



## Weekly Update | January 29, 2025

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### A Message from Haley

South Shore Charter Public School is taking exciting steps to celebrate Spanish language and culture. The school recently inducted 18 students into the new Spanish Honor Society, Los Jaguares, and opened a Spanish section of the library for all K-8 students. With the support of a new proficiency-based learning grant, SSCPS is also enhancing language education for all students. These efforts aim to build bilingual skills, cultural awareness and a strong foundation for global success.

**Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica**



*18 juniors and seniors were inducted into the Spanish Honor Society on December 11th.*

The inaugural year of the Spanish Honor Society at SSCPS is being launched, with the chapter proudly named Los Jaguares. This new chapter celebrates the achievement of students who have demonstrated excellence in the study of Spanish language and culture. On December 11th, 18 new chapter members were inducted during a ceremony at the high school, which included their former language teachers, current language teachers, administrators, and peers.



Los Jaguares are committed to promoting the importance of bilingualism, cultural awareness, and community service. Members will have opportunities to work with younger students through tutoring sessions, helping them improve their Spanish language skills and build confidence. Plans also include hosting fun, interactive cultural events, such as dance classes to teach traditional Latin dances, as well as other activities that highlight the rich diversity of the Spanish-speaking world. Through these initiatives, Los Jaguares will not only strengthen their own leadership and teaching abilities, but also create lasting connections with the wider school community. The chapter aims to thrive and create lasting traditions that will benefit the school and the community.

### **World Language Grant**



*Students taking the Spanish proficiency exam.*

Our school has received the Proficiency-Based Outcomes Learning Grant from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). This grant will enhance our educational offerings by focusing on developing and implementing proficiency-based learning strategies. These strategies will ensure that all students master essential skills and knowledge at their own pace, with an emphasis on personalized learning and clear learning outcomes. This funding will support professional development for educators, the integration of new instructional resources, and the continued refinement of the curriculum to better meet the needs of each student. The positive impact of this grant on students' academic growth and success is highly anticipated.

This spring, SSCPS students in language classes from 6th to 12th grade will take the Avant STAMP exams to evaluate their real-world language proficiency. These scores will provide valuable insights into students' language proficiency across multiple skills—writing, speaking, listening, and reading. By analyzing the results, we can identify areas of strength and areas that need improvement, allowing us to tailor our curriculum to better meet students' needs. Additionally, the data will help track progress over time, inform instructional decisions, and guide the development of targeted interventions to enhance



overall language learning in our program.

High school students who earn an intermediate high score in all four language domains of this exam and achieve an ELA MCAS score of 472 or higher will be awarded the [Massachusetts Seal of Biliteracy](#) upon graduation. The Seal can enhance college applications, career prospects and global readiness. It celebrates cultural competence and provides opportunities such as scholarships, advanced placement, and a competitive edge in the job market.

### Spanish Library



*The new Spanish section at the SSCPS library.*



# this book was donated by:



TO THE SSCPS SPANISH LIBRARY PROGRAM



*Book plates from donors inside each Spanish book.*

We are thrilled to introduce a new Spanish section at the SSCPS library, now available for all K-8 students. This collection offers a wide variety of Spanish-language books, ranging from beginner-level stories to more advanced reading materials, so students at all reading levels can find something engaging. Our goal is to provide accessible resources to help students strengthen their language skills and explore the richness of Spanish literature. We are also eager to expand the collection over time, adding more books and resources to encourage a love for reading and language learning in our school community. Each family that donates to the Spanish library will receive a book plate inside one of our new language books.

## Spanish Library Donations





**Haley Edmondson**  
**K-12 World Language Curriculum Coordinator**

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## School Calendar & Announcements

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

## SSCPS WEEKLY CALENDAR JAN 29 - FEB 05

<p><b>Wed 29</b></p> <p>Executive Committee Meeting Via Zoom - 9AM</p> <p>Ad Hoc Facilities Meeting Via Zoom - 9:30AM</p> <p>Grade 10 &amp; 11 Trip to Spain 2026 Information Meeting In Person at 700 Longwater Drive - 6-7PM</p>	<p><b>Thu 30</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;"></div>	<p><b>Fri 31</b></p> <p>Grade 5 "Colorful Chemistry" In School Field Trip</p> <p>Library Committee Meeting - 11:45AM</p> <p>High School Winter Dance (Cushing Center) - 7-10PM</p>	<p><b>Sat/Sun</b></p> <p><b>Sat, Feb 01</b> - Level III/IV Students to Building Bridge Competition at Wentworth</p>
<p><b>Mon 03</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;"></div>	<p><b>Tue 04</b></p> <p>Talk to Us Tuesday Enrollment Tours - 9-10AM</p> <p>Grade 5 "Bake for Good" In School Field Trip</p> <p>Board of Trustees Committee Meetings via Zoom - 5-7:15PM</p> <p>Virtual Parent Informational Session on Relational Aggression and Conflict via Zoom - 6:30PM</p>	<p><b>Wed 05</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;"></div>	<p><b>Upcoming</b></p> <p><b>Feb 07</b> - Early Dismissal (Professional Development)</p> <p><b>Feb 27</b> - African Diaspora Night</p> <div style="text-align: center;"></div>

### SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar

## 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

## 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

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# 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

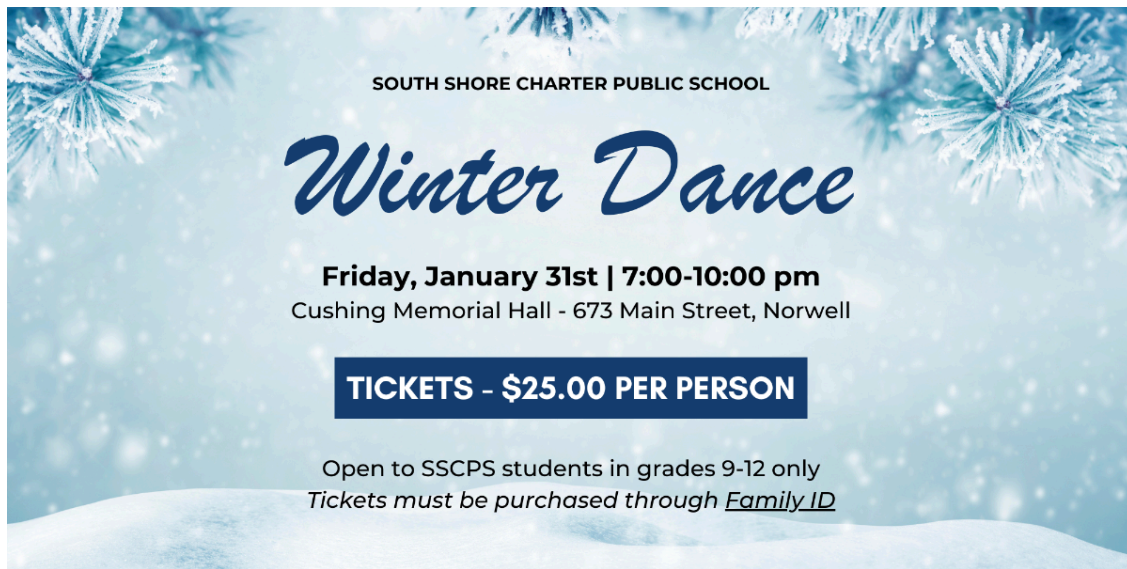
- Please email [transportation@sscps.org](mailto:transportation@sscps.org) or call (781) 982-4202 extension 100 to report a transportation change for your child. It is critical that the school has this information so that bus lists are accurate. It is important that these changes be reported by 2pm. 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](mailto:transportation@sscps.org) to request a change in bus route.

## Upcoming School & Community Events

### High School Winter Dance

Friday, January 31st

[Buy Tickets](#)



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## Parent Informational Session on Relational Aggression and Conflict (Virtual)

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

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## 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  
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 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](#)

## On the Levels

### **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 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

### Chemical Creations Update

This week, our young scientists engaged in three exciting hands-on activities, deepening their understanding of chemistry through exploration and creativity!

**Surface Tension Challenge** – Students tested the cohesion of water molecules by dropping water onto a penny, discovering just how many drops could fit before the surface tension broke. The suspense and competition made for a thrilling experiment!

**Molecule Building** – Using a molecular model kit, students constructed their own unique molecules, igniting curiosity about molecular composition and the structures that make up our world.

**Fake Snow Fun** – Students created snow using sodium polyacrylate, a superabsorbent polymer, and experimented with adding colors to their creations. They were amazed by its ability to absorb water and transform into a fluffy, snow-like substance.

Stay tuned for more exciting chemistry adventures!





## 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](#)

## 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 ways 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](#)
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](#)

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[SSCPS By-Laws](#)

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

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Device	Coverage	Deductible	Price
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Policy Term: 08.29.2024 - 08.29.2025

**Deadline to purchase coverage: SUNDAY 10.06.2024**

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**WORTH VE. ROUP** Solicitud válida para el año escolar 2024-2025

### Proteja su dispositivo escolar

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NORWELL, MA

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- Vertimientos y submersión
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- Sobrecarga de energía por rayo
- Vandalismo
- Robo

**No se cubre:** Defecto del fabricante y falla mecánica, daños cosméticos, desgaste normal, o pérdida inesperada.

Dispositivo	Cobertura	Deducible	Precio
ACER/LENOVO/SAMSUNG CHROMEBOOK	Device	\$0.00	\$19.00

Plazo de la póliza: 29.08.2024 - 29.08.2025

**Fecha limite para comprar cobertura: DOMINGO 06.10.2024**

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

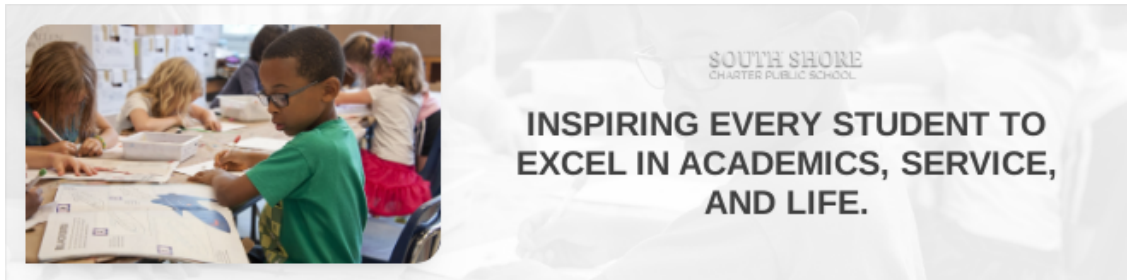
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