



Summer Updates | August 13th, 2025

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A Message from Alicia

Summer greetings from South Shore Charter! We hope that you are enjoying a wonderful summer and time with family and friends. Whether you are a new family or one that has been with us for many years, the excitement of the new school year looms large as we eagerly await the first day of school. Although there are many first days, each school year brings its unique challenges and victories. As we embark on all our adventures in the days to come, we remain committed to our mission of inspiring every student to excel in academics, service, and life.

Examples of student excellence are evident every day. This summer was no exception. We once again held the ever-popular Extended School Year and Title III Literacy programs. Middle and high school students participated in *Oceans of Opportunity* through a partnership with the Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research (CCSCR), with support from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). This program, now in its second year, has students conduct water quality tests, debris analysis, and seagrass studies. Special thanks to our summer faculty and staff who made these programs possible by teaching classes, developing programming, and organizing field trips. Whether it's during the summer or the school year, student life at South Shore Charter encourages students to make an impact on the world around them.

This year we look forward to expanding and enhancing our educational programming. Spring and summer months were ones of preparing for the first year of a **five-year enrollment growth plan**. We are pleased to begin the process of increasing the student enrollment cap from 1,075 students to 1,300 students by 2030. This means a gradual growth of our student population by 225 students over the next five years. Through this incremental growth, we seek to enhance academic programming while also improving our facilities. This means direct improvements and greater educational opportunities for our current students, as well as allowing more students throughout the South Shore access to a meaningful college preparatory education in a diverse and inclusive school. We encourage you to review our **Charter Amendment Request**, which provides school enrollment and academic achievement data to learn more about this school-wide initiative.

Additionally, all South Shore Charter families are invited to attend informational meetings regarding construction updates on Tuesday, August 19, at 10:00 am and Wednesday, September 17, at 6:00 pm via Zoom. Informational meetings shall continue throughout the school year. We welcome your questions and suggestions, which may be submitted using [this link](#).

Kindergarten Orientation will be on Monday, August 25, at 100 Longwater Circle. Freshman Orientation for ninth-grade students will be on Monday, August 25, at 700 Longwater Drive. Transportation services begin on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, the first day of school. Families will be receiving an email regarding transportation information and updates in the upcoming days.

You will receive a separate email next week with a link to your child's contact information and information regarding the upcoming school year. Please complete and update your child's profile. Please review the [Back to School Resources](#) with your family and refer to our [School Calendar](#) for important dates and times of school-wide events. We have several exciting events planned for the fall, including the SSCPS Annual Road Race, scheduled for Saturday, September 27. Additional calendar updates may be found on our website and in the Weekly Update as the school year progresses.

Here's to all of the excitement a new year brings. Thank you for being a part of the South Shore Charter Public School.

Alicia Savage
Executive Director

School Calendar & Announcements


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

SSCPS WEEKLY CALENDAR

AUG 13 - AUG 20


Wed 13

Summer Break




Thu 14

Summer Break




Fri 15

Summer Break




Sat/Sun



Mon 18

Summer Break



Tue 19

Summer Break
Campus Update
Information Meeting for
Families via Zoom - 10AM

Wed 20

Summer Break
New Faculty/Staff
Orientation

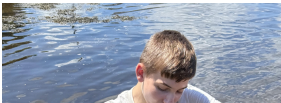
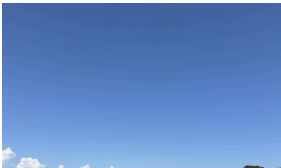
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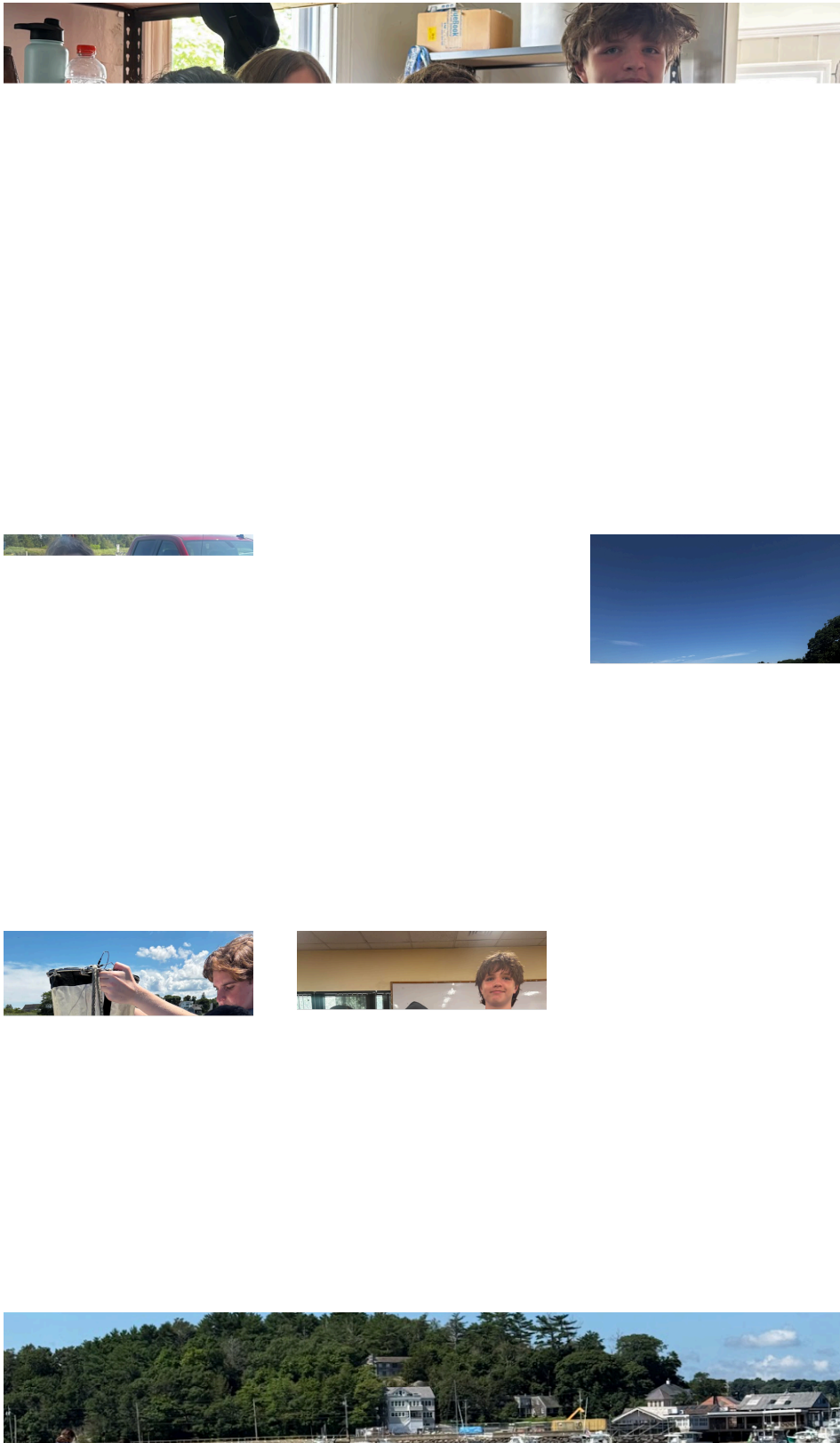
Aug 22 - Kindergarten
Family Open House
Aug 25 - Kindergarten &
Freshman Orientation
Aug 26 - First Day of Classes
& Kindergarten Early
Release (12PM)

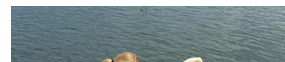
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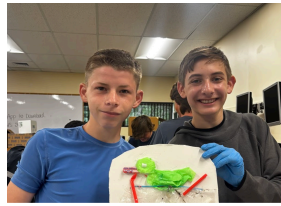
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CSCR *Oceans of Opportunity* Summer Program







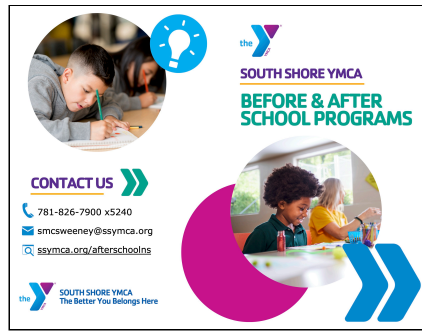


South Shore YMCA After School Program

In need of some after school care? Send your child to the South Shore YMCA's Laura's Center for the Arts After School Program, where our mission "The Better You Belongs Here" applies to all the children in our care. At the SSYMCA's After School Programs, we strive to provide your child with the love and care they deserve while also providing fun and exciting opportunities for enrichment and socio-emotional learning. Our program is located at the Emilson Branch of the SSYMCA in Hanover, where our kids get the opportunity to utilize many of the excellent resources, state of the art facilities, and amenities the Y has to offer, all while being guided by our dedicated, vetted, experienced, and well-trained staff. Transportation directly to our facility and program is provided at no additional cost to you by SSCPS's school busses.

This year we are excited to introduce a number of new enrichment programs and curriculums specifically designed for the different age groups our program supports (K-8). From STEAM learning and physical fitness to arts programming and real-world skill building, your child will have the chance to access these unique and fun learning opportunities in a safe and supportive environment.

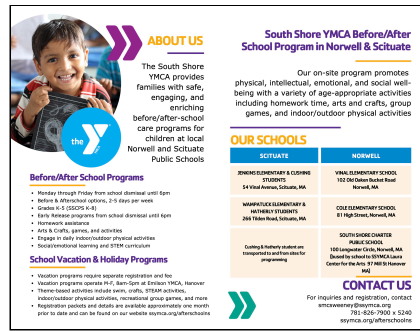
If you're interested in learning more about our program, or in registering your child for the 2025-2026 school year, please reach out to Samantha Blumberg-McSweeney, Program Director, at smcsweeney@ssymca.org or by phone at 781-826-7900 ext. 5240.



the SOUTH SHORE YMCA
BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

CONTACT US
781-826-7900 x5240
smcsweeney@ssymca.org
ssymca.org/afterschools

the SOUTH SHORE YMCA
The Better You Belongs Here



ABOUT US
The South Shore YMCA provides families with safe, engaging, and enriching before/after-school care programs for children at local Norwell and Scituate Public Schools.

Our on-site program promotes physical, intellectual, emotional, and social well-being with a variety of age-appropriate activities including homework time, arts and crafts, group games, and indoor/outdoor physical activities

OUR SCHOOLS

SCITUATE	NORWELL
JENNIFER ELEMENTARY & CLYBURN ELEMENTARY 14 Wood Avenue, Scituate, MA	WAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 100 Old Main Road, Norwell, MA
WATERVILLE ELEMENTARY & WILKINSVILLE 200 Water Street, Scituate, MA	OLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 61 Highland Avenue, Norwell, MA
SOUTH SHORE YOUTH CENTER 100 Highland Ave, Norwell, MA Openly subject to YMCA Local Committee for the Area 91-9100 Norwell, MA	

CONTACT US
For inquiries and registration, contact smcsweeney@ssymca.org
781-826-7900 x 5240
ssymca.org/afterschools

Spanish PDF

Haitian-Creole PDF

Upcoming Events

New Family Meet & Greet | SSCPS Parent Association

The SSCPS Parents Association is hosting a new family meet & greet on August 23rd from 10:30AM - 12PM at the SSCPS playground! Students can play, parents can chat, and everyone can make new friends. Come laugh, relax, and enjoy the day with your community!

SIGN UP HERE

Ready Set Grow | SEPAC Garden Spruce Up Event

SSCPS SEPAC is hosting this event on August 20th to spruce up the garden area in front of 100 Longwater Circle before school is back in session! Please join us as we clean up the area, restock the Little Library and plant some flowers to brighten up our school garden before we welcome back our students just a week later.

We are in need of donated materials for this event, so please bring any gardening tools you may have! We're also seeking donations for flowers, mulch, etc. to help beautify our school garden - for more donation information, please email sepac@sscps.org.

This event will count as volunteer hours for students.



From the Health Office

Back to School | 2025-2026

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-6th Grade: Jaime Kjelgaard, RN jkjelgaard@sspcs.org 781-982-4202 x104

7th-12th Grade: 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-6th: Jaime Kjelgaard, RN jkjelgaard@sscps.org 781-982-4202 x 104
 7th-12th: Barbara Folan, RN Bfolan@sscps.org 781-982-4202 x 182
 Fax: 781-982-4201

Students entering Kindergarten, 4th, 7th, or 10th Grade must submit current physical forms and vaccine records.

The K through 6 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.

SSCPS Health Office

Important Links

Weekly Updates are emailed and posted to our website - [subscribe here](#).

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. [Parents Association Website](#)

School Documents:

[2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

[Student and Family Handbook](#)

[Arrival and Dismissal Procedures](#)
[SSCPS By-Laws](#)



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