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A Message from Jamie

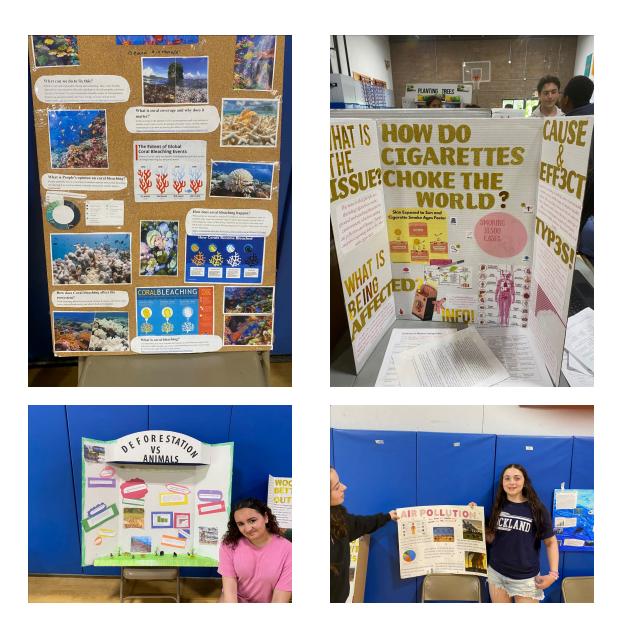
At South Shore Charter Public School, our mission is to inspire every student to excel in academics, service, and life. One of the most meaningful ways we bring that mission to life is through our Exhibitions of Mastery (EOMs); culminating projects that allow students to demonstrate their learning through authentic, real-world applications. These exhibitions are more than end-of-unit assignments; they are student-centered experiences that foster critical thinking, creativity, and communication while highlighting mastery of key content and

skills. Aligned with the school's commitment to academic excellence and service learning, EOMs challenge students to reflect, connect, and contribute as learners and citizens.

In Grades 6 and 7 science, the EOM is a signature event that reflects our dedication to inquiry-based learning and the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Students are evaluated not only on the depth of their content knowledge but also on their ability to apply science and engineering practices, communicate effectively, and propose thoughtful solutions to real-world problems. Rubrics assess organization and clarity, content understanding, visual design, evidence and analysis, real-world connections, research quality, proposed solutions, and overall presentation skills.

Grade 6 students, under the guidance of Zach Johnston, focused on the Design and Engineering Process. Each student or team identified a real-world problem, designed a prototype to address it, and presented their process and product to an authentic audience. Students answered key questions such as: *What problem are you solving? Who is your user and what are their needs? How does your prototype address those needs? What features stand out?* and *How could it be improved?* This project enabled students to actively engage in engineering design and reflect on iteration and impact.

Grade 7 students, led by Dan Fish, explored the theme "The Earth We Shape: Exploring Human Impact." Their projects required in-depth research into environmental issues such as plastic pollution, deforestation, and climate change, with an emphasis on cause and effect, scientific evidence, and actionable solutions. Students crafted driving questions, conducted background research, presented data through visuals, and delivered oral presentations explaining their findings and proposed interventions. This project invited students to see themselves as scientists and advocates, connecting their scientific understanding to both global and local challenges.



Exhibitions of Mastery are a cornerstone of our instructional model, reflecting the power of project-based learning to deepen understanding and build transferable skills. Through these experiences, students develop essential academic and personal competencies, such as collaboration, problem-solving, communication, self-direction, and critical thinking. All these experiences and skills are vital for future success. By engaging in rigorous, authentic tasks, students learn how to take initiative, support their ideas with evidence, and present their work with confidence. These are not only foundational academic practices but life skills that prepare our students to excel in high school, higher education, careers, and beyond. EOMs affirm our belief that learning should be meaningful, purposeful, and empowering.

Congratulations to all students and teachers for their hard work and impressive exhibitions. These projects exemplify our school's mission and commitment to rigorous academics, student voice, and purposeful, service-driven learning. We look forward to sharing more photographs next week showcasing the creativity and innovation of our 6th and 7th grade students, along with highlights from our high school students in the Makers Workshop.

Jamie Allen Science Curriculum Coordinator HS Science Teacher



School Calendar & Announcements

Click here for the complete SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar

SSCPS WEEKLY CALENDAR MAY 28 - JUN 04

| Wed 28 Grade 5 Field Trip to Museum of Science Grade 6 and Grade 7 Science EOM's Spring Concert at Hingham Middle School - 6PM (Level I, Intermediate Strings, Choir Level II, III, IV) | Thu 29 MCAS 8th Grade Civics K-4 Book Swap Junior Class to College Fair at Bridgewater Spring Concert at Hingham Middle School - GPM (Level III & IV Band, Concert Band & Strings, Beginning Strings, HS Music Workshop) | Fri 30 K-4 Book Swap Grade 8 Civics Showcase in PE Space - 9:30AM Library Committee Meeting - 11:45AM HS Theater Workshop Performance at 700 Longwater Dr - 5-6PM | Sat/Sun Sat 31 - Crade 8 Washington DC Field Trip Begins Sun 1 - SEPAC Bowling Event |
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| Mon 02 Grade 8 Tour of Boston Personnel Committee Meeting via Zoom - 5:30PM | Tue 03 Grade 8 Washington DC Trip Ends Governance Committee Meeting via Zoom - 7:30PM | Wed 04 MCAS High School Science | Upcoming June 5 - Level II Field Day June 6 - Class of 2025 Graduation June 6 - Last day for Kindergarteners June 6 - Early Release 12PM |

SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar

SSCPS YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW!

If you are interested in ordering a SSCPS 2025 yearbook, there are a few set aside. Please contact Mike Forrester at **mforrester@sscps.org** for more information.

10% OFF SCHOOL PICTURE ORDERS!

CODE: **F2024100FF** *Expires July 31, 2025*

CLICK HERE TO REDEEM

Don't forget to order your FREE Digital SmileSafe card!

From the Health Office

Student Medication Update

Medication pick up will start on Wednesday, June 11th during drop off and dismissal and will need to picked up by the last day of school. A parent must pick up all medication, it cannot be sent home on the bus with students.

Any medication not picked up by June 13th will be properly disposed of.

If you are not able to pick up medication during the above mentioned times, please reach out to Jaime at **jkjelgaard@sscps.org** to arrange another pick up time. Please include your student's name and when you would like to pick up the medication in the email. If your student is attending one of the July summer school programs, please reach out to make arrangements for their medications.

When your child returns to school in the fall, we will need a parent to drop off their medication the first day of school. Please contact Jaime if you need to make other arrangements as I will be available at other times leading up to the start of the new school year. All medication needs to be accompanied by a doctor's medication order, allergy action plan or asthma action plan. No medication can be received without the proper paperwork. A new medication order is required every school year per the state and will need to be dated after July 1, 2025. All medication must be in the pharmacy container or box with the pharmacy label on it.

<u>Click here</u> for a copy of our medication form – your doctor's office may also use their own form.

Upcoming School & Community Events

Upcoming SSCPS Events

Today & Tomorrow: Spring Concerts



There will be a special performance by our Grade 5 Spanish classes during the Spring Concert today, May 28th - don't miss it!

Community Programs & Events

Holly Hill Farm Spring Sessions



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



Register Now! Spring Programs ... on the Farm



8-9 week sessions* March 31 - June 6, 2025* 9:00 - 11:30 AM

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays

Sign up for one day or a few!

We'll plant and grow, dig in the compost, study the water cycle, seek out pollinators and flowers, perform farm chores, and more!

Afterschool Sessions Ages 6 - 10

8-9 weeks sessions* March 31 - June 6, 2025* 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Sessions meet one afternoon per week for 8-9 weeks*

Mondays - Healthy Cooking* Tuesdays - Outdoor Exploration Wednesdays - Spring Farming & Nature Exploration Thursdays - Farm Building & Inventors

lomeschool Sessions 'hursdays ges 5-12 8-9 weeks sessions* March 27 - May 29, 20255* 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

*No sessions 4/21-4/25 during April Vacation. See April vacation programs for details. Monday programs 8 weeks (no session 5/26/25)

From the Foundation

hollyhillfarm.org/spring-sessions-2025

Tiered pricing means you pay at the level that works best for your family.

Reduced prices included!

scan here

2025 Annual Road Race T-Shirt Design

Calling All Student Artists! Design the Official T-Shirt for the 2025 SSCPS Annual Road Race! We're excited to bring back a beloved SSCPS tradition—inviting students to design the tshirt for our annual Road Race! This is your chance to showcase your creativity and have your artwork worn by participants at one of our biggest community events. Let your imagination run wild—and help us make this year's race shirt the best one yet!

Click the button or the flyer below for more design submission instructions, and contact Joe Kay at **jkay@sscps.org** with any questions.



CALLING ALL STUDENT ARTISTS!

Design the Official T-Shirt for the 2025 SSCPS Annual Road Race!

We're excited to bring back a beloved SSCPS tradition—inviting students to design the t-shirt for our annual 5K Road Race! This is your chance to showcase your creativity and have your artwork worn by participants at one of our biggest community events.

What We're Looking For:

- · Original artwork or digital graphics
- A bold, creative design for the **front** of the shirt
- Artwork aligned with the theme of growth & expansion at SSCPS

Design Requirements:

- Event Name: SSCPS Annual Road Race
- Date: September 27, 2025
- Location: Wompatuck State Park
- Include the SSCPS logo
- Design should fit on the front of a t-shirt (submit on a single digital sheet — it can be resized if needed)

Selection Process: All entries will be reviewed, and the final design will be selected by the Road Race Committee.

Submit Your Design By: Thursday, June 12th

Click HERE for additional details and submission requirements.

Contact Joe Kay (jkay@sscps.org) with any questions.

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

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Est. 1995

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





Help us reach 75% of our goal!



On The Levels

Level II Field Day

Attention Level II Families!

We wanted to share a quick update about the upcoming Level II Field Day on June 5th.

First of all, we would like to let everyone know that the transportation costs for the Field Day are being covered by the incredible efforts of the **Raise Craze Fundraiser**. This PTA initiative was an incredible success and we are hoping for it to grow more next year to help support the school.

As a clarification, the \$10 that we are asking for to attend Field Day is to purchase the traditional "Portrait" t-shirts that the students create every year on Level Two.

4th Grade Families Only: The \$10 that 4th Grade families paid for the cancelled Blue Hills Trip can be used towards field day, but you can also request a reimbursement from your child's teacher if needed.

Volunteering Information:

Level 2 Field Day for 3rd and 4th graders will be on June 5th. We are hoping to get some volunteers to help on that day. <u>ALL volunteers must have their CORI and their</u> <u>fingerprints cleared before field day to volunteer</u>. You can find directions and the forms

at this <u>link</u> or go to our school website, <u>sscps.org</u> and find the volunteer link under the "families" tab. The link to sign up for field day is below. Please send any questions to <u>blofstrand@sscps.org</u>.

Sign up here! to volunteer for field day!

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

John Toland K-4 Assistant Principal

Dress Your Heritage Day

On Friday, May 23rd, students and staff at SSCPS celebrated "Dress Your Heritage Day", a vibrant event that highlights the diverse cultural identities within our school community. From colorful traditional clothing to rich musical performances, the day was a joyful and meaningful tribute to the many backgrounds that make up SSCPS. The day's highlight was a series of musical performances from the school's Music Workshop as well as teacher performances. Margaret's moving violin pieces echoed the spirit of her Irish heritage, and Patrizio's impressive keyboard performance blended exciting sounds from different genres. During lunch, the celebration continued outside with a lively selection of cultural music.

It was a fantastic day enjoyed by all!



















MAXCourage Award Recipients

Please join 6th grade ELA teachers Laura Bosse and Megan Fernando in celebrating two published student authors, **Nyla Inda** and **Emerson Lucas**. Their essays about courage were two of only 74 that were chosen for publication out of over 3,000 submissions for











What's New in Projects & Workshops

Level III Community Service Project

The Level III 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

Volunteers Needed

Joshua Kaye Foundation Family Fun Festival

VOLUNTEER

FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL CARNIVAL GAMES * FOOD TRUCKS INFLATABLES * VENDOR MARKET * TOUCH-A-TRUCK TOE JAM PUPPET BAND * LION DANCE * § MORE



JØSHUA KAYE

FOUNDATION

Suggested donation \$3/person or \$15/Family

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CATS FIELD 2001 WASHINGTON ST BRAINTREE JoshuaKayeFoundation.org

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 III Community Service

Level II Community Service

Level IV Community Service

High School Community Service

From the Counseling Department

May is Mental Health Awareness Month! Use the button below to read the full Mental Health Awareness newsletter from the SSCPS Counseling Department.

COUNSELING NEWSLETTER



May is Mental Health Awareness Month!

Community Events:

This year, the SSCPS Counseling Team is incorporating the following to raise Mental Health Awareness in our school community:

- Bulletin boards at the High School and K-8 School.
- Selling Mental Health Awareness bracelets to raise funds for a charitable organization.
- Celebrating Green Day on May 16th, a day for students and staff to wear green in support of Mental Health Awareness.
- Classroom Read Alouds and Advisory Lessons

What is Mental Health?

"Mental health is a state of mental well-being that enables people to cope with the stresses of life, realize their abilities, learn well and work well, and contribute to their community. It is an integral component of health and well-being that underpins our individual and collective abilities to make decisions, build relationships and shape the world we live in. Mental health is a basic human right. And it is crucial to personal, community and socio-economic development."

https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/mental-health-strengthening-our-response

Why is Mental Health Important in Schools?

Mental health is crucial in schools for several reasons, and it significantly impacts both students' well-being and academic performance. Here are a few key points on why it's so important:

1. Academic Success

 Mental health affects cognitive abilities, concentration, memory, and problem-solving skills. Students dealing with anxiety, depression, or other mental health challenges may struggle to focus or perform well academically, leading to poor grades and a lack of motivation.

2. Emotional Development

 School is an environment where young people learn how to manage their emotions, form relationships, and navigate social situations. Mental health

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



Join Us in Congratulating the New Parent Leaders for the Parents Association and School Council!

It is with great pleasure that we announce the results of the Parents Association election and voting seats on the School Council for the 2025/2026 school year.

Our new Parents Association leaders are as follows:

- Co-Chair Level III&IV Stephanie Innis (2-year term)
- Co-Chair Level V Adetoyin "Addy" Olaoye (2-year term)
- Treasurer Janelle Goines (2-year term)
- Secretary Lisa Elwell (2-year term)

The new parent voting members of School Council are as follows (1-year term):

- Rianna Allen-Charles
- Rachel Brodeur
- Janelle Goines
- Stephanie Innis
- Alisha Uhlenbrock-Furst
- Open to any parent in attendance at School Council Meeting

Thank you to all the candidates and to all who voted.

Your 2025-2026 PA Election Committee (Alisha Uhlenbrock-Furst and Lisa Elwell)

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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 onetime 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 <u>PAatSSCPS@gmail.com</u>

3. Join the <u>SSCPS Connect</u> 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.

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 Meetings & Events

STRIKE up some fun!! SSCPS SEPAC

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Sponsored event

Sunday, June 1 11:30am-12:45pm or 12:45pm-2pm O'Lindys Bowling 170 Quincy Ave RSVP SEPAC@SSCPS.ORG

Important Links

Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website <u>www.sscps.org</u>.

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. <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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Protect Your K-12 School-Issued Device!

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 <u>here</u>.



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INSPIRING EVERY STUDENT TO EXCEL IN ACADEMICS, SERVICE, AND LIFE.



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