



## Weekly Update | February 12, 2025

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### A Message from Angie

While our school has seen our share of the illnesses that are spreading rampantly across the country over the past couple of weeks, the hard work of our teachers and students continues. Last week saw a celebration of the hundredth day of school as well as the first round of Exhibitions of Mastery for our Kindergarten students who shared nursery rhyme presentations with their peers. Students in grade five learned the science and math behind baking bread and then used bread baking kits to make bread to share in their communities. High school students are visiting lower level classrooms this week to share books

celebrating Black History Month. First and second graders are bundling up to visit Holly Hill Farm for the annual winter walks that complement the fall and spring farm programs and facilitate the study of seasonal change.





With the arrival of February break, March is fast approaching and with it comes the start of the spring testing season. This month the [Department of Elementary and Secondary Education](#) released its school report cards for Massachusetts public schools and districts. The report card provides information from the state accountability system, bringing together a set of measures around school performance. Our accountability results are calculated using data from several sources including MCAS, English Learner progress, student attendance, high school completion, and enrollment in advanced coursework at the high school level. The DESE report card shows that our school is making substantial progress toward meeting the targets the state has set for us. Accountability percentiles (1-99) indicate how a school is performing overall compared to other schools with similar grade spans. Schools with higher percentiles are generally higher performing, and schools with lower percentiles are generally lower performing. This year our accountability percentile is 78 which means that overall, according to the accountability measures our school is performing better than 77% of middle/high or K-12 schools statewide.

Our 2024 school report card can be accessed [here](#). A cover letter describing the school report card can be found [here](#). The DESE has released flyers with more information in [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Arabic](#), and [Haitian Creole](#). Please take some time to review the report card and do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions about our data.

MCAS results contribute significantly to DESE accountability determinations. Despite the changes that question two on November's ballot made to [Competency Determination](#) for graduation, public schools are still required to administer MCAS exams in grades 3-8 and at the high school level. MCAS exams are still an important measure of student progress that teachers use to determine necessary changes to the curriculum and supports for

students. All MCAS exams will be computer-based Next-Generation MCAS tests. Please find this spring's MCAS schedule below.

#### 2025 MCAS Dates, Grades 3-8

	English Language Arts	Math	Science ( <i>grades 5 &amp; 8 only</i> )	Civics ( <i>grade 8 only</i> )
Level II	April 1st & April 8th	May 6th & May 13th		
Level III	April 9th-10th	May 14th-15th	May 20th-May 21st	
Level IV	April 2nd-April 3rd	May 7th-8th	May 20th-May 21st	May 29th

#### 2025 MCAS Dates, High School

English Language Arts (grade 10)	Math (grade 10)	Intro Physics (grade 9)
March 25th - 26th	May 20th-May 21st	June 4th - June 5th

In other testing news, we will be administering an SAT exam to all Juniors on Friday, April 11th. Taking the exam in school provides students with the opportunity to take this important test in a comfortable environment with staff members they are familiar with. We will use this day to administer the PSAT 10 to the sophomore class and the PSAT 8/9 to students in grades 8 and 9. These exams provide teachers with important data as we plan interventions for students and adjust our curriculum. We will send out reminders as the date of these exams draws nearer.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and our school. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

**Angie Pepin**  
Principal, K-12

## School Calendar & Announcements



## Celebrating Black History Month at SSCPS

February is Black History Month, and at South Shore Charter Public School, we are proud to honor and celebrate the rich history, achievements, and contributions of Black individuals throughout history and today. Throughout the month, students and staff will engage in a variety of activities, discussions, and lessons that highlight Black excellence, resilience, and culture. We hope that through these activities our school community will come together to learn, reflect, and celebrate.

At SSCPS, we recognize that Black history is an essential part of American history, and we know that embracing diverse perspectives adds to the strength and richness of our school. This month and every month we remain committed to fostering an inclusive and supportive environment where all people are seen, valued, heard and celebrated.








Please join us in honoring Black history and continuing to learn, grow, and uplift one another. On Thursday, February 27th, 2025 at 6:00pm, SSCPS will be hosting Diaspora Night to highlight the Black cultures at our school.

**Sheina Prince-Eugene**

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

## SSCPS WEEKLY CALENDAR FEB 12 - FEB 19

<p><b>Wed 12</b></p> 	<p><b>Thu 13</b></p> 	<p><b>Fri 14</b></p> <p>Level IV Dance at the PE Space - 5-6:30PM</p> <p>Annual Family Survey Closes</p>	<p><b>Sat/Sun</b></p> 
<p><b>Mon 17</b></p> <p>Winter Break - No School</p> 	<p><b>Tue 18</b></p> <p>Winter Break - No School</p> 	<p><b>Wed 19</b></p> <p>Winter Break - No School</p> 	<p><b>Upcoming</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Feb 24</b> - Classes Resume</li> <li><b>Feb 26</b> - Level IV Healthy You Project to Gillette</li> <li><b>Feb 26</b> - Grade 4 visit from New England Wildlife</li> <li><b>Feb 27</b> - African Diaspora Night</li> <li><b>Feb 27</b> - JJ Facey Spirit Day </li> </ul>

### SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar

# JJ FACEY SPIRIT DAY

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

**FUNDRAISING:** Until May 2nd

**JJ FACEY SPIRIT DAY:** February 27th

**SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATIONS:** April 2025

**VOTING:** May 2025

**PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS:** Graduation 2025

SSCPS will be celebrating Spirit Day in honor of JJ Facey on February 27th. South Shore Charter Public School will also raise money until May 2nd for a scholarship to be awarded to two senior students who embody the characteristics of JJ Facey: Sportsmanship, Character, & Respect.

The SSCPS School Store will be matching donations up to \$150, and all proceeds from purchases made from the Long Live JJ shop will be put towards the scholarships as well.

Click the button below to visit the shop and help support JJ's life and legacy.

## Long Live JJ Shop



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## SSCPS 2025 Annual Family Survey

Below please find a link to the SSCPS 2025 Annual Family Survey. To ensure we capture as many perspectives as possible, **we request the participation of every SSCPS family by Friday, February 14, 2025**. The survey should take approximately 15 minutes.

2025 ANNUAL FAMILY SURVEY

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](#)

## Upcoming School & Community Events

### **African Diaspora Night** Thursday, February 27th

[Sign Up Form](#)



# African Diaspora Night



## Parent Volunteers

**Event Date: Thursday, Feb. 27th, 2025 6:00pm–7:30pm**

**Location: SSCPS 100 Longwater Dr, Norwell, Ma 02061**

## Welcome Parents!

We are excited to organize an African Diaspora Night at SSCPS! This event aims to celebrate the rich and diverse cultures of Africa and the African diaspora. We invite parents to share their heritage, traditions, and experiences. Please fill out the attached google form if you would like to volunteer for a presentation.

Parents can present anything from their culture such as dance, music, storytelling or history. Parents should be prepared to run through their presentation at least three times for the evening

Thank you for your interest in contributing to our African Diaspora Night! We will contact you shortly to discuss your participation and provide further details.

–Sheina Prince–Eugene



## Friends of Holly Hill Farm Programs & Events



Register Now!  
Winter Programs  
... on the Farm

Plus February and March vacation week programs coming soon too!



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



scan here

hollyhillfarm.org/winter-sessions



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

**Mornings**  
Ages 3 - 5

January 7 - March 28, 2025\*  
9:30 - 11:00AM

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays

Sign up for one day or a few!

Sign up for a 9-week session bundle and save!

(9-week bundle meets on same day of week for 9 weeks)

Members receive a discount!

**Afterschool Sessions**  
Ages 6 - 12

10-weeks session\*  
January 7 - March 28, 2025\*  
4:00 - 6:00 pm

Sessions meet one afternoon per week for 10 weeks\*

Mondays - Healthy Cooking\*  
Tuesdays - Outdoor Exploration & Creation  
Wednesdays - Winter Farming  
Thursdays - Winter Farm Building & Innovation

\*No sessions 1/20, 2/17-2/21, 3/10-3/14, (3/17-21 no mornings)  
Healthy Cooking afterschool program meets for 9-weeks.



Friends of Holly Hill Farm  
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Register Now!

## February Vacation on the Farm

Members receive a discount!

February 17 - 21, 2025

### Cooking Syrup

Monday, February 17  
ages 3-5  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
12:45 - 3:45 pm



Tuesday, February 18  
ages 6-8  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
12:45 - 3:45 pm

### Farm Animals

Monday, February 17  
ages 9-14  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
12:45 - 3:45 pm



Friday, February 21  
ages 3-5  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
12:45 - 3:45 pm

### Winter in the Woods

Tuesday, February 18  
ages 3-5  
9:00 am - 12:00pm  
12:45 - 3:45 pm



### Compost Creatures

Wednesday, February 19  
ages 3-5  
9:00 am - 12:00pm  
12:45 - 3:45 pm

### Magical Creatures

Wednesday, February 19  
ages 6-8  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
12:45 - 3:45 pm



### Adventures in Winter

#### Scavenger Hunt

Thursday, February 20  
ages 6-8  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
12:45 - 3:45 pm

#### Shelters

Friday, February 21  
ages 6-8  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
12:45 - 3:45 pm

Tiered and reduced pricing available!

hollyhillfarm.org/february-vacation-1

# 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: F202410OFF

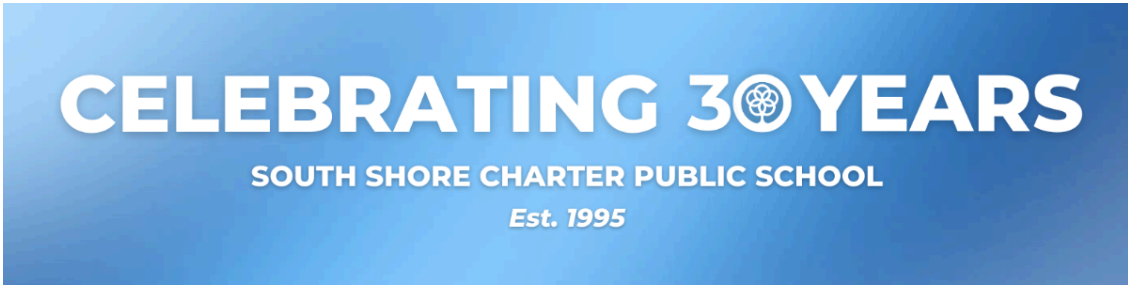
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[CLICK HERE TO REDEEM](#)

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

More about the Smilesafe program [here](#).

## Celebrating 30 Years of SSCPS



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 donation 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!

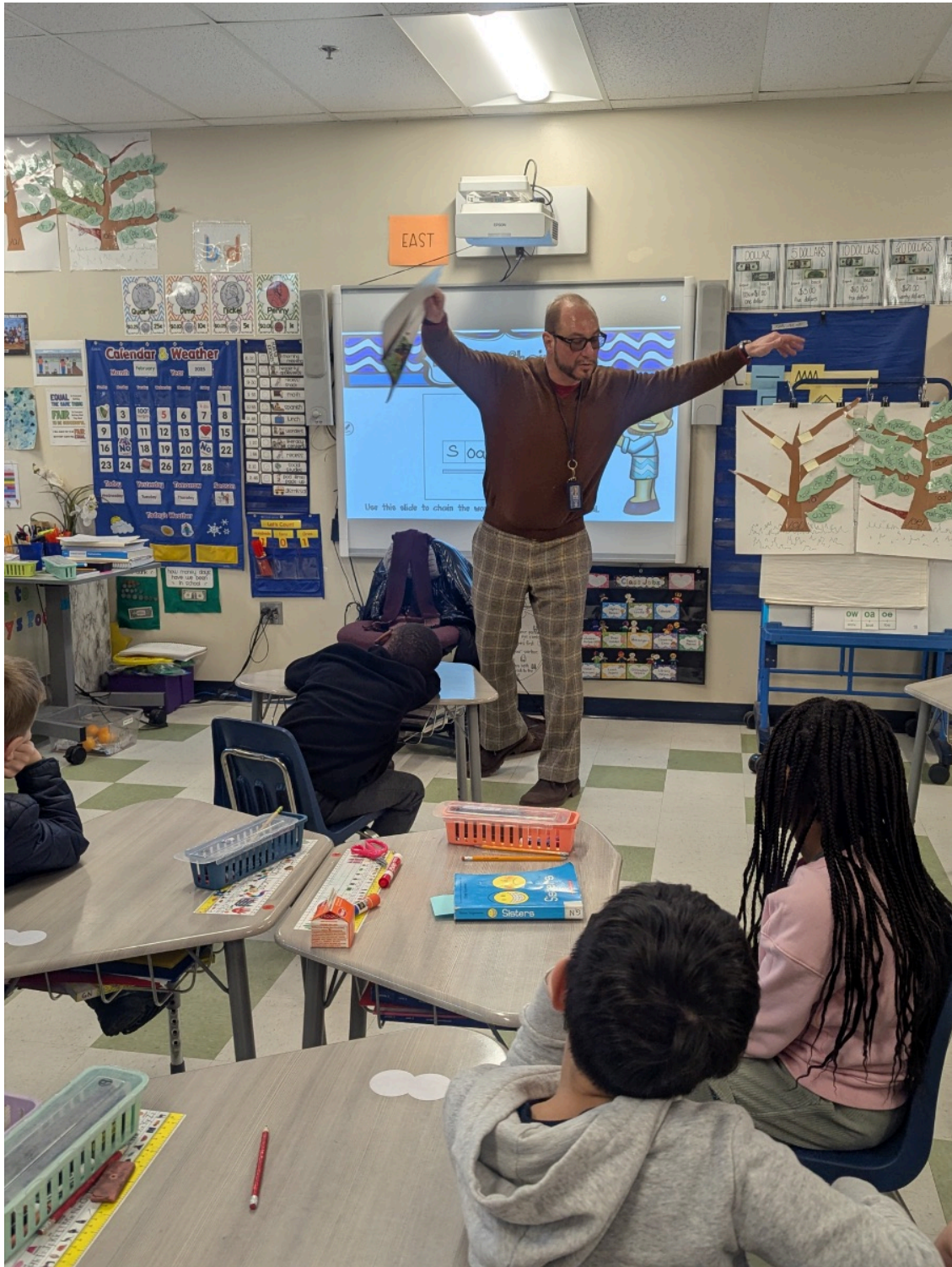
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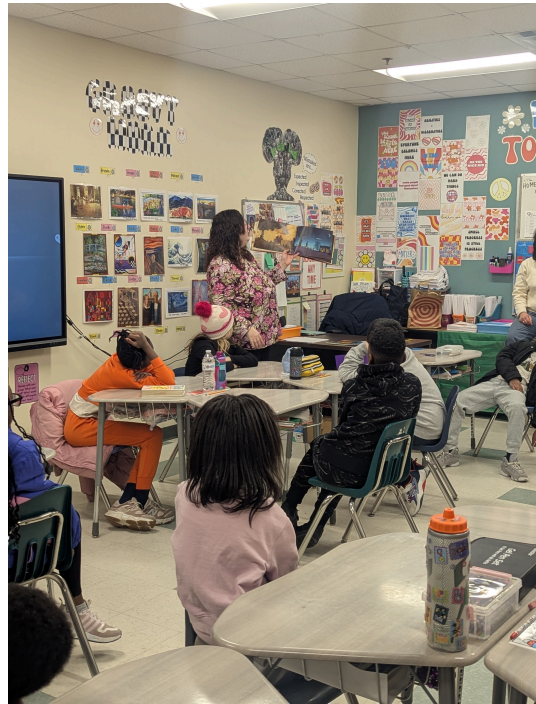
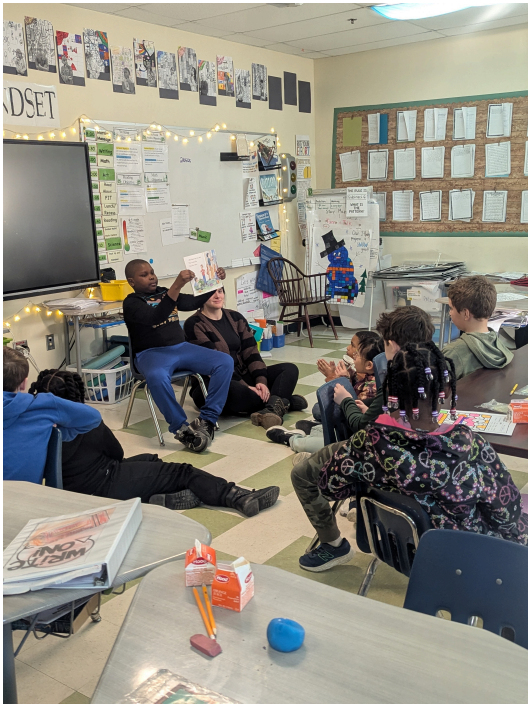
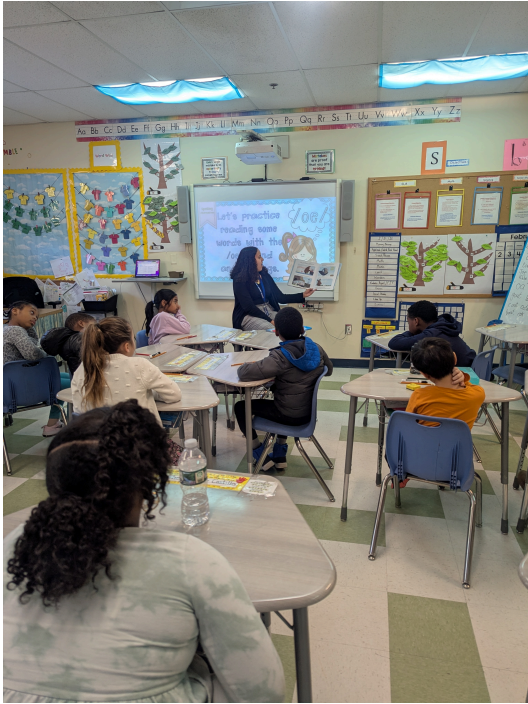


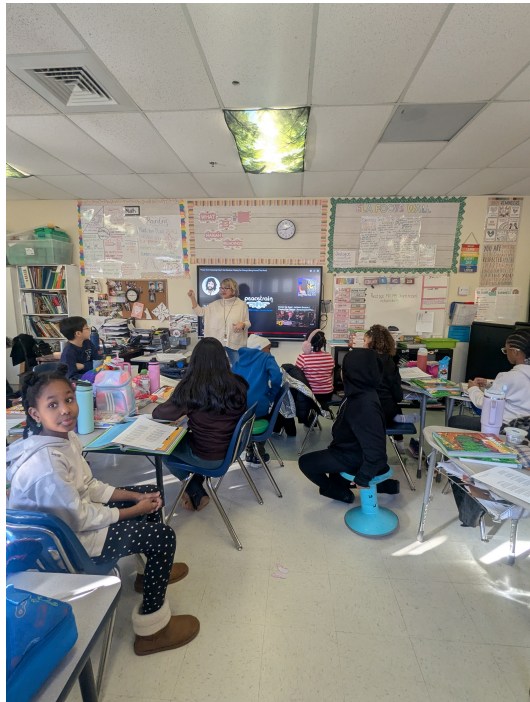
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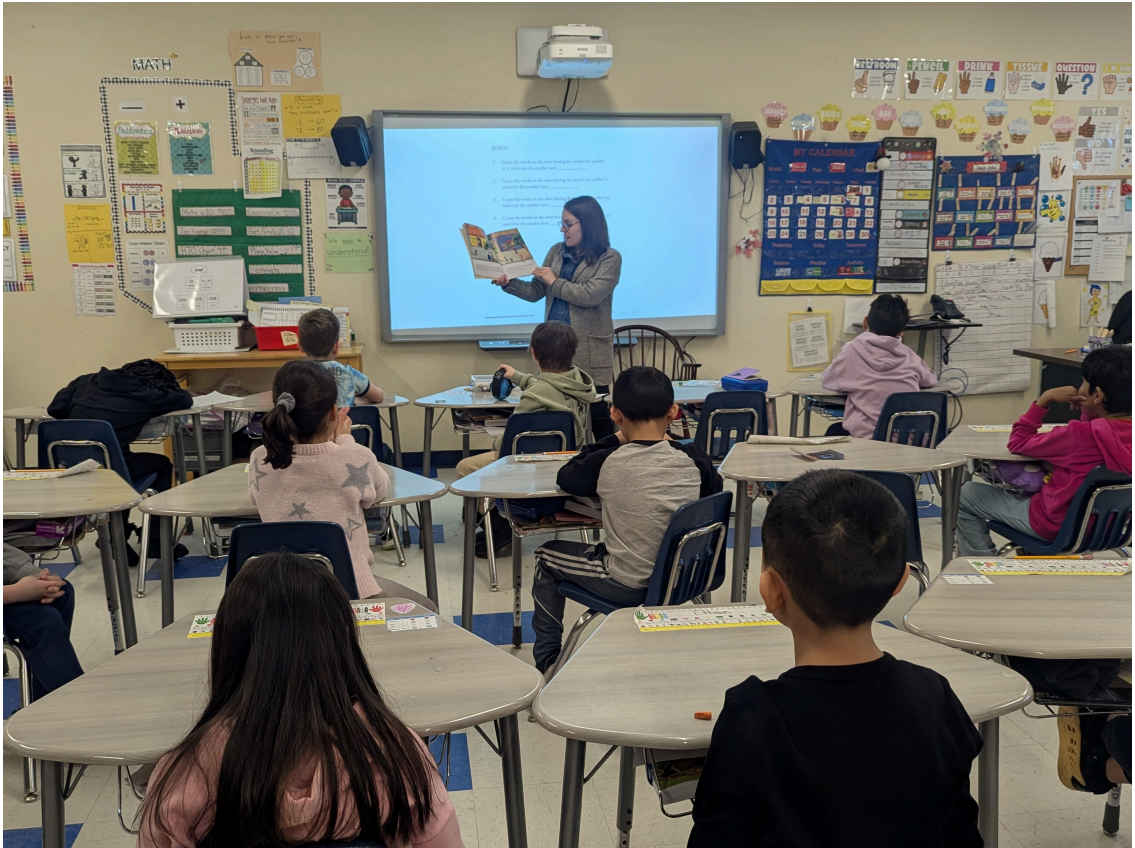
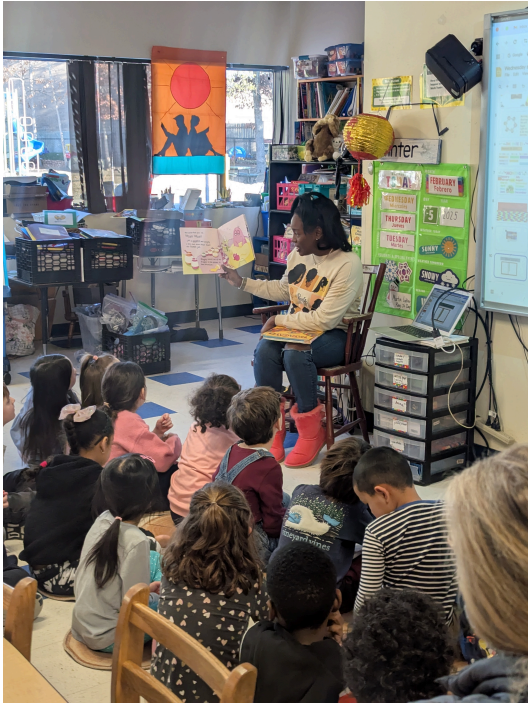
# World Read Aloud Day

On February 5th, 2025, SSCPS joined in the worldwide celebration of the 15th birthday of World Read Aloud Day! Readers visited all Kindergarten - 4th grade classrooms and read stories in celebration of this international event. Thank you to all of the readers who made World Read Aloud Day possible!













## Level I Valentine's Day Artwork

Students in Pam Golden's Level I art classes had fun making creative paper plate hats for Valentine's Day!



## Rock, Paper, Scissors Relay

Kim Williamson's AP Calculus students competed against the visiting eighth graders in a rock, paper, scissors relay earlier this week! The winners were awarded school store gift

cards, and high school students were able to answer eighth graders' questions about high school life.





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## P.E. Department Fundraiser

Use the button below to visit our fundraising website and learn more about the Kids Heart Challenge run by P.E. Teacher Heather Brems!

[Learn More](#)



Time to get your ducks in a row!



Our annual **Kids Heart Challenge** is coming soon.  
 Join our "Quack Pack" by registering today and receive this year's  
 Heart-Hero wristband!



## What's New in Projects & Workshops

### 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

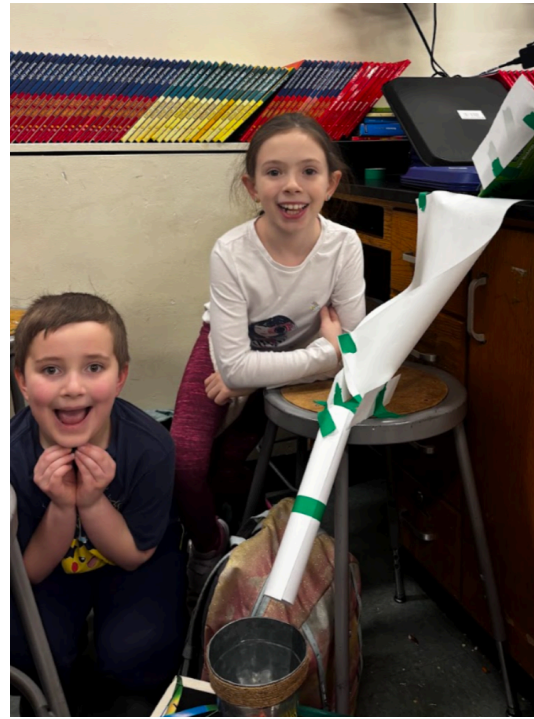
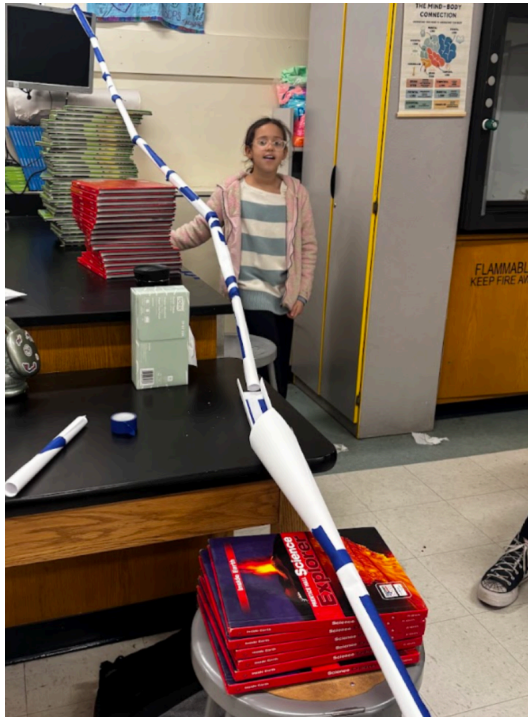
## Afterschool Enrichment Program 2024-2025

### STEAM Dream Team

Angie Williamson and the STEAM DREAM TEAM recently put their engineering and problem-solving skills to the test in an exciting hands-on science challenge! Tasked with building the longest possible marble coaster using only paper, tape, and textbooks, the team explored the principles of physics, motion, and energy transfer in a fun and creative way.

Through trial and error, they discovered how factors like gravity, friction, and slope impact the speed and distance a marble can travel. This challenge not only strengthened their understanding of key scientific concepts but also encouraged teamwork, perseverance, and innovation.





## 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

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### 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](#)

### From the SSCPS Board of Trustees

Below is the Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda for the month of February. You can find more information on the SSCPS Board of Trustees on our website [here](#).

[FY25 February Meeting Agenda](#)

[FY25 February ED Report](#)

### 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](mailto:Jkjelgaard@sscps.org))

High School: Barbara Folan ([Bfolan@sscps.org](mailto: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



#### 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](mailto: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

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## 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](http://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](#)

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- 4. [Food Services](#)
- 5. [Health Office](#)
- 6. [Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance](#)
- 7. [Community Service](#)
- 8. Visit the [Parents Association Website](#)

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**Policy Term:** 08.29.2024 - 08.29.2025

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Dispositivo	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**

Para comprar, visite:  
<https://gpo.worthavegroup.com/southshorecps>

**Atención al cliente:** Teléfono: (800) 620-2885  
Horas: 8a.m.-5p.m. L-V CST  
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