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A Message from Alicia

November will soon be upon us ushering in a season of kindness and gratitude. Each day at South Shore Charter proves no exception. We remain grateful for the small moments; kindergarteners drawing the letter “h” for the first time on paper hung in the hallway wall, third graders discovering the “balance, order, and simplicity” of classical music as they move to the beat in music class, and the thrill of pumpkin carving as fifth and sixth graders make their way outside to participate in this annual rite of Level III. It is these small things that write our pages – pages that turn into the chapters of our thirty-year story.

Academic achievement is part of that story. Our school community celebrates twenty-one new John and Abigail Adams Scholars from the Class of 2025. These high school students are being recognized for their high academic achievement on the MCAS. They have qualified for a four-year John and Abigail Adams scholarship upon acceptance into a Massachusetts public college or university. Congratulations to all of our Adams Scholars.

Celebrations continued last week as thirty-one high school students entered the National Honor Society, the largest group of students in South Shore Charter history to enter in one year. Congratulations to all of our NHS inductees.

November 1 begins enrollment season. For those of you new to our school community, this is the time of year when the reasons families choose South Shore Charter are showcased. Applications for the 2025-2026 school year will be available November 1, 2024. The new application for 2025-2026 may be found online on the SSCPS website. For our current families, siblings of current students seeking admission must complete an application and participate in the Enrollment Lottery.

Enrollment Open House for new students and prospective families will be on November 14, 2024. We are hosting at both 100 Longwater Circle and 700 Longwater Drive. Registration for Open House will also be open on Friday. Although current students do not need to reapply, we encourage Level IV students to come and visit the high school to learn more about student life and our comprehensive academic programs.

We are fortunate that every year the number of applications we receive exceeds the number of openings. Our waitlist has remained long and steady despite post-pandemic challenges and statewide enrollment trends. We attribute this persistent strong interest in our school to our students and families who spread the word about our school and mission. Your message describing what a South Shore Charter education means to you and your family has proven invaluable year after year. We are grateful for all you do for our school community and we thank you for sharing our mission of inspiring every student to excel in academics, service, and life.

Alicia Savage
Executive Director

John and Abigail Adams Scholarship Recipients SSCPS Class of 2025

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*Hajar Aboutyoussef, Sara Akonkem, Misha Attardo, Jillianna Bycinte,
Sophia Carr, Maheen Chowdhury, Neveah Eddins, Uchenna Ejiogu,
Khai Francis, Jaeger Furst, Jemela Igbo, Wunyoh Loc, Esther-Faith Manigat,
Esther-Hope Manigat, Wesley McKenna, Andesky Occeus, John Olaoye,
Esosa Osasere, Maximilian Rice, George Seabury, Benjamin Walker*

Congratulations to our Adams Scholarship recipients! Based on high academic achievement on the MCAS exams, these students have qualified to receive a four-year John and Abigail Adams Scholarship upon their acceptance to a participating Massachusetts public institution of higher education, including the four undergraduate campuses of the University of Massachusetts, all nine state universities, and all fifteen community colleges.

The exact amount of each Adams Scholarship will depend on the institution in which students enroll, but for full-time, in-state students, it currently averages:


- At UMass: a credit of \$1,575 per year toward total student charges
- At the state universities: a credit of \$1,036 per year toward total student charges
- At the community colleges: a credit of \$740 per year toward total student charges



School Calendar & Announcements

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

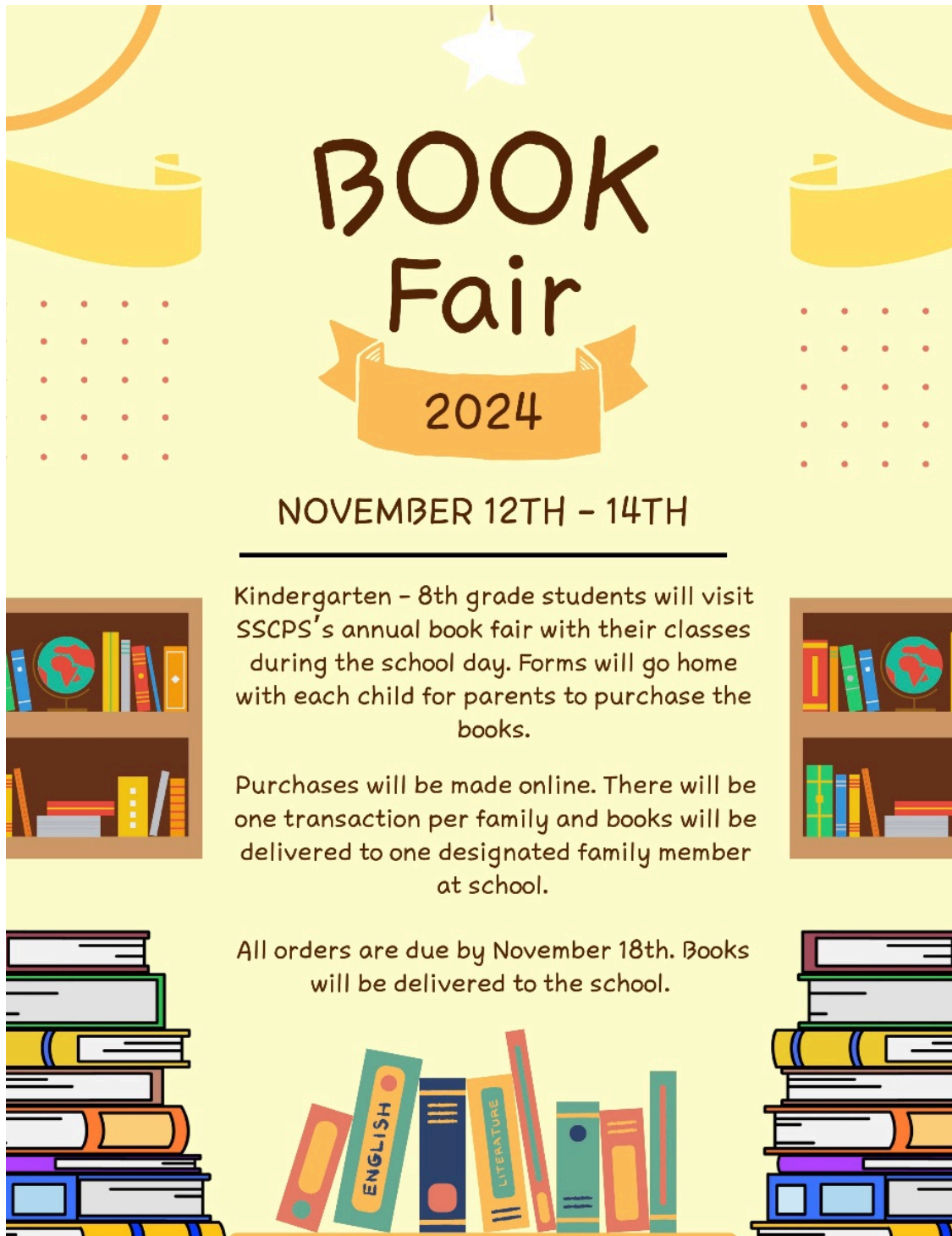
SSCPS WEEKLY CALENDAR OCT 30 - NOV 06

<p>Wed 30</p> <p>Board of Trustees Executive Committee Meeting - 9AM</p> <p>Quarter 1 Ends - Grades 5-12</p>	<p>Thu 31</p> <p>Halloween</p> <p style="text-align: center;">👻 🎃 🕷️ 🦇</p>	<p>Fri 01</p> <p>Professional Development Early Release - 12PM</p> <p>National Native American Heritage Month Starts</p>	<p>Sat/Sun</p> <p>Sunday - Daylight Saving Time Ends/Standard Time Begins</p>
<p>Mon 04</p>	<p>Tue 05</p> <p>Election Day</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p>Wed 06</p> <p>MCAS ELA Retest</p>	<p>Upcoming</p> <p>November 7 - MCAS ELA Retest</p> <p>November 7 - Board of Trustees Meeting</p> <p>November 13 - SEPAC Meeting via Zoom</p>

SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar

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.

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](#)

On the Levels

NHS Induction Ceremony

Last Tuesday 10/22, we held our National Honor Society Induction Ceremony! We had 31 students join the 14 current members in a special evening pledging to uphold the pillars of NHS: Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. Congratulations to our newly inducted students!





Inducted students: Hannah Alexis, Zahid Ali, Joey Altieri, Ellie Beals, Olivier Cherant, Aster Collins, Ayira Cunningham, Chibugo Ejiogu, Muna Eze, Sadie Grissom, Meghan Hillson, Kosi Igbo, Jemela Igbo, Tyler Jacinthe, Wes McKenna, Emma Mooney, Niamh Mullane, Marianna Muturi, Annmarie Muturi, Soraya Nicolas, Lesley Occeus, Daniel Olajumoke, Destany Onwuka, Harsh Patel, Willow Shinney-Kalafatas, Marvheen Theodore, Chichi Ugah, Jeremy Ujjalele, Emily Walsh, Alister Warneck, Ben Whitcomb

Level I Artwork

Beautiful leaf prints made by Grades 1 & 2 students in Pam Golden's art class have been submitted to Original Works (an SSCPS fundraiser) to be printed on mugs, magnets, and more!



K-6 Literacy Lane

On Saturday 10/26, we held our K-6 Literacy Lane trunk or treat at SSCPS! Special thanks to our faculty and families whose ensembles and automobiles were excellent and exceedingly creative. Another tremendous thank you to the students in the Music Workshop, led by Theron Leonard. The music was outstanding. And an enormous thank you to Angie Pepin who did a wonderful job organizing the event yet again.







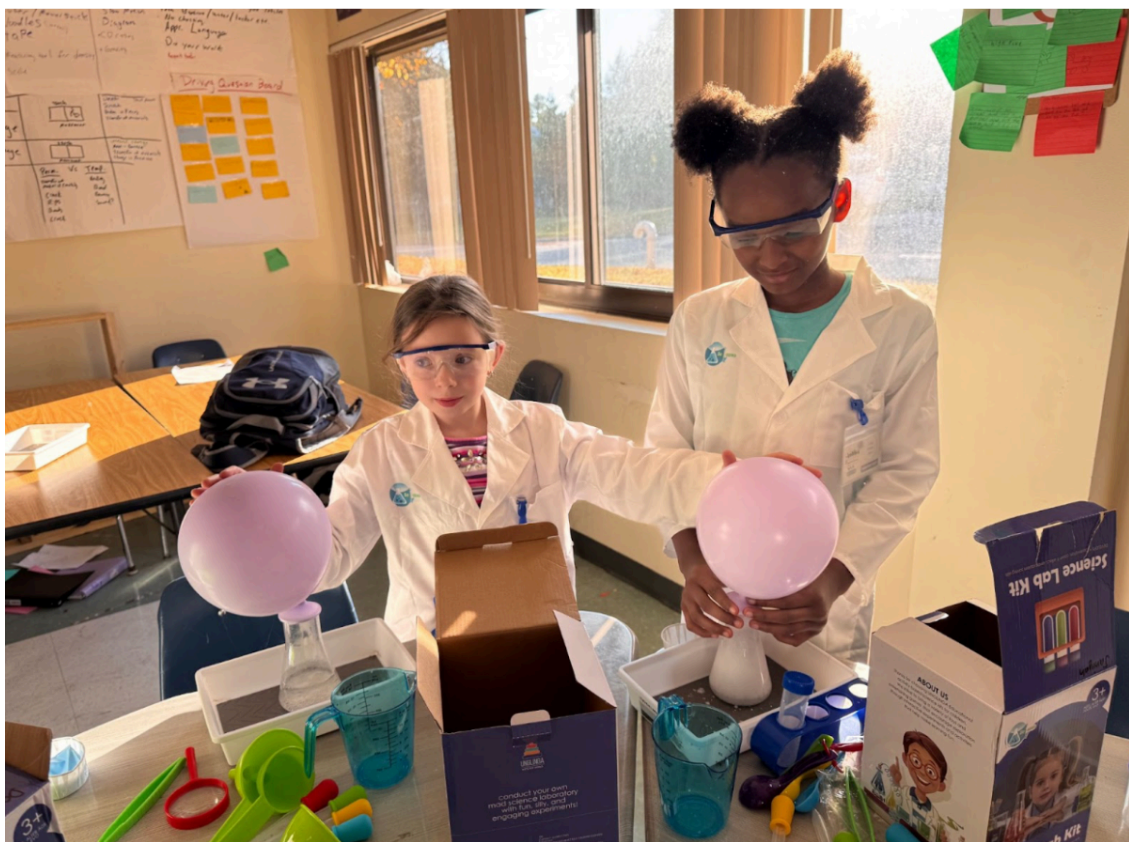
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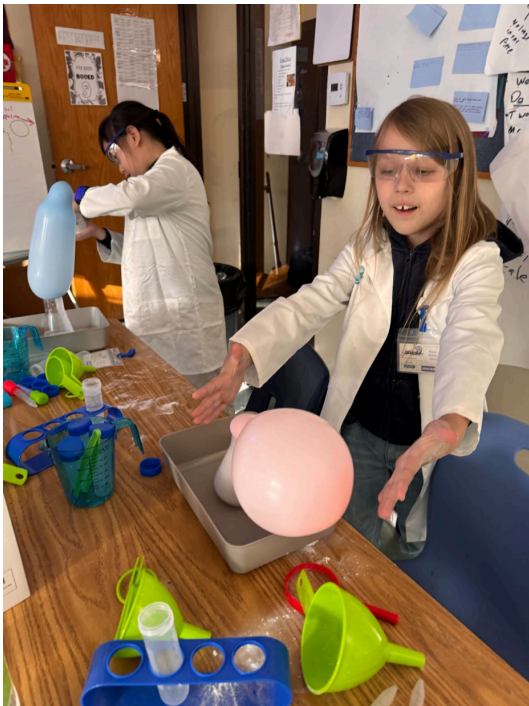
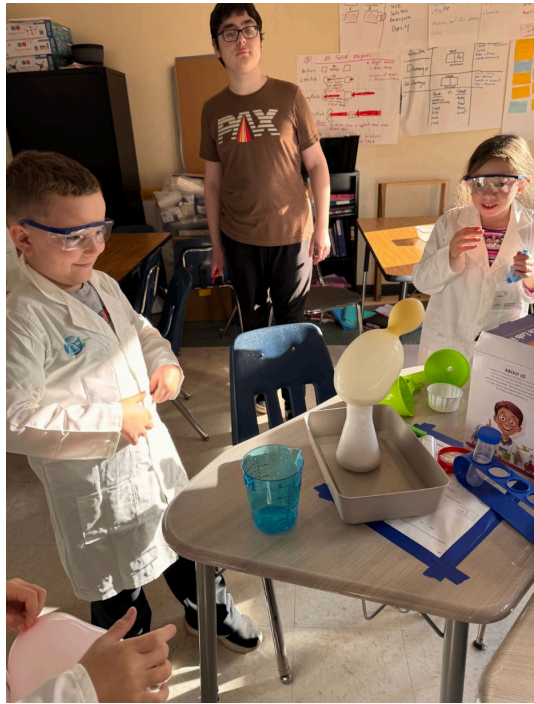
Chemical Creations Club

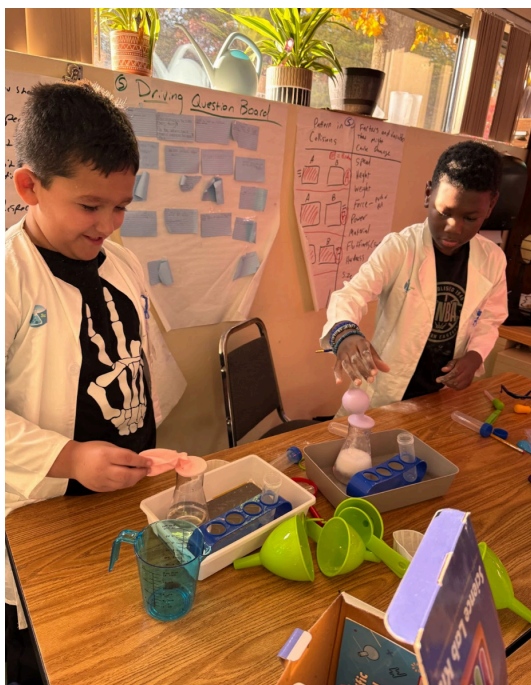
Week 3 Recap: Colors and Chemistry Magic!

This week, students dove into the wonders of colors and chemistry with two exciting experiments. We kicked things off by observing how vibrant Smarties candies dissolve in water, creating mesmerizing rainbow patterns as the colors spread across the surface. It was a great way to see diffusion in action!

Next, we moved on to an experiment with balloons, where we mixed baking soda and vinegar to generate carbon dioxide gas. As the gas inflated the balloons, students could hear the fizzing reaction and feel the cooling sensation in their hands—making the whole experience feel like a bit of science magic!



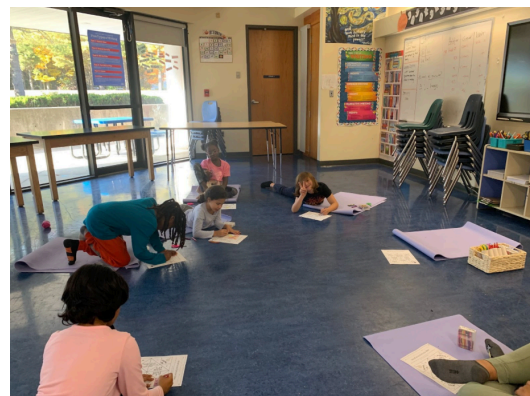




Yoga & Mindfulness Club

This week, students got creative by making their own mindfulness fortune tellers! Each fortune teller was filled with different mindfulness tips and breathing techniques. As students folded and decorated their creations, they explored calming practices and shared

their favorite techniques with each other. In addition to crafting these fun tools, students also engaged in yoga practices, learning poses and stretches that promote relaxation and focus. It was a perfect combination of creativity and mindfulness!



Athletics

The 2024-25 South Shore Charter Varsity Boys Soccer Team

A special season with a special purpose. Well done, boys. Forever proud. [#LLJJ7](#)

Photos by JP Marcellus (@sscps_sports)





From the SSCPS Board of Trustees

Below are the Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda and Executive Director Report for the month of October. You can find more information on the SSCPS Board of Trustees on our website [here](#).

FY25 October Meeting Agenda

October Executive Director Report

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

Parents Association, SEPAC, & ELPAC

Parents Association



Mid-Year Election for Level III & IV Co-Chair Position

Thank you for participating in this off-cycle election. While there is only one PA leadership position to fill and only Level III & IV parents/guardians can vote, we are hoping to get your input on other important PA topics for this school year, so please submit your ballot today. The timeline for this elections is as follows:

Voting Period

October 29th - November 5th

Winner Announced

November 5th

Submit Your Ballot

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](#).

SEPAC

A vertical graphic with a white wood-grain background. It is decorated with autumn-themed elements: pumpkins, acorns, and colorful leaves in shades of red, orange, and yellow. The text is centered and reads:

SSCPS SEPAC presents

BASIC RIGHTS

Wednesday November 13

Learn about your basic rights regarding your children's IEP

6:30pm. Via Zoom. With Matt Tondorf, Director of Learning Services

Zoom link will be shared via email. Rsvp SEPAC@SSCPS.org

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!

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WORTH VEG GROUP Application valid for 2024-2025 school year

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- Theft

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

Customer Support: Phone: (800) 620-2885
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- Robo

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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

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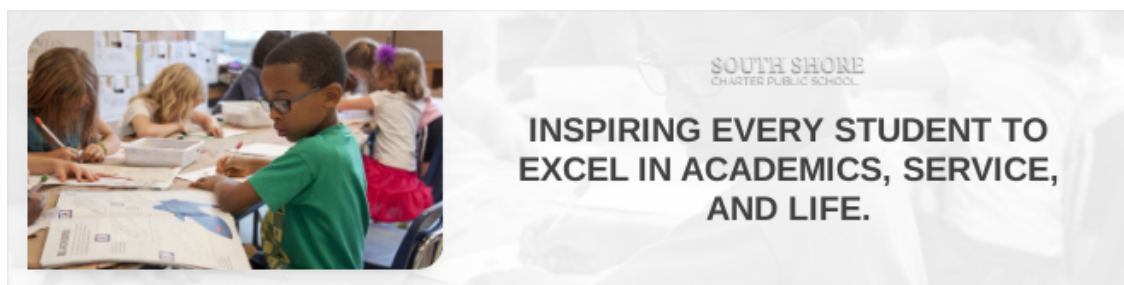
South Shore Charter Public School has chosen Worth Ave. Group as the insurance provider for school devices. To opt into the Voluntary Group Program click [here](#).

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](#)

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