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A Message from Jamie

A Focus on the Importance of STEM and Opportunities in STEM

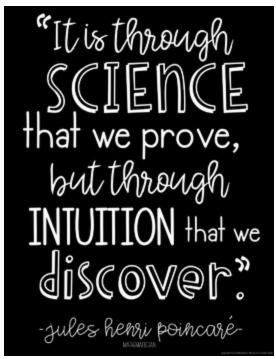
As we welcome a new year, we have many exciting new happenings within our science department at SSCPS. Teachers have eagerly welcomed our students and have been preparing a new year of science curriculum enriched with opportunities to be fully immersed in STEM. There are exciting new course happenings, additional FIT and Workshop opportunities, as well as new grant opportunities and partnerships.

The students in K-4 continue with teacher-developed lessons supplemented with hands-on activities and open and go lessons like that from Mystery Science and Simplify Science.

Our youngest students of the school on Level I continue to partake in the farm. In middle school, we are in full implementation of OpenSciEd. The mission of OpenSciEd is to support and power students to get excited and curious about the world around them and confident in their ability to figure it out through questioning, investigating, and solving problems. This aligns with the <u>MA Frameworks</u>, as well as with the focus of our science department's instruction. Through generous grant funding through the One8 Foundation, teachers can attend professional development and funds can offset kit and consumable purchases.

Our science curriculum here at SSCPS fosters an environment in which we let our students tap into their inquisitive nature. Our goal is to provide opportunities for our students to grow and develop as young scientists, as well as to practice the fundamental skills that are essential to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). Adult supporters of students in the 6th-8th grade, please check out this <u>handout</u> containing information about supporting your student while they embark on the OpenSciEd journey. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is developing an innovative science assessment for grades 5 and 8 that uses a new type of performance task for students. Students engage with meaningful problems through interactive computer simulations to conduct investigations, create and explore models, and solve science or engineering challenges. Our students in grades 3-8 will complete paper based tasks that will prepare them for these assessment changes.

STEM education goes beyond the school subjects and what happens in the classroom. It fosters the development of a skill set that goes beyond our learning, and it governs the way we think and behave. STEM education, which encompasses science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, helps us to problem solve. STEM is not only important to our everyday lives, it is also important for the future of our children in that the skills they will master along the way will make them more college and career ready. These experiences and skills are not just necessary in their education, but also in making them more prepared to face the problems of the world today. Each component of STEM is important to a wellrounded education and it brings certain value with it. Science provides us with an understanding of the world around us. It teaches us to be better at problem solving, research, and critical thinking. Technology exposes us to innovations. Engineering enhances problem solving skills while also teaching us how to apply them. Math teaches us to analyze information, to deter from error, and to construct well-thought out solutions. STEM is our future as we look to solve the world's problems and transform society with innovation and creative solutions.

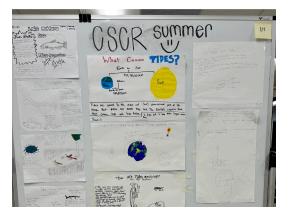


There are several new partnerships that will provide students with STEM opportunities. Through the CS Engage grant and the Citadel grant, we have been able to expand our computer science programming for our students grades 6-12. Grant funding awarded from the Massachusetts Life Science Center will allow us to expand on programming and experiences for students so that they can develop skills necessary to prepare for a career in the life sciences. This year we will work to expand upon our partnership with the Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research (CSCR) and NOAA so that we can create sustainable programming for our students that will allow them to experience Marine Science in action, as well as participate in meaningful watershed education and field based research.

The mission of CSCR is to engage youth in the civic and scientific study of the local watershed and marine environment to inspire stewardship of our planet's ecosystems. This past summer, 20 students from grades 7 and 8 participated in a field based experience in which they became environmental stewards of our local watershed ecosystems. Through a blend of classroom instruction and field-based learning experiences, students developed a holistic understanding of the ocean's impact on our lives. Through field observation, sediment sampling, water quality testing, float deployment and debris analysis, students investigated the human footprint on our watershed and developed a heightened awareness of environmental stewardship. This partnership will continue to allow our students to make meaningful connections to our global ocean and the importance of protecting this valued resource. We look forward to continuing this partnership and providing opportunities for our students.

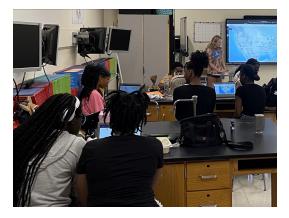












STEM Happenings

This past Sunday, we welcomed Fall with the Autumnal Equinox.

STEM Starts Now! Massachusetts STEM Week takes place October 21 - 25, 2024

Celebrate Computer Science by joining the Hour of Code, during Computer Science Education Week. Mark your calendars for December 9th to the 15th. Check out <u>this</u> video series for inspiration and the importance of the Hour of Code.

Looking for engaging, science articles for all age groups? Check out ScienceDaily.

Jamie Allen Science Curriculum Coordinator

School Calendar & Announcements

Click here for the complete SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar

SSCPS WEEKLY CALENDAR SEPT 25 - OCT 02

ELPAC Meeting via	Grades 5-8 Parent Back to	Get ready for the Road	SSCPS Annual Road Race
	School Night - 6PM	Race on Saturday!	at Wompatuck State Park - 9AM
	Level IV Washington DC		- 541
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NHS Blood Drive at 700	Finance Committee	Executive Committee	October 3 - Title I Info
Longwater - 11AM-4PM	Meeting via Zoom - 6PM	Meeting via Conference	Meeting via Zoom
		Call - 9AM	
	Development Committee		October 28 - Picture Day
	Meeting via Zoom - 7:15PM		(K-4 & High School)
	PA Meet & Greet via		October 29 - Picture Day
	Zoom - 7PM		(Grades 5-8)
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SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar

SSCPS Parent Directory Update

We are pleased to announce that the Parent Directory is now active on our <u>PlusPortals</u> 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 **<u>PlusPortals</u>** 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.



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

NHS Blood Drive at SSCPS

Monday Sept. 30th | 11am - 4pm

SPONSORED BY SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL • 768 LONGWATER DRIVE, NORWELL, MA, 82861 MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 38, 2824

11:88 AM - 4:88 PM

VISIT REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG AND ENTER NORWELL TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

> DONATE YOUR BLOOD TO SAVE A LIFE

Athletics

Girls Volleyball Recap

If you see a member of the girls volleyball team, tell them CONGRATS on their win over Brooke yesterday at The U! The girls dug deep and pulled out a W in 4 sets. A few highlights include senior <u>Lana Rockwell</u> having some amazing, unanswerable hits in the front row, junior <u>Sydney Lambright</u> making her serving debut and scoring two pivotal points

winning set 2, senior <u>Emily Houghton</u> continuing to be a reliable, consistent leader on the court, senior <u>Sarry Stimphard</u> showing off her strong serve, and senior <u>Wunyoh</u> <u>Loc</u> demonstrating some strong defensive skills in the first set. <u>Our next home game is</u> tomorrow, Thursday 9/26 at The U in Hanover (637 Washington St.). Hope to see you there!

Set 1: 25-16 SSCPS Set 2: 25-16 SSCPS Set 3: 28-26 Brooke (sets are played to 25 but in volleyball you have to win by 2) Set 4: 25-18 SSCPS

Jenn Johnson Varsity Head Volleyball Coach





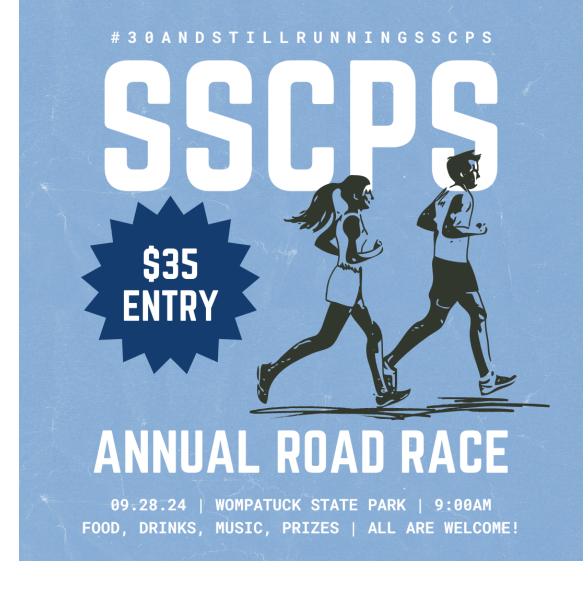
(Photo credit: Grace Spear & <u>@sscps_girlsvolleyball</u> on Instagram)

Celebrating 30 Years of SSCPS

SSCPS 30th Anniversary Road Race

Our 2024 Annual Road Race is **this Saturday, September 28th**! Sign up to run the race online today, volunteer or sponsor the race, and help us celebrate 30 years of SSCPS!

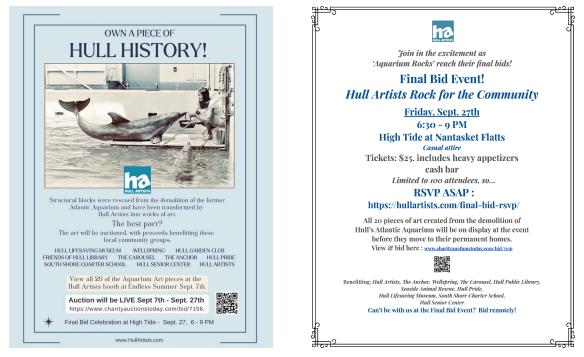
RUN THE RACE



MORE INFO

SPONSOR THE RACE

Hull Artists Historical Fundraiser



The Final Bid Event for Hull Artists Rock for the Community is this Friday, September 27th - get tickets to the live event or bid remotely!

Hull artists are running a fundraiser 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 <u>here</u> and complete the Registration form <u>here</u> using FamilyID. Registration closes on September 20th 2024. If you are interested in carpooling, please complete this survey <u>here</u>. 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!! Solet Endeburg

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

Arts & Music Department

Click on each flyer to view sign-up forms.

If form is closed, <u>email Paul Barrett</u> for School Choir, or <u>email Theron Leonard</u> for Concert Band & Concert Strings.





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 <u>Amazon Wish List</u> and ship your donations directly to us.
- Make a monetary donation to the program.

Donate & Learn More



Parents Association, SEPAC, & ELPAC



Thank You to Our Coffee Chat Attendees

A big thank you to everyone who attended our Coffee Chat last week! It was wonderful to connect and share ideas about enhancing our school community.

Blood Drive: September 30th, 2024 (11AM - 4PM)

The students are hosting a Blood Drive on **Monday, September 30th, at 700 Longwater Drive** from **11AM to 4PM**. To schedule an appointment, visit <u>redcrossblood.org</u> and enter code **NORWELL**. Please help spread the word! If you have any questions, please contact **Addy Olaoye**, Co-Chair for Level V (High School), at <u>PAatSSCPS@gmail.com</u>.

Join a PA Committee

We're still looking for volunteers! Whether you're interested in helping with events, outreach, or fundraising, we'd love to have you on a committee. Volunteering is a great way to meet fellow parents, contribute your ideas, and support the school. To get involved, visit our **PA Committees page** or email us at <u>PAatSSCPS@gmail.com</u>.

Upcoming PA Meetings

PA meetings are generally held on the **second Tuesday of the month**, in person at the High School and on Zoom. Our next meeting is scheduled for **October 8th**, **2024**, **at 7 PM**. For the full calendar of meetings, please visit our <u>PA Calendar</u>.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement!

Nakeya Miller Chair, Parent Association Co-Chair for Levels I & II

PA Website Quick Links



PA Virtual Meet & Greet | October 1st

SEPAC & ELPAC Upcoming Meetings





South Shore

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ZOOM MEETING ID: 857 1841 9944 PASSCODE: 609094



Join us for an engaging discussion at the English Learner Parent Advisory Committee (ELPAC) meeting. Your participation is crucial in supporting our English Learners' success. We will discuss upcoming events, share valuable information for our multilingual families, and provide a platform for your input.

Meet other parents

2 Learn about our mission

Oiscuss important information

For More Information Contact: Sheina Prince-Eugene or Matt Tondorf



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 guestions 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

lication valid for 1-2025 school ve Solicitud válida para el año escolar 2024-202 **Protect Your K-12** Proteja su **School-Issued Device** dispositivo escolar pairs and replac os con una protección completa SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL 11 ACER/LENOVO/SAMSUNG CHROMEBOOK O/SAMSLING CHROMEROOI 08.29.2024 -29.08.2024 Deadline to purchase coverage: SUNDAY 10.06.2024 Fecha límite para comprar cobertura: DOMINGO 06.10.2024 To purchase please vis Para comprar, visit https://gpo.worthavegroup.com/southshorecp https://gpo.worthavegroup.com/southshorecp VISA 🧶 🔤 DECEVER Customer Support: Phone: (800) 620-2885 Hours: 8am-Som M-F CST Atención al cliente: Teléfono: (800) 620-2885 Horas: 8a.m.-5p.m. L-V CST VISA 🧶 🔤 DISCHIVER 1001 50+ Years Leader in In Business K-12 Device I Backed by an "A" Rated Unders Fully Lic Insurance ESP+ años en el negocio de dispositivos K-12 A Respuidado por un asegurador calificado "A"

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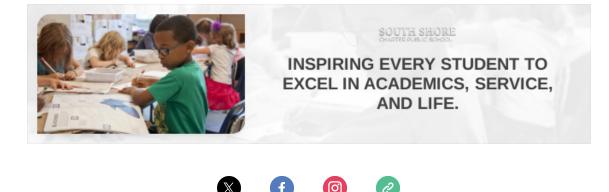
South Shore Charter Public School has chosen Worth Ave. Group as the insurance provider for school devices. To opt into the Voluntary Group Program click <u>here</u>.

Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website <u>www.sscps.org</u>.

- 1. Afterschool Enrichment Program
- DESE Student Attendance Letter Translated: <u>Arabic, Cape Verdean</u> <u>Creole, Chinese, Haitian</u> <u>Creole, Portuguese, Spanish, Vietnames</u> <u>e</u>
- 3. Back-to-School Information
- 4. Food Services
- 5. Health Office
- 6. <u>Massachusetts Department of</u> <u>Transitional Assistance</u>
- 7. Community Service
- 8. Visit the **Parents Association Website**

School Documents

2024-2025 School Calendar Student and Family Handbook Arrival and Dismissal Procedures SSCPS By-Laws



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