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A Message from Kristen

The Humanities Department is abloom with experiential learning opportunities that extend beyond the classroom. Students in grades K-12 are engaged in English language arts and history coursework that supports their academic and personal growth. Below is a sampling of recent events made possible by our dedicated teachers and supportive school community.

Field Trips

Sophomores traveled to Newport, Rhode Island today to explore Gilded Age mansions. In early April, juniors – along with students in the Cultural Diversity Workshop and Advanced Placement® African American Studies class – visited the Massachusetts State House, the

Museum of African American History, the New England Holocaust Memorial, and The Embrace sculpture on the Boston Common. Sixth graders explored Plimoth Patuxet Museums in early April, while fifth graders visited the USS Constitution Museum in March, connecting historical learning with scientific exploration and math concepts through a ship design activity. In May, freshmen will take a similar field trip, seventh graders will venture to the Museum of Fine Arts, and many eighth graders will travel to Washington, D.C., while others explore local sites.





Students gather in front of the State House and The Embrace.





(L) Nadeen Sullivan, Annmarie Muturi, & Muna Eze at the Museum of African American History.

(R) Ellie Beals, Gabe Guzman, Senator Patrick O'Connor, & Voltaire Saintelien at the State

House.

Real-World Learning

Juniors and seniors participated in a financial literacy fair in early April. The fair, which included expert panelists and budget simulations, offered information and practice related to budgeting, saving, and financial planning. Senior Daniel Olajumoke also performed two poems because April is recognized as both National Financial Literacy Month and National Poetry Month. Daniel admirably represented SSCPS at the Poetry Out Loud Contest in March.



Senior Nevaeh Eddins and junior Gabe Guzman (center) hosted panel discussions. Julie

Beckham (Rockland Trust), Felicia Lauture (MassEdCo), Samantha Steinhage (Radius Financial

Group Inc.), and Jared Kelly (Wolf & Co.) served as panelists.

Assessment

SSCPS teachers differentiate instruction, provide ongoing feedback, and foster positive mindsets in order to help our students build the content knowledge and confidence they need to succeed on assessments. Many students in grades 3-10 completed the English Language Arts MCAS, while those in grades 8-11 completed the PSAT or SAT.

Students enrolled in Advanced Placement® courses – including AP® English Language and Composition, AP® English Literature and Composition, AP® African American Studies, AP® United States Government and Politics, and AP® World History: Modern – are preparing to take exams over the next two weeks. These rigorous courses challenge students to think critically, synthesize complex texts and ideas, and communicate with clarity and depth. Students who earn qualifying exam scores may receive college credit and/or advanced placement in college coursework.

Project-Based Learning

Across all grade levels, students are engaged in inquiry-based projects and presentations that allow them to demonstrate their knowledge in creative ways. Seniors shared civics projects with underclassmen just before the April break. We invite families to attend the

Grade 5 Living Wax Museum on Friday, May 9 and the Grade 8 Civics Project Showcase on Friday, May 30. Humanities teachers will share additional information in the coming weeks.









Seniors Lana Rockwell, Ella Hankes, Alani Rosario, Daniel Olajumoke, Kyle Louis, Brian Paul, Allyson Rankin, Hope Manigat, Esosa Osasere, Hajar Abouyoussef, and Elijah Cadet present civics projects.

We are grateful for your partnership and look forward to continuing to support your child's development through rich, meaningful learning in the Humanities. Below are several strategies families can use to further support students' literacy skills and critical thinking development:

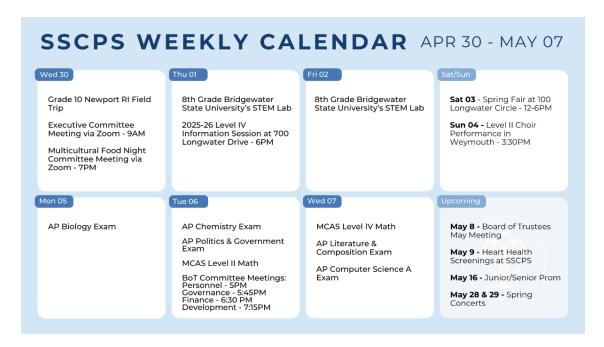
- Encourage daily reading. Discussing what your child is reading can promote comprehension and reflection.
- Model curiosity. Asking open-ended questions can spark discussion.
- Celebrate effort and growth. Encouraging persistence and revision can foster a growth mindset and build academic confidence.

As always, please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Kristen Mullin-Connolly
Humanities Curriculum Coordinator

School Calendar & Announcements

Click here for the complete SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar



SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar

Upcoming School & Community Events

SSCPS Spring Fair

Saturday, May 3rd

There are only 3 more days until the 2025 Spring Fair! 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



Heart Screenings | Who We Play For Friday, May 9th

Senior Emily Houghton has recently teamed up with the non-profit Who We Play For to hold heart screenings at SSCPS. Their shared goal is to reduce the rate of sudden cardiac death by finding detectable heart conditions that are easily found (95% of the time) on a student's EKG versus the 5% found in a normal sports or annual physical.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is the leading cause of death on school campuses and the #1 killer of student-athletes, equaling what we believe may be as high as 23,000 SCA events each year - Emily's partnership with Who We Play For aims to provide accessible screenings for as many people as possible.

Use the button below to sign up for a screening on May 9th from 8am-12pm. Please spread the word and encourage friends, family, and members of the community to get their heart screened. No one should go undiagnosed. It's time to be proactive, not reactive!

REGISTER NOW



Junior-Senior Prom 2025

Friday, May 16th

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 Spring Concerts

May 28th & 29th



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



Weymouth Documentary Screening

Weymouth parents, caregivers, and families—let's talk about raising kids in the digital age! Join us for a community screening of *Screenagers*, the eye-opening documentary about how technology impacts youth and how we can help them find balance. Discussion to follow. These films are a must-see for anyone navigating screen time, social media, and tech use with their kids. Let's come together for an engaging discussion and practical takeaways!

For Weymouth families with students in grades K-12 (public or private). Adults are encouraged to bring their student(s) with them. Tickets are free but you must get a ticket to ensure a seat. Seats are limited–first come, first serve.



Monday May 12th, 2025 – <u>Screenagers:</u> <u>Growing Up in the Digital World</u>

For Weymouth families and students in grades 6-12 Middle and High School

Get your tickets here for

Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital World

Monday May 19th, 2025 – <u>Screenagers:</u> <u>Elementary Edition</u>

For families and students in **grades K-5 Elementary School**

Get your tickets here for

Screenagers: Elementary Edition

More Community Programs & Events



Friends of Holly Hill Farm 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, MA 781-383-6565





... 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!

Tiered pricing means you pay at the level that works best for your family.

Reduced prices included!

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





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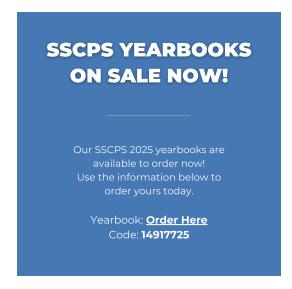
Homeschool Sessions

8-9 weeks sessions* March 27 - May 29, 20255* 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

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









From the Foundation

The JJ Facey SSCPS Scholarship







South Shore Charter Public School will raise money until May 2nd for a scholarship to be awarded to two senior students who embody the characteristics of JJ Facey: Sportsmanship, Character, and Respect.

JJ was a consummate leader. JJ would often offer advice to his fellow students, join the principal for discussions with students, and raise the confidence of his teammates on and off the field. He is still helping his fellow students, but in a different way now: by funding their dreams in honor of his name.

We are seeking donations to provide two scholarships. Please donate using the button below. All receipts will be generated electronically and can be used for Tax purposes for non-profit donations.

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

Scholarship Application for 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

More SSCPS Scholarships

SSCPS Seniors - apply today!

JACQUELYN MARIE
BROCK SCHOLARSHIP

JOANNE F. HARRINGTON
SCHOLARSHIP

KAREN YELIN SCHOLARSHIP

Celebrating 30 Years of SSCPS

CELEBRATING 3® YEARS

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Est. 1995

Help us reach 50% of our goal!

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!

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.

Make a Donation



On the Levels

2025 SSCPS Mathletes

In SSCPS's second appearance in the Northeastern Bridge to Calculus Field Day Competition on Wednesday, April 16th, our students completed an hour exam in teams of three in three AP math categories. This year, 170 students competed from schools including Boston Latin Academy, Boston Latin School, New Mission High School, and John D O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science.

Special thanks to teachers Greg Roaf and Kim Williamson for all of their work preparing the students in the days and minutes leading up to the competition. Additional thanks to Donika Darabus, K-12 Math Curriculum Coordinator, for organizing the day. Current Northeastern University Freshman and SSCPS Class of 2024 alum, Amogh Athimamula, spent the day with us as our personal tour guide, Calculus Field Day Competition volunteer, and AP Calculus BC proctor.

A big congratulations to our students who represented our school with poise and determination!

AP Calculus AB Team - 1st Place

Sara Akonkem, Faith Manigat, and Esosa Osasere

AP Calculus BC Team - 3rd Place

Daniel Olaoye, John Olaoye, and Uchenna Ejiogu

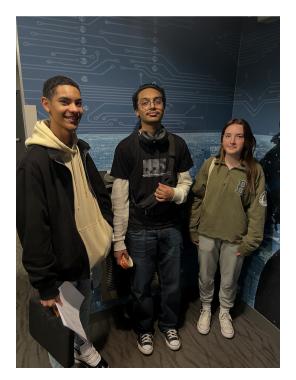
AP Precalculus Teams

Sadie Grissom, Joey Altieri, and Zahid Ali Omar Mossa, Emmanual Akinwuni, and Tyler Jacinthe

















Level IV Spirit Week

The Level IV Student Council did an amazing job organizing this month's Spirit Week! Each day was full of energy and school pride, with fun themes that brought everyone together. The highlight of the week was Culture Day, where students and staff celebrated the diversity of our school by wearing cultural outfits and sharing music from around the world. It was a great way to honor and appreciate the many backgrounds that make up our community!











Multicultural Food Night Recap

Multicultural Food Night was a true celebration of the diverse stories, flavors, and traditions that shape our school community. Through shared meals and joyful moments, we were reminded that food has a unique way of bringing people together. Thank you for a beautiful evening filled with warmth, laughter, and connection!























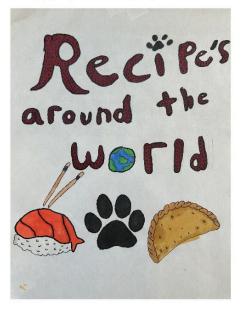








SSCPS 4th Grade 2024-2025



cover designed by Manorah

Grade 4 students at SSCPS have created a beautiful recipe book filled with dishes from around the world and across our grade. We will be selling these recipe books to raise funds to support future Multicultural Food Nights. This special night, along with the recipe book, is a time for us to celebrate the incredible diversity of foods and cultures that make up our community.

We hope you will consider purchasing a recipe book to support our event and join us in celebrating the amazing diversity within our school!

All orders need to be placed by May 9 in order for timely delivery. Fill out **this form** and deliver to Julie Bonney's mailbox at either 100 or 700 Longwater.

Kids Heart Challenge | P.E. Department

Thank you to all who donated toward our Kids Heart Challenge this year - SSCPS raised \$3,261.93 and was a top participant in the fundraiser!

Each year, the SSCPS Physical Education Department partners with the American Heart Association to participate in the Kids Heart Challenge. During this week, all students in grades K-4 participate by joining in heart health discussions and engaging in fun games and activities during their P.E. classes.

The Kids Heart Challenge provides a great opportunity to deliver heart healthy focused lessons while raising funds for the American Heart Association and our Physical Education department.



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.

<u>Level I Community Service</u> <u>Level II Community Service</u>

<u>Level III Community Service</u> <u>Level IV Community Service</u>

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 (**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



Final Day to Declare Your Intent to Run for a Parents Association Elected Position | Self-Nomination Closes April 30th

The SSCPS Parents Association needs you! We have reached the **final day of self-nominations** for the 2025-2026 school year and we need you to step up!

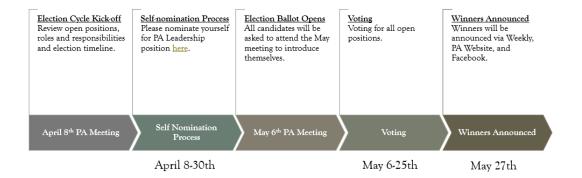
Leadership and active participation in the PA is a great way to get more informed and involved in your child's school. Our monthly meetings are focused on keeping families and the school connected to make it a better place to learn and grow.

We kicked off the election process on April 8th by inviting parents to self-nominate for a position, and we are now closing out the nomination phase today, April 30th. Once nominations have been collected, we will send out an email with the elections ballot for you to vote for on your PA officers and School Council Representatives. Voting will close on May 25th and we will announce the new leaders on May 28th.

Please consider nominating yourself here: **PA Nomination Form**

PA Nomination Form

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 <u>parent volunteer opportunities list</u> 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 <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 our website <u>www.sscps.org</u>.

School Documents

- 1. Afterschool Enrichment Program
- 2. DESE Student Attendance Letter Translated:

 (<u>Arabic</u>, <u>Cape Verdean Creole</u>, <u>Chinese</u>, <u>Haitian</u>

 <u>Creole</u>, <u>Portuguese</u>, <u>Spanish</u>, <u>Vietnamese</u>)
- 3. Back-to-School Information
- 4. Food Services
- 5. Health Office
- 6. <u>Massachusetts Department of Transitional</u>
 Assistance
- 7. Community Service
- 8. Visit the Parents Association Website

2024-2025 School

<u>Calendar</u>

Student and Family

Handbook

Arrival and Dismissal

Procedures

SSCPS By-Laws

Next Year: <u>Updated 2025-</u> 2026 School Calendar

Protect Your K-12 School-Issued Device!





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