



**Weekly Update | September 11, 2024**

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## A Message from Donika

It is another exciting year for mathematics at SSCPS. The K-8 mathematics department is equipped to begin the second year of the iReady math program. Students across grade levels have taken the iReady diagnostic, engaged in the math classroom structure, and are setting the foundation for becoming lifelong problem solvers. This comprehensive program places students at the forefront of their learning. Utilizing daily integrated learning routines, our teachers are empowered to lead students in discourse-driven instruction, enhancing their grasp of mathematical concepts. In its second year of implementation it is evident that teachers and students have grown comfortable with this type of math learning. Historical data now provides a starting point for teachers to address learning gaps and accelerate learning where appropriate.

The iReady program is set up with the "Try-Discuss-Connect" framework. This framework allows students to persevere in problem solving, evaluate one another's thinking, compare different mathematical representations and apply different strategies to their own thinking and work. Teachers are equipped to guide students through three types of lessons (understand lessons, strategy lessons, and math in action lessons) that are then divided into three types of sessions (explore, develop, and refine). Students will continue to learn program vocabulary that will enhance their mathematical understanding and will carry them through all K-8 grade levels and connect to the secondary level. Along with learning games, and assessments, diagnostics will be taken three times a year to assess student understanding and mathematical ability in comparison to grade level. These diagnostics are adaptive so question sets change depending on students' answers. Games are built in as "brain breaks" and scores are used to inform teacher planning and implementation. Diagnostic data provides targeted growth scores for each student and the end of year diagnostic will identify student success at meeting these goals. Diagnostic reports will be sent home after the middle and end of year assessments. Growth reports between assessments help to monitor progress.

At the High School level, the mathematics classroom is newly supported this year with the integral level of Delta Math. This program allows teachers to assign practice work and assessments to gather data to better inform their instruction. Students in Algebra 1 and Geometry began the year with a common diagnostic to help teachers better understand their mathematics level and placement.

Outside of the classroom students in grades K-8 have access to iReady's My Path, which is individualized based on the students diagnostic placement and students in grades 9-12

have access to practice assignments on Delta Math. Both of these tools serve as a supplement for students to build off of their prior knowledge and enhance the skills learned in the classroom. The best way to improve mathematical skills and performance is through practice and we are excited to build upon these resources to support our students.

**Donika Darabus**

**K-12 Math Curriculum Coordinator and High School Teacher**

## School Calendar & Announcements



# IMPORTANT REMINDER

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
EARLY RELEASE AT 12PM

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

## SSCPS WEEKLY CALENDAR SEPT 11 - SEPT 18

<p><b>Wed 11</b></p> <p>Senior Parent Night via <a href="#">Zoom</a> - 6PM</p>	<p><b>Thu 12</b></p> <p>SSCPS Information Tables - 5PM</p> <p>K-4 Parent Back to School Night - 6PM</p>	<p><b>Fri 13</b></p> <p>Board of Trustees Finance/Ad Hoc Facilities Meeting via <a href="#">Zoom</a> - 9AM</p> <p>Professional Development Early Release - 12PM</p>	<p><b>Sat/Sun</b></p> <p>Hispanic Heritage Month Begins</p>
<p><b>Mon 16</b></p> <p>SSCPS Board of Trustees Charter Renewal Focus Group - 1PM</p>	<p><b>Tue 17</b></p> <p>DESE Charter Renewal Site Visit - 7:30AM - 5:30PM</p> <p>SSCPS Board of Trustees Committee Meetings via <a href="#">Zoom</a> - 5PM - 7:30PM</p>	<p><b>Wed 18</b></p> <p>High School Parent Back to School Night - 6PM</p>	<p><b>Upcoming</b></p> <p><b>September 19</b> - Board of Trustees Meeting</p> <p><b>October 28</b> - Picture Day (K-4 &amp; High School)</p> <p><b>October 29</b> - Picture Day (Grades 5-8)</p>

### SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar

## 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](#).

# School Picture Day

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

October 29th - Grades 5-8 Picture Day



## Upcoming Events



## Hispanic Heritage Month

## Sept. 15th - Oct. 15th

Dear South Shore Community,

As we approach the end of September, we are excited to announce our celebration of 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**

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## K-4 Back to School Night

### September 12th

We will be holding our Back to School night for families with children in grades K-4 **this Thursday evening, September 12th, from 6pm to 7pm**. This will be an in-person event. Parents and guardians will have the chance to meet their child's teachers and to learn more about the curriculum. Please note that this is not an opportunity for individual conferences. We will be dividing the evening into two blocks so that those of you with more than one child in grades K-4 can meet more than one teacher. Please note the schedule below:

**6:00 - 6:10 | Transition to Classrooms**

**6:10 - 6:30 | Classroom Visit 1**

**6:30 - 6:40 | Transition to Classrooms**

**6:40 - 7:00 | Classroom Visit 2**

If you only have one child in grades K-4, the evening will end at 6:30.

Prior to the event from 5:00pm - 6:00pm, we will have tables set up in the Level IV Great Room with representatives from different school programs including the Parents Association, the Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC), the English Language Learner Parent Advisory Council (ELPAC), the Afterschool Enrichment Program, and the Family Mentoring Program. Additionally, we will have help available for those who are interested in opting in to the School Directory and for those who would like to complete their volunteer paperwork.

We look forward to seeing many of you tomorrow night!

**Celebrating 30 Years of SSCPS**

**Hull Artists Historical Fundraiser**

# OWN A PIECE OF HULL HISTORY!



Structural blocks were rescued from the demolition of the former Atlantic Aquarium and have been transformed by Hull Artists into works of art.

The best part?

The art will be auctioned, with proceeds benefitting these local community groups:

HULL LIFESAVING MUSEUM    WELLSRING    HULL GARDEN CLUB  
 FRIENDS OF HULL LIBRARY    THE CAROUSEL    THE ANCHOR    HULL PRIDE  
 SOUTH SHORE CHARTER SCHOOL    HULL SENIOR CENTER    HULL ARTISTS

View all 20 of the Aquarium Art pieces at the Hull Artists booth at Endless Summer Sept. 7th.

**Auction will be LIVE Sept 7th - Sept. 27th**  
[https://www.charityauctionstoday.com/bid/7156.](https://www.charityauctionstoday.com/bid/7156)



Final Bid Celebration at High Tide - Sept. 27, 6 - 9 PM

[www.HullArtists.com](http://www.HullArtists.com)

Hull artists are running a fundraiser beginning this Saturday, September 14th, at Hull's Endless Summer. The Nantasket Aquarium (the SSCPS original high school) was razed this year, and artists transformed 20 pieces of concrete from the original aquarium building into art pieces which will be available via silent auction through Sept 27th. Each Hull Rock auctioned is affiliated with a different non-profit (including SSCPS) who will receive 50% of that piece's sale price.

The auction site is live now - use the link below to visit the site and participate in the auction!



Hull Artists Auction Site

**SSCPS 30th Anniversary Road Race**



#30ANDSTILLRUNNINGSSCPS

# SSCPS

**\$35  
ENTRY**



**ANNUAL ROAD RACE**

09.28.24 | WOMPATUCK STATE PARK | 9:00AM  
FOOD, DRINKS, MUSIC, PRIZES | ALL ARE WELCOME!

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

[SPONSOR THE RACE](#)

**Afterschool Enrichment Program 2024-2025**

Dear Families,

We are pleased to announce that registration for Session One of our Afterschool Enrichment Program is now open. Enrichment will now run for 10 weeks. The first session is from October 8th - December 19th 2024. Please review our Club Descriptions [here](#) and complete the Registration form [here](#) using FamilyID. Registration closes on September 20th 2024. If you are interested in carpooling, please complete this survey [here](#). We look forward to another wonderful 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

## Music Department

*Click on each flyer to view sign-up forms.*



**Beginning Strings**

Levels II-IV      Are you interested in learning the violin, viola, cello, or double bass?

Mondays  
3pm-4:00pm      Join the After School Beginning Strings.

Music Room @100

If Interested please complete [this form](#).

Please direct all questions to : [tleonard@sscps.org](mailto:tleonard@sscps.org)



SCAN ME

**Level 2 Before School Choir**

Where: Music Room- 100 Longwater  
When: Tuesday's 7:30-8:00 am  
Start Date: September 10, 2024

What: Learn to sing in a choir, perform in two concerts, choose some of your own music, have fun!

Questions: email Paul Barrett - [pbarrett@sscps.org](mailto:pbarrett@sscps.org)  
Sign up here or use QR code above: <https://forms.gle/MwwHU9rpPw8ngMzS7>

**SSCPS Level 3 - High School After School Concert Band**

Music Room @ 100 Longwater  
Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:00-4:00 pm

Have you been playing a band instrument for a year or more? Then Concert band is for you! This is the perfect place play music with fellow musicians.

You also have the opportunity to earn **HONOR'S CREDIT!**

If interested please complete [this form](#)

Please direct all questions to : [leonard@sscps.org](mailto:leonard@sscps.org)

**SSCPS Level 3 - High School Concert Strings**

South Shore Charter Public School  
100 Longwater Music Room  
Wednesdays & Fridays 3:00-4:00

Focused on developing repertoire for the progressing strings musician  
Join the after school spring program.

You also have the opportunity to earn **HONOR'S CREDIT!**

If interested please complete [this form](#).

Please direct all questions to : [leonard@sscps.org](mailto:leonard@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](#)

## 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](mailto:info@interfaithsocialservices.org) |  
[interfaithsocialservices.org](http://interfaithsocialservices.org)



Parents Association, SEPAC, & ELPAC



### 1. Get Involved – Upcoming PA Meetings and Events:

#### PA Meetings:

The PA needs your ideas and involvement! Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. The next meeting will be **virtually only on [Zoom on October 8th, 2024, at 7 PM](#)**. The PA needs you and your ideas—please attend the next meeting and get involved!

#### 2. Morning Coffee Reception: Updated Date!

Join us for a relaxed coffee reception at **9 AM on September 20th, 2024**. These informal gatherings provide the perfect chance to connect with fellow parents, share your thoughts, and get to know the PA team in a casual setting. We also plan to host a **PA Committee Kick-off**, where we'll dive into proposed projects for the year. Your participation is vital to the success of our initiatives, so we encourage you to get involved.

#### 3. Join a PA Committee:

We're actively seeking leaders and volunteers to join our **PA Committees**. Whether your interests lie in outreach, event planning, or fundraising, there's a role for everyone! Learn more about each committee's responsibilities and how you can contribute by visiting our PA Committees page. If you're interested or have questions, please contact us at [PAatSSCPS@gmail.com](mailto:PAatSSCPS@gmail.com). Your involvement is key to the success of our initiatives, so we invite you to step up and help make a difference in our school.

**Nakeya Miller**

**Chair, Parent Association and Co-Chair for Levels I & II**

PA Website Quick Links

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## SEPAC & ELPAC Meetings



## 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](mailto:jkjelgaard@sscps.org) 781-982-4202 x104

High School: Barbara Folan, RN [bfolan@sscps.org](mailto: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](mailto:Jkjelgaard@sscps.org) 781-982-4202 x 104

High School: Barbara Folan, RN [Bfolan@sscps.org](mailto: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](mailto:attendance@sscps.org).

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

## From the 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

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Policy Terms: 08.29.2024 - 08.29.2025

Deadline to purchase coverage: **SUNDAY 10.06.2024**

To purchase please visit:  
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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

Reclamaciones Ilimitadas, Daños accidentales, Pantallas rotas, Borradores y submersión líquida, Fuego, inundación y desastres naturales, Sobrecarga de energía por relámpago, Vandalismo, Robo

**No se cubre:** Defecto del fabricante y falla mecánica, daños cosméticos, desgaste normal, o pérdida inexplicable.

Dispositivo	Cobertura	Deducible	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**

Para comprar, visite:  
<https://gpo.worthavegroup.com/southshorecps>

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Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website [www.sscps.org](http://www.sscps.org).

School Documents

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