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A Message from the Board of Trustees

Dear School Community/Parents and Guardians/Stakeholders,

I am reaching out on behalf of the Board of Trustees to share important updates and considerations regarding a potential expansion of enrollment at SSCPS. This proposal would allow us to welcome an additional 225 students to our school community, allowing us to provide high-quality, accessible education to a diverse group of learners. We believe it is important to approach this decision with transparency and to keep you, our valued community members, informed of both the potential benefits and challenges.

Your candid thoughts and insights are truly valuable and will significantly enhance our process. Your responses will remain completely anonymous moving forward. Thank you for your understanding and for sharing your perspectives openly—your input is a gift that will help us shape our approach thoughtfully and effectively.

Potential Benefits of Enrollment Growth

1. **Space Needs:** There is an increasing need for more classroom space for both students and teachers, which could be alleviated by growth.
2. **Increased Diversity and Enhanced Learning Environment:** Growing enrollment offers the opportunity to welcome new students from varied backgrounds, bringing fresh perspectives that enrich our school culture and support a more dynamic, inclusive learning experience for all.
3. **Broader Range of Programs and Services:** A larger student body can support the growth of specialized programs, extracurricular activities, and resources that might otherwise be limited. We anticipate that with expanded enrollment, we can offer more robust options in arts, athletics, advanced academics, and other areas that contribute to well-rounded student development.
4. **Enhanced Facilities and Resources:** The growth may allow us to invest in upgraded facilities, technology that benefit every student. With more students, we can apply for larger grants and explore new funding sources, making it possible to further develop our campus and resources.
5. **Greater Community Engagement and Partnerships:** Welcoming new families fosters stronger ties with local organizations, businesses, and stakeholders, creating partnerships that support the school and surrounding community. A larger network offers mutual benefit.

Considerations and Potential Challenges

1. **Impact on Class Sizes and Individual Attention:** While we aim to maintain our commitment to small class sizes, an increase in enrollment may require adjustments in classroom structure. To preserve the quality of education, we are considering ways to manage these changes, such as hiring additional qualified teachers and support staff.
2. **Resource Allocation and Budgetary Considerations:** Increased enrollment means we will need to assess and potentially upgrade our physical space, from classrooms to common areas, to accommodate a larger student body comfortably. This will require a significant financial commitment.

3. School Culture and Community Balance: A significant increase in enrollment can bring changes to our close-knit community feel. Families value the strong relationships between students, staff, and families.
4. Strategic Decision: Even if growth is financially feasible, the board must consider whether acquiring the entirety of 700 Longwater is the right strategic decision for SSCPS.

Your Input is Vital

This potential enrollment growth represents an exciting opportunity for SSCPS, but it also requires thoughtful consideration of financial viability, stakeholder impact, and the strategic alignment with the school's long-term goals. We are committed to making decisions that best serve our current and future students, staff, and families. To that end, we value your insights and feedback. In the coming weeks, we will hold open forums and send out surveys to gather your thoughts on this proposal.

Thank you for your continued support, and for being an essential part of SSCPS. We look forward to working together to shape the future of our school and ensure it remains a place where every student can thrive. In the meantime, stakeholders can find a truncated [memorandum](#) outlining the considerations of the BOT in the link.

Warm regards,

Jimmy Juste

Chair, Board of Trustees




TAKE THE SURVEY

*If you have not yet completed the survey, **please take a moment to do so by Friday, November 15th**. Your feedback is crucial to the improvement of all aspects of SSCPS.*

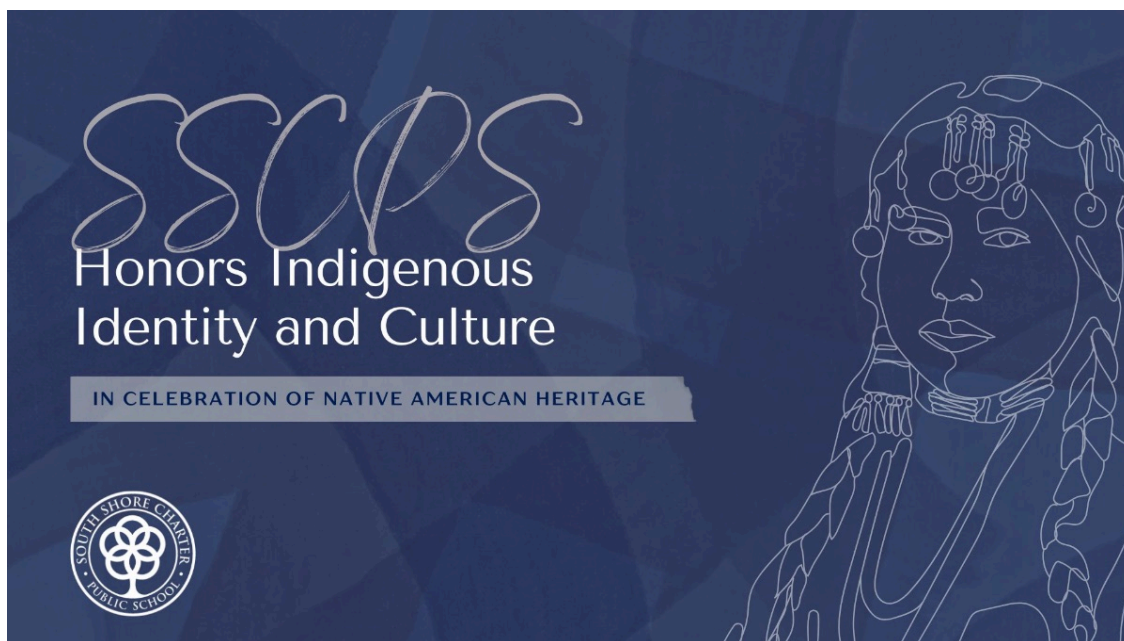
School Calendar & Announcements

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

SSCPS WEEKLY CALENDAR NOV 13 - NOV 20

<p>Wed 13</p> <p>Grade 3 to Plimoth Patuxet Museums </p> <p>SEPAC Meeting via Zoom - 6:30PM</p>	<p>Thu 14</p> <p>K-8 Book Fair at 100 Longwater Circle</p> <p>SSCPS Enrollment Open House - 5-7PM</p>	<p>Fri 15</p> <p>Level III Fall Harvest Social at PE Space - 3:30-4:30PM</p>	<p>Sat/Sun</p> <p>National Native American Heritage Month continues</p>
<p>Mon 18</p> <p>Governance Committee via Zoom - 5:45PM</p>	<p>Tue 19</p> <p>Grade 8 Field Trip to Edward M Kennedy Institute </p> <p>Development Committee via Zoom - 7:15PM</p>	<p>Wed 20</p> <p>School Council Meeting via Zoom - 4:30PM</p>	<p>Upcoming</p> <p>December 11, 17, 18 - Winter Concerts</p> 

SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar



November is Native American Heritage Month—a time to honor and celebrate the rich histories, diverse cultures, and important contributions of Native American and Indigenous communities. At South Shore Charter Public School, we recognize the profound impact of Native American heritage on our country’s history, arts, sciences, and values. This month, we invite students, staff, and families to join us in learning more about Indigenous cultures, traditions, and stories through classroom activities, discussions, and resources. Let’s embrace this opportunity to broaden our understanding and show respect for the resilience

and heritage of Native communities. Together, we ensure that SSCPS is a place that all are seen, heard and valued.

School pictures are ready!

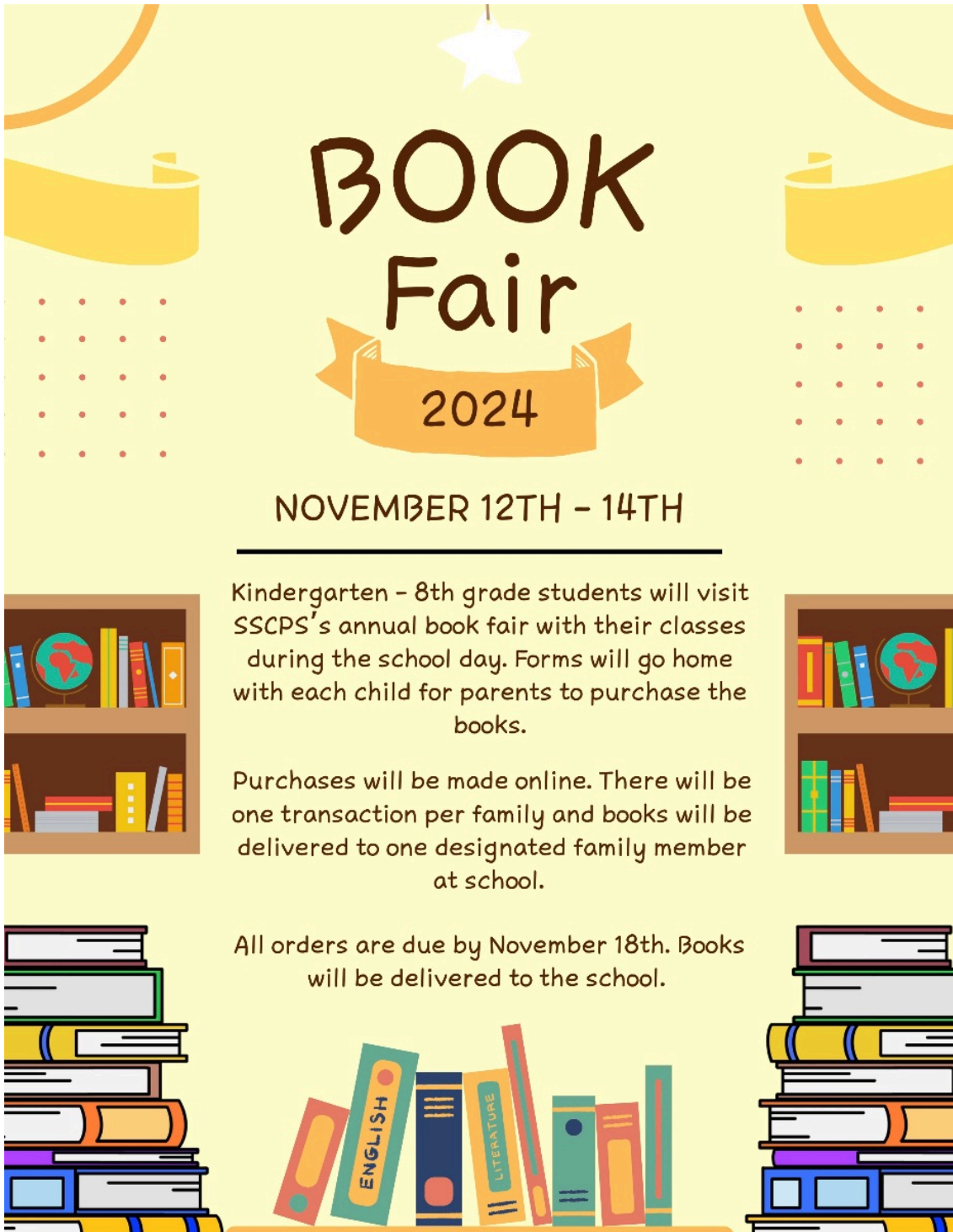
To order, log in to your account on mylifetouch.com or create an account using your student's student ID number.

All families can also log on and order a FREE Digital SmileSafe card.

More about the Smilesafe program [here](#).

Upcoming Events

K-8 Book Fair



BOOK Fair

2024

NOVEMBER 12TH - 14TH

Kindergarten - 8th grade students will visit SSCPS's annual book fair with their classes during the school day. Forms will go home with each child for parents to purchase the books.

Purchases will be made online. There will be one transaction per family and books will be delivered to one designated family member at school.

All orders are due by November 18th. Books will be delivered to the school.

SSCPS Winter Concerts

December 11th, 17th, & 18th

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

FREE ENTRY!

WINTER CONCERTS

LEVEL 1 CONCERT
WED. DEC 11 | P.E. SPACE, 10AM

PERFORMING ENSEMBLES (LEVELS II-IV CHOIR, LEVELS III-IV BEGINNING BAND, BEG. & INTERM. STRINGS)
TUES. DEC 17 | HINGHAM HIGH, 6PM

PERFORMING ENSEMBLES (CONCERT BAND, CONCERT STRINGS, HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC WORKSHOP)
WED. DEC 18 | HINGHAM HIGH, 6PM

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL | 17 UNION STREET, HINGHAM MA
LEVEL 1 CONCERT PARKING WILL BE AT 700 LONGWATER

Friends of Holly Hill Farm December Programs



Friends of
Holly Hill Farm
A Farm for Teaching & Learning

Late Fall December One-Day Programs

December 2 - 19
Sign up for one, a few, or all programs!



Members receive a discount.
Reduced pricing available.

We strive to make educational programming accessible to all ages. Tiered pricing allows families to choose the price that is right for them, while also becoming more aware of the costs associated with putting on educational programs for each child.

COMING SOON

WINTER SESSIONS
January - March 2025

Friends of Holly Hill Farm
236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, MA 02025
781-383-6565 programs@hollyhillfarm.org

Register Now!

"One Day" Programs for ages 6 -12
*After school from 4:00 - 5:30 pm**

- Healthy Cooking*
- Shelter Building
- Farm Night Mysteries
- Wreath Making
- Holiday Gift Crafts
- Fairy & Gnome Homes
- Tomtem Quest

*Healthy Cooking 4:00-6:00 pm

hollyhillfarm.org/late-fall-programs

Celebrating 30 Years of SSCPS



Keep your eyes out for our annual fundraising campaign beginning soon! If you'd like to make a general donation to support SSCPS, you can do so using the button below.

[Make a Donation](#)

Projects & Workshops

Coat Drive | Cultural Diversity Workshop

The Cultural Diversity Workshop is holding a coat drive from now until January 5th! Please feel free to donate warm winter coats for children and adults - all sizes welcome.

The Cultural Diversity Workshop presents





COAT DRIVE

[NOW-January 5th 2025]


Donate warm winter coats for children and adults

All sizes are welcome! Coats only, please.

Boxes are located in the front vestibule



SCHOOL REWARDS



With your help, we could win up to \$1,000 in School Rewards donated by Jordan's Furniture!

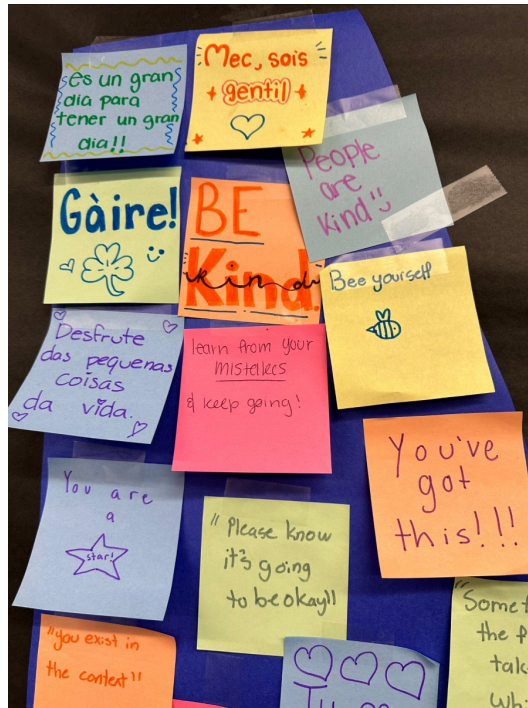
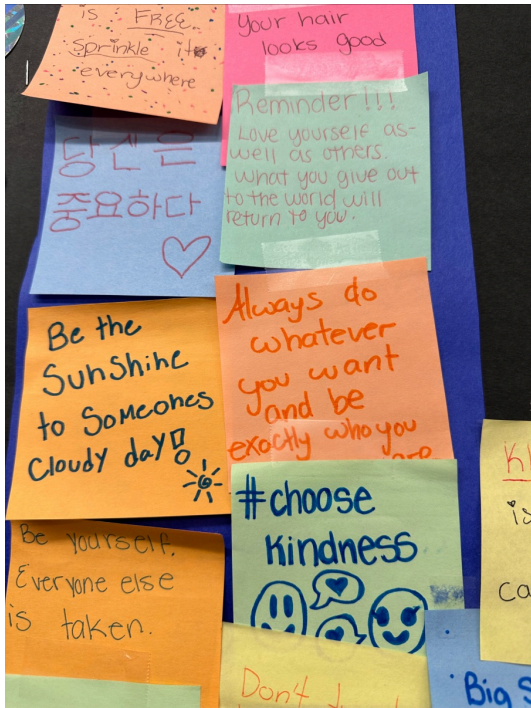
Donated coats are professionally cleaned by Anton's and given free of charge to local families in need.

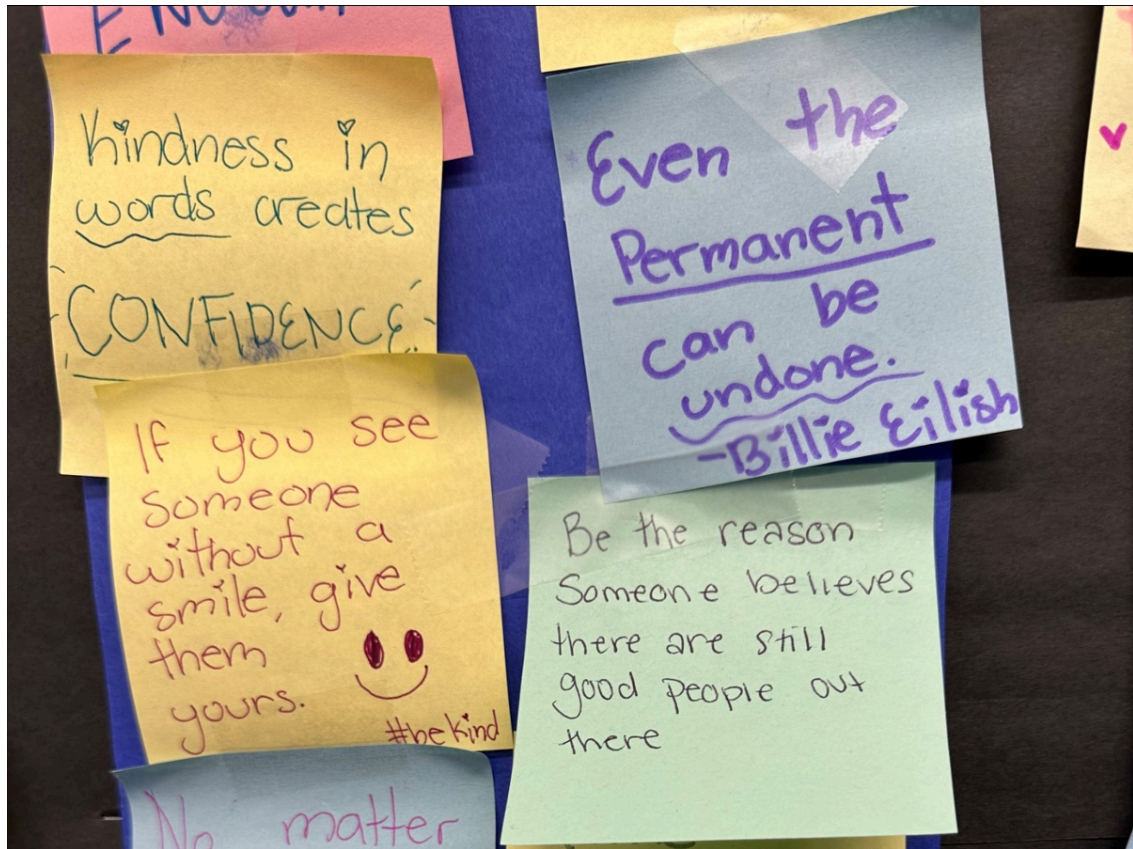
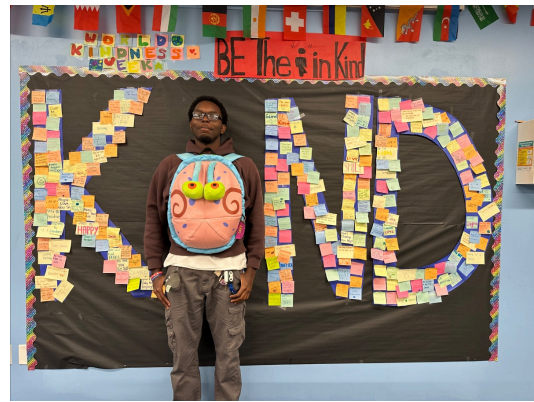


On the Levels

World Kindness Day Celebrations

High school students at SSCPS celebrate World Kindness Day by sharing kind, uplifting messages with their school community!





Afterschool Enrichment Program 2024-2025

Now Open: ASEP Session II

Dear Families,

We are pleased to announce that registration for Session II of our Afterschool Enrichment Program is now open. Please review our Club Descriptions [here](#) and complete the Registration using [FamilyID.com](#). Registration closes on Friday, December 6th. We look forward to another great session of learning, adventure and fun! Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Warm regards,

Nadeen Sullivan

Afterschool Enrichment Program Coordinator



The poster is designed to look like a spiral-bound notebook with a blue cover and white rings at the top. It features the SSCPS logo on the left, which is a circular emblem with a stylized tree and the text 'SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL'. To the right of the logo, the main title 'SSCPS AFTERSCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM' is written in large, bold, black letters. Below this, 'SESSION II' is highlighted in a blue box with a white arrow pointing to it. The box also contains the text 'GRADES 3-8', 'JANUARY 21ST - APRIL 3RD, 2025', 'TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS', and 'TIME: 3:15 - 4:15 PM'. A small illustration of a person playing basketball is in the background of this box. Below the session information, a red curtain graphic separates the 'SESSION II CLUBS:' section into two columns: 'TUESDAY' and 'THURSDAY'. Each column is flanked by a red and white megaphone icon. The Tuesday clubs list includes Active Zone: Sports and Fitness, Chemical Creations Club, STEAM Dream Team, Art of Journaling Club, Creative Minds Club, Kickboxing Fitness Club, Yoga & Mindfulness Club, Math Mavericks, and Art Explorers. The Thursday clubs list includes Active Zone: Sports and Fitness, Creative Minds Club, Natural Artists Club, Fun with Coding and Technology Integration, Yoga & Mindfulness Club, Art Club, and Kickboxing Fitness Club. At the bottom, a registration deadline of 'DECEMBER 6TH 2024' is noted, along with a QR code and contact information for Nadeen Sullivan.

SSCPS AFTERSCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

SESSION II

GRADES 3-8

JANUARY 21ST - APRIL 3RD, 2025

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

TIME: 3:15 - 4:15 PM

SESSION II CLUBS:

TUESDAY

- ACTIVE ZONE: SPORTS AND FITNESS
- CHEMICAL CREATIONS CLUB
- STEAM DREAM TEAM
- ART OF JOURNALING CLUB
- CREATIVE MINDS CLUB
- KICKBOXING FITNESS CLUB
- YOGA & MINDFULNESS CLUB
- MATH MAVERICKS
- ART EXPLORERS

THURSDAY

- ACTIVE ZONE: SPORTS AND FITNESS
- CREATIVE MINDS CLUB
- NATURAL ARTISTS CLUB
- FUN WITH CODING AND TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION
- YOGA & MINDFULNESS CLUB
- ART CLUB
- KICKBOXING FITNESS CLUB

REGISTRATION DEADLINE - DECEMBER 6TH 2024
REGISTER TODAY

GO TO SSCPS GENERAL FEES - SELECT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

CONTACT: NADEEN SULLIVAN - PHONE: 781-982-4202 EXT. 356. EMAIL: NSULLIVAN@SSCPS.ORG

Community Service

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](#)

Volunteering at SSCPS

Anyone who is working with children or within our SSCPS buildings must be officially registered as a volunteer. This policy is in place to protect our students. Volunteers must register each school year. In order to register as a volunteer, you must complete all of the requirements listed below.

1. Complete a CORI form. This requirement must be met annually. The CORI form should be returned to the school to the attention of Pam Algera with a copy of a photo id.
2. Complete Identogo Fingerprinting. This task must be completed every three years. Fingerprinting is completed off site and has a cost. SSCPS will reimburse parent/guardian volunteers for this cost.
3. Complete Volunteer Training and agree to the Confidentiality Policy. Take the Volunteer Training Quiz. This requirement must be met annually. The training is available on [volunteering page on our website](#).

Interfaith Holiday Sponsor Form

Each year, caring individuals, churches and businesses across the South Shore “adopt” some of Interfaith's food pantry client families as part of our Help for the Holidays program. They purchase gifts for children who would otherwise go without. Last year, nearly 900 children were assisted through this program.

If you would like to purchase gifts for children served by Interfaith Social Services' food pantry, please fill out [this form](#).

Please avoid donating clothing, tablets, gaming systems, computers, scooters or bikes.

LEARN MORE



Help for the Holidays

We still have **more than 400 children** that need sponsors!



'TIS THE SEASON

Here at Interfaith Social Services we're feverishly planning for the holiday season. This time of year is particularly difficult for the families that we serve. We want to make sure that all of our clients receive not only their basic necessities, but a little bit of joy as well.

Each year Interfaith depends on sponsors from our community to participate in our **Help for the Holidays** program, which distributes holiday gifts to more than 1,000 local kids in need.

SPONSOR TODAY

Parents Association, SEPAC, & ELPAC

Parents Association



Raise Craze PA Fundraiser

Welcome to our Raise Craze fundraiser! This is a unique way for us to raise money for our school while making an impact in our community. During this fundraiser, students ask friends and family for donations via the online Raise Craze platform while paying it forward serving others. Every student can participate in Raise Craze by completing Acts of Kindness (AOK), so we're aiming for 100% participation. Need help getting started? Contact Dawn Whitney or Rachel Brodeur at sscpsfundraising@gmail.com, or check out the Raise Craze Instructional Video below.

WATCH VIDEO

RAISE CRAZE™
 FUNDRAISING THROUGH KINDNESS

**SSCPS RAISE CRAZE fundraiser
 is asking for your support**



You can register at



<https://my.raisecraze.com/app2/join/AWRXWBK>

**and share with family,
 friends and the community**



**You can make a
 DIFFERENCE**



**OUR GOAL:
 \$30,000**

**ENDS NOV
 26**

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](#).

Today: SEPAC Basic Rights Meeting



From the SSCPS Board of Trustees

Meeting Agendas & Reports

Below is the Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda for the month of November. You can find more information on the SSCPS Board of Trustees on our website [here](#).

FY25 November Meeting Agenda

FY25 November Executive Report

Health Office

If your student takes prescription medication during the school day, including epipens or inhalers, the medication will need to be dropped off to the school nurse by an adult. Medication cannot be sent on the bus with students. All medication needs to be accompanied by a new prescription medication form each year. Your doctor may fill out their own medication form, an Asthma Action Plan, Allergy Action Plan, or the school's [Prescription Drug Form](#). No medication can be accepted without the proper paperwork. Parents/guardians will also need to sign the form to give permission for medication to be administered in school. Students can not bring in over the counter medication. All medication needed at school must be held in the Health Office and have the proper paperwork in order for it to be administered at school. Please check expiration dates of medication before sending it in. Medication that expires during the school year will need to be replaced before it expires. Please reach out to your school nurse if you have any questions about medications.

K-8: Jaime Kjelgaard, RN jkjelgaard@sspcs.org 781-982-4202 x104

High School: Barbara Folan, RN bfolan@sscps.org 781-982-4201 x 182

If your student is planning on playing a school sport in the fall they must have a current physical dated within the past 13 months of the start of the sports season. Students who do not have a current physical will not be allowed to try out or participate in sports. You may submit health forms to:

K-8: Jaime Kjelgaard, RN Jkjelgaard@sscps.org 781-982-4202 x 104

High School: Barbara Folan, RN Bfolan@sscps.org 781-982-4202 x 182

Fax: 781-982-4201

Students entering K, 4th, 7th & 10th grade must submit current physical forms and vaccine records.

The K through 8 school is a **peanut/nut free** building. Please make sure you do not send your child to school with any food that contains peanuts or nuts or the label reads "may contain nuts or traces of nuts". Caffeinated beverages are not allowed in the elementary

school. Please send your student to school with a reusable water bottle as the school does not provide water bottles.

Please reach out to your school nurse and teacher if your student is sick. Students who have vomiting, diarrhea, or a fever of 100 or above need to remain out of school until the symptoms or fever have resolved for 24 hours. If your student has strep throat, conjunctivitis or any other contagious illness they will need to remain out until they have been on antibiotics for 24 hours. Students who develop any of these symptoms during the school day will need to be picked up from school promptly. Please make sure your contact information with the school is up to date. Absences can be reported to attendance@sscps.org.

Level I students should have a full change of weather appropriate clothes that is kept at school.

From the Foundation



SOUTH SHORE CHARTER EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

We encourage all to participate in our Annual Fund Giving Campaign by donating through the form below. We appreciate your continued support!

[Donate Here](#)

Important Links

Protect Your K-12 School-Issued Device!

WORTH VE. ROUP Application valid for 2024-2025 school year

Protect Your K-12 School-Issued Device
Avoid costly repairs and replacements with comprehensive protection.

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL
NORWELL, MA

Unlimited Claims, Accidental Damage, Cracked Screens, Spills & Liquid Submersion, Fire, Flood & Natural Disasters, Power Surge, Vandalism, Theft

NOT Covered: Manufacturer Defect & Mechanical Failure, Cosmetic Damage, Wear & Tear, and Unexplained Loss.

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:
<https://gpo.worthavegroup.com/southshorecps>

Customer Support: Phone: (800) 620-2885, Hours: 8a.m.-5p.m. L-V FCT, Online Chat: www.worthavegroup.com

Worth Ave. Group P.O. Box 2077 Stillwater, OK 74076 | www.worthavegroup.com | (800) 620-2885

WORTH VE. ROUP Solicitud válida para el año escolar 2024-2025

Proteja su dispositivo escolar
Evite reparos y reemplazos costosos con una protección completa.

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL
NORWELL, MA

Reclamos Ilimitados, Daños accidentales, Pantallas rotas, Derrames y submersión líquida, Fuego, inundación y desastres naturales, Sobrecarga de energía por rayo, Vandalismo, Robo

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

Dispositivo	Cobertura	Deducible	Precio
ACER/LENOVO/SAMSUNG CHROMEBOOK	Device	\$0.00	\$19.00

Plazo de la póliza: 29.08.2024 - 29.08.2025

Fecha limite 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 FCT, Charla en línea: www.worthavegroup.com

Worth Ave. Group P.O. Box 2077 Stillwater, OK 74076 | www.worthavegroup.com | (800) 620-2885

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](#).

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

School Documents

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- [2. DESE Student Attendance Letter](#)
Translated:
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- [3. Back-to-School Information](#)
- [4. Food Services](#)
- [5. Health Office](#)
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- [7. Community Service](#)
- [8. Visit the Parents Association Website](#)

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