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A Message from Alicia

Teaching and learning are prolific in March. Students in grades K-4 have finished the second trimester of learning with the new iReady and Wonders curricula. Students in grades 8-10 are preparing for the PSAT on April 11. Seniors have completed Senior Debates, a three-day event that brought this talented group of students together in one room and one step closer to graduation. Looking to next year, students will soon begin selecting their courses.

Days here at South Shore Charter have become increasingly fast paced. As we leave the cold weather behind us, we are lifted by both warming days and thoughts of all that we

have yet to achieve. Last Thursday evening, the South Shore Charter Board of Trustees voted to move forward with a new student enrollment growth plan that would provide 225 additional seats over the next five years for students throughout the South Shore. The growth plan may be found in Table III on page 6 of the [Charter Amendment Request](#). We are heartened by the realization of additional new classrooms and look forward to all that will be accomplished over the next six months.

We are grateful to the families who support our mission and institutional vision. We are fortunate to have continuously strong interest in our school throughout the South Shore. This year's enrollment season reminds us how our school's impact is widening. We received 787 applications for anticipated openings in kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2, Grades 7 and 8, and Grades 9 and 10. We remain grateful for our school community and our current families who have shared their experiences at the South Shore Charter Public School with others, spreading the word and supporting our mission.

The Enrollment Lottery was held on Friday, March 7, 2025. With 787 applications to be sorted, it remained a tremendous undertaking. The months leading up to Friday have been filled with admissions events and community outreach. Active recruitment of new families begins each November 1 for the upcoming school year. This year, we held an Enrollment Open House on November 14 at both buildings and received 248 visitors at 100 Longwater Circle and 71 visitors at 700 Longwater Drive. During "Talk to Us Tuesday" sessions in January and February, 78 prospective students and families were able to visit the campus while classes were in session and meet our students and teachers.

Applications Received for Lottery

Grade	Received	Sibling	Grade	Received	Sibling
K	212	40	7	48	6
1	58	2	8	28	0
2	53	1	9	65	4
3	49	1	10	25	0
4	69	5	11	20	2
5	80	1	12	2	0
6	52	2	Total	760	64

Note: 27 additional applications were received however are ineligible due to: applicant too young for kindergarten, applicant already enrolled, out of state, or request to withdraw.

We are pleased to report that this year's application pool was again strong. This year we received the highest number of applications from Brockton (187), followed by Weymouth (147), and the third highest number of applications from Randolph (84).

Applications by Town

Abington	30	Marshfield	17
Braintree	22	Norwell	6
Brockton	187	Pembroke	11
Cohasset	3	Plymouth	11
Duxbury	4	Plympton	0
E. Bridgewater	8	Quincy	59
Halifax	1	Randolph	84
Hanover	18	Rockland	42
Hanson	7	Scituate	8
Hingham	8	Weymouth	147
Holbrook	28	Whitman	15
Hull	5	Out of district	48
Kingston	18	Total	787

We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to welcome new students and families to our school community. We look forward to meeting next year's new kindergarten students on Saturday, and to hosting new student events in the coming months.

We are fortunate and grateful for the support we receive from our families. I would like to thank all of our family members who participated in the Family/Caregiver Focus Groups on Monday night and Tuesday morning. Thank you for sharing your perspective and insight as we continue to navigate our mission of inspiring every student to excel in academics, service, and life.

Alicia Savage
Executive Director

School Calendar & Announcements



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

SSCPS WEEKLY CALENDAR MAR 12 - MAR 19

Wed 12 Multicultural Food Night Planning Committee Meeting via Zoom Parents Association Meeting via Zoom - 7PM	Thu 13 Grade 4 Field Trip to Great Esker Park w/ NE Wildlife Grade 2 "Top's Big Adventure" Traveling Field Trip PI Day Eve STE Event at 700 Longwater - Common Area - 5-7PM	Fri 14 	Sat/Sun Sat, Mar 15 - New Kindergarten Open House - 10AM-12PM
Mon 17 St. Patrick's Day Personnel Committee Meeting via Zoom - 6:30PM 	Tue 18 Grade 5 to USS Constitution Museum Governance Committee Meeting - 5:45PM Finance Committee Meeting - 6:30PM Development Committee Meeting - 7:15PM	Wed 19 Junior Parent Night via Zoom - 6:30PM SEPAC Meeting via Zoom - 6:30PM	Upcoming March 24 - NHS Disability Awareness Fundraiser Ends

SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar

Upcoming School & Community Events

Grade 8 Fundraising Opportunities

Eighth graders at South Shore Charter are raising money to help fund our field trips and group activities at the end of this year! We have two field trips coming up: one to Washington D.C. and one to Boston, and we'd love your support.

A number of local restaurants and businesses have upcoming fundraising opportunities in

March and April that can help support our initiatives, from dining out or ordering from certain restaurants to spending time at activity centers with the family! Click on the flyers below for more details about the next two opportunities.

For any questions, please contact Kristen Mullin-Connolly at kconnolly@sscps.org



DINING for DOLLARS
FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

Show support for:

South Shore Charter Public School

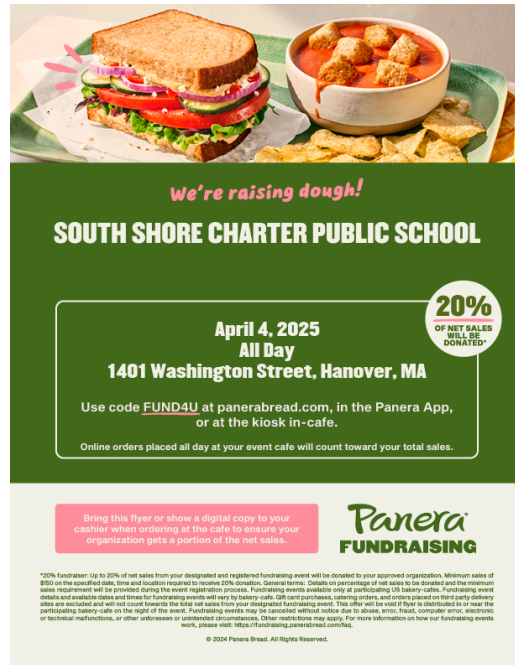
Enjoy a great meal and raise money for your favorite charity or organization with our fundraising program.

WHEN: MONDAY, MARCH 17TH | 11:00 AM TO 9:00 PM
WHERE: 90 DERBY ST.

Rather enjoy it at home? *Order Online!*
Order online by entering promo code **FUNDRAISER** at checkout.

Bertucci's
BRICK OVEN PIZZA & PASTA

Attendees must show flyer/print to the cashier or use code FUNDRAISER online at checkout for sales to be included in the fundraiser proceeds. Individual store participation and percentage contribution to organizations may vary. For full rules and restrictions, please visit: fundraising.bertuccis.com



We're raising dough!

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

April 4, 2025
All Day
1401 Washington Street, Hanover, MA

Use code **FUND4U** at panerabread.com, in the Panera App, or at the kiosk in-cafe.

Online orders placed all day at your event cafe will count toward your total sales.

20% OF NET SALES WILL BE DONATED

Bring this flyer or show a digital copy to your cashier when ordering at the cafe to ensure your organization gets a portion of the net sales.

Panera FUNDRAISING

*20% fundraiser: up to 20% of net sales from your designated and registered fundraising event will be donated to your approved organization. Minimum sales of \$500 on the specified date, time and location required to ensure 20% donation. General terms: Details on percentage of net sales to be donated and the minimum sales requirement will be provided during the event registration process. Fundraising events available only at participating US bakery-cafes. Fundraising event details and available dates and times for fundraising events will vary by bakery-cafe. Gift card purchases, catering orders, and orders placed on third-party delivery sites are excluded and will not count toward the total net sales from your designated fundraising event. This offer will be void if flyer is distributed to or near the participating bakery-cafe on the night of the event. Fundraising events may be cancelled without notice due to closure, error, fraud, computer error, electronic or technical malfunctions, or other unforeseen or uncontrollable circumstances. Other restrictions may apply. For more information on how our fundraising events work, please visit: <https://fundraising.panerabread.com/faq>. © 2024 Panera Bread. All Rights Reserved.

Pi Day Eve at SSCPS



SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

PI DAY EVE

NO COST

FAMILY NIGHT OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS EXPLORATION

HANDS ON ACTIVITIES
SNACK SHACK (CASH)
CHANCE TO WIN PRIZES

DESIGN YOUR OWN VINYL STICKER
OZOBOTS, 3D PRINTING, CIRCUITS,
STEM CHALLENGES, MICRO BITS,
AI KINEX, MINECRAFT & MORE

DETAILS
700 LONGWATER DRIVE
THURSDAY, MARCH 13
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Celebrate π Day!

Digital Literacy & Computer Science

CS Engage
Engage your creativity!

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

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

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
781-383-6365

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 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

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!

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 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



Athletics

MCSAO All-Stars

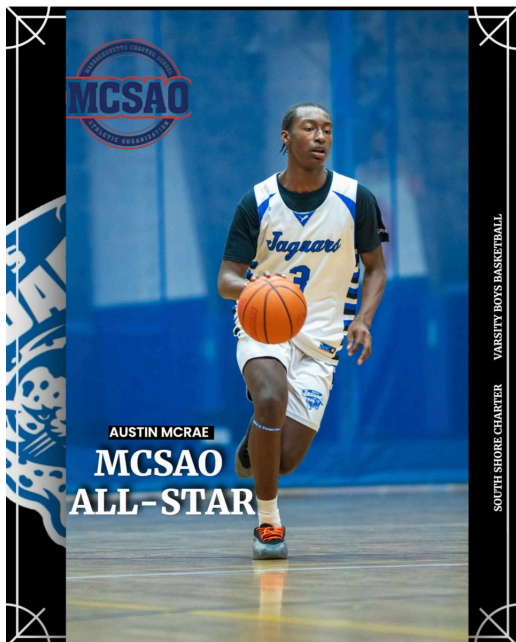
Congratulations to our 2024/2025 MCSAO Winter Season All-Stars!

Junior - Guard - Devyn Bowden (2x)

Junior - Forward - Austin McRae (2x)

Senior - Guard - Khai Francis (3x)

Senior - Point Guard - Clayden Jean-Baptiste (2x)



All photos by @sscps_sports

On the Levels

Dissection Day | High School Biology

Students in Aiden Gallagher's high school Human Biology class spent last Thursday dissecting sheep hearts, a quintessential part of the high school biology experience!





NHS Disability Awareness Fundraiser

Support the SSCPS National Honor Society's latest fundraiser! Until March 24th, NHS will be selling wristbands to raise money for Developmental Disability Awareness Month! The wristbands will come in various colors that represent different disabilities, and each one will be accompanied by an info card to spread awareness. SSCPS students at 100 and 700 can use the pre-order form below to place their orders.

Wristband Pre-Orders



What's New in Projects & Workshops

High School Theater Workshop

SSCPS Theater Workshop's performance of "When Bad Things Happen to Good Actors" was a success! The students did a fantastic job and the audience and adjudicators absolutely showered them with well-deserved praise afterwards. They put on a great show, even after the tech crew was thrown the significant obstacle of their head set batteries dying and having no way to communicate with one another. Our show's title was very

appropriate. It was a long, exhausting day of theater, (over 12 hours, 7:30 AM to 8:00 PM), and the kids did a great job being respectful, encouraging, working phenomenally as a team and participating fully in every activity. At 7:00 PM, when most of the adults were starting to fade, our students were leaders in the post show discussion, and won themselves some awards, too!

Luc Derry, Andrew Vrigneau, and Gabe Guzman won acting awards for their performances. Josh Mello won a tech award for excellent stage management under very stressful circumstances. Award winners in our hearts also included Marion Whalen-Finn and Veronica Viega (parent of SSCPS Theater Workshop member Adrian Rivera) who drove hours to get kids to and from Gloucester High School, and were there all day to help chaperone.

Also presented to the school's production as a whole was the "Commit to the Bit" Award, for the students' dedication and commitment to the "bit," their ability to stay in character despite outrageous stuff (both controlled and unexpected) happening during the course of the production. This was a challenge for everyone both on and off stage! Kudos to everyone involved for their effort!



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

Natural Artists Club

This week in Natural Artists, students spent time learning all about the art of origami. Students began by creating their own patterns and designing multiple pieces of origami paper. Great care was taken to make patterns that were geometric and colorful! Afterwards, we looked to create figures that would represent nature, with a focus on animals. Students were able to choose from patterns that included tortoises, dogs, and frogs. Everyone was very excited to show off their wonderful creations.





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 March. You can find more information on the SSCPS Board of Trustees on our website [here](#).

FY25 March Meeting Agenda

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](#).

SEPAC Upcoming Meeting



Important Links

Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website www.sscps.org.

School Documents

1. [Afterschool Enrichment Program](#)

[2024-2025 School](#)

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

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NORWELL, MA

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No se cubre: Defecto del fabricante y falla mecánica, daños cosiméticos, desgaste normal, o pérdida inexplicada.

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>

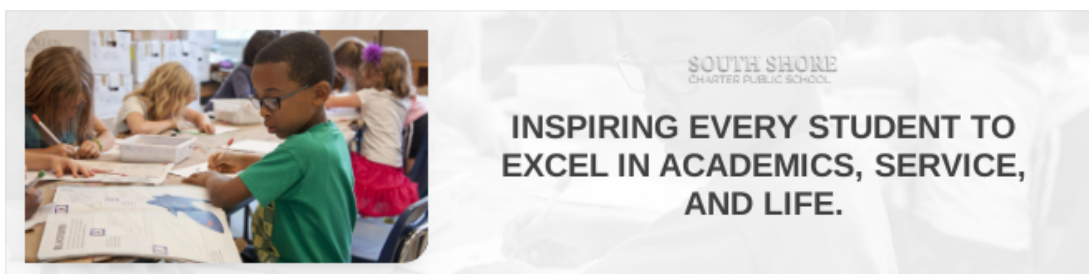
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