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A Message from Angie

While the school year is full of milestone events, there is no question that our most important event of the year is commencement. At graduation, we have the opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of our Senior class, and of the entire K-12 community that has helped to prepare our graduating students for the next stage in their educational journeys. This year, commencement exercises for the class of 2025 will take place off-site at <u>The Music Circus</u> in Cohasset on Friday, June 6th. We are eager to celebrate our students and their achievements.

At the close of the school year, we look forward to celebrating student learning and growth not just at graduation, but throughout the building. SSCPS has traditional special events that mark significant student transition points with Level specific ceremonies. We encourage families to attend these events to celebrate with us. Please find the dates, times, and locations of these events below.

Event	Date	Time	Location
Class of 2025 Graduation	Friday, June 6h	6:00 pm	The Music Circus, Cohasset
Level IV (8th grade) Awards Ceremony	Friday, June 13th	10:00 am	PE Space, 104 Longwater Drive
Level II (4th grade) Awards Ceremony	Wednesday, June 11th	Nicole's Pod and Jenn's Pod 9:00 am Suzanne's (Kelsey's) and Mariah's Pod 12:30 pm	PE Space, 104 Longwater Drive

Music students will perform in the last two concerts of the year at the close of the month. This year, our Level I concert will be an evening performance, allowing us to use an off-site space conducive to a larger audience. Both concerts will take place off-site at <u>Hingham</u> <u>Middle School</u>. Our students and their talented music teachers have worked hard to prepare for these concerts. We hope to see many of you there.

2025 Spring Concerts

Performing Groups	Date	Time	Location
Level I (K-2) Intermediate Strings Choir: Levels II, III & IV	Wednesday, May 28th	6:00 pm	Hingham Middle School
Band: Levels III & IV Concert Band and Strings High School Music Workshop	Thursday, May 29th	6:00 pm	Hingham Middle School

Last Friday, our high school students participated in this year's Jaguar Games, a field day organized by the Student Board. This high school field day comes early to allow Seniors to participate prior to their departure for Senior Project. Each Level has a field day on the calendar in June, and for many students this day is the highlight of the school year. SSCPS is lucky to have a parent community willing to donate materials and take the time to help organize and run these events. This is a reminder that volunteers at SSCPS must complete a CORI, complete volunteer training, take the volunteer training quiz, and be fingerprinted. There are no exceptions to this policy. All of the information about volunteer requirements

can be found <u>here</u> on our website. Please plan ahead and get your paperwork completed as soon as possible if you plan to volunteer. We will be sending out emails by Level to let families know where help is needed. Please find the field day dates below.

2025 Field Days

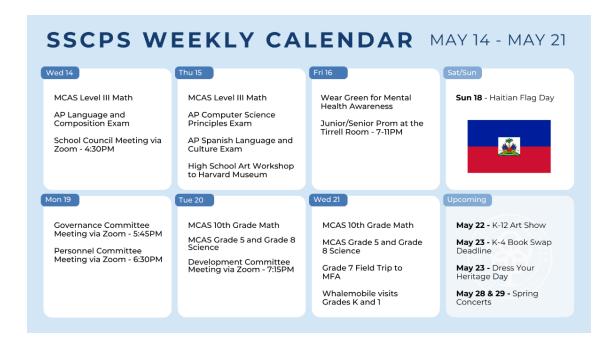
Level	Date	Location
Level I (Grades 1 and 2)	Friday, June 13th	100 Longwater Circle
Level II	Tuesday, June 5th	Forges Field, Hanover
Level III	Thursday, June 12th	100 Longwater Circle
Level IV (Color Games)	Monday, June 9th	100 Longwater Circle

More information will be forthcoming as the events draw nearer. Thank you for your support of our students and our school throughout the school year and especially during this busy events season. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Angie Pepin K-12 Principal

School Calendar & Announcements

Click here for the complete SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar



SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar

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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: **F2024100FF**

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Upcoming School & Community Events

Junior-Senior Prom 2025 This Friday, May 16th

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



Oceans of Opportunity | CSCR Summer Partnership

Use the button below to learn more information about our summer program at SSCPS partnering with the Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research!

LEARN MORE

OCEANS OF OPPORTUNITY:

EXPLORING & MAKING CONNECTIONS TO OUR LOCAL WATERSHED

CSCR and SSCPS Summer Partnership (Summer 2025)

Students will explore the vast and largely unexplored ocean, uncovering its mysteries and complexities. Through hands-on field-based activities, they will gain a deep understanding of how humans are connected to marine ecosystems and how each of us is linked to the global ocean. Students will develop watershed awareness and witness firsthand how the health of our watersheds directly impacts the ocean and the species that depend on it.

NOAA PRINCIPLES AND ESSENTIAL TOPICS

The Vast, Unexplored Ocean | The Human & Ocean Connection | The Ocean Sustaining Life

INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL:

Hands-On Field Days
Classroom Instruction
Sanctuary Field Trips
Local Coastal Excursions
Reflection & Analysis

2 COHORTS OF 10 STUDENTS:

Middle School (7-8) High School (9-12)



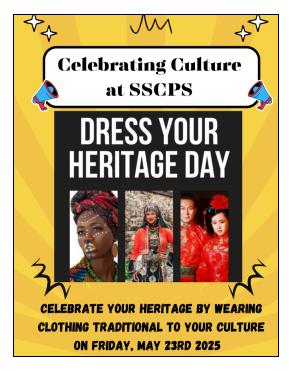
DATES: JULY 8, 9, 10 | JULY 15, 16, 17 | JULY 22, 23, 24 | JULY 29, 30, 31

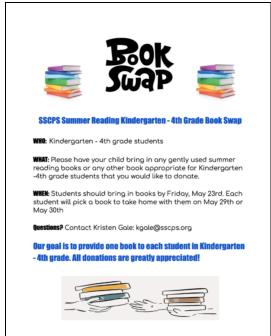
TUES & WED: FIELD DAYS | 9:00AM-2:00PM
THURS: CLASSROOM DAYS | 9:00AM-12:00PM

CONTACT JALLEN@SSCPS.ORG TO SIGN UP

More Upcoming SSCPS Events









Community Programs & Events

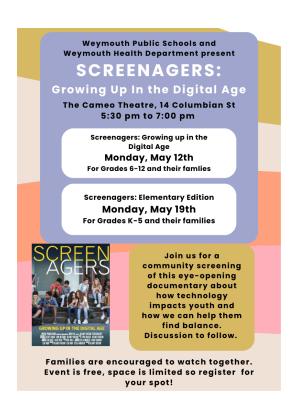




Weymouth Documentary Screening

Weymouth parents, caregivers, and families—let's talk about raising kids in the digital age! Join us for a community screening of *Screenagers*, the eye-opening documentary about how technology impacts youth and how we can help them find balance. Discussion to follow. These films are a must-see for anyone navigating screen time, social media, and tech use with their kids. Let's come together for an engaging discussion and practical takeaways!

For Weymouth families with students in grades K-12 (public or private). Adults are encouraged to bring their student(s) with them. Tickets are free but you must get a ticket to ensure a seat. Seats are limited–first come, first serve.



GET TICKETS NOW

Monday May 19th, 2025 – <u>Screenagers:</u> <u>Elementary Edition</u>

For families and students in grades K-5

Elementary School

Get your tickets here for

Screenagers: Elementary Edition

Understanding Neurodiversity Online Assembly

Use the button below to sign up for an upcoming online assembly discussing neurodiversity on Tuesday, May 27th at 6:30PM. Parents, families, teachers, students, and anyone else interested in attending are welcome to register!

Register Now

From the Foundation

JJ Facey SSCPS Scholarship Application







SSCPS seniors are encouraged to apply for the new JJ Facey SSCPS Scholarship!

The JJ Facey SSCPS Scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to a graduating senior student athlete who exemplifies the characteristics of sportsmanship, integrity, character, and respect. Our first ever SSCPS recruited college athlete, JJ Facey, graduated from South Shore Charter Public School in 2024. He influenced the student body, faculty & staff with his welcoming disposition, character, athleticism, and smile. His uplifting balance of work and fun provided us with a model of well-rounded citizenship and taught us how to approach life with a sense of humor. To quote JJ, "Hard work is easy," and the recipients of this scholarship will carry on this ideology.

2025 SSCPS graduate(s) awarded with this scholarship plan on attending either a postgraduate 5th year program, trade school, or a two or four year college. Seniors can find the application and more information using the button below.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Celebrating 30 Years of SSCPS

CELEBRATING 3® YEARS

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Teacher & Staff Appreciation Month

Support our dedicated SSCPS faculty by making a donation to our Teacher & Staff Appreciation campaign! **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!

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.

Make a Donation





Teacher & staff appreciation goodies at SSCPS courtesy of the Parents Association.

Help us reach 75% of our goal!



What's New in Projects & Workshops

High School Cultural Diversity Workshop

The Cultural Diversity Workshop recently hosted a meaningful and enriching cross-cultural exchange with high school students from the beautiful island of St. Lucia in the Caribbean. This virtual zoom meeting was an incredible opportunity for students on both sides to connect, share, and learn from each other's experiences and perspectives.

During the exchange, students shared presentations about life in Massachusetts, focusing on topics such as education, teenage life, hobbies, and cultural traditions. The St. Lucian students, in turn, offered valuable insights into their own educational experiences, cultural heritage, and the daily joys and challenges of island life.

The conversation flowed naturally as students asked questions and discovered both differences and surprising similarities between their lives. Discussions touched on everything from school systems and national holidays to music and food.

This exchange not only deepened students' global awareness but also fostered mutual respect, curiosity, and empathy. It was a true celebration of diversity and a reminder of the power of dialogue in building connections across borders.

We look forward to more opportunities to engage with peers around the world and continue

promoting cultural understanding.

Sarry Stimphard
Soraya Nicolas
Cultural Diversity Workshop Leaders





Level III Community Service Project

The Level 3 Community Service Project is holding one last donation drive this school year. We are collecting items for Buddy and Friends, a dog rescue in Pembroke. We're so grateful for any donations you're able to send in! Thank you for your generosity throughout this school year!

The Level III Community Service Project

Buddy and Friends donations!

Please help dogs that need homes!
We are collecting donations for Buddy and Friends from

May 12 to May 30

Put donations in the bin in the front of the school or in Laura's room

(Only dog supplies)

Supplies we need

- Disinfecting wipes
- Wet dog food
- Dry dog food
- Trash bags
- Dog Treats
- Paper towels
- Disinfecting spray
- Dog toys



Thank you! L3 Community Service Project

Afterschool Enrichment Program 2024-2025

Afterschool Enrichment Program Wrap-Up

The SSCPS Afterschool Enrichment Program has ended for the 2024-2025 school year - keep an eye on our website and future Weekly Updates for more information on next year's program!

SSCPS WEBSITE

Community Service

Community Service Opportunities

Need help finding a community service opportunity? Below is a link to our regularly updated Community Service Table filled with CS opportunities around the South Shore. Descriptions of organizations, contact information, and more are included.

Community Service Table

Submit Community Service Hours

If you've started your Community Service for the **2024-2025** school year, it's not too early to start recording those hours today!

Use the links below to submit your community service hours.

Level I Community Service

Level II Community Service

Level III Community Service

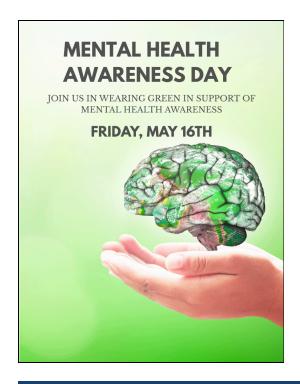
Level IV Community Service

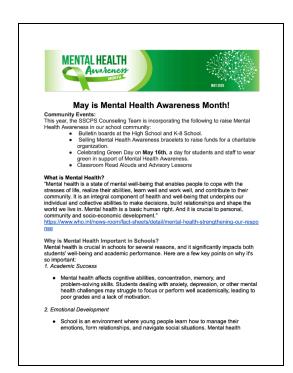
High School Community Service

From the Counseling Department

May is Mental Health Awareness Month! Wear green this Friday, May 16th in support of mental health awareness, and use the button below to read the full Mental Health Awareness newsletter from the SSCPS Counseling Department.

COUNSELING NEWSLETTER





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 (<u>Jkjelgaard@sscps.org</u>)

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



Parents Association Election for 2025/2026 School Year

Voting Closes on Sunday May 25th



The 2025/2026 PA Elections ballot is live and **ALL PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ARE INVITED TO VOTE**. The newly elected officers will be announced on May 28th. Please cast your vote today!

As your appointed Election Team, we are committed to ensuring the process is efficient, fair, and accessible to all parents.

- Only one vote per parent/guardian will be accepted.
- You may only vote for a Co-Chair in the Level(s) your child(ren) will be attending next year.
- Results will ONLY be shared on an aggregate level (e.g. # of total voters, # of votes
 per nominee, # that chose not to vote for a position, etc.).

The Election Team remains committed and unbiased throughout its work on this process, and we're committed to the integrity of the SSCPS Parents Association. Thank you for carefully considering the nominees who have stepped up to represent us.

Please note that the final PA meeting of the 2024-2025 school year will be on Tuesday, June 10th at 7PM.

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 <u>parent volunteer opportunities list</u> 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 <u>PlusPortals</u> 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 <u>PlusPortals</u> 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 Bowling Event



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:
 (<u>Arabic</u>, <u>Cape Verdean Creole</u>, <u>Chinese</u>, <u>Haitian</u>
 <u>Creole</u>, <u>Portuguese</u>, <u>Spanish</u>, <u>Vietnamese</u>)
- 3. Back-to-School Information
- 4. Food Services
- 5. Health Office
- 6. <u>Massachusetts Department of Transitional</u>
 <u>Assistance</u>
- 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: <u>Updated 2025-</u>

2026 School Calendar

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