



Weekly Update | April 1, 2026

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A Message from Michelle

The Growth We Cannot Always Measure

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Each spring, our attention often turns to grades, testing, and end-of-year benchmarks. These are valuable tools for tracking academic progress, but they do not tell the full story of a child's growth. Some of the most important milestones our students reach are not captured in numbers or letters.

For some children, progress looks like raising a hand in class for the first time. For others, it is navigating a new friendship, learning to stay calm in a challenging moment, or asking for help when they need it. These moments may not appear on a report card, but they reflect meaningful growth in independence, self-advocacy, and resilience.

This is especially true for students with diverse needs. Their achievements may take different forms, but they are no less significant. A student learning how to greet a peer, follow a routine, or make a choice for themselves is building skills that will carry into every stage of life. When we recognize and honor these milestones, we remind students that school is not only about academics, but also about growing into confident and capable people.

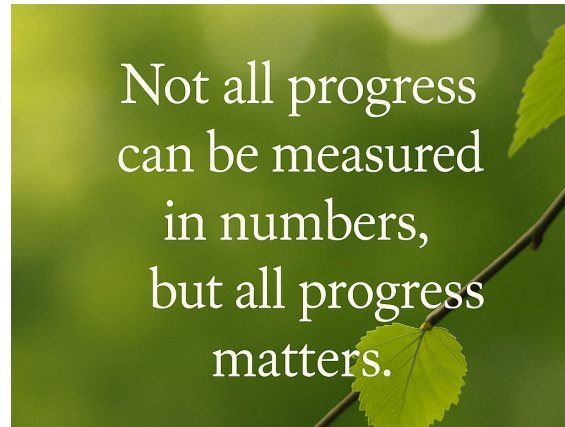
As families and educators, we have the privilege of noticing and celebrating these everyday victories. When we take the time to see progress in kindness, confidence, and self-reliance, we show students that they are valued in ways that go far beyond numbers.

"Not all progress can be measured in numbers, but all progress matters."

This April, as the season of growth unfolds around us, let us also celebrate the quiet, powerful progress our students make each day. These are the milestones that will stay with them long after the school year ends, shaping who they are and who they are becoming.

Happy Spring!

Michelle Gallagher
Special Education Coordinator



School Calendar & Announcements

Important Make-Up Snow Day Calendar Update

Last Day of School:

Thursday, June 25th, 2026

[View the full updated calendar here.](#)

IMPORTANT REMINDER:



**NO SCHOOL
FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD**

GOOD FRIDAY OBSERVED



Weekly Calendar

SSCPS WEEKLY CALENDAR APR 01 - APR 08

Wed 01 MCAS Level IV ELA Multicultural Food Night Planning Committee via Zoom - 7PM	Thu 02 Personnel Committee Meeting via Zoom - 6PM	Fri 03 No School - Good Friday	Sat/Sun Sun 05 - Easter Sunday 
Mon 06 	Tue 07 MCAS Level III ELA Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting via Zoom - 6PM	Wed 08 Quarter 3 Ends - Grades 5-12 MCAS Level III ELA Grade 9 Field Trip to USS Constitution School Council Meeting via Zoom - 4:30PM Multicultural Food Night Planning Committee via Zoom - 7PM	Upcoming Apr 13 & 14 - MCAS Level II ELA Apr 14 - AP Calculus to Northeastern Apr 14 - Finance Committee Meeting - 6PM Apr 14 - PA Meeting via Zoom - 7PM

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

[Click here for the new 2026-2027 School Calendar](#)

SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar

Important Announcements

From the SSCPS Board of Trustees

Below you will find a link to the SSCPS Complaint Procedure. The procedure can also be found on the SSCPS website on our [Board of Trustees](#) page and our [Family Resources](#) page.

SSCPS Complaint Procedure

From the Food Services Department

SSCPS Families,

The South Shore Charter Public School offers free nutritious lunch and breakfast at school every school day for all students. Please visit our [Food Services](#) webpage to learn more about our FREE NSLP breakfast and lunch programs and to place an order for your child. If you haven't already, you are able to order your child's meals online. All families must register each child in Arbiter. Please visit the [SSCPS FamilyId Programs](#) webpage to register your child. When registering your child for meals please be sure to input their grade. Their student ID and homeroom teacher **are not** required fields. If you do know their homeroom teacher it would be helpful but that information can always be entered at a later time. 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 1-800-311-4060 or email support@arbitersports.com. All meal orders will be made directly through this online system. If you need further assistance, please contact Charlene Salamone at csalamone@sscps.org or by calling 781-982-4202x156.

If your family needs additional support please visit [Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline](#). FoodSource hotline counselors, in 180 languages, can help families find food assistance through other sources such as the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program and local food pantries.

Thank you,

Charlene Salamone
Food Services Coordinator



Can't afford enough food? Let's chat.

CALL: 1 (800) 645-8333

Hotline Hours Mon-Fri: 8am-7pm Sat: 10am-2pm

No matter what you're going through, we understand that food is a must. We want to help you. PROJECT BREAD can connect you to programs that will help you afford groceries and put food on the table. Always free & confidential for all Massachusetts residents, our counselors are ready to assist callers in 180 languages.

SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)
SNAP is a federal nutrition program that provides monthly financial assistance for groceries. Could you be eligible? Find out today and get help applying.

Free Meals for Kids & Teens
All children ages 0-18, and in some locations up to age 21, can receive free meals for pickup at hundreds of locations around the state. No registration or I.D. is required. Find a free meal site near you.

Food Pantries
If you need food right now, we can direct you to emergency food programs near you, including food pantries and meal programs.

Referrals to Additional Resources
We can help you find additional support, including referrals to WIC (a federal nutrition program for Women, Infants, and Children), housing, and utility assistance.

Call today or learn more at projectbread.org/gethelp




LOCAL FOOD RESOURCES

Click the names of each resource for more information.


Wellspring Multi-Service Centers	Norwell Food Pantry
The Charity Guild Food Pantry	Randolph Food Pantry
Feeding America	Rockland Food Pantry
Find Local Food Resources	Weymouth Food Pantry
Interfaith Social Services	Self Help

SSCPS Yearbooks on Sale Now!



2025-2026 SSCPS Yearbook

Place your online yearbook order today!

CLICK TO BUY 

School Picture Reminders

Order your school pictures today!

Use the code **F2510OFF** for 10% off your order.

Code expires July 31, 2026.

[ORDER HERE](#)

Don't forget to order your FREE Digital SmileSafe card!

More about the SmileSafe program [here](#).

From the Foundation

The JJ Facey SSCPS Scholarship



South Shore Charter Public School will raise money until May 1st, 2026 for a scholarship to be awarded to two senior students who embody the characteristics of JJ Facey: Sportsmanship, Character, and Respect.

JJ was a consummate leader. JJ would often offer advice to his fellow students, join the principal for discussions with students, and raise the confidence of his teammates on and off the field. He is still helping his fellow students, but in a different way now: by funding their dreams in honor of his name.

We are seeking donations to provide two scholarships. Please donate using the button below. *All receipts will be generated electronically and can be used for Tax purposes for non-profit donations.*

[SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS](#)

From the Dean's Desk

This week in advisory, students began working on a simple project. They are making a short book about themselves.

On the surface, it is an easy enough assignment. A cover page. A few facts. A story. Some reflection about strengths, challenges, and hopes for the future.

But underneath it, there is something much bigger.

Growing up is, in part, the long process of finding out who you are.

What comes naturally to you. What gives you joy. What kinds of work you are drawn to. What kind of friend you are. What kind of mind you have. What kind of heart you have. None of that is handed to a child all at once. It has to be discovered slowly. Through trial and error. Through mistakes. Through practice. Through paying attention.

Spring feels like the right season for this kind of work.

All around us, things that looked dormant a few weeks ago are beginning to stir. Trees that looked bare are preparing to leaf out. Flowers push up through the ground with no announcement. The world begins to show what it has been holding quietly beneath the surface.

Children are not so different.

There is so much in them that is still emerging. A gift for making people laugh. A careful eye. A strong sense of fairness. A creative mind. A way of helping others feel included. An ability to persevere when something is hard. These gifts matter. But before they can be shared, they first have to be noticed.

That is part of the work of childhood. To begin waking up to who they are.

And maybe that is part of the work of life too.

To find what is in you. To develop it. And then to offer it outward. Not to keep it hidden. Not to use it only for yourself. But to put it in service of other people. To contribute. To build. To help. To create.

Our students are still very early in that journey. But it is not too early to begin.

This week gave them a chance to pause and look inward for a moment. To name some strengths. To consider some challenges. To begin, in a small way, the lifelong work of understanding themselves.

The world will ask many things of our children as they grow. My hope is that, along the way, they also learn to ask something of themselves.

Who am I becoming?
What do I have to offer?
How will I use it well?

These are big questions. They are not answered in one advisory period.

But every now and then, school should make room for them.

Warmly,

Walter Duncan
Dean of Students (K-6)



Upcoming School & Community Events

Upcoming SSCPS Events

Multicultural Food Night

Join SSCPS for our annual Multicultural Food Night on **Thursday, April 16th** and celebrate the rich diversity of our school community! Families are invited to share a favorite dish that represents their culture and enjoy an evening of delicious food, connection, and cultural appreciation. Come taste flavors from around the world, meet new friends, and celebrate the traditions that make South Shore Charter Public School so special.

All are welcome to attend! Please click the button below to sign up or volunteer for this event. We can't wait to see you there!





Multicultural Food Night

WHERE: 871 NORTH MAIN ST, RANDOLPH, MA
WHEN: THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026, FROM 6:00 TO 8:00 P.M.

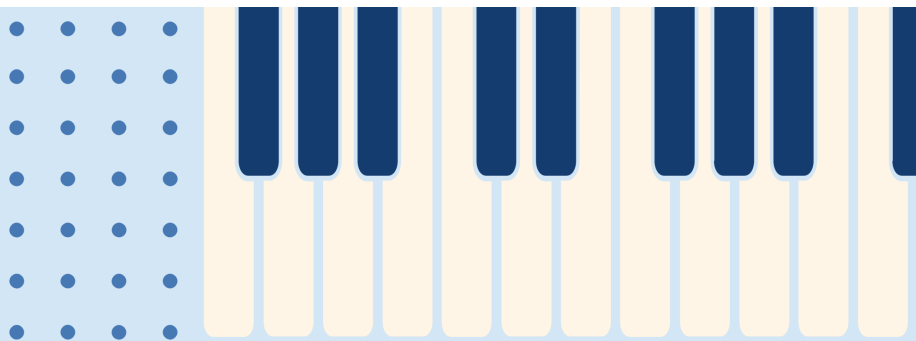
**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A POTLUCK DINNER!
BRING YOUR FAMILY'S FAVORITE FOOD TO SHARE
WITH OTHERS.**

**6:00-6:15 WELCOME
6:15-7:00 BUFFET DINNER
7:00-7:15 PERFORMANCE/ENTERTAINMENT
7:15-7:30 DESSERT
7:30-8:00 CLEAN-UP**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO BRING A
DISH HELP SET-UP, SERVE, AND/OR CLEAN-UP,
OR IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EVENT,**

**PLEASE CONTACT:
SHEINA PRINCE-EUGENE (781) 982 4202 EXT 344,
SPRINCE@SSCPS.ORG**

**STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT
OR GUARDIAN.
THIS IS NOT A DROP-OFF EVENT.**



SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL



SPRING CONCERTS

WEDNESDAY
MAY 27
6:00PM

HINGHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL
1103 MAIN ST, HINGHAM, MA 02043
LEVEL 1, SSCPS CHOIR, BEGINNING STRINGS, INTERMEDIATE STRINGS

THURSDAY
MAY 28
6:00PM

HINGHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL
1103 MAIN ST, HINGHAM, MA 02043
BEGINNING BAND, CONCERT BAND, CONCERT STRINGS, HS MUSIC WORKSHOP

CALL TIME 5:30PM

NO PARKING AT HINGHAM NURSERY SCHOOL

Community Events & News

Holly Hill Farm Programs & Events

In addition to Holly Hill Farm's summer programs, they'll also be hosting a free community celebration event on Cohasset Common on Saturday, May 2, 2026 from 11:30 am - 3:00 pm. The event celebrates over 20 years of growing, teaching, and serving the community, and will share exciting new plans for growing its future. The event, **Keep Our Farm a Farm: Celebrating Our Farm, Growing Its Future**, welcomes people of all ages to learn about the farm, enjoy local food trucks and live music, participate in hands-on workshop activities (while supplies last), and join in the festivities with the community.

Hands-on activities for children:

Craft paper pollinator puppets and learn with us!

Tie-dye your own t-shirt using natural dyes!

Plant seeds and learn about composting!

Plus, catch a special performance from Mama Steph, South Shore's beloved singer-songwriter and entertainer!



Friends of Holly Hill Farm
236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, MA 02025
781-383-6555
HollyHillFarm.org/summer-programs-2026

Register today! **June 8 - Aug. 28, 2026**

SUMMER PROGRAMS ... on the farm

Voted Best of the South Shore Three Years in a Row!

Our farm is a living and breathing classroom for children ages 3.5-15! Our programs seek to connect children to nature in a way that will stick with them for life! Sign up for one week, or many!

GARDEN GOATS Ages 3.5 - 5 | Half and Full Day
In this widely popular program children get to know the backyard animals, experience the joy of growing, planting and harvesting crops, get their hands in the dirt, have adventures, explore, create crafts, and more!

FARM TO FOOD PANTRY
Community Service Program for High School Students

PROGRAMS FOR AGES 9 - 12 Full Day | See website for dates

- Future Farmers & Adventurers
- BioBlitz
- Future Farmers
- Outdoor Adventures
- Creativity & Cooking with Nature
- Farmsteaders - Holly Hill Farm 1776

MONARCHS Ages 6 - 8 | Half and Full Day | All weeks

Step into the many habitats at Holly Hill, including growing areas, meadows, wooded areas, ponds and diverse flora & fauna. Children will explore it all and learn along the way!


PROGRAMS FOR MIDDLESCHOOLERS Ages 11 - 14 | Full Day

- Stepping Back in Time: A 2-Day Living History Program, July 13 - 14
- Environmental Solutions Leadership: A 3-Day Program, August 10 - 12

Counselor-in-Training Ages 12 - 15 | Half Day
Weeks of 6/18-24

This program fosters leadership skills, with hands-on training in activity and lesson development. CTTs will work with educators and learn the nuances of working with young children, while also working on building skills in communication, collaboration, respect, responsibility, and sustainability education. Certificates of completion will be awarded at week's end.

These and related events available on our website. Last dates: 7/25 online



Friends of Holly Hill Farm
KEEP OUR FARM A FARM!

Celebrating Our Farm. Growing Its Future.

COME EXPERIENCE

Holly Hill Farm on the Common!

SATURDAY, MAY 2ND
11:30am - 3:00pm
Cohasset Town Common

LIVE MUSIC
FOOD TRUCKS
EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES
MORE

Holly Hill Farm
Friends of Holly Hill Farm
236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, MA 02025
info@hollyhillfarm.org | 781-383-6555

BSU Summer Science Academy



BSU Center for the Advancement of STEM Education

Summer Science Academy 2026

Session	Date	Time	Grade	Cost
The Human Body from a Medical Mindset	July 6-10	8:30AM to 2:30PM	Grades 10-12 (Fall 26)	\$400
CyberTank Innovate, Defend, Pitch!	July 6-10	8:30AM to 2:30PM	Grades 6-9 (Fall 26)	\$300
CyberFlight: Taking Cyber Skills to New Heights!	July 13-17	8:30AM to 2:30PM	Grades 6-9 (Fall 26)	\$300
Forensics Institute of Bridgewater	July 13-17	8:30AM to 2:30PM	Grades 6-9 (Fall 26)	\$300

For more information & to register, please visit our site:
www.bridgew.edu/center/case/science-academy

REGISTER NOW



2026 Summer Science Academy

Program Descriptions

The Human Body from a Medical Mindset

Are you a high school student considering a career in the medical field? Join us for this week-long investigation into human body systems. Get a feel for what it is like to be a surgeon, a nurse, a researcher, or a technician (just to name a few). Practice suture techniques, explore the heart through dissection, and diagnose illness using electrophoresis, microscopy, or culture. Information about medical careers, including "a day in the life of a medical student," will be discussed.

CyberTank: Innovate, Defend, Pitch!

Dive into cybersecurity with our Shark Tank-themed session for middle school students! Student teams will design and pitch innovative tech creations with built-in cybersecurity defenses to a panel of "sharks," building creativity, problem-solving, and real-world tech skills. Using Sphero robots, teams will simulate cyber threats and unmask the tactics of unethical hackers. Daily digital citizenship lessons build ethical tech habits, while the Shark Tank challenge sharpens collaborative problem-solving. The BSU Technology Department team will share their career journeys, inspiring students with real-world applications of cybersecurity skills.

CyberFlight: Taking Cyber Skills to New Heights!

Take off into cybersecurity with this aviation-themed summer class for middle school students! Students will collaborate in teams to design and secure their airline operations - managing databases, protecting critical systems, and safeguarding passenger information, while learning the essential role of teamwork in cybersecurity. Teams will deploy Sphero robots to complete aviation-inspired design and security challenges, applying cybersecurity skills in realistic simulations, including a simulated cyberattack on airports worldwide. To ground their skills in reality, students will meet with the BSU Aviation Department to explore the intersection of aviation and cybersecurity.

**No prior experience needed. These classes help students level up their skills. CyberFlight and CyberTank are separate classes that can be taken independently, or together, regardless of experience.*

Forensics Institute of Bridgewater

As a new employee at the Forensics Institute of Bridgewater (FIB), you expect your intensive training on crime scene investigations to be exciting, but you never thought it would be THIS exciting. While training on the various crime lab biotechnology techniques, a live case is delivered and F.I.B. needs YOU to help determine what happened!

Have you ever watched Crime Scene Investigators and wondered what really happens to the evidence at a crime scene and how that evidence is used to solve the crime? Join us in a week-long adventure into the life of a crime scene analyst. Working with Senior Scientists, you will learn how to collect and analyze fingerprints from a simulated crime scene, perform blood type analysis and get closer to solving the mystery using DNA fingerprinting.

From the Guidance Department

Guidance Department Updates

It has been an exciting and productive week in Guidance as we continue to support students in exploring their post-secondary pathways. From college visits to on-campus admissions opportunities and dual enrollment planning, our students have been actively engaging in experiences that help them better understand their future options.

On March 25th, Massasoit Community College visited SSCPS to host an "On the Spot Admissions" event for seniors. This opportunity allows students to meet one-on-one with

a college admissions representative, review their transcript, and receive immediate feedback on their application. Experiences like this help make the college application process more accessible and less intimidating for our students.

Fun Fact: Massachusetts community colleges are now **FREE** for high school graduates! Students must apply to a community college and complete the FAFSA in order to be eligible for free tuition.

On March 30th, the Guidance Team and the Sophomore Advisor brought the sophomore class to UMass Dartmouth for a college tour, presentation, and lunch in the cafeteria. Experiences like this are an important part of helping 10th grade students begin thinking about life after high school. Early exposure to college helps students make the connection between the work they are doing now and the opportunities available to them in the future. It also reinforces the importance of academic effort, since college admissions and financial aid are often influenced by a student's high school performance. For example, many colleges award merit scholarships, or "free money," based on a student's GPA. Simply put, the stronger a student's GPA, the more merit scholarship opportunities may be available to them.

On March 31st, a representative from Quincy College visited SSCPS to meet with seniors enrolled in our Dual Enrollment courses: Speech Communication, Science of Psychology, and Quantitative Reasoning. During the visit, students learned how to officially register for their course and receive college credit.

These courses are approved through Quincy College as 3-credit college courses and are taught right here at SSCPS. This is a valuable opportunity for students to experience college-level coursework while still in high school.

As an added benefit, SSCPS will cover the cost of one of these Dual Enrollment courses for each participating student.

Mary Carter
Director of Guidance



For Senior Families - Financial Aid Information

As you consider your options after high school, we encourage you to fill out the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#), known as the FAFSA, in order to access grants, federal student loans, and work-study funds for college. Filling out the FAFSA is one of the most important steps students and their families can take to pay for college and is the key to unlocking college financial aid from federal, state, and local sources.

If your immigration status prevents you from qualifying for federal aid, you might still be eligible for aid through the [Massachusetts Application for State Financial Aid \(MASFA\)](#), which can help you attend public institutions of higher education in Massachusetts.

Applying for financial aid helps keep college an option for the fall but does not commit you to enrolling. Fill out the FAFSA or MASFA as early as possible to maximize the aid you can receive.

There are resources available to help with this process, including the following:

[Go Higher](#) is the Commonwealth's initiative to share information about access and affordability at public institutions of higher education in Massachusetts. Go Higher offers paths that make higher education more affordable—like free community college, free or affordable four-year degrees, career-connected scholarships, and more.

DESE, in collaboration with the Department of Higher Education and the Executive Office of Education, has identified [FAFSA resources that may be helpful](#).

The Department of Higher Education's [Office of Student Financial Assistance](#) is the Commonwealth's "go to" on resources concerning student financial aid.

The federal government's [FAFSA website](#) includes [steps for families](#), and entities such as the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (MEFA) provide [information](#) and continuing support during the school year for educators, counselors, administrators, students and their families.

Fill out the FAFSA or MASFA as early as possible to maximize the aid you can receive!

International Travel Returns to SSCPS

SSCPS Goes to Spain!

After nearly a 10-year hiatus, South Shore Charter Public School is excited to bring back international travel opportunities for our high school students.

Since 2008, I have had the privilege of traveling with six graduating classes (2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2014, and 2016) on educational trips to Europe. These experiences allowed students to explore history, culture, and global perspectives in ways that simply cannot be replicated in the classroom. Beyond visiting historic sites, students learn valuable life skills such as navigating new environments, managing their money, making group decisions, and developing a deeper appreciation for different cultures.

We are thrilled to continue this tradition. During April vacation, a group of 28 juniors and seniors will travel to Spain for a 10-day educational tour with EF Educational Tours. Spanish teachers Alicia Dupuis, Patrizio Trivellini, and I will be chaperoning the trip as students visit Barcelona, Madrid, Seville, and Granada.

After years of studying Spanish, students will have the opportunity to experience the language, culture, and history of Spain firsthand.

We look forward to sharing highlights from the trip with the SSCPS community.

Mary Carter, Director of Guidance

On the Levels

K-4 Literacy Night



Level IV Newsletter

Check out the April issue of the Level IV Newsletter below!

[VIEW THE NEWSLETTER](#)

NHS Tutoring Committee

The SSCPS National Honor Society is offering peer tutoring for all high school students! Use the form below to request a tutor and the committee will pair you with a tutor that best fits your needs. Tutoring is open to all SSCPS high school students for any subject!

REQUEST A TUTOR

THE SSCPS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IS OFFERING

PEER TUTORING

TUTORING IS OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS FOR ANY SUBJECT! EVERY DAY AT RECITATION (10:04 - 10:57) & WORKSHOP (11:00 - 11:50)

Afterschool Enrichment Program

Art Club

The Art Club begins each week with members donning their blue SSCPS Art Club t-shirts while a member volunteers to be the week's featured artist during snack time. This is an opportunity for our young artists to show and talk about a piece of their artwork with their fellow club members who are always a kind, welcoming audience. Positive observations are shared, thoughtful questions asked, and permission to offer a suggestion about the piece is a must. The students focus on observation and communicating what they see, feel, and think about the art.

A playful recitation of the art club motto follows: 'I will try to do my best work, be creative, clean up, and have fun doing it!' We then discuss the day's art activity, which so far this session has included:

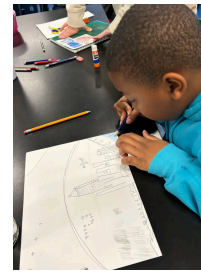
- Decorating our individual Art Club t-shirts with fabric paint
- Sculpting clay into various 3-D forms (i.e. kittens, cups...) and painting the finished product
- Exploring expressive line drawing with graphite crayons
- Painting wet-on-wet vs wet-on-dry brush painting with watercolors

Each week has been a mix of fun and creative chaos. Instruction on materials is mixed with steady encouragement to engage with the materials. A visitor might even witness a random dance being performed, or the occasional spill or creative setback, which are always an opportunity to calmly restart or take our art in a new direction.

Our time together passes quickly, and as we wind down with cleanup, students are invited to share what they experienced or learned this day. T-shirts are gathered and stored away with the unfinished art. Our focus on encouragement and curiosity informs process over the rush to 'finish'. Camaraderie makes for surprise results and another fun gathering of the Afterschool Enrichment Art Club.

Daniel Vasconcellos

Art Teacher



From the Health Office

Important Reminders | 2025-2026

Please be advised that per our school policy, if your student has a fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or a contagious illness, they must remain out of school until symptoms have resolved for 24 hours without medication or they have been on antibiotics for a full 24 hours. If your student will be absent from school, please email attendance@sscps.org as well as your student's teacher.

This is also a reminder that over-the-counter medications (including, but not limited to, eye drops, allergy medications, cough medications, vitamins, and nasal sprays) may not be brought into school by students. All medication within the school system is considered prescription and requires a doctor's prescription medication form. Before any medication is brought to school, it must be discussed with the school nurse and must be accompanied by the required prescription medication form. If a student is found to have any medication on them, it will be brought to the health office and a parent will need to pick it up or it will be disposed of.

Please also be advised that we will be beginning state-required vision, hearing, height, and weight screenings, based on your student's grade. If you would like to opt your student out of part or all of these screenings, please email your student's school nurse.

Please make sure all students are dressed appropriately for the weather. Students go outside for recess daily, except in inclement weather or when the wind chill temperature drops below 20 degrees. Students in grades K through 2nd should have a spare set of weather appropriate clothing in their backpacks/classrooms.

Contacts:

Grades K–8: Jaime Kjelgaard (jkjelgaard@sscps.org) & Erlin Martinez (emartinez2@sscps.org)

Grades 7–12: Barbara Folan – bfolan@sscps.org

SSCPS Health Office

Community Service

Community Service Opportunities

Joshua Kaye Foundation Events

The 9th annual Family Fun Festival is Sunday, June 7 in Braintree. This event is made possible by about 200 volunteers, so if any of SSCPS students are interested, they can sign up [here](#) or by using the button below.

Other upcoming volunteer opportunities with the Joshua Kaye Foundation:

- JKF Gardens + Greenhouse Program
- Kindness Message Packs
- Little Free Libraries

Please feel free to contact Melissa Kaye at melissa@joshuakayefoundation.org to learn more about these upcoming volunteer events.

Family Fun Festival Volunteering

JOSHUA KAYE FOUNDATION

FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL

JUNE 7

11AM-4PM

RAIN OR SHINE!

CATS ACADEMY FIELD
2001 WASHINGTON ST. BRAINTREE

& 1000 DOLPHIN DROP RAFFLE!

Suggested donation
\$3/person or \$15/Family

TOUCH-A-TRUCK
INFLATABLES ★ VENDOR MARKET
★ TOE JAM PUPPET BAND ★
LION DANCE ★ FOOD TRUCKS
CARNIVAL GAMES & MORE

JoshuaKayeFoundation.org

Community Service Table

Need help finding a community service opportunity? Below is a link to our regularly updated Community Service Table filled with CS opportunities around the South Shore. Descriptions of organizations, contact information, and more are included.

[Community Service Table](#)

Submit Community Service Hours

If you've started your Community Service for the **2025-2026** school year, it's not too early to start recording those hours today!

Use the links below to submit your community service hours. **Please note that Levels III, IV, and High School students are required to enter their own community service hours using their school email.** Family members of students on Levels I and II have been given direct access to the forms and do not need a school email.



Parents Association, SEPAC, & ELPAC

Parents Association Updates

PA Election Season

The PA election season is approaching - please think about self nominating for any of the leadership positions up for election or for lead roles in the Fundraising Committee or the Outreach Committee.

PA Position	Spring 2026 Election
Levels I & II Co-chair	Two-year term
Levels III & IV Co-chair	No election
Level V Co-chair	No election
Secretary	No election
Treasurer	Two-year term

Helpful Links:

[Learn about the PA](#) | [PA Leadership Roles](#) | [PA Committees](#) | [PA By-Laws](#)

<p>SPRING FAIR 2026</p> <p>Food/Fundraising Communications/Community Day of support</p> <p>Date: 5/2/2026</p>	<p>TEACHER APPRECIATION</p> <p>Planning Team Donations & Sponsorship Day of support</p> <p>Date: 5/4 & 5/5</p>	<p>SCHOOL BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT</p> <p>Organization Business/Sponsorship support Project support volunteer General Volunteer</p>	<p>VOLUNTEERS</p> <p>We are looking for volunteers to help with planning and implementing initiatives and general support</p> <p>Please signup on Signup Genius</p>
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Parent Volunteers Needed!

The Parents Association approved our budget during our January meeting, and we received funding for three PA committees that we need parent volunteers to help support! The committees will be focusing on Teacher Appreciation, the SSCPS Spring Fair, and School Beautification & Improvement.

If you're interested in volunteering with one of these PA committees, please use the buttons below to sign up and learn more!

TEACHER APPRECIATION

SSCPS SPRING FAIR

SCHOOL BEAUTIFICATION

General PA Info

The next PA meeting will be April 14th. We hope to see you there!

Check out the PA website for meeting agendas/minutes, the new bulletin board and other handy info: <https://sscpspa.weebly.com/>

More updates from the Parents Association can be found on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SSCPSParentGuardianInfo>

POD PARENT SIGN-UP



Volunteer as a Pod Parent!



- Need Volunteers for each classroom
- Pod Parents organize **supply drives** throughout the year for things like tissues, wipes, extra snacks, bottled water
- Pod Parents help with classroom communication and parents engagement
- 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

Interested?? Please email: paatsscps@gmail.com

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](#))

School Documents:

NEW: [2026-2027 School Calendar](#)

[2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

[Student and Family Handbook](#)

[Creole, Portuguese, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese \(etnamese\)](#)

3. [Back-to-School Information](#)

4. [Food Services](#)

5. [Health Office](#)

6. [Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance](#)

7. [Community Service](#)

8. [Parents Association Website](#)

[Arrival and Dismissal Procedures](#)

[SSCPS By-Laws](#)

[2024-2025 SSCPS Annual Report](#)

[DESE Integrated Monitoring Review](#)

SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar



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