



## Weekly Update | March 26, 2025

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## A Message from Jamie


Dear SSCPS Families and Friends,

Myself, along with the middle school and high school science teachers, want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the students, families, and friends of the SSCPS community for attending our first annual Family STEM Night on the eve of Pi Day! Your enthusiasm and participation made the event a memorable success.


Upon arrival, each student received a "Ticket to Adventure" along with a special pie token. As they completed each station, students were rewarded with a pie piece denoting the specific STEM branch they had explored. This added an exciting layer of game-like

engagement, encouraging students to collect their pieces as they made their way through the various activities.

**SOUTH SHORE CHARTER**



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Passenger

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Boarding Time    Gate

**5:00 PM        314**

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Date              From

**3.13.2025      SSCPS**

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To

**PI DAY EVE**

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Family STEM Night


**FIRST CLASS**




Purpose of Travel

Visit each station to earn your Pi pieces! Collect them all to fill your pie, and earn a prize!


**HOW TO EARN EACH PI PIECE**




**EXAMINE  
SAMPLES  
UNDER A  
MICROSCOPE**




**COMPETE IN AN  
ENGINEERING  
DESIGN  
CHALLENGE**




**MEMORIZE  
THE DIGITS  
OF PI OR  
CREATE A  
BRACELET**



**CREATE A  
VINYL STICKER  
OR DESIGN  
WITH THE 3D  
PRINTER**



**LEARN HOW TO  
CODE USING  
MICROBITS  
AND OZOBOTS**



**EXPLORE PHYSICAL  
SCIENCE**  
  
**CIRCUITS, FAKE SNOW,  
SLIME, PLASMA BALL,  
AND MOLECULE KITS**

Throughout the evening, students had the opportunity to explore various STEM fields through engaging hands-on activities. STEM, which stands for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, encompasses a wide variety of disciplines and areas of focus. Teachers created stations that focused on Life Science/Biotechnology, Physical Science (Chemistry and Physics), Computer Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

Our focus on mathematics included a coloring sheet on history of pi, where students created bracelets using the digits of pi. Students were also encouraged to stretch their imaginations and create unique pieces or branch out try their hands at binary code. In the physical science stations, participants went hands-first into the world of chemistry by making slime, crafting fake snow, and assembling molecules. Students also explored physics and electricity through interactive snap circuits, gaining a deeper understanding of how these concepts affect our everyday lives.

The engineering challenges were a hit, teaching students how to use the design and engineering process to solve a problem. Students used tinfoil to construct the tallest towers and designed boats capable of supporting the most weight while floating. These challenges allowed them to grasp the engineering process in a fun and creative way, all while having friendly competition.

In the life sciences and biotechnology area, students used microscopes to examine

prepared slides featuring specimens ranging from single-celled organisms to cross-sections of tissue samples. This hands-on exploration offered a glimpse into the fascinating world of biology. It allowed students to use common biotech equipment and to view the non-visible living world around them.

We also introduced our young tech enthusiasts to computer science with a variety of exciting stations! Students programmed Ozobots using color patterns and pathways that mirrored block code, experimented with micro:bits, and designed their own vinyl stickers using design software. Additionally, students were able to first hand see our 3D printing demonstrations, where they watched as objects came to life right before their eyes from single stranded plastic filament to three dimensional, well-structured models

The success of Family STEM Night would not have been possible without your support and enthusiasm. We hope this event inspires our students to continue exploring the wonders of STEM in their everyday lives!

Thank you once again for joining us, and we look forward to more exciting events in the future!

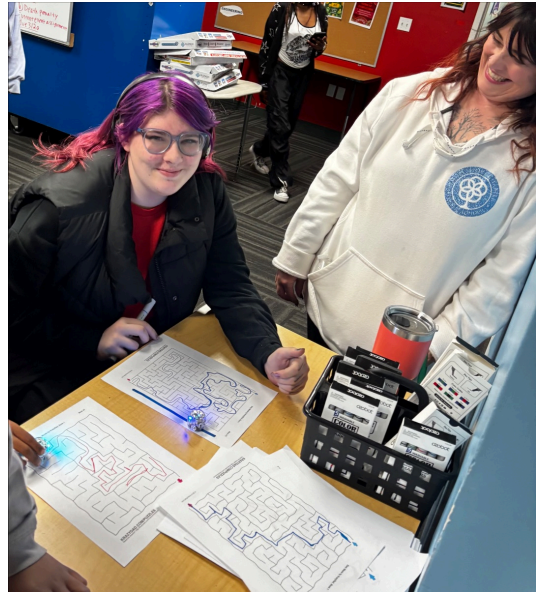
**Jamie Allen**

**Science Curriculum Coordinator**

**HS Science Teacher**



















## School Calendar & Announcements

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:**  
**NO SCHOOL**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 31ST**  
**EID AL-FITR OBSERVED**




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



SSCPS WEEKLY CALENDAR

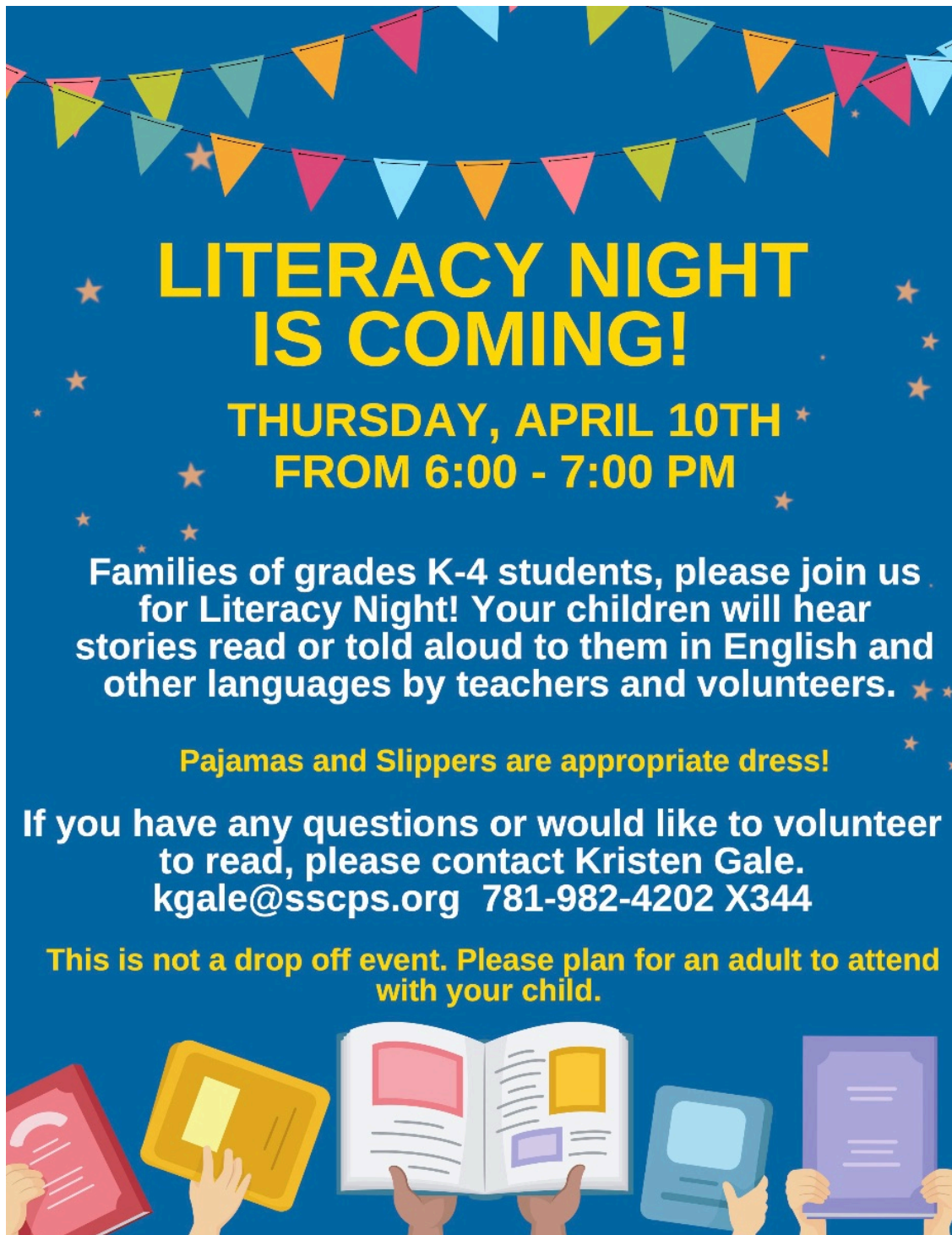
MAR 26 - APR 02

<div>Wed 26</div> <div>MCAS Grade 10 ELA New Grade 7 &amp; 8 Shadow Day Grade 10 &amp; 11 Spain Trip Parent Information Meeting via Zoom - 6PM Multicultural Food Night Planning Committee Meeting via Zoom - 7PM</div>	<div>Thu 27</div> <div>New England Wildlife Program visits Grade 4</div>	<div>Fri 28</div> <div>Library Committee Meeting - 11:45AM Grade 11 and 12 Financial Literacy Fair</div>	<div>Sat/Sun</div> <div></div>
<div>Mon 31</div> <div>No School - Eid al-Fitr Observed</div>	<div>Tue 01</div> <div>MCAS Level II ELA</div>	<div>Wed 02</div> <div>MCAS Level IV ELA Grade 4 Field Trip to New England Wildlife Hospital</div>	<div>Upcoming</div> <div><div>April 4 - Parent Coffee Meetup at Panera (Hanover)</div><div>April 10 - Literacy Night</div><div>April 16 - Multicultural Food Night</div></div>

SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar

Upcoming School & Community Events

Literacy Night at SSCPS



# LITERACY NIGHT IS COMING!

THURSDAY, APRIL 10TH  
FROM 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Families of grades K-4 students, please join us  
for Literacy Night! Your children will hear  
stories read or told aloud to them in English and  
other languages by teachers and volunteers.

**Pajamas and Slippers are appropriate dress!**

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer  
to read, please contact Kristen Gale.  
[kgale@sscps.org](mailto:kgale@sscps.org) 781-982-4202 X344

**This is not a drop off event. Please plan for an adult to attend  
with your child.**

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**Multicultural Food Night**

Join SSCPS for our annual Multicultural Food Night this April and celebrate the rich diversity of our school community! Families are invited to share a favorite dish that represents their culture and enjoy an evening of delicious food, connection, and cultural appreciation. Come taste flavors from around the world, meet new friends, and celebrate the traditions that make South Shore Charter Public School so special.

[RSVP HERE](#)



## Junior-Senior Prom 2025

Juniors & Seniors - join SSCPS for "An Enchanted Time" at prom on May 16th! The dance will be held at the Tirrell Room in Quincy, MA from 7:00 - 11:00PM. Tickets are on sale now - use the button below to purchase!



[Buy Tickets](#)

SSCPS Presents...

**AN**

**ENCHANTED**

**TIME**

*Junior-Senior Prom*

**Friday, May 16, 2025**

**DANCE 7-11PM**

*At The Tirell room*

*254 Quarry st Quincy MA*

*02169*

**TICKETS**

**\$60/PERSON**

**\$65 Outside Guest**

**Ticket sales start March 6th during lunch**

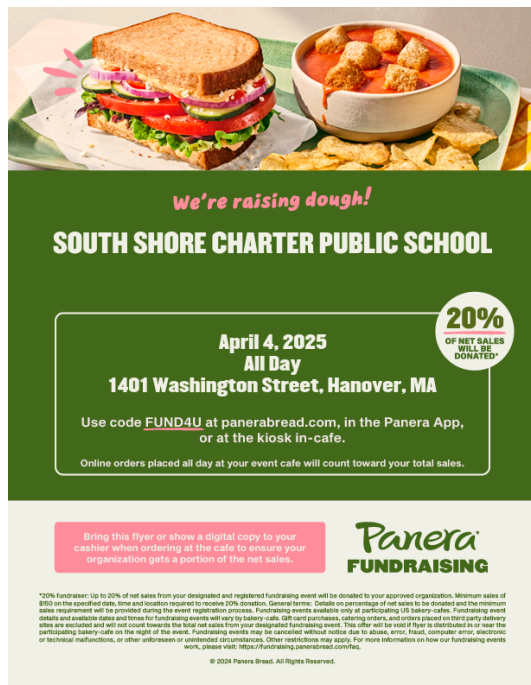
**Prices go up April 7th**

## 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 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](mailto:kconnolly@sscps.org)



**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](https://panerabread.com), in the Panera App, or at the kiosk in-cafe.

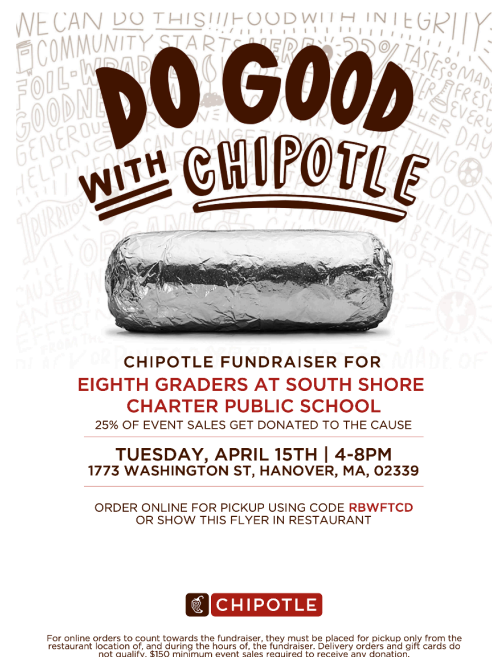
Online orders placed all day at your event cafe will count toward your total sales.

**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 receive 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 towards the total net sales from your designated fundraising event. This offer will be void if there is distribution to or use of the participating bakery-cafe on the night of the event. Fundraising events may be cancelled without notice due to abuse, error, fraud, computer error, electronic or technical malfunctions, or other unforeseen or controlled 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.



**DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE**

**CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR  
EIGHTH GRADERS AT SOUTH SHORE  
CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL**

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

**TUESDAY, APRIL 15TH | 4-8PM  
1773 WASHINGTON ST, HANOVER, MA, 02339**

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **RBWFTCD**  
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT

**CHIPOTLE**

For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

## Community Programs & Events



**Friends of Holly Hill Farm**  
A Farm for Teaching & Learning

**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 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!*

Tiered pricing means you pay at the level that works best for your family. Reduced prices included!



scan here

hollyhillfarm.org/winter-sessions

Voted  
**BEST OF THE SOUTH SHORE**  
2023 & 2024  
Summer Programs

**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  
781-383-6363

**Monday Music Jam and Connect!**  
Ages 13-18 | FREE for our families



**When:** Mondays, 4:30-5:30 PM  
**Dates:** March 17, 24, 31 & April 7, 14, 21  
**Where:** Sing Explore Create, 33 Rockland St., Hanover, MA 02339

**Eligibility:** This program is exclusively for individuals with autism who live within our service region.

Join us for a fun and engaging 6-week music experience! In Monday Music Jam, participants will explore different ways to create and enjoy music, all while making peer connections in a supportive environment. Activities include:

- Drumming and rhythm exploration
- Sharing favorite music
- Creating beats with music apps
- Group songwriting and collaboration

Led by a **board-certified music therapist** from Sing Explore Create, LLC, this program is designed to inspire creativity, encourage self-expression, and build friendships—**no musical experience required!**

**Register today!**  
For more information, contact Lindsay Storkas at [lstorkas@community-autism-resources.com](mailto:lstorkas@community-autism-resources.com).  
*Registrations are not confirmed until you receive an email from Lindsay.*

## 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!

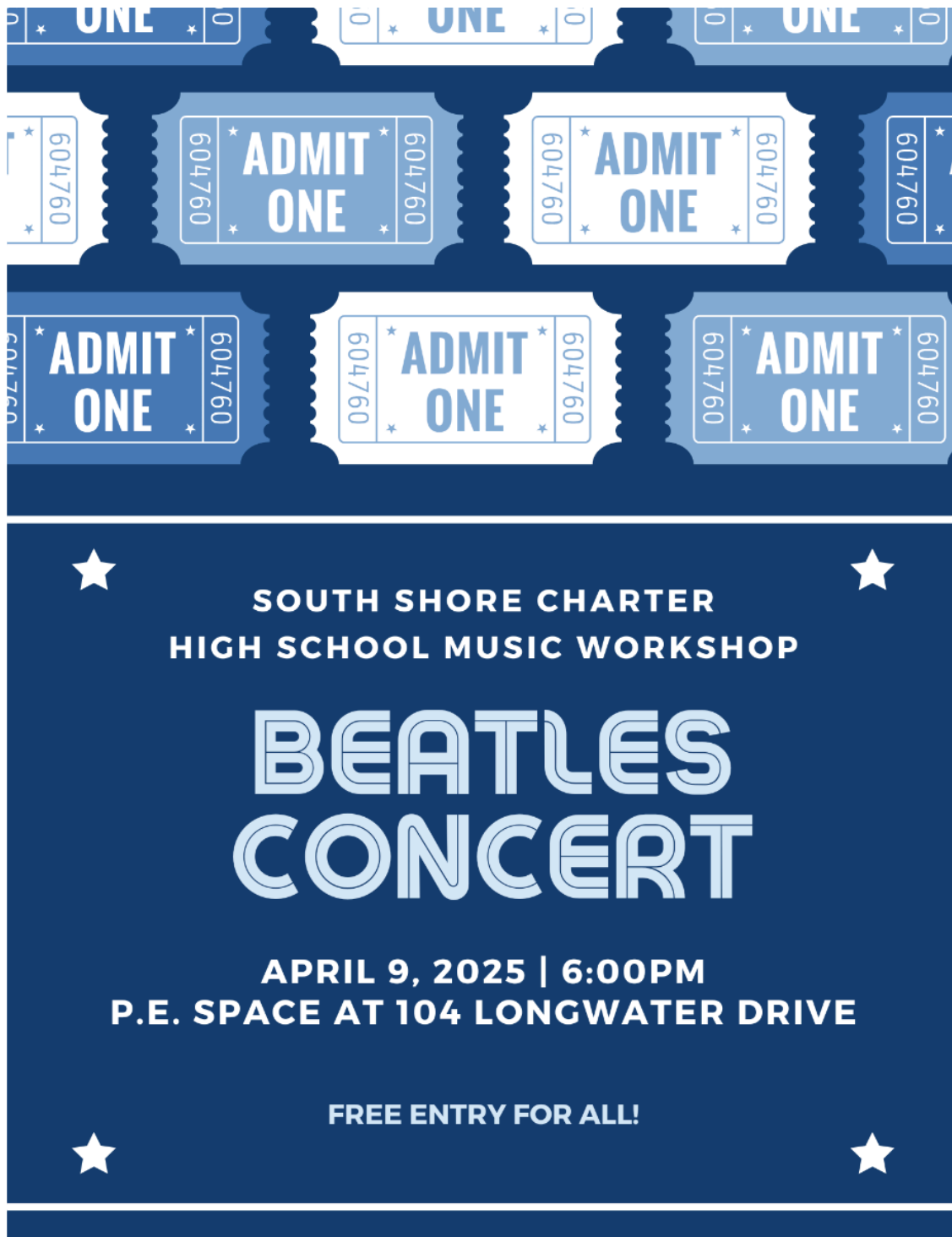
### Make a Donation



### What's New in Projects & Workshops

## Beatles Concert | High School Music Workshop

Join SSCPS on Wednesday, April 9th for a Beatles Concert performed by the High School Music Workshop! The concert will be held in the PE space at 104 Longwater Drive starting at 6:00PM.



## 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

### Active Zone: Sports and Fitness Club

The Active Zone Club is buzzing with energy as the weather warms up! Students are happily outdoors showcasing teamwork and sharpening their soccer and basketball skills in a fun and supportive environment. For those who prefer a more relaxed pace, the club also offers free time—a chance to unwind, connect with friends, or enjoy lighter activities. With its perfect blend of fitness, sports, and social time, the Active Zone has become a go-to afterschool spot where students stay active, have fun, and build lasting friendships!



## 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](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 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](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](#)

[2024-2025 School Calendar](#)

[Student and Family Handbook](#)

[Arrival and Dismissal](#)

6. [Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance](#)
7. [Community Service](#)
8. Visit the [Parents Association Website](#)

[Procedures](#)  
[SSCPS By-Laws](#)

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

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Application valid for  
2024-2025 school year





### Protect Your K-12 School-Issued Device

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**SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
NORWELL, MA



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ACER/LENOVO/SAMSUNG CHROMEBOOK	Device	\$0.00	\$19.00

**Policy Term:**  
08.29.2024 - 08.29.2025

**Deadline to purchase coverage: SUNDAY 10.06.2024**

To purchase please visit:  
<https://gpo.worthavegroup.com/southshorecps>



**Customer Support:** Phone: (800) 620-2885  
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Solicitud válida para  
el año escolar 2024-2025





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Evite reparos y reemplazos costosos con una protección completa.

**SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
NORWELL, MA



Reclamaciones Ilimitadas



Daños accidentales



Pantallas rotas



Derrames y líquidos



Fuego, inundación y desastres naturales



Sobrecarga de energía por relámpago



Vandalismo



Robo

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

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>



**Atención al cliente:** Teléfono: (800) 620-2885  
Horas: 8a.m.-5p.m. L-V CST  
Chat en línea: [www.worthavegroup.com](https://www.worthavegroup.com)

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South Shore Charter Public School has chosen Worth Ave. Group as the insurance provider for school devices. To opt into the Voluntary Group Program click [here](#).





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