



Weekly Update | October 9, 2024

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A Message from Angie

With the newness of the school year now behind us and the important work of teaching and learning well underway, teachers across our campus are busy analyzing the student data as they work to tailor the curriculum and their instruction. We have completed DIBELS 8 reading benchmark testing in grades K-5, iReady math benchmark tests in grades K-8, and Delta math benchmarks at the high school level. Teachers are using this data combined with spring MCAS scores and PSAT data to place students in groups for intervention and acceleration. These groupings include the small group instruction that takes place during class, instruction during Focused Instructional Time (FIT), and small group instruction that takes place during math and reading centers at the lower grades.

On Monday we mailed MCAS results out to the families of returning students currently in grades four through eleven. Families new to our community can expect us to mail score reports as soon as we receive them from the previous school. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has provided a series of slides explaining the score reports. The slides for grades 3-8 can be found [here](#) and the slides for grade 10 can be found [here](#). Translations of the Parent/Guardian report are available on the [DESE website](#). Aggregate MCAS results provide our school with important information about the alignment of our curriculum with state standards. When reviewing individual scores it is important to view the results as a snapshot rather than a comprehensive view of student learning. Our teachers consider the whole student by also considering other assessments and classroom performance when making curricular and instructional decisions.

For each MCAS exam your child took in the spring you will see a score and an achievement level. Beginning in grade four, you will also find a Student Growth Percentile (SGP). The scaled score shows how much the student has achieved compared to the state's grade-level learning standards. The SGP shows how much the student grew compared to students with a similar assessment history using a percentile ranking. A growth percentile of 53 means that the student scored higher than 53% of the students in the state with similar scores over the past two years. While the achievement score provides a snapshot compared to standards, the growth score allows us to evaluate the progress of students. The chart below provides a general guideline as you interpret your child's Student Growth Percentile.

Student Growth Percentile (SGP) Range	Description
1-39	Lower Growth
40-60	Moderate Growth
61-99	Higher Growth

MCAS results are an important factor in determining our school's ratings within the state accountability system. This year South Shore Charter Public School retained a Not requiring assistance or intervention classification and was identified as making Substantial progress towards targets. This is an improvement over the past few years when our results placed us in the Moderate progress towards targets category. Our results are similar to performance rates statewide with areas of strength and areas needing improvement. Taking a look at [Average Scaled Score](#), our school was slightly below the state in Mathematics grades 4, 7-8 and 10, Science and Tech/Eng Grade 9, and in ELA grades 4 and 5. SSCPS has the same Average Scaled Score as the state in ELA in grade 8 and Mathematics in grade 5. Our school had a higher Average Scaled Score than the state in ELA grades 3, 6 - 7, and 10, Mathematics grades 5 and 7, and Science, Tech, and Engineering, grades 5 and 8.

I will be hosting a Principal's Coffee via Zoom to discuss interpreting MCAS results and our school's results on Thursday, October 17th at 8:30 am. The link to the meeting can be found [here](#). I hope that many of you are able to attend. We will record the session for those of you who would like to view it at a later date.

We are now more than halfway done with the first quarter of the 2024-2025 school year. This is an important checkpoint for teachers and students as we assess student progress and plan to support each student in meeting their academic potential. Teachers of students in grades 5-12 posted Progress Reports to [PlusPortals](#) last week. For each core academic subject families can expect to find a progress report that includes an updated course average. Directions explaining how to access Progress Reports through PlusPortals can be found [here](#). The first quarter officially closes on October 30th. There is still time for students to improve their grades prior to the end of the term.

I look forward to meeting with families at the MCAS Coffee. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Angie Pepin
Principal, K-12

School Calendar & Announcements

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

SSCPS WEEKLY CALENDAR OCT 09 - OCT 16

Wed 09 School Council Meeting via Zoom - 4:30PM	Thu 10 Board of Trustees Meeting at 700 Longwater Drive and via Zoom - 5:30PM	Fri 11 Professional Development Early Dismissal - 12PM	Sat/Sun Hispanic Heritage Month continues
Mon 14 Indigenous Peoples' Day Observed Columbus Day Observed	Tue 15 South Shore Charter Educational Foundation Meeting via Zoom - 4PM	Wed 16 Junior Parent Night via Zoom - 6PM	Upcoming October 17 - Principal's Coffee - MCAS Results October 26 - Literacy Lane October 28 & 29 - Picture Day

SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar



Hispanic Heritage Month
Sept. 15th - Oct. 15th

Dear South Shore Community,

We are excited to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs from September 15th to October 15th. This month is a special time for us to recognize and honor the rich cultures, histories, and contributions of Hispanic and Latinx communities in our school and beyond.

We are thrilled to share that we will be adding a Dominican flag to our Hall of Flags in the front of our building this month. This addition reflects our commitment to celebrating the diversity of our community and recognizing the unique heritage of our students, families, and staff. The Dominican Republic has a vibrant culture, and many of our families and

community members have roots there. By displaying the Dominican flag, we acknowledge the significant contributions of Dominican Americans and celebrate the cultural richness they bring to our school.

We look forward to celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with all of you and embracing the diversity that makes our community so special. Stay tuned for more information about upcoming events and activities planned throughout the month to honor and learn from the diverse cultures within our community.

Thank you for your continued support in fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment for all!

Sheina Prince-Eugene

Upcoming Events

Today: Inly Speaker Series October 9th

The Pressures of Parenting; Navigating Technology, Anxiety and Independence

Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Meehan Family Artsbarn, Inly School

46 Watch Hill Drive, Scituate

INLY SPEAKER SERIES

Save the Date!

The Pressures of Parenting

Navigating technology, anxiety and independence
Expert panelists answer your questions

Wednesday, October 9
7:00 PM • Artsbarn

Register



R. Meredith Elkins, PhD



Dr. Jill Walsh, PhD



Jenny Bright, LMHC

K-6 Literacy Lane Saturday, October 26th

**Literacy Lane
Grades K-6**

**ATTEND A LITERARY THEMED
TRUNK-OR-TREAT AT SSCPS!**

SAT, OCTOBER 26TH | 2PM - 4PM | 100 LONGWATER



Register Now

Norwell Public Safety Open House
Sunday, October 27th

Public Safety Open House



**Including Norwell Fire,
Police, DPW and CERT**

*Join us for: pizza, popcorn, an auto extrication
demonstration, the smoke trailer and NFD
T-Shirts!*





Fun for everyone!

October 27th 2024 11am-2pm
Norwell Fire Headquarters 300 Washington St

School Picture Day

October 28th - K-4 & High School Picture Day

October 29th - Grades 5-8 Picture Day



Celebrating 30 Years of SSCPS

SSCPS 30th Anniversary Road Race Survey

If you participated in the 2024 Annual Road Race, please take a few moments to fill out the survey below! Your feedback is crucial to help us improve future road races at SSCPS.

Thank you!

TAKE THE SURVEY



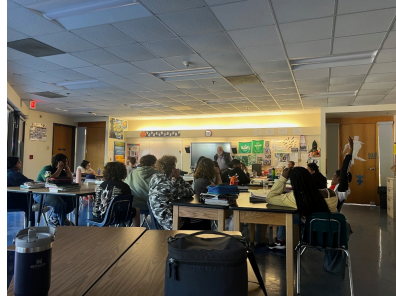
Photo by [Mia Ray Strahm](#)

On the Levels

Guest Speaker | Grades 8 & 10

On October 3rd, our school community was honored by the visit of guest speaker Werner Salinger who shared his Holocaust experience with our students in grades 8 and 10. Mr. Salinger visited our school last year as a guest speaker and has come back to share his

story with even more of our students. Our school community is truly grateful to Werner Salinger for sharing his life experience as a child who escaped Germany with his family after Kristallnacht, immigrated to the United States, and returned to Europe as a translator and airforce officer. Students had the opportunity to reflect on the horrific human cost of WWII and the lessons learned from this tragic chapter of world history.



Level III Community Service Project

The Level III Community Service Project is holding a food drive! We are taking donations for the Norwell Food Pantry until October 29th. Our most needed items are canned foods like vegetables, beans, spam, etc., bottled water, pasta, rice, boxed meals, cereals, and juices. Please leave donations in the bin out front at the school or in Laura's classroom next to Angie's office.

For more information, please contact Laura Bosse at lbosse@sscps.org.

Food Drive

Donate please!!

- Canned food: corn, carrots, beans, spam, peas, ect.
- Bottled water
- Pasta
- Rice
- Boxed meals
- Cereal
- Juice



We are donating this to the Norwell food pantry!!

Please put the donations in the bin out front or in Laura's room (next to Angie's office)! This will happen on October 7-29th.

Thank you! - Level 3 Community Service Project

High School Cultural Diversity Workshop

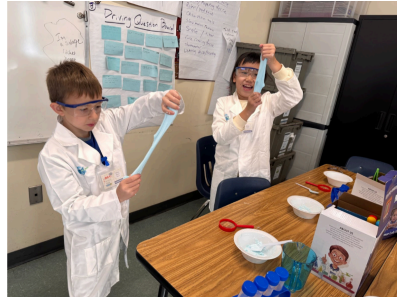
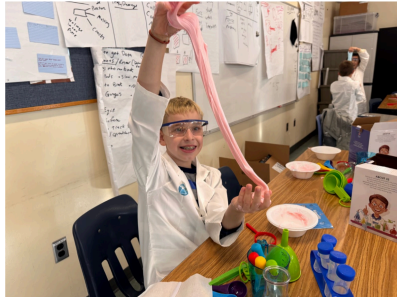
The High School Cultural Diversity Workshop is excited to collaborate with the lower school to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. As part of this initiative, high school students have researched various traditional Hispanic games and will be teaching 3rd graders how to play them. This interactive event not only fosters cultural appreciation but also encourages cross-grade collaboration, helping younger students learn about and enjoy the rich diversity of Hispanic cultures through play.



Afterschool Enrichment Program 2024-2025

The Afterschool Enrichment Program kicked off on Tuesday, October 7th, and students were buzzing with excitement! From hands-on activities to creative challenges, the

program offers a variety of engaging opportunities designed to inspire and expand learning beyond the classroom. Students eagerly dove into their first sessions, ready to explore new skills, collaborate with peers and have fun while learning. We are looking forward to seeing their enthusiasm grow throughout the program! Thanks to everyone who made this first day a success!





From the SSCPS Board of Trustees

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

FY25 September Meeting Agenda

September 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](#)

Interfaith Social Services: Halloween Costume Drive

In October, hundreds of children will come to Interfaith to choose a Halloween costume. Their families may not be able to afford a costume, but you can make it possible for these kids to be the little princesses and superheroes they've been dreaming of. Helping these kids and their families is paramount to our organization's mission. Be a part of Interfaith Social Services Halloween Costume Drive and give these children the opportunity to enjoy fun Halloween festivities. **Donations are due Friday, October 11.**

Here are three ways you can support the program:

- Drop off new costumes Monday-Friday, between noon and 3:30pm, or until 7pm on Tuesdays. We are located at 105 Adams St. in Quincy.

- Purchase costumes from our [Amazon Wish List](#) and ship your donations directly to us.
- [Make a monetary donation](#) to the program.

Donate & Learn More

Participate in our Halloween Costume Drive and one of the children knocking on your door this Halloween might just be wearing a costume that you donated!



Interfaith Social Services | 617-773-6203 |
info@interfaithsocialservices.org |
interfaithsocialservices.org



Parents Association, SEPAC, & ELPAC



K-5 Pod Parents Announcement

The Parents Association is bringing back pod parents for grades K-5 this fall! We need 1-2 parents/caregivers to volunteer per pod (aka classroom). As a pod parent, you may do things like:

- Organize supply drives throughout the year for things like tissues, wipes, extra snacks, bottled water
- Reach out to class parents about opting into the new parent directory
- Work with the teacher to plan special events like pod breakfasts, community service events, and end-of-year activities like field day
- Assist with anything else the teacher could use help with

If you are interested, please complete the form below. Anyone interested in being a pod parent for more than one classroom should complete a separate form for each class. Any questions - feel free to email paatsscps@gmail.com. Thanks for supporting our teachers and kids!

Pod Parent Sign-Up Form

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](#).

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@sscps.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!

Application valid for 2024-2025 school year

Protect Your K-12 School-Issued Device

Avoid costly repairs and replacements with comprehensive protection.

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NORWELL, MA

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NOT COVERED: Manufacturer Defect & Mechanical Failure, Cosmetic Damage, Wear & Tear, and Unattended Loss.

Device	Coverage	Deductible	Price
ACER/LENOVO/SAMSUNG CHROMEBOOK	Device	\$0.00	\$18.00

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: Mon-Sun 9AM-5 EST, Online Chat: www.worthavegroup.com

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Solicitud válida para el año escolar 2024-2025

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SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL
NORWELL, MA

Reclamaciones sin supervisión, Daños accidentales, Pantallas rotas, Deslizamiento y robo, Fuego, inundación y fenómenos naturales, Sustracción de energía por robo, Vandalismo, Robo

No cubre: Defecto del fabricante y falla mecánica, daño cosmético, desgaste normal, pérdida no atendida.

Dispositivo	Cobertura	Deductible	Precio
ACER/LENOVO/SAMSUNG CHROMEBOOK	Dispositivo	\$0.00	\$18.00

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, Horario de atención: 9 AM - 5 PM EST, Chat en línea: www.worthavegroup.com

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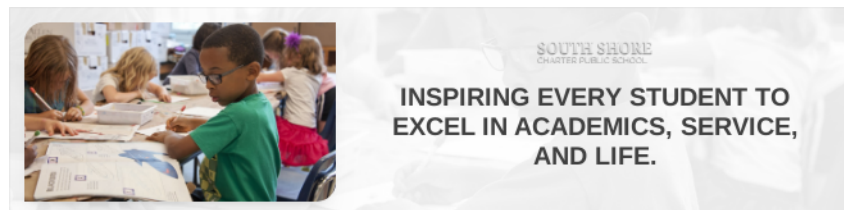
South Shore Charter Public School has chosen Worth Ave. Group as the insurance provider for school devices. To opt into the Voluntary Group Program click [here](#).

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

School Documents

- [Afterschool Enrichment Program](#)
- DESE Student Attendance Letter
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- [Health Office](#)
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