



# Weekly Update | April 29, 2026

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SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

**SPRING FAIR**  
- SATURDAY, MAY 2ND -

**\$15 TICKETS**

**STARTS AT 12PM**

**LOTS OF FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

Join us for an afternoon of fun, games, food, arts & crafts, music, friendly competition, and community bonding!

SATURDAY, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FROM 12PM - 4PM  
100 LONGWATER CIRCLE, NORWELL, MA, 02061

[BUY TICKETS](#)

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## From the Dean's Desk

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Last Monday, during April break, the Boston Marathon was run.

By now, a week later, most of the noise around it has passed. The crowds are gone. The streets are back to normal. But I have found myself thinking about one moment from that race.

Near the finish line, a runner collapsed. He tried to get back up. He fell again. You could see how close he was, and how far away it still felt in that moment. Two other runners, who had every reason to just keep going, stopped. They helped him to his feet, and they stayed with him, step by step, until he crossed the line.

It was a small moment in a very long race, but it has stayed with me.

We are back now, and we are in the final stretch of the school year.

This part of the year asks something different of students. The routines are familiar. The expectations are clear. But the energy can dip. The work can feel heavier than it did in the fall. Finishing strong sounds simple, but it takes effort.

Some students will move through this stretch without much trouble. Others will need to push. Some will lose their footing a bit along the way.

That is where the lesson from that race comes in.

We want our students to keep going. To meet expectations. To rise to the moment in front of them. But we also want them to understand that they are not doing it alone. Paying attention to the people around you matters. Offering support matters. Accepting it matters too.

The end of the year is in sight, but we are not there yet.

There is still work to do. Still growth to be made. Still opportunities to show what it means to be part of a community.

And like that moment on the course, sometimes the most important thing is not how fast you finish, but how you move through it, and who you bring with you along the way.

Warmly,

**Walter Duncan**  
**Dean of Students (K-6)**



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## **School Calendar & Announcements**

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### **Important Make-Up Snow Day Calendar Update**

# Last Day of School: Thursday, June 25th, 2026

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

## Weekly Calendar

### SSCPS WEEKLY CALENDAR APR 29 - MAY 06

<b>Wed 29</b> NHS High School Thrift Store  Level IV Unsolved Mysteries Field Trip to Bridgewater State	<b>Thu 30</b> NHS High School Thrift Store	<b>Fri 01</b> NHS High School Thrift Store  High School Art Workshop to Harvard Art Museum  Spring Fair Planning Committee Meeting - 11AM  Library Committee Meeting - 11:10AM	<b>Sat/Sun</b> <b>Sat 02</b> - SSCPS Spring Fair (12PM - 4PM) 
<b>Mon 04</b> Teacher Appreciation Week Begins  AP Biology Exam 	<b>Tue 05</b> AP Chemistry Exam	<b>Wed 06</b> MCAS Level IV Math  AP Literature & Composition Exam  AP Physics I VHS Exam  Board of Trustees Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom - 9AM	<b>Upcoming</b> <b>May 7-15</b> - AP Exams <b>May 7</b> - K-5 New Student Open House <b>May 7</b> - 6-12 New & Current Student (Rising 6 & 9) Open House <b>May 8</b> - Professional Development Early Release (12PM)

[\*\*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](#)

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## From the Counseling Department

**May is Mental Health Awareness Month!** Join us in breaking the stigma and recognizing the importance of mental health by wearing green on May 15th.

Click the button below to read the full message from the Counseling Department about the importance of mental health in schools, tips to take care of your own mental health, and a list of helpful resources.

[Mental Health Newsletter](#)



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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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**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](https://projectbread.org/gethelp)

# LOCAL FOOD RESOURCES

Click the names of each resource for more information.

<a href="#"><u>Wellspring Multi-Service Centers</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Norwell Food Pantry</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>The Charity Guild Food Pantry</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Randolph Food Pantry</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Feeding America</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Rockland Food Pantry</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Find Local Food Resources</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Weymouth Food Pantry</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Interfaith Social Services</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Self Help</u></a>



## SUN Bucks 2026

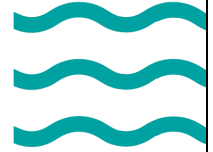
SUN Bucks, the federal food benefit program once known as Summer EBT, is returning for summer 2026. SUN Bucks provides a \$120 lump-sum summer benefit per school-aged child for income-eligible families. The program is administered by the state Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) in partnership with DESE and with assistance from schools.

SUN Bucks income eligibility standards are the same as those for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). As such, all enrolled students identified as meeting the income eligibility standards for free or reduced-price lunch during school year 2025-26, either through an NSLP household paper application or direct certification, are automatically eligible for SUN Bucks. Students identified as homeless, migrant, runaway or participating in Head Start are also automatically eligible. Students who do not meet the aforementioned criteria can apply for SUN Bucks benefits through DTA by visiting [www.DTAConnect.com](https://www.DTAConnect.com).

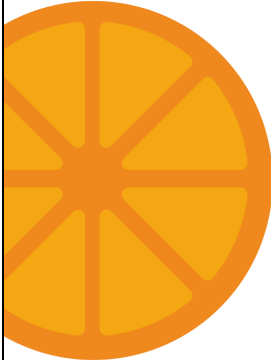
More information is available on the [SUN Bucks website](#), including [application materials](#) in six languages.

# SUN BUCKS

MASSACHUSETTS



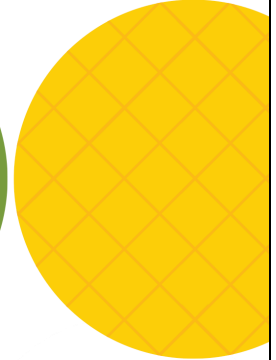
**Application now open!**  
[www.DTAConnect.com](http://www.DTAConnect.com)



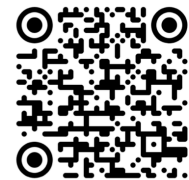
**APPLY FOR  
SUMMER  
2026  
BENEFITS**



**SUN Bucks is a  
food benefit for  
families with  
children during  
the summer  
months!**



**APPLY ONLINE OR GET A PAPER  
APPLICATION FROM YOUR CHILD'S  
SCHOOL**



**mass.gov/SUNBucks  
for more information**



**SSCPS Yearbooks on Sale Now!**



# 2025-2026 SSCPS Yearbook

*Place your online yearbook order today!*

**CLICK TO BUY** 

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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](#).

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## From the Foundation

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### 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](#)

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## Upcoming School & Community Events

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Upcoming SSCPS Events

**This Weekend: SSCPS Spring Fair**

Join us on **Saturday, May 2nd at 100 Longwater Circle** for another SSCPS Spring Fair! This event is an awesome chance for our diverse community to come together and remind themselves why they come to SSCPS. The Spring Fair is open to all SSCPS families and anyone in our community who would like to join us for a fun event and experience the supportive and collaborative environment we work to build daily.

The fair will run from 12PM to 4PM on Saturday, May 2nd. Tickets are \$15 per person, or you can buy a bundle of 4 tickets for \$48. Use the button below to purchase your Spring Fair tickets today - we hope to see you there!

Also, keep an eye out for the Spring Fair post card coming home with our K-8 students today!



[BUY TICKETS](#)

# SSCPS SPRING FAIR

Saturday, May 2nd, 2026

12pm - 4pm

100 Longwater Circle, Norwell, MA 02061

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT DAVID  
ANYANWU OR WILLOW KALAFATAS

[DANYANWU01@STUDENT.SSCPS.ORG](mailto:DANYANWU01@STUDENT.SSCPS.ORG)



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## Junior/Senior Prom

Join us on **Friday, May 15, 2026** for the SSCPS Junior/Senior Prom!

Prom will be held from 7:00-11:00 pm at the Tirrell Room, located at 254 Quarry Street in Quincy, MA. The dance is open to all SSCPS students in grades 11 and 12. Tickets are \$65.00 per person, and students can bring one outside guest for an additional \$65. Guests must be registered - please see Mary Carter for details. Tickets can be purchased using the button below!



**BUY TICKETS**



# Tangled Light Lantern Festival

May 15, 2026

Family ID is open for Prom Tickets!

Cost \$65.00 per person - Juniors & Seniors

Location: The Tirrell Room, Quincy MA

Time: 7pm-11pm

Students can bring 1 outside guest to prom for \$65.00

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**Dress Your Heritage Day**

**SSCPS**  
**DRESS YOUR**  
**HERITAGE**  
**DAY**

**MAY 22, 2026**

**CELEBRATE YOUR HERITAGE  
 BY WEARING CLOTHES TRADITIONAL  
 TO YOUR CULTURE**

*Traditional patterns, shirts, dresses  
 and scarves are encouraged.*

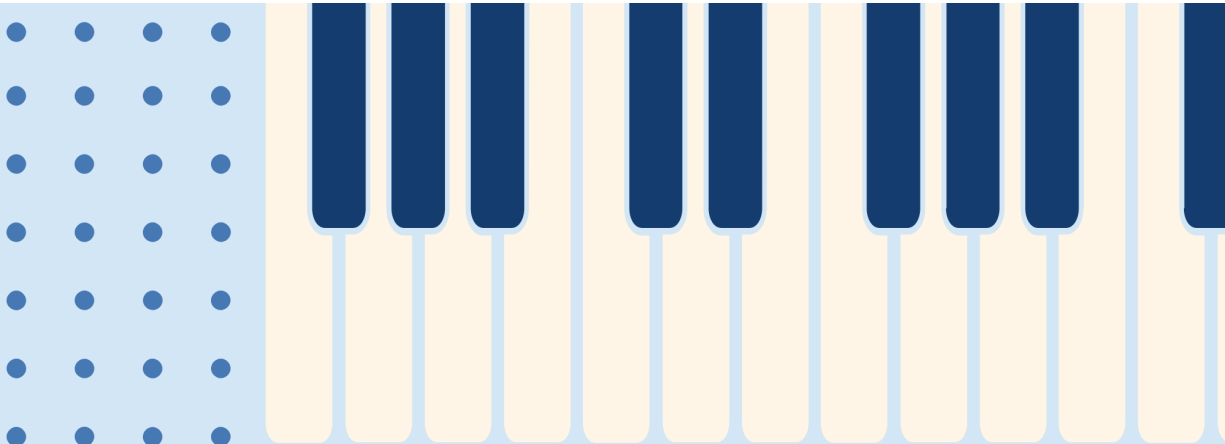
**WEAR YOUR CULTURE.  
 CELEBRATE OUR DIVERSITY.**

*We all belong.*

**OUR CULTURES.** **OUR STORIES.** **OUR COMMUNITY.** **OUR PRIDE.**

*Be proud.  
 Be YOU!*

**SSCPS Spring Concerts**



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

## Free Mother's & Father's Day Events for Students



**LEARN MORE**



[weareempower.org/events](http://weareempower.org/events)

**EMPOWER**

# MOTHER'S & FATHER'S DAY EVENTS

## JOIN US

The Empower Mother's and Father's Day events are taking place at Southline Boston and are events filled with fun activities, games, food - and even special guests! The events welcome children and young adults up through age 24 who have experienced the loss of a parent.

Come find strength in laughter, remembrance, and support with others who get it. Together we'll honor our mothers, celebrate community, and create new, meaningful memories!

## RSVP TODAY

Registration is simple and the events are FREE of charge to the family. Children ages 14+ may enroll online at [www.weareempower.org](http://www.weareempower.org) and younger children should be enrolled by a caregiver or other adult who knows and loves them.

## MOTHER'S DAY EVENT

Sunday, May 10th  
11am - 4pm

## FATHER'S DAY EVENT

Sunday, June 14th  
11am - 4pm

## QUESTIONS?

Email Tanya Small, Program Coordinator:  
[tanya@weareempower.org](mailto:tanya@weareempower.org).

# 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**  
A Farm for Teaching & Learning

Friends of Holly Hill Farm  
236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, MA  
781-383-6565  
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 3-15! 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 barnyard 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 Adventurers
- Creativity & Cooking with Nature
- Farmsteaders - Holly Hill Farm 1776

**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 6/15-8/24

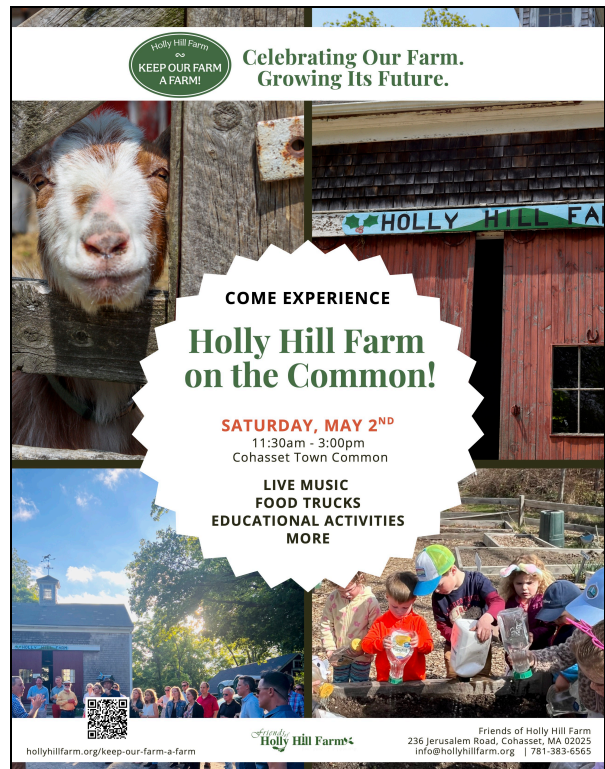
This program fosters leadership skills, with hands-on training in activity and lesson development. CITs will work with educators and learn the nuances of working with young children, while also working on building skills in communication, collaboration, respect, responsibility, and sustainability education.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

**MONARCHS**

Ages 6 - 8 Half and Full Day All weeks

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

Tiered and reduced pricing available. Scholarships too! More info online.



**Holly Hill Farm**  
KEEP OUR FARM A FARM!

## Celebrating Our Farm. Growing Its Future.

**COME EXPERIENCE**

### Holly Hill Farm on the Common!

**SATURDAY, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
11:30am - 3:00pm  
Cohasset Town Common

**LIVE MUSIC**  
**FOOD TRUCKS**  
**EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES**  
**MORE**

hollyhillfarm.org/keep-our-farm-a-farm

**Friends of Holly Hill Farm**  
236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, MA 02025  
info@hollyhillfarm.org | 781-383-6565

# 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!			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				\$300

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

### 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!

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## On the Levels

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### High School Trip to Spain

After a 10-year hiatus, the high school international cultural trip has officially returned to SSCPS—and what an incredible experience it was! Our group of 27 students and 4 chaperones spent 10 unforgettable days traveling across Spain, exploring its rich history, vibrant culture, and world-renowned landmarks.

Our journey began in Granada, where we toured the breathtaking Alhambra. Students then took part in a fun and interactive "City Challenge Scavenger Hunt" followed by a relaxing visit to a Moroccan-style tea house.

From there, we traveled to Seville, making a stop at a local olive oil farm along the way. In Seville, students explored the unique architecture of Las Setas de Sevilla, enjoyed a scenic river cruise on the Guadalquivir River, and visited iconic landmarks such as Plaza de España and the Seville Cathedral. A highlight of the visit was a lively Flamenco dance lesson and performance, immersing students in Spanish culture.

Our next destination was Madrid, with a stop in Córdoba to visit the stunning Mezquita. In Madrid, students toured the Royal Palace of Madrid, enjoyed a tapas dinner accompanied by live music from local university students, and participated in a hands-on cooking class, shopping for ingredients and preparing their own tapas while chaperones took on the

challenge of making paella! The group also explored the world-famous Prado Museum and wrapped up the day with churros in the park.

The final leg of the trip brought us to Barcelona via high-speed train. Students experienced the energy of La Rambla, took in breathtaking views from Jardins del Mirador del Alcalde, and visited some of Barcelona's most iconic sites, including Sagrada Família and Park Güell. Free time allowed students to explore the city and reflect on all they had experienced.

This trip was more than just travel—it was an opportunity for students to step outside their comfort zones, connect with new cultures, and create lasting memories with their peers. We are so proud of our students for representing SSCPS so well abroad and are excited to continue offering these transformative experiences in the years to come.





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## Grade 8 Fundraiser



**RYAN'S WILL DONATE 20%**  
**of FOOD + FUN SALES\* from this event**  
**back to the organization.**

**South Shore Charter Public School**  
**8th Grade**  
**FUNdraiser**  
**at Ryan's Hanover Crossing**  
**Friday, May 8th 12:30pm-3:30pm**

\*Excluding taxes and gratuity; Ryan's Card denominations of \$10 and \$20 only

Unlimited cards are excluded from fundraisers.

RYAN'S CARD PURCHASES MUST BE MADE AT THE ENTERTAINMENT COUNTER

**RYAN'S HANOVER CROSSING**

1775 Washington Street, Route 53, Hanover, MA 02339 • 781.924.6800

[ryanfamily.com](http://ryanfamily.com)

**RYAN'S WILL DONATE 20%**  
**OF RYAN'S CARD, BOWLING, LASER TAG,**  
**AXE THROWING, AND VIRTUAL REALITY PURCHASES!\***

\*Excluding taxes; Ryan's Card denominations of \$10 and \$20 only

South Shore Charter School  
 8th Grade  
 FUNdraiser  
 May 8th 12:30pm-3:30pm

**PLEASE SHOW THIS VOUCHER TO A RYAN'S TEAM MEMBER AT THE ENTERTAINMENT COUNTER WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR PURCHASE.**

**Ryan's Hanover Crossing • 781.924.6800**  
 1775 Washington Street, Route 53, Hanover, MA 02339  
[ryanfamily.com](http://ryanfamily.com)



**RYAN'S WILL DONATE 20%**  
**OF YOUR FOOD**  
**AND BEVERAGE PURCHASES!\***

\*Excluding taxes and gratuity. Alcohol included with food purchase

South Shore Charter School  
 8th Grade  
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 May 8th 12:30pm-3:30pm

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**Ryan's Hanover Crossing • 781.924.6800**  
 1775 Washington Street, Route 53, Hanover, MA 02339  
[ryanfamily.com](http://ryanfamily.com)



**K-4 Book Swap**



# BOOK SWAP



## SSCPS Summer Reading Kindergarten - 4th Grade Book Swap

**WHO:** Kindergarten - 4th grade students

**WHAT:** Please have your child bring in any gently used summer reading books or any other book appropriate for Kindergarten -4th grade students that you would like to donate.

**WHEN:** Students should bring in books by Friday, May 22nd. Each student will pick a book to take home with them on May 27th or May 28th

**Questions?** Contact Kristen Gale: [kgale@sscps.org](mailto:kgale@sscps.org)

**Our goal is to provide one book to each student in Kindergarten - 4th grade. All donations are greatly appreciated!**



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## 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)

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## From the Health Office

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### 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](mailto: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](mailto:jkjelgaard@sscps.org)) & Erlin Martinez ([emartinez2@sscps.org](mailto:emartinez2@sscps.org))**

**Grades 7–12: Barbara Folan – [bfolan@sscps.org](mailto:bfolan@sscps.org)**

SSCPS Health Office

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## Community Service

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### 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](mailto:melissa@joshuakayefoundation.org) to learn more about these upcoming volunteer events.

Family Fun Festival Volunteering

**JOSHUA KAYE**  
FOUNDATION

# FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL

RAIN OR SHINE!

£ 1000  
DOLPHIN  
DROP  
RAFFLE!

## JUNE 7

## 11AM-4PM

**CATS ACADEMY FIELD**  
**2001 WASHINGTON ST. BRAINTREE**

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](http://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](#)

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## 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.

[LEVEL I FORM](#)

[LEVEL II FORM](#)

[LEVEL III FORM](#)

[LEVEL IV FORM](#)

[HIGH SCHOOL FORM](#)

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## Parents Association, SEPAC, & ELPAC

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Parents Association Updates

## Last Chance to Nominate Yourself – Self-Nominations Close April 30th!

We need YOU! The **final days to self-nominate** for a 2026–2027 PA leadership position are here. Don't miss your chance to join a team that keeps our school connected, informed, and thriving.

Leadership in the PA is a wonderful way to get involved, stay informed, and help make a positive impact on your child's school experience.

### PA ELECTED POSITIONS

- All PA Elected Officers positions are 2-year terms

PA Position	2025-2026 Elected Officer	Spring 2026 Election
Levels I & II Co-chair	Keisha O'Marde*	Election
Levels III & IV Co-chair	Stephanie Innis	No election
Level V Co-chair	Addy Olaoye	No election
Secretary	Lisa Elwell	No election
Treasurer	Janelle Goines*	Election
School Council Member (6)	Multiple	Election

\*Completed previous officers 2-year term

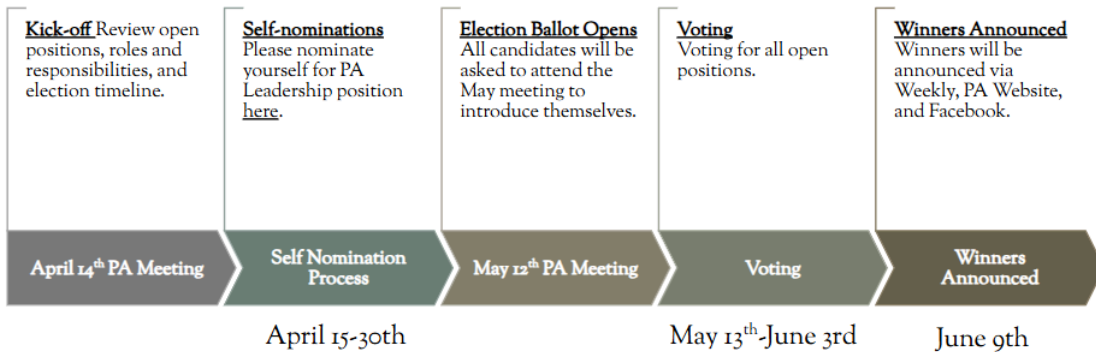
**Submit your nomination here by April 30th: [PA Nomination Form](#)**

Be ready to provide a short introduction including your child(ren)'s grade(s) and why you'd like to serve. Keep it brief – it will appear on the election ballot! Thank you for considering stepping up to support our children and school community.

Once nominations close, we'll share the ballot and kick off voting – your participation matters!

**Our next PA meeting will be Tuesday, May 12th at 7PM.** We look forward to seeing you there.

## 2026-2027 PA ELECTION CYCLE



### General PA Info

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](mailto:paatsscps@gmail.com)

**Helpful Links:**

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

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## Important Links

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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:**

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

[2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

[Student and Family Handbook](#)

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

[2024-2025 SSCPS Annual Report](#)

[DESE Integrated Monitoring Review](#)

[SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar](#)



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