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## A Message from Charlene

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last year, Massachusetts became the 8th state to make Free School Meals for all students permanent, which means that **breakfast and lunch will continue to be served at no cost to all students for years to come.**

Too many children start their school day on an empty stomach. Whether they miss this vital meal simply due to a hectic morning schedule, or because there is not enough to eat at

home, skipping breakfast or lunch comes at a high price for all students. Research shows this habit negatively impacts academic performance.

Research shows that school meals consumption:

- Boosts students' academic performance, grades, and test scores
- Increases concentration, alertness, comprehension, and memory
- Improves classroom behavior
- Reduces absenteeism and tardiness

The South Shore Charter Public School participates in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program. It is our privilege to provide breakfast and lunch to your children, supporting them with nourishing and healthy meals to power through the school day!

Even though we offer free meals to all students, ***you must still place orders for your children for all meals***. This year we will continue with our online meal ordering system called FamilyID. You are able to order your children's meals online. All families must register each child in FamilyID. Please visit the [SSCPS FamilyID](#) Programs webpage to register your child. To learn more on how to register your child, click [here](#) to watch a quick video. If you need any assistance with FamilyID registration, please call 781-205-2800 or email [support@arbitersports.com](mailto:support@arbitersports.com). All meal orders will be made directly through this online system.

**We strongly encourage ALL families to complete the Household Application for Free and Reduced Price Meals for the 2024-2025 school year as it allows us to waive or reduce student fees for athletics, enrichment activities, some field trips, testing fees for those who qualify, and serve families most effectively.** Completing this form also helps our district to receive more federal grant funding and allows us to keep our Nutrition Program strong. You can view and complete the application [here](#). Instructions on how to complete the form can be found [here](#), and translated documents by language can be found [here](#). Please return completed forms to my attention by October 4, 2024.

If you are interested, please consider applying for SNAP, the federal nutrition program that provides eligible residents with monthly financial assistance to purchase groceries. More SNAP information can be found at [gettingsnap.org](http://gettingsnap.org) or by calling Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline at 1-800-645-8333.

If you need assistance in ordering meals or completing your Household Application, please contact me at [csalamone@sscps.org](mailto:csalamone@sscps.org) or 781-982-4202 x156.

**Charlene Salamone**  
**Food Services Director**

## School Calendar & Announcements

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

**SSCPS WEEKLY CALENDAR** SEPT 18 - SEPT 25

<b>Wed 18</b> High School Parent Back to School Night - 6PM	<b>Thu 19</b> Board of Trustees Meeting @ 700 Longwater Drive and via <a href="#">Zoom</a> - 5PM	<b>Fri 20</b> Parents Association Coffee Reception at 141 Longwater Drive, Norwell - 9AM	<b>Sat/Sun</b> Hispanic Heritage Month continues
<b>Mon 23</b>	<b>Tue 24</b>	<b>Wed 25</b> ELPAC Meeting via <a href="#">Zoom</a> - 6PM	<b>Upcoming</b> <b>September 26</b> - Parent Back to School Night (5-8) <b>September 28</b> - SSCPS Annual Road Race <b>October 28 &amp; 29</b> - School Picture Days

### 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](#).

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# 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**

## On the Levels

# High School College Fair

Our first SSCPS College Fair was a success! We had 12 colleges and universities participate, and our students had an engaging and informative afternoon learning about different colleges, universities, and opportunities after high school, as well as asking great questions during the panel.





Thank you to our college and university participants:

***UMass Amherst, UMass Dartmouth, UMass Boston, Bridgewater State University, Curry College, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Suffolk University, Laser University, Regis College, MCPHS, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Mass Maritime Academy, Emmanuel College.***

**Celebrating 30 Years of SSCPS**

# SSCPS 30th Anniversary Road Race

RUN THE RACE

# 30 AND STILL RUNNING SSCPS

# SSCPS

**\$35 ENTRY**



## ANNUAL ROAD RACE

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

[MORE INFO](#)

[SPONSOR THE RACE](#)

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## 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

# 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



# SSCPS AFTERSCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

**SESSION 1 (10 WEEKS)**

**OCTOBER 8TH - DECEMBER 19, 2024**

**GRADES 3 - 8**

**TUESDAY AND THURSDAY**

**TIME: 3:15 PM - 4: 15 PM**

## TUESDAY

- **KICKBOXING FITNESS**
- **CRAFTY CREATIONS**
- **THEATRE CLUB**
- **STEAM DREAM TEAM**
- **CHEMICAL CREATIONS**
- **SPORTS AND FITNESS**
- **CREATIVE MINDS CLUB**
- **RHYTHMS & ROOTS: HISPANIC MUSIC, ART & CRAFT**
- **YOGA AND MINDFULNESS**

## THURSDAY

- **THEATRE CLUB**
- **STEAM DREAM TEAM**
- **CRAFTY CREATIONS**
- **KICKBOXING FITNESS**
- **CODING AND TECHNOLOGY**
- **SPORTS AND FITNESS**
- **BADMINTON**
- **ART OF JOURNALING**
- **STEM/STORYBOOK STEM**
- **NATURAL ARTISTS**



**REGISTER NOW!!**

**Go to SSCPS General Fees - Select Enrichment Program**



**CONTACT NADEEN SULLIVAN ~ PHONE: 781-982-4202 EXT. 356**

**EMAIL: NSULLIVAN@SSCPS.ORG**

## 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)



## 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 : [tleonard@sscps.org](mailto:tleonard@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 : [tleonard@sscps.org](mailto:tleonard@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](#)

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## 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



### Morning Coffee Reception – This Friday

The PA is hosting a "Get Engaged" Coffee on **September 20th, 2024**, at **141 Longwater Drive**, starting at **9 AM**. Join us right after drop-off for a social hour, followed by an opportunity to learn more about joining PA committees and getting involved. This is a great way to meet fellow parents and find out how you can contribute to our school community.

*If you can't make it in person, we still encourage you to reach out to learn more about how to get involved!*

**Join a PA Committee:**

We're looking for volunteers! Whether you're interested in helping with events, outreach, or fundraising, we'd love to have you on a committee. For more info or to get involved, check out our [PA Committees page](#) or email us at [PAatSSCPS@gmail.com](mailto:PAatSSCPS@gmail.com).

**Nakeya Miller**

**Chair, Parent Association**

**Co-Chair for Levels I & II**

### PA Website Quick Links

## SEPAC & ELPAC Upcoming 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@sspcs.org](mailto:jkjelgaard@sspcs.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



## 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.

**SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
NORWELL, MA

- Unlimited Claims
- Accidental Damage
- Cracked Screens
- Spills & Liquid Submersion
- Fire, Flood & Natural Disasters
- Power Surge by Lightning
- 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: 8am-5pm M-F CST  
Online Chat: [www.worthavegroup.com](http://www.worthavegroup.com)

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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

- Reclamos ilimitados
- Daños accidentales
- Pantallas rotas
- Derrames y submersión líquida
- Fuego, inundación y situaciones naturales
- Sobrecarga de energía por mal uso
- Vandalismo
- Robo

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

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**

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

**Atención al cliente:** Teléfono: (800) 620-2885  
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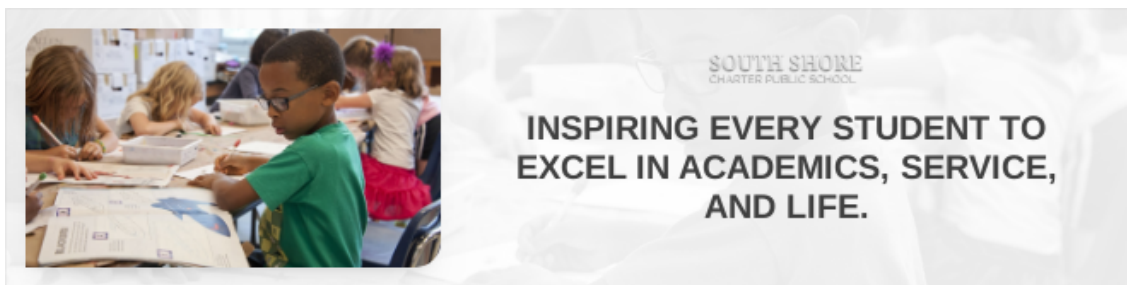
South Shore Charter Public School has chosen Worth Ave. Group as the insurance provider for school devices. To opt into the Voluntary Group Program click [here](#).

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