



Weekly Update | March 5, 2025

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A Message from the Board of Trustees

Dear SSCPS Community,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to remind you that the **Board of Trustees will be voting on enrollment growth at our upcoming meeting tomorrow, Thursday, March 6th, at 5:30PM.** This decision is a significant step in our school's future, and we encourage all members of our community to stay informed and engaged.

Records of the board's findings from the **December 4th and December 9th community meetings** are available in hard copy at the front desk and will be made digitally available after the board meeting.

For background, on **February 25th, 2025**, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Board of Education approved our charter amendment request to increase maximum enrollment. We were one of six charter schools seeking this approval, and our request was granted in a **6-4 vote**.

Looking ahead, if the SSCPS Board of Trustees approves this next step:

- **March 7th, 2025** – The newly approved seats will be included in the SSCPS Enrollment Lottery.
- **April – July 2025** – SSCPS will work on building out additional space to accommodate the growth.
- **August 1st, 2025** – SSCPS will officially occupy the new space.

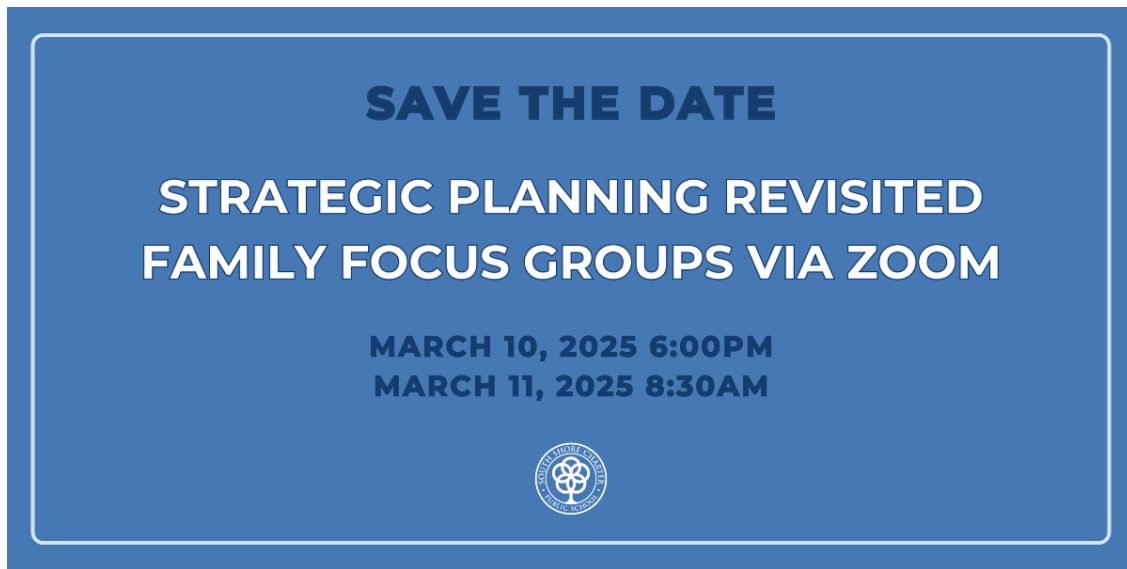
The next few months are always a critical period in our governance cycle, and this year is especially significant. Since the process began, the Board has engaged in thoughtful deliberation, carefully considering both the benefits and challenges of this decision. We invite you to join us as we reach the culmination of this collaborative process and continue to shape the future of SSCPS together.

Thank you for being a part of the SSCPS community.

Jimmy Juste

Chair of the Board of Trustees

School Calendar & Announcements



A reminder to all SSCPS families that we have **two upcoming family focus groups** included in the second stage of our Strategic Planning process. Your voice as an SSCPS family member is essential in discussing how our first year is going, as well as planning for the future of SSCPS. If you can lend a hand and your voice, please attend one of the upcoming focus groups. We encourage you to preregister so we can anticipate the number of participants ahead of time.

If you'd like to sign up for a focus group, please use the button below to fill out the sign-up form. Thank you!

Focus Group Sign Up

[FOCUS GROUP 1 ZOOM LINK](#)

[FOCUS GROUP 2 ZOOM LINK](#)

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

EARLY DISMISSAL - 12PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 7TH

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



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

SSCPS WEEKLY CALENDAR				MAR 05 - MAR 12
Wed 05 New England Wildlife Program visits Grade 4	Thu 06 School Council Meeting via Zoom - 4:30PM	Fri 07 Professional Development Early Release - 12PM 2025-2026 Enrollment Lottery via Zoom - 1PM	Sat/Sun 	
Mon 10 Strategic Planning Revisited Family Focus Group via Zoom - 6:30PM	Tue 11 Strategic Planning Revisited Family Focus Group via Zoom - 8:30AM	Wed 12 Parents Association Meeting via Zoom - 7PM	Upcoming March 13 - Pi Day Eve March 13 - Grade 4 Field Trip to Great Esker Park March 13 - Grade 2 "Top's Big Adventure" Traveling Field Trip March 17 - St. Patrick's Day	

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 first two opportunities.

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

South Shore Charter Public Schools
will earn **20%** of all qualifying sales from orders placed on **March 5th**.

Wednesday, March 5, 2025
3:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Norwell • 10 Washington Street • 781-878-8417



- Walk-in or phone orders: Mention this fundraiser when you place your order for the organization to get credit for your order.
- Online orders: Enter code 19 at the payment screen and then click redeem.
- Fundraiser orders are only valid with regular priced menu items and cannot be paired with coupons or deals. Fundraisers are not valid on third party orders.

Valid for all Dine-In, Carry Out, Online & Delivery orders!

View menu & place online orders @ papaginos.com



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

Staff Scrub Day | Friday, March 7th

A reminder to all SSCPS staff: The Community Outing Program at 100 is having a "Staff Scrub Day" fundraiser this Friday, March 7th, in order to raise money for further enriching activities and trips within the school community. Staff and faculty at both buildings can donate \$5 to wear comfy clothes during the day on Friday. Donations can be made in cash, and there will be students/staff who are part of the program set up in the mornings in the lobbies of both buildings to collect donations.



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



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

Voted BEST OF THE SOUTH SHORE 2023 & 2024 Summer Programs

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



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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 - 12:00 pm
12:45 - 3:45 pm

Compost Creatures
Wednesday, February 19
ages 3-5
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
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

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.

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



JJ Facey Spirit Day

Celebrating JJ Facey

On Thursday, February 27, the high school community gathered to recognize and celebrate the life of JJ Facey, Class of 2024. We were honored that the Facey family was able to be part of the dedication ceremony. The celebration, the gift, and the scholarship established in his name are in honor of the life JJ led as well as the lives he touched.

Those lives are many. Students in Kim Williamson's School Store Workshop and Angie Williamson's School Store Project worked with the Facey family to establish a scholarship in JJ's name. The scholarship will be awarded to two students who best exemplify the

qualities of character, respect, and sportsmanship. Special thanks to our students, Kim Williamson, Angie Williamson, JP Marcellus, John Oliva, Christophe Teulet-Cote, Theron Leonard, Joe McSheffrey, Wayne Heuer, Abigail Bingham, and photographer Mia Strahm.

We are grateful for the ongoing work of the Facey family, Jason, Melissa, and Jalysa, and look forward to awarding the scholarships at the upcoming Commencement Exercises for the Class of 2025.





On the Levels

Black Student Union | K-4 Wax Museum

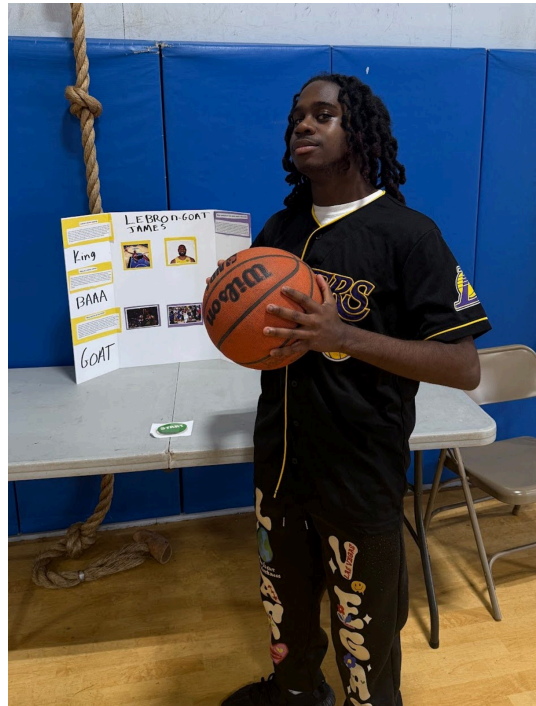
Black Student Union Hosts Annual Black History Month Wax Museum for K-4 Students

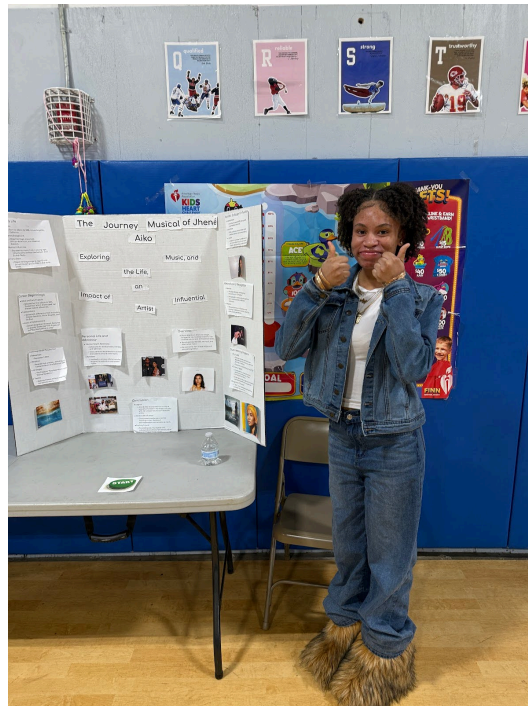
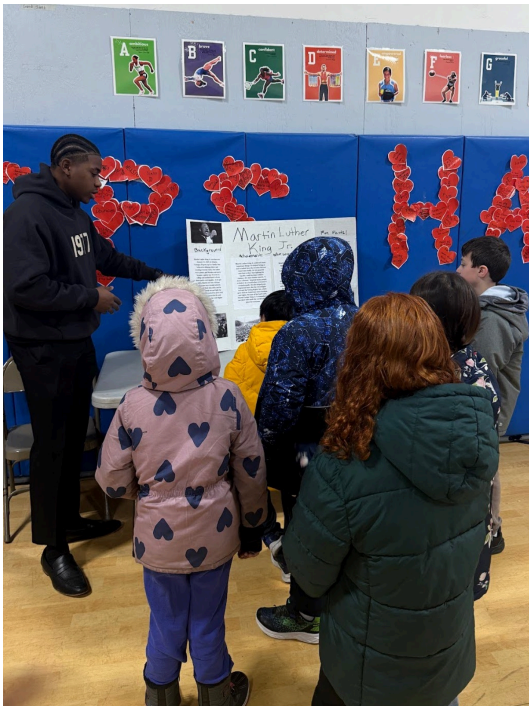
On Monday, February 24th, in the P.E space, the Black Student Union continued its beloved tradition of hosting the annual Black History Month Wax Museum for K-4 students. This event has been a highlight for both the younger students and BSU members, who always look forward to bringing history to life and engaging with the kids' eager and curious minds.

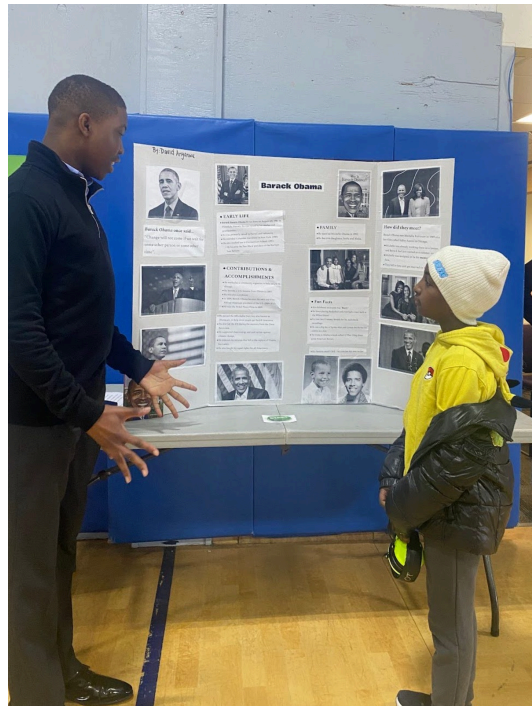
Throughout the event, students had the opportunity to learn about influential Black historical figures, such as W.E.B. Du Bois, one of the founders of the NAACP, and Nelson Mandela, the first Black president of South Africa. Their enthusiasm was evident as they asked insightful questions, demonstrating a genuine interest in the stories and accomplishments of these trailblazers.

The Wax Museum not only provided an engaging and interactive way for students to celebrate Black history but also reinforced the importance of education and representation. The Black Student Union is grateful for another successful year and looks forward to continuing this meaningful tradition in the future. The Black student Union would also like to thank all the students, teachers, and faculty who were able to make this event possible!











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

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

Chemical Creations Club

"Hands-On Science: Exploring Plasma and Color Mixing"

This week, students engaged in two exciting hands-on experiments. They explored the fourth state of matter—plasma—by interacting with a plasma ball, observing its vibrant, electric colors in action. Then, through a creative color-mixing experiment using food dye and water, students discovered how primary colors blend to form new shades. Using droppers and test tubes, they honed their fine motor skills and were fascinated by how light enhanced the brilliance of their color creations. These activities sparked curiosity and deepened their understanding of both science and art in a fun, interactive way!







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

Interfaith Bunny Basket Program

Support the Interfaith Bunny Basket Program by contributing to their Amazon Wishlist or by making a general donation - use the buttons below to support before March 7th!

[AMAZON WISHLIST](#)

[MAKE A DONATION](#)



Each Spring, Interfaith distributes Bunny Baskets to the children served by our food pantry. The baskets brighten the lives of children who may be living in difficult circumstances.

Last year, we distributed more than 600 baskets to children ages 12 and under! We need your help this year to fill these baskets for families in need.

We have compiled an [Amazon wish list](#) of supplies, candy and small toys that are needed for our Bunny Baskets. You can purchase here and have them shipped directly to our office.

We need to receive all of the items by Friday, March 7.
Please order soon!



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

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Board of Trustees

Meeting Agenda

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Thursday, March 6, 2025

Meeting Location: 700 Longwater Drive, Norwell, MA

Virtual via Zoom

	Agenda Item	Function	Action	Materials	Time
1.	Opening of Meeting	Call to Order Record Attendance			5:30pm
2.	Board Business • Minutes from prior meeting	Review & Approve	VOTE	02/06/2025	5 min
3.	Executive Director Report • State of the School • Mid-Year Goal Review • Enrollment	Review		Packet	25 min
4.	Real Estate Update	Discussion/Update	Executive Session		
5.	Enrollment Growth & Lottery Cap • Update	Discuss	VOTE		20 min
6.	Charter Renewal Summary Review	Discuss			15 min
7.	Committee Reports - Updates • Parents Association • Faculty • Students • Finance • Development • Governance • Personnel • Ad Hoc Field Trip		VOTE		10 min
8.	Audience Comments	Public comment and review of virtual chat			10 min
9.	Adjourn				8:30pm

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](#).

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: Updated 2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

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Application valid for 2024-2025 school year

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NORWELL, MA

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Device	Coverage	Deductible	Price
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:
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Customer Support: Phone: (800) 620-2885
Hours: 8am-5pm M-F CST
Online Chat: www.worthavegroup.com

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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 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>

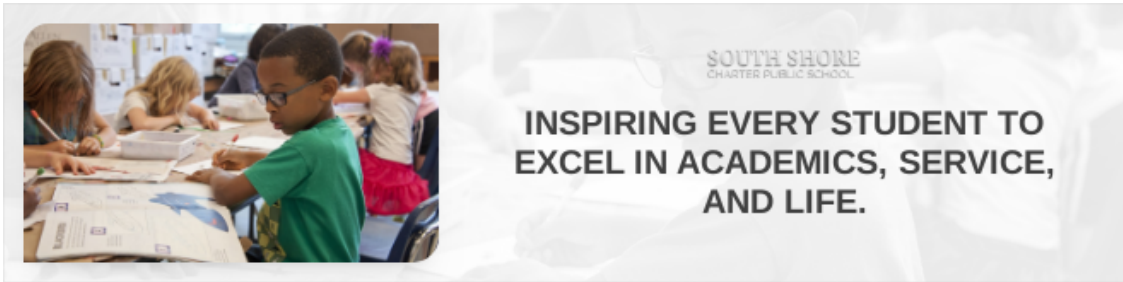
Atención al cliente: Teléfono: (800) 620-2885
Horas: 8a.m.-5p.m. L-V CST
Chat en línea: www.worthavegroup.com

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