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A Message from Alicia

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Students in the Cultural Diversity Workshop with their murals celebrating Black History Month.

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High school students from the BSU will be hosting a historical wax museum for students on the lower levels on February 24; and we look forward to Read Aloud Week when high school students will cross our campus making their way to elementary classrooms, books in hand, sharing and reading multicultural literature with our youngest students. Please mark your calendar as we are pleased to invite all SSCPS families to celebrate at African Diaspora Night on February 27, 2025. We hope you can join us for a night of celebration and learning.

Thank you for reading and for all you do.

Alicia Savage
Executive Director

School Calendar & Announcements

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

EARLY DISMISSAL - 12PM



FRIDAY, FEB 7TH

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



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

SSCPS WEEKLY CALENDAR FEB 05 - FEB 12

<p>Wed 05</p> 	<p>Thu 06</p> <p>Board of Trustees Meeting at 700 Longwater and via Zoom - 5:30PM</p>	<p>Fri 07</p> <p>Early Dismissal - 12PM (Professional Development)</p>	<p>Sat/Sun</p> 
<p>Mon 10</p> <p>Personnel Committee Meeting via Zoom - 6:30PM</p>	<p>Tue 11</p> <p>Talk to Us Tuesday Enrollment Tours - 9-10AM</p> <p>Parents Association Meeting via Zoom - 7PM</p>	<p>Wed 12</p> <p>School Council Meeting via Zoom - 4:30PM</p>	<p>Upcoming</p> <p>Feb 14 - Annual Family Survey Closes</p> <p>Feb 17 - Feb 21 - Winter Break (No School)</p> <p>Feb 27 - African Diaspora Night</p>

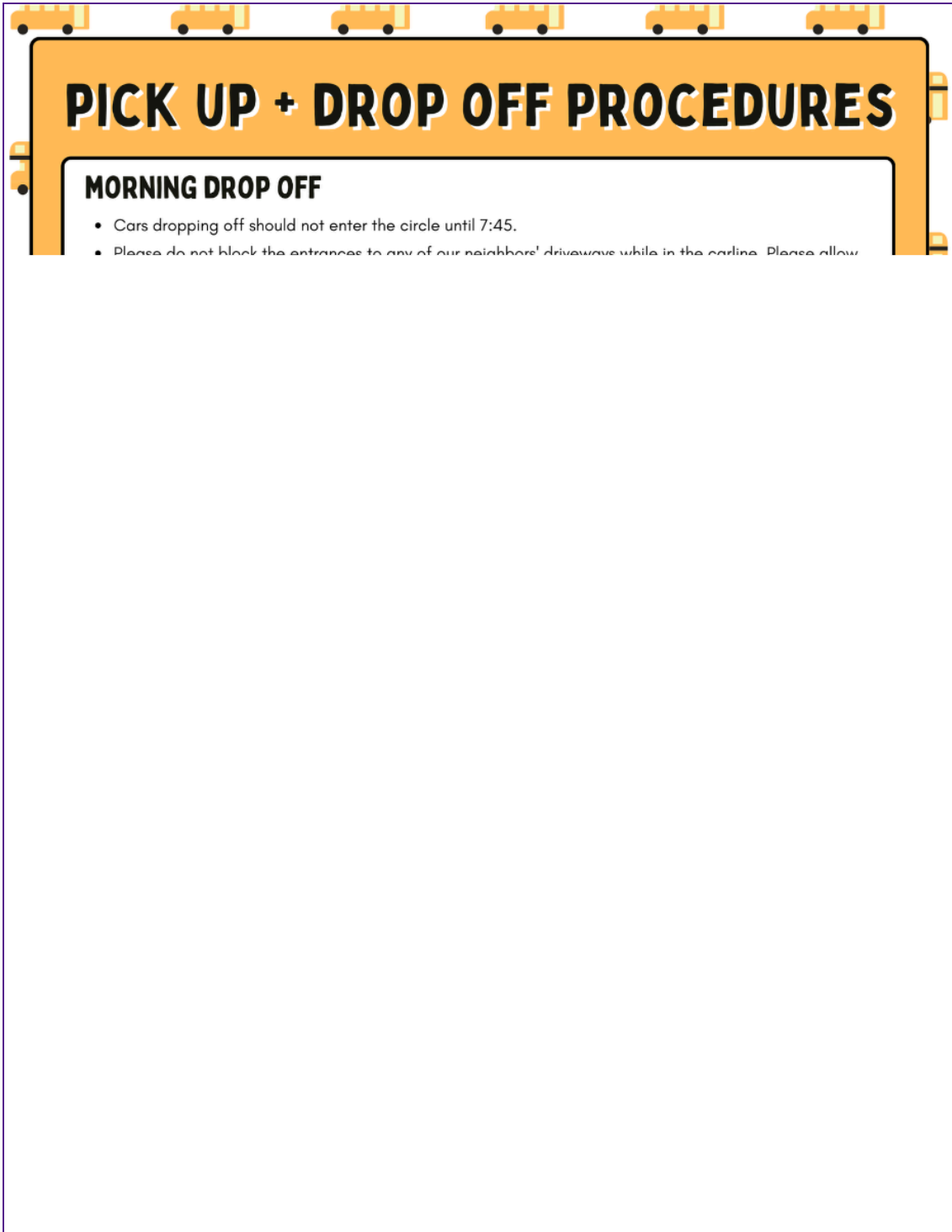
SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar

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

Important Transportation Reminder Pick Up & Drop Off Procedures



PICK UP + DROP OFF PROCEDURES

MORNING DROP OFF

- Cars dropping off should not enter the circle until 7:45.
- Please do not block the entrances to any of our neighbors' driveways while in the circle. Please allow

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



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... on the Farm

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236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, MA
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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.



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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



Magical Creatures

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

Thursday, February 20
ages 3-5
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
12:45 - 3:45 pm



Compost Creatures

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

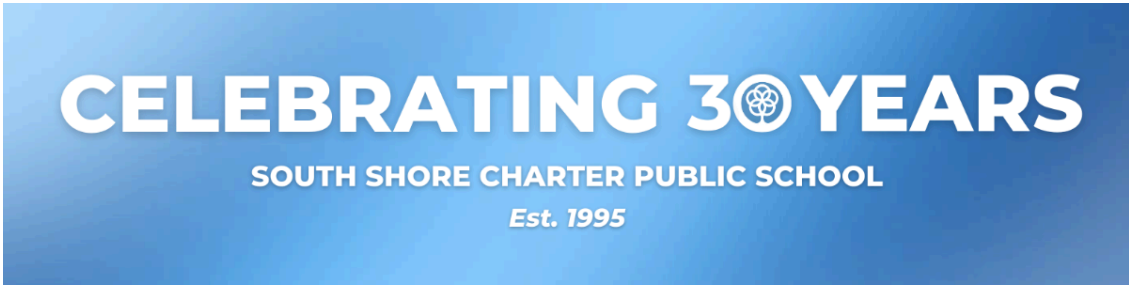
Expires July 31, 2025

[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!

Make a Donation



Athletics

Jaguar Achievement Khai Francis Scores 1000th Point!

A big congratulations to Khai Francis who scored his 1,000th point in last week's victory vs. APR. What a tremendous achievement!



Photo credit: [@sscps_sports](#)

On the Levels

Levels III and IV Model Bridge Contest

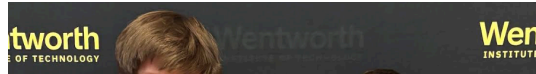
Fantastic news from the BSCES Model Bridge Contest at Wentworth College! Students from grades 5-8 have been hard at work over the past few weeks, constructing their bridges using only Elmer's glue, popsicle sticks, and 6-inch rulers. Their dedication and engineering skills truly paid off!

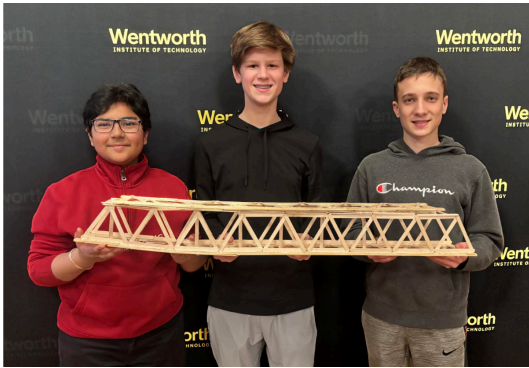
SSCPS students had a strong showing at the competition, bringing home a trophy! Three Level IV students (Zuhayr Ali, Jack Gould, and Nolan Deveau) won 3rd place overall in the middle school division for the aesthetic design of their bridge, *The Wooden Wonder*. This same bridge also placed 5th overall for efficiency, successfully holding an impressive 55 pounds.

In addition, SSCPS had two bridges placed in the top 10 from Level III, making for an exciting and rewarding day of engineering and teamwork. Be sure to congratulate all the students who participated, their hard work and creativity were on full display shown below.

Congratulations to all student participants and to their teachers Angie Williamson, Jenna Brink, and Zach Johnston.







King Arthur "Bake For Good" Program

Yesterday our fifth graders participated in King Arthur Baking Company's **Bake for Good** Program. The KAF outreach program allows students to learn, bake, and share their baked goods as an act of kindness using the power of baking to make a difference. Students learned that combining math, science, reading, and baking know-how, adds up to delicious bread during a demonstration with an educator from King Arthur Flour in Vermont.

Each fifth grader received a baking kit with everything needed for them to bake two bread recipes on their own. The idea is that students will bake one recipe for themselves and a second to share as an act of kindness or an act of community service. We can't wait to hear about their baking adventures!



Level I Artwork

Students in Kelley's kindergarten art class pose with their clay finger puppets & hand-drawn habitats!





Level III Color Chemistry

Grade 5 In-School Field Trip

Under the direction of representatives from the Center for the Advancement of STEM Education out of Bridgewater State University, fifth graders explored the art of measurement and precision as they performed a series of different reactions, experiencing firsthand the importance of accuracy in the lab. They learned about the differences between physical and chemical changes through creative problem-solving and scientific inquiry using micropipettes!



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: Slime Time!

Students in Grades 3-5 had a blast in our STEAM Dream Team enrichment as they explored the science behind slime! They learned about polymers, experimented with different ingredients, and created their own unique slime recipes. Adding to the excitement, members of the middle school girls' basketball teams stopped by before their game to check out the fun and encourage our young scientists. It was a great mix of learning, creativity, and school spirit!





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](#)

From the SSCPS Board of Trustees

Community Service Opportunities

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)

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



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](#)

[2024-2025 School Calendar](#)

[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](#)

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- Robo

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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>

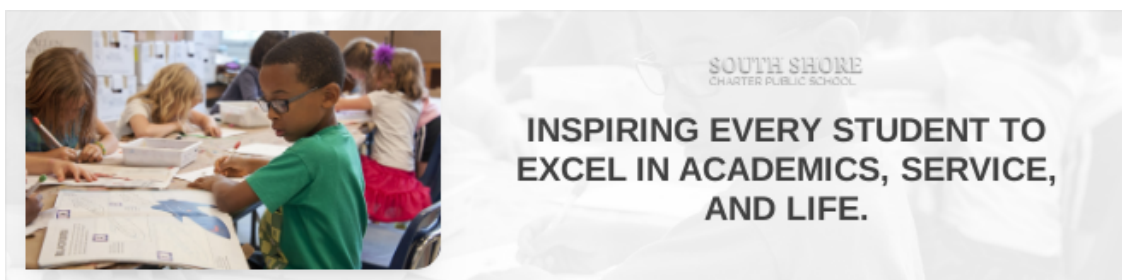
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