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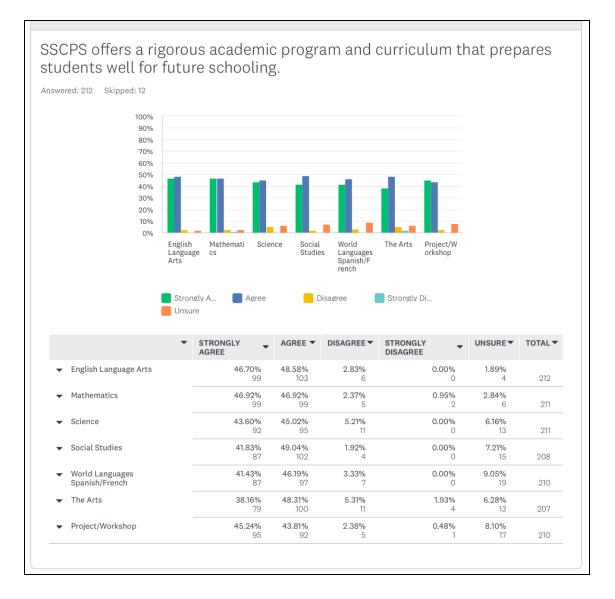
### A Message from Alicia

The early days of April are ones of excitement and change here at South Shore Charter. As we look forward to traditional events including Literacy Night, Multicultural Food Night, the High School Music Workshop Beatles Concert, and the SSCPS School Fair, the role of our school community has never been more clearly defined. Working together, we can accomplish greatness building the future with each passing day.

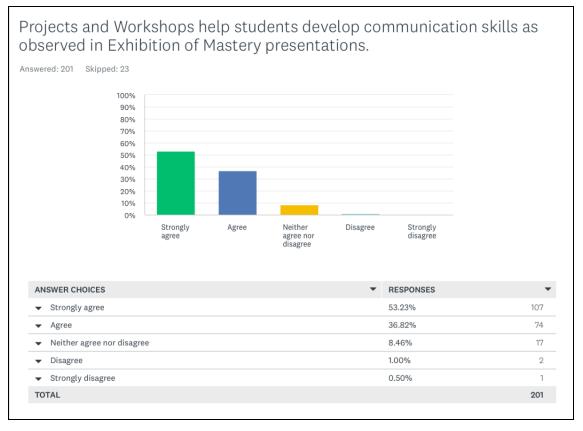
We rely on your support in every facet of our school community. Your valuable input assists us in making essential decisions that contribute to our institutional growth. Once again, our response rate was strong. We received 224 survey responses from 703 families; a

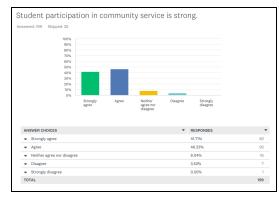
response rate of 32% and a confidence level percentage above 90%. This is the second year where a neutral response option was added, which has altered comparative year-to-year data; yet identifiable trends are apparent. Survey results play a crucial role in informing our decision-making process each year. As this year has been one of strategic decisions, we remain grateful to all who participated.

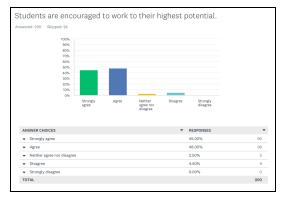
We review survey results through the lens of our mission of inspiring every student to excel in academics, service, and life. Family feedback on the academic programming offered at South Shore Charter provides the insight necessary to develop and sustain strong teaching and learning. Responses to Question 5, *SSCPS offers a rigorous academic program and curriculum that prepares students well for future learning,* are as follows:



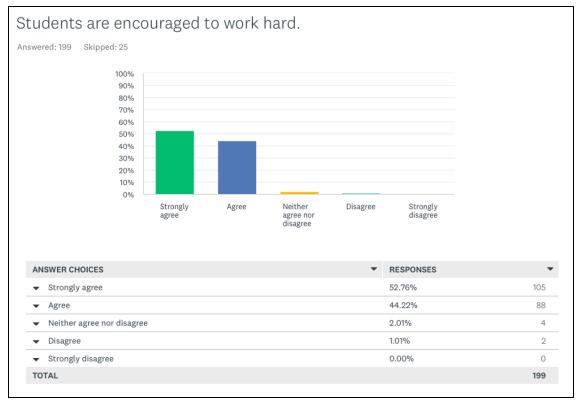
In addition to feedback on our academic programming, data gleaned indicate how we all share some common objectives: improving classroom resources, fostering project-based learning in Projects and Workshops (Question 27), fostering a spirit of community service (Question 42), and encouraging students to work hard and achieve (Questions 35 and 41).



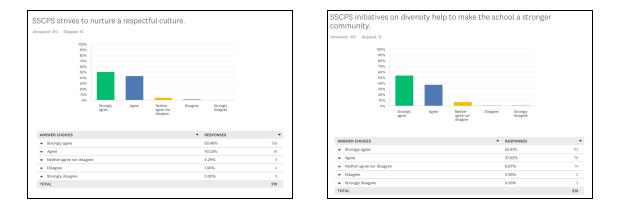




We are encouraged that our unique educational model of project-based learning and Exhibitions of Mastery remain both strong as well as an area of ongoing development. The renewed emphasis on community service and the importance of service to others continues to resonate with our families as well. We believe that every student should be inspired to achieve their individual potential, and we are grateful for the support we receive from our families to ensure that students work hard to reach that potential.

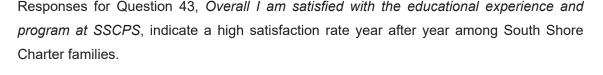


Included are questions that speak to the essence of who we are as a school community. Question 8, SSCPS strives to nurture a respectful culture, and Question 9, SSCPS initiatives on diversity help to make the school a stronger community, do just that.



For the third year, this year's survey included an overall sliding scale evaluation of the transportation program and an area for comments. Question 25 received 202 responses. The Weighted Average for the transportation remains high at 8.78 on a 0-10 scale. 21.29 percent of families rated the regional transportation program as "Outstanding," giving it a perfect rating of 10. This top rating was the most commonly selected choice, resulting in high ratings for the program now in its third year.

Using any number from 0 to 10, where 0 is Needs Improvement and 10 is Outstanding, what number would you use to rate the regional transportation program? Answered: 202 Skipped: 22 100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 21.29% 30% 17.82% 20% 4.95% 2.48% 1.98% 0.99% 10% 0%



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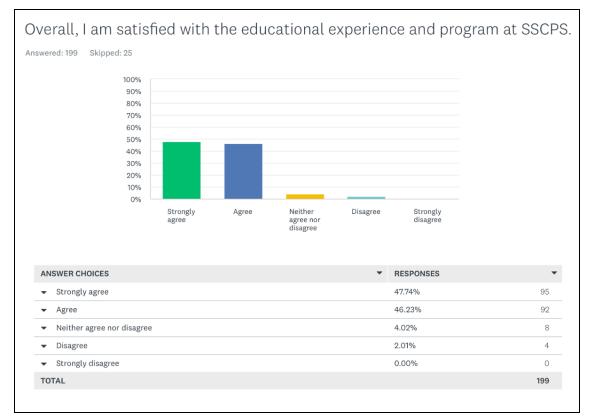
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Our strongest area of growth continues to be facilities. Feedback regarding our school facilities consistently underscores the need for campus enhancements has remained consistent over the years. This year's data is no exception. Because we will be gaining additional classroom space at 700 Longwater Drive, we will be addressing some of these

challenges.

Survey results for all questions have been <u>linked here</u>. I encourage you to review survey responses at your convenience. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have. We welcome additional thoughts and questions as we plan for the enrollment and campus growth that next year will bring.

Thank you for your work building the future of South Shore Charter Public School.

Alicia Savage Executive Director

**Survey Results** 

## **School Calendar & Announcements**

### Click here for the complete SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar

## SSCPS WEEKLY CALENDAR APR 02 - APR 09

/ed 02	Thu 03	Fri 04	Sat/Sun
MCAS Level IV ELA Grade 4 Field Trip to New England Wildlife Hospital Multicultural Food Night Planning Committee via Zoom - 7PM World Autism Awareness Day	3rd Quarter Ends for Grades 5-11 MCAS Level IV ELA Neurodiversity Assembly for Grades K-5 Virtual Parent Informational Session on Relational Aggression and Conflict via Zoom - 6:30PM	Parent Coffee Meet Up at Panera Bread in Hanover - 8:30AM	**
lon 07	Tue 08	Wed 09	Upcoming
High School Student NHS Thrift Store Begins (M-W)	MCAS Level II ELA Parents Association Meeting via Zoom - 7PM	MCAS Level III ELA Storyteller for Grades K-3 - 9AM School Council Meeting via Zoom - 4:30PM High School Music Workshop: Beatles Concert at the PE Space (104 Longwater) - 6PM	<b>April 10</b> - Literacy Night <b>April 16</b> - Multicultural Food Night

**SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar** 

## **Today is World Autism Day!**



## **PSAT/SAT Exam Updates**

### A message from the High School Guidance Department:

Reminder that the Digital SAT and PSAT is coming to South Shore Charter Public School on Friday, April 11, 2025. All Juniors will be taking the SAT Day Exam at school; Sophomores will be taking the PSAT 10, and students in grades 8 and 9 will be taking the PSAT 8/9. All test administrations will be digital. There is no cost to take the exam and students do not need to register for the exam - the school will take care of it.

### Why are students taking the PSAT this spring?

Taking the digital PSAT 8/9, 10, and 11 offers you a chance to get familiar with the digital SAT and to practice taking the test. This can help you reduce anxiety and save time on your digital SAT test day.

Additionally, the PSAT/NMSQT can help you gauge your readiness for the SAT, so you know which areas you need to focus on in order to improve your score. Your PSAT/NMSQT score report will show you a breakdown of the kinds of questions you missed, which is useful for directing your SAT prep. For example, if you miss several Inference questions on the PSAT/NMSQT Reading and Writing section, then you may want to spend extra time going through Khan Academy's Inference videos, articles, and skill practice exercises to get better at those questions.

Also, the digital PSAT is still the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT). That means students who score well on the digital PSAT/NMSQT <u>may be eligible</u>

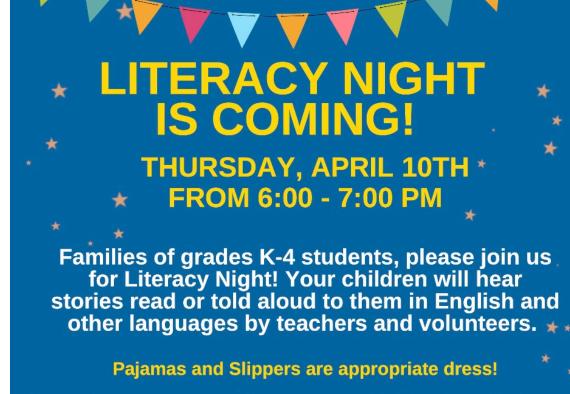
### for college scholarship opportunities.

\*\*VERY IMPORTANT - LAPTOP INFORMATION FOR DIGITAL TESTING \*\*

Students must have their school laptop fully charged on the day of the exam. Students cannot use a personal computer for the SAT/PSAT Day Exam. There will be limited loaner laptops and chargers.

**Upcoming School & Community Events** 

## Literacy Night at SSCPS



If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to read, please contact Kristen Gale. kgale@sscps.org 781-982-4202 X344

This is not a drop off event. Please plan for an adult to attend with your child.



## **Multicultural Food Night**

Join SSCPS for our annual Multicultural Food Night this April 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**



## **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** 

# AN ENCHANTED TIME Junior-Senior Prom

3SCPS Presents.

Friday, May 16, 2025 DANCE 7-11PM At The Tirell room 254 Quarry st Quincy MA 02169

## TICKETS S60/PERSON S65 Outside Guest

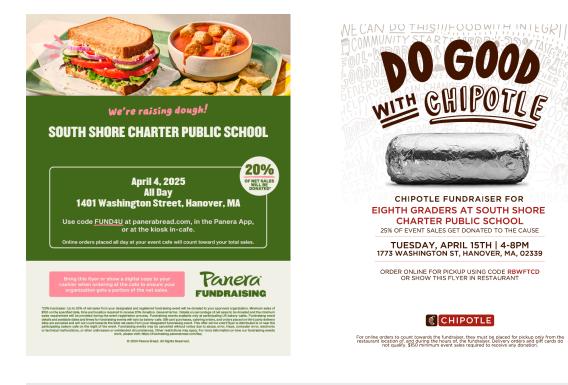
Ticket sales start March 6th during lunch Prices go up April 7th

## **Grade 8 Fundraising Opportunities**

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.

A number of local restaurants and businesses have upcoming fundraising opportunities in April that can help support our initiatives, from dining out or ordering from certain restaurants to spending time at activity centers with the family! Click on the flyers below for more details about the next two opportunities.

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



## **Community Programs & Events**





### 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



The South Shore Art Center will be showing its *Night, Light,* & *Half Light* exhibition beginning tomorrow, April 3rd.

SSCPS art teacher Pam Golden will have a piece included in the exhibition - a clay wall sculpture entitled "Spring Moon" - that the community can view until May 10th!

Exhibition hours are from 10am - 4pm on Mondays-Saturdays. 4/2/25, 12:11 PM

## 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

## **10% OFF SCHOOL PICTURE ORDERS!**

CODE: **F2024100FF** *Expires July 31, 2025* 

#### CLICK HERE TO REDEEM

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

**Celebrating 30 Years of SSCPS** 

## **CELEBRATING 3®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

## **Best Buddies at SSCPS**

Last Thursday, our Transition 2 students had the incredible opportunity to attend the *Bridging the Gap to College* event at Bridgewater State University. Hosted in partnership with Best Buddies, the event offered students a firsthand look at college life, meaningful conversations with BSU staff and students, and a chance to reflect on their goals for the future.

The day kicked off with a warm welcome and school-by-school introductions, where each student group was spotlighted with a personalized slide showcasing their achievements and aspirations. Students then heard from a powerful panel featuring John Cash (Head of the Excel Program), Excel graduate and current employee Jake, and BSU President Fred Clarke. Our students asked thoughtful, prepared questions, representing their schools with confidence and curiosity.

Following the panel, students worked in small groups on a vision board activity, creatively expressing their goals and career interests. A guided tour of key campus areas—including freshman dorms and the dining hall—helped students picture themselves in a college environment. The day wrapped up with lunch, a group photo, and a reflection activity.

This event was a meaningful extension of our **Pre-Employment with Best Buddies** class, which has been running bi-weekly throughout the school year with two different transition cohorts. The course provides:

- · Resume, interview, and job search skill-building
- Career and college exploration
- Personalized support and guidance
- Internship support for seniors, including a successful publishing internship placement last year

As part of their capstone experience, students are exploring options like BSU's Excel Program and connecting what they're learning in class with real-world opportunities.

The day at BSU was not just a field trip—it was a glimpse into what's possible, a confidence boost, and a celebration of how far our students have come. We're incredibly proud of their engagement, teamwork, and enthusiasm!





## **Best Buddies Student of the Month**

Congratulations to Owen on being Student of the Month! Click the button below to see the full Best Buddies Newsletter.

**Best Buddies Newsletter** 

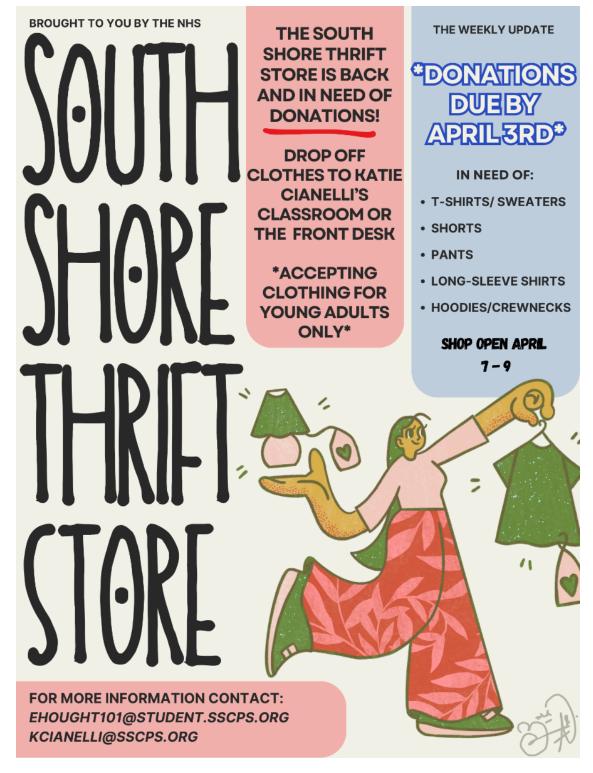
## BEST BUDDIES TRANSITIONS NEWSLETTER





Congratulations to Owen on being Student of the Month! Owen is incredibly excited to graduate this year and is hopeful in getting a job working at a grocery store. This year, Owen has made significant progress within the Best Buddies program, he even said mentioned that the Pre-ETS workshops has helped him gain the skills needed to graduate and find a job. Owen enjoys sharing his thoughts and ideas during our lessons; he is a great classmate and an even better friend. Owen can talk to you about any video game he enjoys playing and how to beat it. Owen's favorite workshop was the team building exercise using marshmallows and spaghetti!

## **NHS Thrift Store**



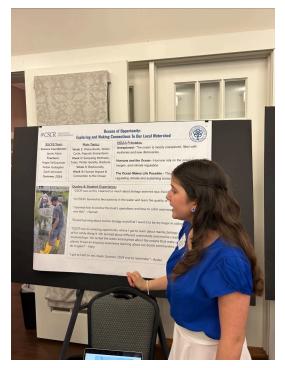
## Grade 2 March Reading Challenge

SSCPS second graders read a total of **784 books** during the month of March for our March Reading Challenge! We are so proud of all of our hard working second grade students!

## **Cohasset Center for Student Research**

On Thursday evening, our school participated in the Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research State of the Harbor event. Eighth grader Mary Sham and her teacher Angie Williamson represented South Shore Charter wonderfully. Special thanks to our science faculty and Jamie Allen, Science Curriculum Coordinator, for their ongoing support of this program. South Shore Charter students spent last summer studying the ocean and will be doing so again this year.



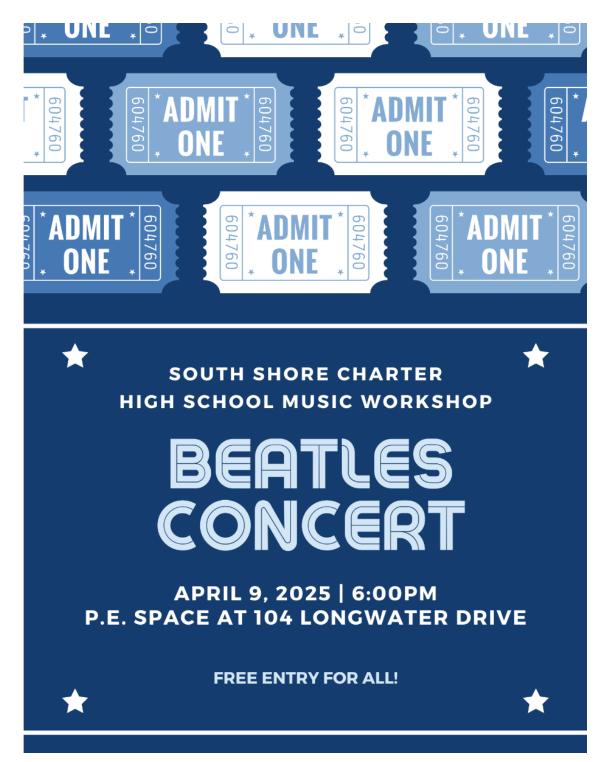




## What's New in Projects & Workshops

## **Beatles Concert | High School Music Workshop**

Join SSCPS on Wednesday, April 9th for a Beatles Concert performed by the High School Music Workshop! The concert will be held in the PE space at 104 Longwater Drive starting at 6:00PM.



## 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 <u>Amazon Wish List</u>. 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**

## Yoga & Mindfulness Club

In the Yoga & Mindfulness Enrichment Club, we've had an amazing time moving, breathing, and finding balance! Throughout the session, students learned the Sun Salutation I sequence, practicing how to coordinate their breath with movement. We also had a blast building our own yoga flows, with each student adding their favorite pose, and playing interactive games like Musical Mats - a fun twist on musical chairs with yoga!









## **Chemical Creations Club**

This week, we explored the fascinating science behind lava lamps. Students were mesmerized as they observed real lava lamps, captivated by their vibrant colors and swirling movements. They then had the opportunity to create their own versions by mixing baking soda, vinegar, cooking oil, and drops of food coloring. The excitement in the room was electric as they combined their ingredients and watched the colorful reactions come to life. They even discovered that adding more vinegar resulted in a delightful eruption of colorful bubbles overflowing from their containers.











## **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 (<u>Jkjelgaard@sscps.org</u>) High School: Barbara Folan (<u>Bfolan@sscps.org</u>) 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)

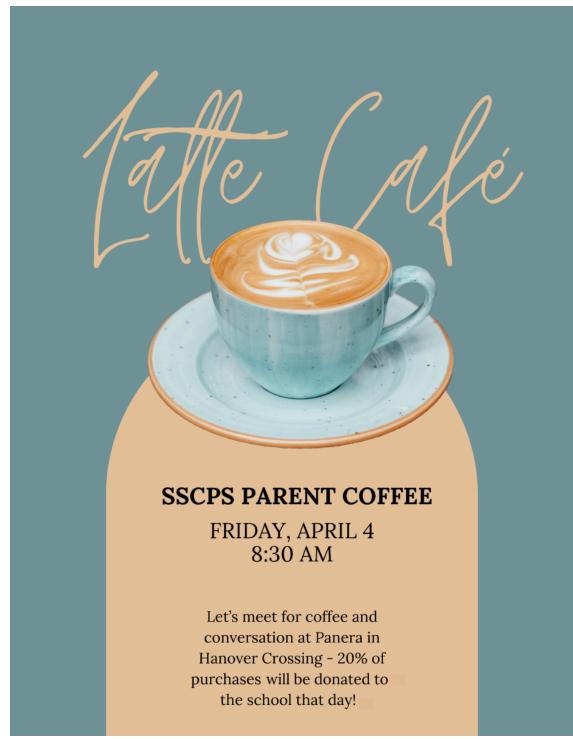
## Parents Association, SEPAC, & ELPAC

## **Parents Association**



### Meet & Greet at Panera (Hanover) - Friday, April 4th @ 8:30AM

The PA would like to invite parents and guardians to meet for coffee at the Panera in Hanover Crossing, 1401 Washington Street, on April 4th. That's the day of the SSCPS Dining for Dollars fundraiser, so 20% of everyone's purchases will be donated back to the school! Hope to see you Friday!



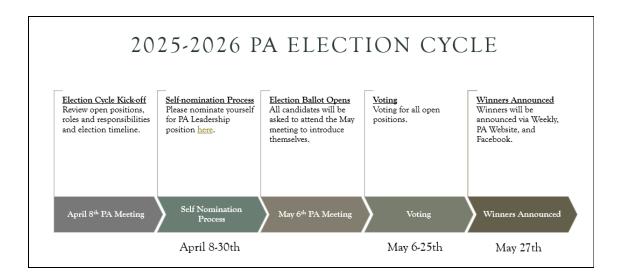
### **Next PA Meeting**

Please join us at our next Parents Association meeting on April 8th @7PM. This meeting will only be held on Zoom, so please use this link to join the meeting: <u>PA Meeting Zoom</u> <u>Link</u>

The agenda can be found here: PA Meeting Agendas

Topics include:

- 1. [VOTE] Review and approve March meeting minutes
- 2. Kick-off PA Election Cycle
- 3. Review upcoming events and opportunities for parent engagement
- 4. Treasurer update/grant requests
- 5. New Business



### 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 onetime 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 <u>SSCPS Connect</u> 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 <u>PlusPortals</u> 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 **<u>PlusPortals</u>** 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	School Documents
our website <u>www.sscps.org</u> .	

**1. Afterschool Enrichment Program** 2024-2025 School 2. DESE Student Attendance Letter Translated: Calendar (Arabic, Cape Verdean Creole, Chinese, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, Spanish, Vietnamese) Student and Family 3. Back-to-School Information Handbook 4. Food Services 5. Health Office **Arrival and Dismissal** 6. Massachusetts Department of Transitional Procedures Assistance **SSCPS By-Laws** 7. <u>Community Service</u> 8. Visit the Parents Association Website Next Year: Updated 2025-

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2026 School Calendar



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