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A Message from Angie

Now that the holiday break is behind us, we have entered a busy time for teaching and learning. Students and teachers are hard at work across our campus as the midpoint of the school year draws close. The second quarter ends for 5-12 students on Tuesday, January 21st. Our students in grades 7-12 are not only closing the second quarter but are also sitting for midyear exams. These exams are designed by teachers to test student progress in our curriculum and the results of these exams supply important data about student achievement. Students will complete exams in English, history, science, math, and world language. Students on Level IV will take their iReady Benchmark assessment in place of a traditional math exam. This allows us to use the extended testing time to gather important

data as we track student progress toward mastering grade-level skills.

While the midyears are an important measure of student achievement, they are also critical in helping students develop the study skills that they need in order to successfully complete exams at the college level. Students will go into the extended Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend armed with study guides to help them prepare for their exams. Some students may need parental encouragement to take advantage of the study opportunity that the extended weekend presents.

Scores on midyear exams account for 10% of a student's final grade, a significant percentage. Knowledge of that significance is motivating for many students and spurs a healthy level of stress that drives achievement. We understand that for some students exams can cause excessive stress and anxiety. This is especially the case for our seventh grade students who are preparing for this type of exam for the first time and do not know what to expect. Taking the time necessary to prepare can help with the stress. If you are concerned about the level of stress your child is exhibiting, please reach out to their advisor or pod teacher so that we can provide support at school.

The schedule for midyear exams is below. All students in grades 7-12 will be dismissed at 12:00 pm on Wednesday, January 22nd, Thursday, January 23rd, and Friday, January 24th. Please prepare for pickup accordingly - students may be picked up following their exam(s), or they may remain at school to study and leave at the regularly dismissal time. There will be no half-day transportation provided on exam days. All Level IV students will be dismissed at the front door on those half days. On Friday, January 24th, high school students will be dismissed by 10:00 if they are not taking a make-up exam. Taking exams is exhausting for students. The early dismissal provides students with a well-deserved break. As a reminder, all students in grades K-6 must be met by an adult at the bus stop in the afternoon. If your K-6 child usually walks home with your older student, please plan for alternative arrangements on the midyear exam dates.

	Wednesday 1/22/25	Thursday 1/23/25	Friday 1/24/25
8:15 - 8:20	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory
8:25 - 10:00	A Block Exam	C Block Exam	E Block Exam
10:00 - 10:25	Break	Break	Break
10:25 - 12:00	B Block Exam	D Block Exam	Makeup Exam Block*

High School Midyear Exam Schedule

*Students without a makeup exam will be dismissed at 10:00 on Friday.

	Wednesday 1/22/25	Thursday 1/23/25	Friday 1/24/25
8:15-8:30	Pod Time	Pod Time	Pod Time
8:30 - 10:00	A Block Exam	C Block Exam	E Block Exam
10:00 - 10:30	Break	Break	Break
10:30 - 12:00	B Block Exam	D Block Exam	Project Reflection & Make-ups

Level IV Midyear Exam Schedule

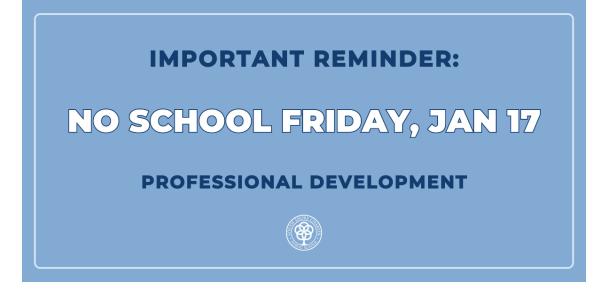
Along with midyear exams, many students at the high school are closing out their first semester Workshops with Exhibitions of Mastery (EOMs) including Thursday's highly anticipated Art Workshop Fashion Show. The majority of our high school Workshops now run on a semester basis and the EOM is the capstone project that marks the end of the course.

While exams and the end of the term focus our attention on academics, the socialemotional wellbeing of children is always at the forefront of our work at SSCPS. Next Thursday at 6:30pm, I will be running a virtual workshop for families that will cover the basics of bullying, cyberbullying, and conflict. The purpose of the workshop is to provide parents with tools to help them to identify, address, and prevent bullying and cyberbullying. I will also be covering the role of the school and providing some resources for parents. The content of the presentation is applicable to students in grades K-12. The link to the meeting can be found on the school calendar and <u>here</u>. I hope to see many of you there.

With the start of the new year, the daylight hours are slowly growing and spring is that much closer. In the meantime, I hope that you are all able to make the most of what is shaping up to be a real winter in New England. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns.

Angie Pepin Principal, K-12

School Calendar & Announcements



Click here for the complete SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar

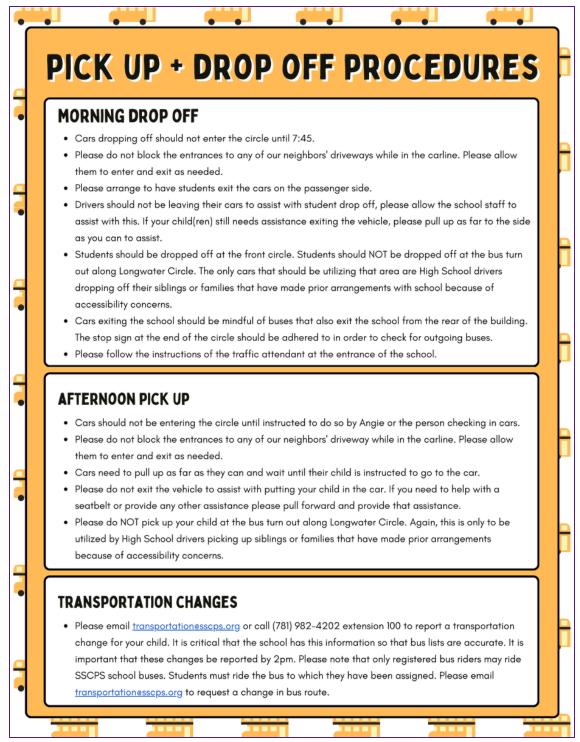
SSCPS WEEKLY CALENDAR JAN 15 - JAN 22

Wed 15	Thu 16	Fri 17	Sat/Sun
	High School Art Workshop Fashion Show - 1-2:45PM (in the gym)	No School for Students - Professional Development	
Mon 20	Tue 21	Wed 22	Upcoming
No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observed		Midyear Exams for Grades 7-12	Jan 23 - Midyear Exams for Grades 7-12
MARTIN LUTHER KINGJR.			Jan 23 - Virtual Parent Informational Session on Relational Aggression and Conflict
DAY			Jan 24 - Midyear Exams for Grades 7-12

SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar

Important Transportation Reminder

Pick Up & Drop Off Procedures



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

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)

Upcoming School & Community Events

High School Winter Dance

Friday, January 31st

Buy Tickets

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Friday, January 31st | 7:00-10:00 pm Cushing Memorial Hall - 673 Main Street, Norwell

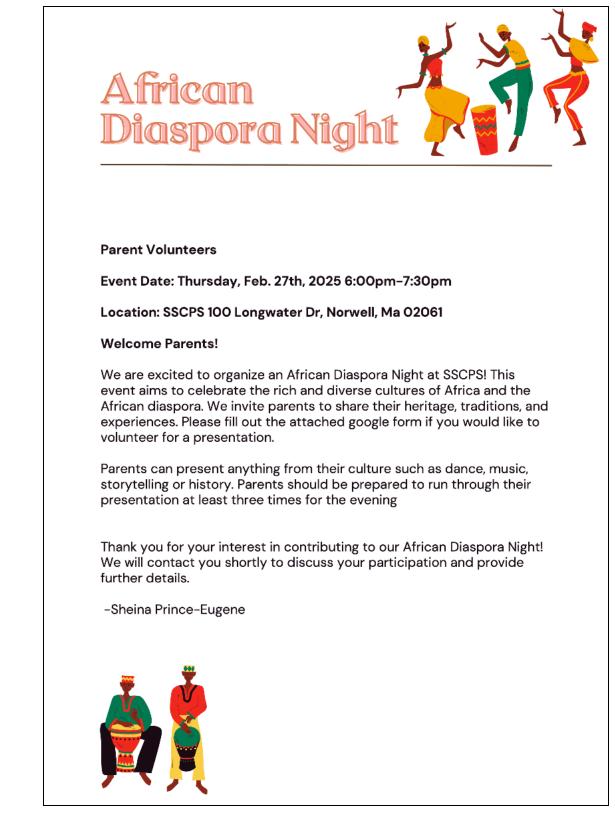
TICKETS - \$25.00 PER PERSON

Open to SSCPS students in grades 9-12 only Tickets must be purchased through <u>Family ID</u>

African Diaspora Night

Thursday, February 27th

Sign Up Form



Friends of Holly Hill Farm Programs & Events



Easterseals Massachusetts Programs



The Bridge Center provides a wide range of programs year-round and welcomes individuals of all ages to enjoy enriching experiences and opportunities for growth. Visit our website to learn more about our <u>Recreation</u>, <u>Equine-Assisted</u> <u>Programs</u>, <u>Therapeutic Services</u>, and <u>Camp</u> opportunities.

We are excited about our lineup of fun Winter Programs and invite you to our Community Open House on January 7, 2025. Read below about our upcoming programs and events, our Participant and Volunteer of the Month, and...

Learn More

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! More about the Smilesafe program <u>here</u>.

Celebrating 30 Years of SSCPS

CELEBRATING 3 SPEARS 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

What's New in Projects & Workshops

Art Workshop Fashion Walk Sneak Peek!

Students in the High School Art Workshop had their pre-show Fashion Walk to give students and staff at 100 Longwater a sneak peek of their designs. The official Fashion Show will be tomorrow, January 16th at 1PM in the school gym.













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 valentines day morning and have a bunch of crafts to do to brighten their day."

> Sincerely, The SSCPS Community Service Project



Visit the Wishlist

On the Levels

Mock Trial Team | Hingham District Court

Congratulations to the Mock Trial team for their performance at Hingham District Court against Pembroke! Although they lost with a score of 90-89, they excelled at cross examination, direct examination and closing argument. During the post-trial feedback, the judge applauded first-timer Hannah Alexis for her composure in conducting the direct examination of an expert and fielding objections. Emma Mooney also conducted an excellent closing argument. Both got a score of 9/10. Debora Duviella also scored a 9/10 for her cross examination of the Plaintiff. All of the witnesses (Franco Rojas, Chibugo Ejiogu, and Charles Manewal) also did a great job. Charles also scored a 9/10.

This group came together and worked as a team. The experience was a WIN regardless of the final score!



Students prepare for their upcoming trial. (Saturday, January 11th)



Students at Mock Trial, Hingham District Court (Monday, January 13th)

Jaguar Awards | Grade 3

Congratulations to the following students for receiving Grade 3 Jaguar Awards for the month of December: Jeremiah G., Bria K., Brayden M. and Laila-Medina S. These students best exemplified the trait of the month, Joy. The students found joy in their learning, brought joy to their classmates, and set a great example for the trait of the month. Great job!!



Afterschool Enrichment Program 2024-2025

Session II | January 21 - April 3



Community Service

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

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

Community Service Opportunity for Randolph Students



Codman Square Health in partnership with the Town of Randolph and Randolph Public Schools has established а HEALTHY RANDOLPH COLLABORATIVE. Through a five-year grant from Children's Hospital Boston, the health equity initiative will focus on improving outcomes for Randolph young people and their families. Programs, services, goals and objectives will be informed in part by a council of Randolph youth ages 15-22 and adults. The council members will receive a small stipend for contributing 2-5 hours per month.

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 <u>parent volunteer opportunities list</u> – 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 <u>PAatSSCPS@gmail.com</u>

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.

SEPAC





Questions email Rachel Brodeur at SEPAC@SSCPS.ORG

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Important Links

Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website <u>www.sscps.org</u>.

School Documents

1. Afterschool Enrichment Program

2024-2025 School Calendar 2. DESE Student Attendance Letter Translated: (Arabic, Cape Verdean Creole, Chinese, Haitian Student and Family Creole, Portuguese, Spanish, Vietnamese) Handbook 3. Back-to-School Information 4. Food Services **Arrival and Dismissal** 5. Health Office **Procedures** 6. Massachusetts Department of Transitional **SSCPS By-Laws** Assistance 7. Community Service Next Year: 2025-2026 8. Visit the Parents Association Website **School Calendar**

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