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**“INTELLIGENCE PLUS CHARACTER - THAT IS
THE GOAL OF TRUE EDUCATION.”**

-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. | The Purpose of Education



A Message from Jamie

Computer Science Education Week (CSEdWeek), held annually in December to honor pioneering computer scientist Grace Hopper, inspires students to explore the world of technology and coding while highlighting the importance of computer science in shaping the future. A key feature of CSEdWeek is the Hour of Code, a global initiative designed to make coding accessible to everyone through engaging, beginner-friendly activities. This year, many students at South Shore Charter Public School participated in the Hour of Code, embracing the challenge and earning certificates for their efforts. By engaging in this initiative, students developed problem-solving and creative thinking skills while gaining an appreciation for the impact of computer science in today's world, preparing them for success in a technology-driven future.

The Science Department is excited to share updates regarding the ongoing implementation of the Digital Literacy and Computer Science (DLCS) standards, with the continued support

of the CS Engage grant from DESE. Students in grades 5-8 have been actively engaging with computer science through platforms like CS Discoveries on Code.org, hands-on activities, and the use of micro:bits. Students have also been able to use applications such as SCRATCH and Pixel Art. These experiences allow students to explore coding concepts and practical applications of computer science in interactive and meaningful ways.



Looking ahead, we aim to extend these opportunities further. Through Focused Instruction Time (FIT) and class lessons, students will have access to additional enrichment activities that deepen their understanding of computer science principles. For students at Level IV, digital literacy standards will be integrated into advisory lessons. Utilizing resources such as Common Sense Media and other supplements, students will explore essential topics like internet safety, identifying primary sources, and other foundational aspects of navigating the digital world responsibly.

Thanks to generous grant funding, we have been able to acquire new tools and resources to enhance our curriculum. These include Ozobots, PieTops, and Micro:bits. These hands-on components are integral to engaging students, enabling them to see and interact with the functionality of computer science in real-time.



To further showcase the exciting work within the DLCS curriculum, the Science Department is planning a STEM Night this March. This event will invite families to immerse themselves in the world of computer science, digital literacy, and coding. Families will have the chance to participate in activities such as:

- Using micro:bits and circuit kits.
- Programming Ozobots through block coding.
- Exploring interactive demonstrations and more.

We are thrilled about the potential of this initiative to inspire both students and their families and to highlight the importance of digital literacy and computer science education. Stay tuned for more details about this event—we look forward to seeing you there!

Jamie Allen

Science Curriculum Coordinator
High School Science Teacher



School Calendar & Announcements

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

SSCPS WEEKLY CALENDAR JAN 22 - JAN 29

Wed 22 Midyear Exams for Grades 7-12 High School Mock Trial to Hingham District Court	Thu 23 Midyear Exams for Grades 7-12 SEPAC Basic Rights: Transition Planning Virtual Meeting - 6:30PM	Fri 24 Midyear Exams for Grades 7-12	Sat/Sun Jan 26 - High School Theater Workshop Tech Rehearsal in Gloucester
Mon 27 	Tue 28 Talk to Us Tuesday Enrollment Tours - 9-10AM	Wed 29 Executive Committee Meeting Via Zoom - 9AM Grade 10 & 11 Trip to Spain 2026 Information Meeting In Person at 700 Longwater Drive - 6-7PM	Upcoming Jan 31 - High School Winter Dance Feb 4 - Virtual Parent Workshop Feb 27 - African Diaspora Night

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 carline. Please allow them to enter and exit as needed.
- Please arrange to have students exit the cars on the passenger side.
- Drivers should not be leaving their cars to assist with student drop off, please allow the school staff to assist with this. If your child(ren) still needs assistance exiting the vehicle, please pull up as far to the side as you can to assist.
- Students should be dropped off at the front circle. Students should NOT be dropped off at the bus turn out along Longwater Circle. The only cars that should be utilizing that area are High School drivers dropping off their siblings or families that have made prior arrangements with school because of accessibility concerns.
- Cars exiting the school should be mindful of buses that also exit the school from the rear of the building. The stop sign at the end of the circle should be adhered to in order to check for outgoing buses.
- Please follow the instructions of the traffic attendant at the entrance of the school.

AFTERNOON PICK UP

- Cars should not be entering the circle until instructed to do so by Angie or the person checking in cars.
- Please do not block the entrances to any of our neighbors' driveway while in the carline. Please allow them to enter and exit as needed.
- Cars need to pull up as far as they can and wait until their child is instructed to go to the car.
- Please do not exit the vehicle to assist with putting your child in the car. If you need to help with a seatbelt or provide any other assistance please pull forward and provide that assistance.
- Please do NOT pick up your child at the bus turn out along Longwater Circle. Again, this is only to be utilized by High School drivers picking up siblings or families that have made prior arrangements because of accessibility concerns.

TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

- Please email transportation@sscps.org or call (781) 982-4202 extension 100 to report a transportation change for your child. It is critical that the school has this information so that bus lists are accurate. It is important that these changes be reported by 2pm. Please note that only registered bus riders may ride SSCPS school buses. Students must ride the bus to which they have been assigned. Please email transportation@sscps.org to request a change in bus route.

2026 Spain Trip Announcement

SSCPS is bringing back European trips for the high school, and we're going to Spain in Spring 2026! This trip will be over the April Break and is open for Juniors and Seniors only. Alicia Dupuis and Mary Carter are organizing the trip. Here is a [link to a video](#) on the Spain Experience Trip we are planning. The trip will be 11 days and include the cities of Granada, Sevilla, Madrid, and Barcelona.

We're excited to tell you more about the trip we're planning with EF Tours, our educational

travel partner. To be considered for this opportunity, please be sure to use the button below to RSVP for the in-person information session on **Wednesday, January 29th, 2025 at 6:00 pm at 700 Longwater Drive.**

INFO SESSION RSVP

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)

Upcoming School & Community Events

High School Winter Dance

Friday, January 31st

Please purchase your tickets by this Friday, January 24th.

[Buy Tickets](#)



Virtual Parent Workshop

February 4th

DATE CHANGE: Now on Tuesday, February 4th, Angie Pepin (K-12 Principal) 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. The meeting 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 using the button below.

[Meeting Link](#)

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!

Mornings Ages 3 - 5 January 7 - March 28, 2025*
9:30 - 11:00AM
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays
Sign up for one day or a fest!
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-week 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, 2/17/2025, 3/16/25 (as normal)
Healthy Cooking afterschool program meets for 9 weeks.



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

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 6-8 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 5-9 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	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

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 [Recreation, Equine-Assisted Programs, Therapeutic Services](#), and [Camp](#) 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!

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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

CELEBRATING 30 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 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](#)

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

Sincerely,
The SSCPS Community Service Project



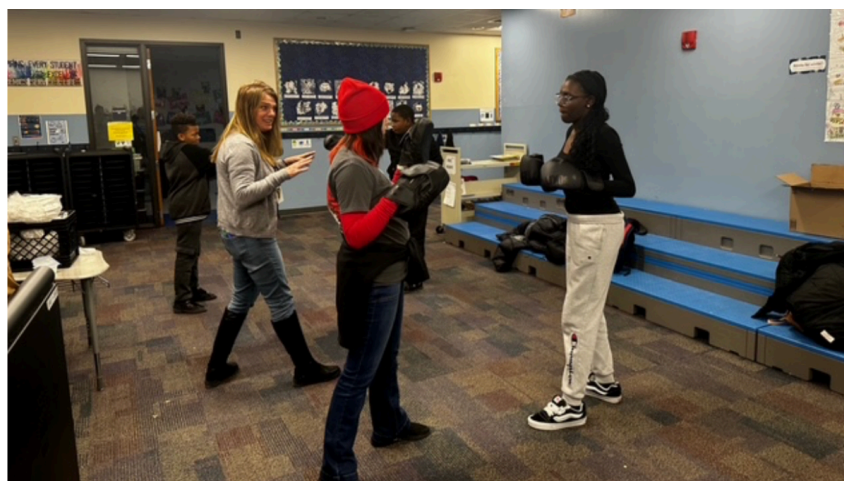
[Visit the Wishlist](#)

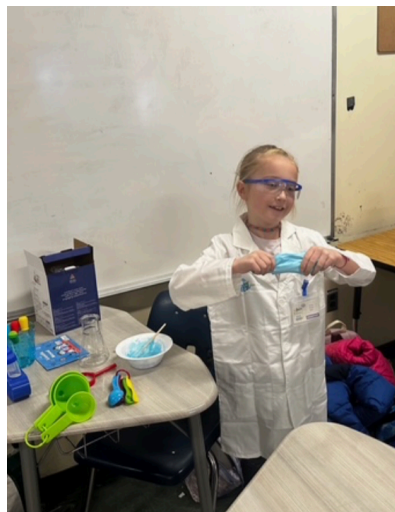
Afterschool Enrichment Program 2024-2025

This Week in Afterschool Enrichment

Despite the chilly weather outside, students were thrilled to return to our Afterschool Enrichment Program! A wide variety of clubs are up and running, keeping our students engaged, motivated, and excited to learn and explore their passions in dynamic and meaningful ways. From exploring hands-on experiments in Chemical Creations to staying active in Kickboxing and Sports & Fitness, there's something for everyone. Our Creative

Minds and STEAM clubs are buzzing with innovative ideas and projects that students are excited to tackle in the upcoming weeks. We're off to a fantastic start this session!





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](#)

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](#).

SEPAC Workshop Tomorrow



Basic Rights: Transition Planning

This workshop provides an overview of the transition planning process for youth with disabilities ages 14-22 on IEPs.

Workshop Topics:

- *What is Transition and Why is It Important*
- *Legal Basis for Transition Planning*
- *Student Vision, Self Determination and Self Advocacy*
- *Student and Parent's Roles*
- *Transition Planning Form (TPF)*
 - *Age of Majority*
 - *Timelines, Resources*



**January 23, 2025
6:30-8:30PM**

PRESENTED BY:
Susan Parker Norton
nortonadvocacy@gmail.com

**REGISTER FOR THE WORKSHOP
AT:**

<https://fcsn.org/event/south-shore-transition-planning/>



Questions email Rachel Brodeur at
SEPAC@SSCPS.ORG

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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: \(Arabic, Cape Verdean Creole, Chinese, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, Spanish, Vietnamese\)](#)
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](#)

[2024-2025 School Calendar](#)

[Student and Family Handbook](#)

[Arrival and Dismissal Procedures](#)
[SSCPS By-Laws](#)

Next Year: [2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

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Deadline to purchase coverage: SUNDAY 10.06.2024

To purchase please visit:
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NORWELL, MA

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Dispositivo	Cobertura	Deductible	Precio	Plazo de la póliza:
ACER/LENOVO/SAMSUNG CHROMEBOOK	Device	\$0.00	\$39.00	29.08.2024 - 29.08.2025

Fecha límite para comprar cobertura: DOMINGO 06.10.2024

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

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