Our SSCPS 2025 yearbooks are
available to order now!
Use the information below to
order yours today.

Yearbook: [Order Here](#)
Code: **14917725**

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[CLICK HERE TO REDEEM](#)

Don't forget to order your FREE
Digital SmileSafe card!

From the Foundation

The JJ Facey SSCPS Scholarship



Attention SSCPS Seniors!

SSCPS seniors are encouraged to apply for the new JJ Facey SSCPS Scholarship!

The JJ Facey SSCPS Scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to a graduating senior student athlete who exemplifies the characteristics of sportsmanship, integrity, character, and respect. Our first ever SSCPS recruited college athlete, JJ Facey, graduated from South Shore Charter Public School in 2024. He influenced the student body, faculty & staff with his welcoming disposition, character, athleticism, and smile. His uplifting balance of work and fun provided us with a model of well-rounded citizenship and taught us how to approach life with a sense of humor. To quote JJ, "Hard work is easy," and the recipients of this scholarship will carry on this ideology.

2025 SSCPS graduate(s) awarded with this scholarship plan on attending either a postgraduate 5th year program, trade school, or a two or four year college. Seniors can find the application and more information using the button below.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Celebrating 30 Years of SSCPS

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Est. 1995

For the last 30 years, South Shore Charter Public School has been a pillar of innovation, community, and academic excellence. This school year, as we celebrate this incredible milestone, we're reminded of the power of generosity in shaping our journey and strengthening our future. **As we launch this year's 30th Anniversary Annual Fund Campaign, our goal is to raise \$50,000 and have 100% family participation.** Donations will be collected through the remainder of the school year, and you can choose which department or area of SSCPS you'd like your donation to be put toward.

Every donations makes a difference, no matter the size. Help us celebrate 30 years of SSCPS and contribute to our future successes for 30 more years and beyond!

Make a Donation



On the Levels

Boston Field Trip

Black Student Union, AP African Studies, and SSCPS Juniors

Students visited Mass State House, the Museum of African American History, Boston Common, the Freedom Trail, the New England Holocaust Museum, Faneuil Hall, and Quincy Market.



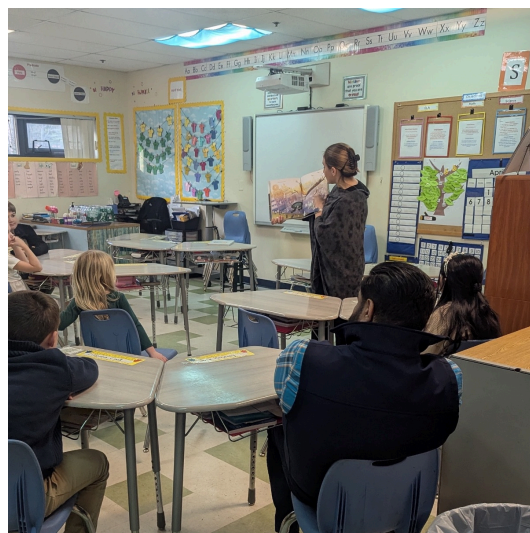
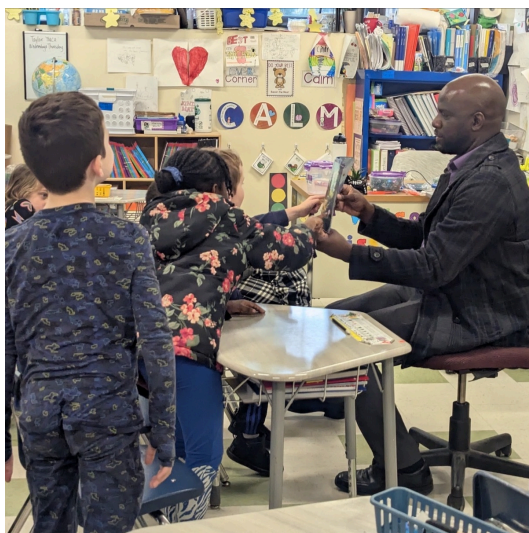






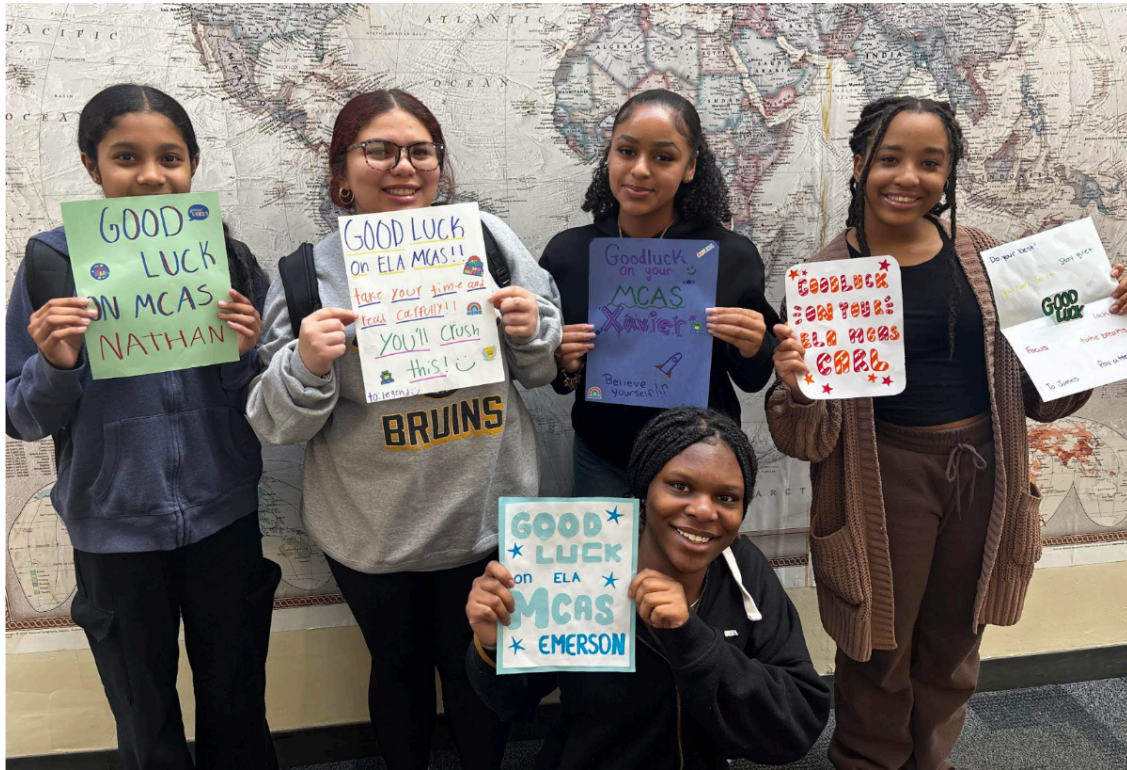
K-4 Literacy Night

Last Thursday, SSCPS hosted Literacy Night for Kindergarten - 4th grade families. Students enjoyed listening to stories read out loud by parent and teacher volunteers. Thank you to everyone who volunteered!



Level IV Community Service

Angie's new Level IV Community Service FIT launched their first partnership with supporting Zach's pod in preparation for their upcoming ELA MCAS. As part of this collaboration, each Level IV student was paired with a student from Zach's pod, creating one-on-one connections that fostered mentorship and encouragement. Level IV students shared helpful test-taking strategies, personal tips for managing stress, and thoughtful words of motivation to boost their confidence. It was a great opportunity for students to support one another across grade levels and build a sense of community, all while focusing on academic success. More partnerships to come in the future!





What's New in Projects & Workshops

Careers in Medicine/Medical Research Workshop

Students took a field trip to Bridgewater State University and participated in CityLab, a science outreach program in biotechnology for classroom teachers and their students. It provides hands-on, inquiry-based laboratory activities using equipment that many schools cannot afford to purchase. Students learned how to use pipettes and micropipettes and analyze DNA samples using electrophoresis.

High School Music Workshop Beatles Concert



Level III Community Service Project

Click the message or button below to support the Level III Community Service Project!

Hello SSCPS Community,

"The Level III Community Service Project is planning a trip to the local nursing home to host a craft day and we need your help. We would be so grateful if you could help us purchase an item from our [Amazon Wish List](#). All the elderly would be so grateful to wake up on Valentine's Day morning and have a bunch of crafts to do to brighten their day."

Sincerely,
The SSCPS Community Service Project



[Visit the Wishlist](#)

Afterschool Enrichment Program 2024-2025

Afterschool Enrichment Program Wrap-Up

The SSCPS Afterschool Enrichment Program has ended for the 2024-2025 school year - keep an eye on our website and future Weekly Updates for more information on next year's program!

[SSCPS WEBSITE](#)

Community Service

Community Service Opportunities

Need help finding a community service opportunity? Below is a link to our regularly updated Community Service Table filled with CS opportunities around the South Shore. Descriptions of organizations, contact information, and more are included.

Community Service Table

Submit Community Service Hours

If you've started your Community Service for the **2024-2025** school year, it's not too early to start recording those hours today!

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](#)

Health Office

In the coming weeks, the Health Office will be starting screenings for vision, hearing, weight, and heights. These screenings are based on grades. **If you would like to exempt your student from any or all of these screenings please email:**

K-8: Jaime Kjelgaard (Jkjelgaard@sscps.org)

High School: Barbara Folan (Bfolan@sscps.org)

Exemptions must be done annually.

Please remember if your student has a fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or an infectious illness (such as strep throat) they need to remain out of school. Students with a fever need to remain home until they are fever free with no medication for 24 hours. Vomiting and diarrhea needs to be resolved for a full 24 hours before returning to school. Students with

an infectious illness need to stay out until symptoms have resolved or they have completed a full 24 hours of antibiotics.

Students go outside for recess in most weather. Please make sure that students have proper clothing to be outside. Students should also have a refillable water bottle daily.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to reach out to the Health Offices.

781-982-4202

Jaime Kjelgaard, RN - K-8 building (x104)

Barbara Folan, RN - High School building (x182)

Parents Association, SEPAC, & ELPAC

Parents Association



Nominations for PA Leaders of the 2025-2026 School Year

The PA Elections Cycle for the 2025-2026 school year has kicked-off with self-nominations. The [self-nomination process](#) is where you let us know your interest in being an elected officer of the Parents Association for the 2025-2026 school year.

The PA advocates for all parents, students, and the school itself, and strives to create and maintain an environment where students, parents, faculty, administrators, trustees, and other stakeholders work together to pursue common goals.

The following positions are open for next year:

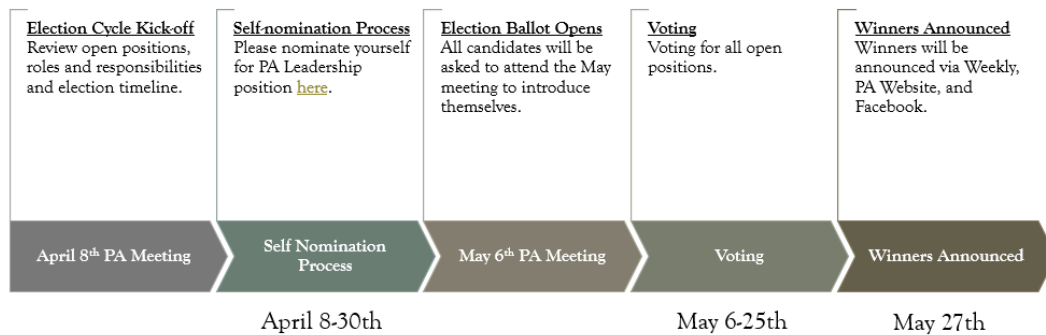
- Co-Chair – Level V (Grades 9-12)
- Co-Chair – Level III & IV (Grades 5-8)
- Treasurer

- Secretary
- School Council Parent Rep (6 voting slots)

Nominations will be accepted through April 30th. If you are interested in running for a position, please let us know of your intention: [PA Nomination Form](#). Be prepared to provide a short introduction stating who your SSCPS student(s) are and why you wish to serve on the PA. This description will be listed on the election ballot so make it brief and to the point ;)

Thank you for your continued support of our children and our school.

2025-2026 PA ELECTION CYCLE



Other Ways to Get Engaged in Our School Community

Did you know there is more than one way to get engaged in our school community? Visit the PA website [Parent Volunteer Opportunities](#) page to learn more about the following three way you can get engaged:

1. Search through [parent volunteer opportunities list](#) – This dynamic list houses one-time and ongoing volunteering opportunities at the school.
2. Join a PA Committee – Email the PA if you want to join one of our standing committees including Outreach, Events, and Fundraising PAatSSCPS@gmail.com
3. Join the [SSCPS Connect](#) Database - SSCPS Connect is a community engagement platform that connects the skills, talents and expertise of our community members to our school's faculty, staff, and community leaders to support our mission to "Inspire students to excel in academics, service, and life." Through a comprehensive survey, we gather how individuals want to contribute, allowing school leaders to easily search and connect to the resources that exist right here in our community.

PA Website Quick Links

SSCPS Parent Directory Update

We are pleased to announce that the Parent Directory is now active on our [PlusPortals](#) website. The Parent Directory provides families with a means to connect with other SSCPS families. **In order to be listed in the Parent Directory, you must opt-in. Information will not be shared without your consent.**

The first step is to activate your [PlusPortals](#) account. If your account is not yet activated you should have received activation instructions in a separate email.

Next, click on your name and choose "Directory Listing."

From this page, select the information that you would like shared with the community.

Please find detailed instructions [here](#).

Important Links

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

School Documents

- 1. [Afterschool Enrichment Program](#)
- 2. [DESE Student Attendance Letter Translated: \(Arabic, Cape Verdean Creole, Chinese, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, Spanish, Vietnamese\)](#)
- 3. [Back-to-School Information](#)
- 4. [Food Services](#)
- 5. [Health Office](#)
- 6. [Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance](#)
- 7. [Community Service](#)
- 8. Visit the [Parents Association Website](#)

[2024-2025 School Calendar](#)

[Student and Family Handbook](#)

[Arrival and Dismissal Procedures](#)
[SSCPS By-Laws](#)

Next Year: [Updated 2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

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08.29.2025


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el año escolar 2024-2025



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SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL
NORWELL, MA

**Reclamaciones
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rotas**

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líquida**

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y desastres
naturales**

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relámpago**

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**No se cubre:** Defecto del fabricante y falla mecánica, daños cosméticos, desgaste normal, o pérdida intencional.

Dispositivos	Cobertura	Deductible	Precio
ACER/LENOVO/SAMSUNG CHROMEBOOK	Device	\$0.00	\$19.00

Plazo de la póliza:
29.08.2024 -
29.08.2025

Fecha límite para comprar cobertura: **DOMINGO 06.10.2024**

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