



## Weekly Update | April 8, 2026

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### A Message from Angie

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With less than two weeks of teaching and learning left before April break, we are entering one of the busiest and most exciting stretches of the school year. Testing season is in full swing as we wrap up English Language Arts MCAS exams early next week. Tomorrow, students in grades 8 and 9 will take the PSAT 8/9, 10th graders will take the PSAT 10, and our juniors will sit for the SAT. Looking ahead, Advanced Placement exams and additional MCAS testing are just around the corner in May. For all of these exams, it is important that students get a good night's sleep and arrive at school with a charged chromebook.

Spring may be a season of testing, but is also when some of the most memorable, joyful, and engaging learning experiences take place. Our calendar is filled with field trips, assemblies, and enrichment opportunities that bring classroom learning to life in ways that stick with students long after the school year is over. Recently, students in grades K–3 welcomed [Marlon Carey](#) of [Rhode Island Black Storytellers](#), who captivated his audience with vibrant storytelling that included drumming, call-and-response, and opportunities for student participation. It was a powerful reminder of the enduring impact of live, shared experiences and the magic of storytelling in a screen-free setting.



Our younger students have been busy learning beyond the classroom walls. Last week, first and second graders resumed their visits to [Holly Hill Farm](#), where hands-on experiences deepen their understanding of science, sustainability, and community. Next week, kindergarten students will head to the [South Shore Natural Science Center](#) to

explore interactive, environmentally focused science stations and spend time outdoors with their classmates and teachers. These experiences not only reinforce academic concepts but also nurture curiosity, collaboration, and a sense of wonder.

Older students are equally engaged in meaningful enrichment opportunities. Today our ninth graders explored the [USS Constitution Museum](#) and the Bunker Hill Monument, making local connections to the United States History curriculum. Next week, AP Calculus students will participate in [Calculus Field Day](#) at Northeastern University, applying their knowledge in a collaborative and energizing setting, while our sixth graders will explore the [Harvard Museums](#), connecting their classwork to world-class collections. As we head into spring break, a group of high school students will depart for Spain, an immersive experience that brings language and culture to life in ways no classroom alone can replicate.

Looking ahead to later this spring, we are excited to welcome [Science Heroes](#) for a K–5 assembly, [Bake for Good](#) from King Arthur Flour for grade five demonstration, and trips into Boston and to Washington, DC for our older students.

While spring assessments provide important information about student learning, they represent just one part of a much larger picture. The field trips, assemblies, and enrichment experiences that fill our spring calendar play an essential role in deepening understanding, sparking curiosity, and fostering a genuine love of learning. These are the moments students remember and the experiences that make learning feel real and relevant. These experiences are made possible through fundraising and grants that are the result of the hard work of members of our school community. The money raised during the fall Raise Craze fundraiser has played an important role. I'd like to thank the Parents Association for their support of field trips and assemblies. I'd also like to thank both Kristen Mullin-Connolly, Humanities Curriculum Coordinator, and Jamie Allen, Science Curriculum Coordinator, for their work securing grants to fund field trip transportation and program costs.

We are all looking forward to warmer weather and the busy spring ahead. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued support of our students and our school.

Sincerely,

**Angie Pepin**

**Director of Teaching and Learning**

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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 08 - APR 15

<b>Wed 08</b> Passover Ends 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	<b>Thu 09</b> PSAT Testing for Grades 8, 9, & 10 SAT Testing for Grade 11	<b>Fri 10</b> Orthodox Good Friday Spring Fair Planning Committee Meeting - 11AM	<b>Sat/Sun</b> <b>Sun 12</b> - Orthodox Easter
<b>Mon 13</b> MCAS Level II ELA	<b>Tue 14</b> MCAS Level II ELA AP Calculus to Northeastern Finance Committee Meeting via Zoom - 6PM PA Meeting via Zoom - 7PM	<b>Wed 15</b> Multicultural Food Night Planning Committee via Zoom - 7PM	<b>Upcoming</b> <b>Apr 16</b> - Multicultural Food Night <b>Apr 16</b> - Grade 6 to Harvard Museum of Natural History <b>Apr 16</b> - Kindergarten Field Trip to SS Natural Science Center <b>Apr 17</b> - Library Committee Meeting

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

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

SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar

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# 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 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.

**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](http://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](#)

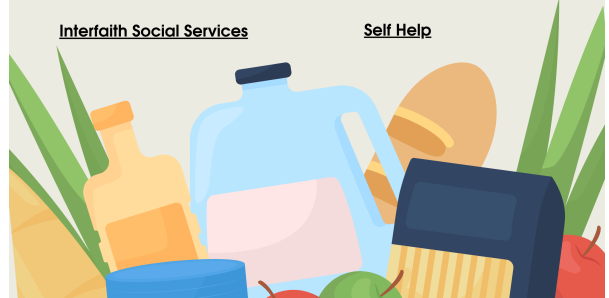
[Rockland Food Pantry](#)

[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** 

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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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## From the Dean's Desk

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This week, I spent time with the 4th graders during the morning meeting.

We were talking about something that comes up every year, right around this time. The shift from 4th grade to 5th grade.

It is not a big, formal moment. There is no ceremony for it. But the students can feel it coming.

So I asked them a simple question.

“What do you notice about 5th graders?” They had a lot to say. They notice how 5th graders sit in class. How they handle their work. How they move through the hallway. The way they speak to adults. The way they carry themselves. Some of it was small. Some of it was surprisingly perceptive.

Then we shifted the question.

“What do you want to leave behind in 4th grade?” That one took a little longer. There was more thinking. More honesty. Some answers came quickly. Others took a minute. But eventually, they began to name it. Habits. Reactions. Ways of handling things that they know will not serve them moving forward.

That is really what growing up looks like.

It is not just learning something new. It is deciding what you are ready to move beyond.

Fifth grade will bring more responsibility. More independence. More freedom. That part is exciting. But those things are not given automatically. They are earned by showing that you are ready for them.

And readiness is not a single moment. It is something students begin practicing now. In how they show up each day. In how they respond when something is difficult. In how they treat the people around them.

The shift from 4th to 5th grade is already underway.

You can see it in small ways. A little more focus. A little more awareness. A willingness, in some cases, to reflect and adjust.

It is not perfect. It never is.

But it is happening.

And that is the work.

Warmly,

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



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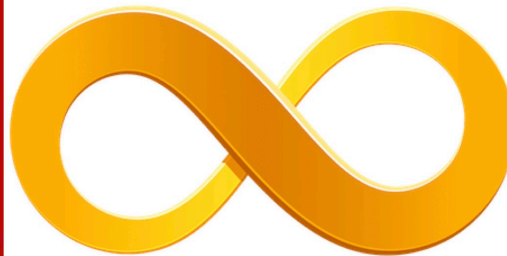
## **Upcoming School & Community Events**

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Upcoming SSCPS Events

**Wear Red or Gold for Autism Acceptance**

# WEAR RED OR GOLD TO SUPPORT AUTISTIC INDIVIDUALS



When: Friday, April 10th, 2026

Where: Our school (SSCPS) and your community

Why: April has been designated as Autism Acceptance Month by the Autistic Community. In the past, certain organizations have encouraged people to “light it up blue,” but this color and campaign were chosen by non-autistic individuals and support finding a cure or figuring out the puzzle that is autism. Instead, we challenge ALL members of our community to “Wear Red Instead”, sport gold “Autistic Gold” or other gear to support neurodivergence on Monday. This is an effort to demonstrate acceptance and solidarity with all the amazing autistic individuals who are a vital part of our school.

#RedInstead

#AutisticGold

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## 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.**



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## 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!

[BUY TICKETS](#)

# SSCPS SPRING FAIR

Saturday, May 2nd, 2026

12pm - 4pm

100 Longwater Circle, Norwell, MA 02061

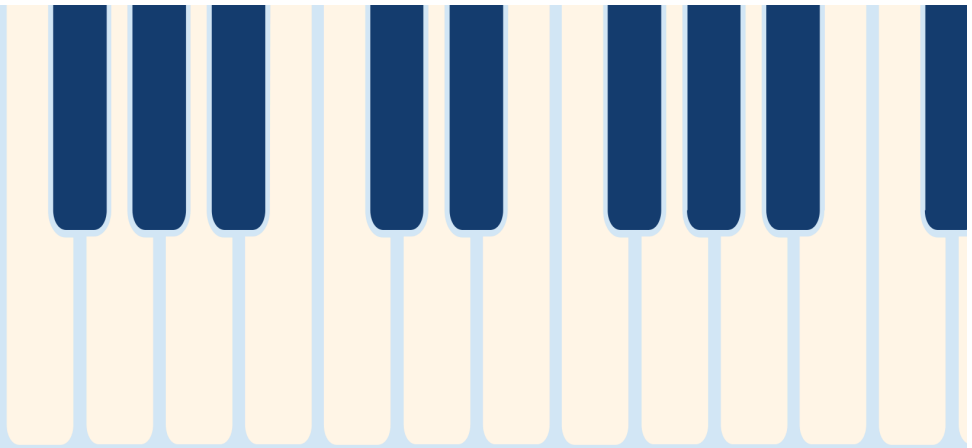
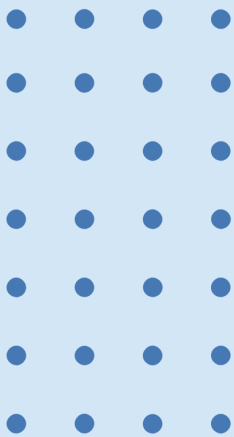
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT DAVID  
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[DANYANWU01@STUDENT.SSCPS.ORG](mailto:DANYANWU01@STUDENT.SSCPS.ORG)



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**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

## 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 3.5-15!  
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 barnyard animals, experience the joy of growing, planting and harvesting crops, get their hands in the dirt, have adventures, explore, create crafts, and more!  
All weeks

**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

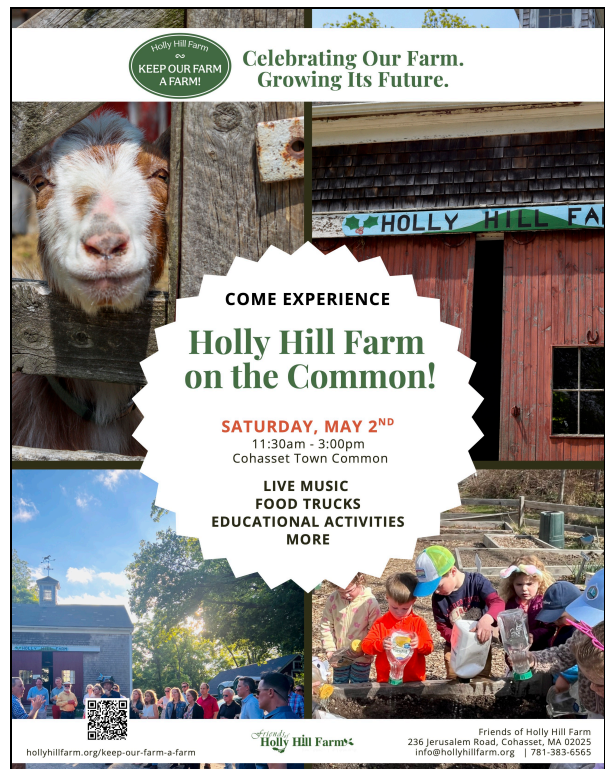
**PROGRAMS for MIDDLESCHOOLERS**  
Ages 11 - 14 Full Day

- 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**

Holly Hill Farm

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!** NEW

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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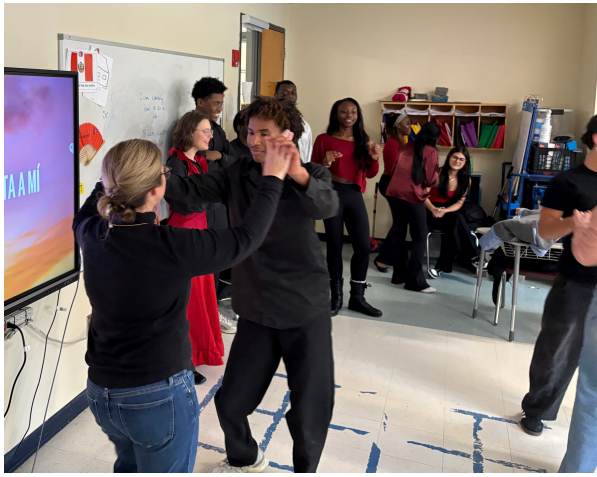
## On the Levels

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### Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica

The Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica had a wonderful time visiting the elementary school last week, where members taught students the basics of bachata and salsa. Both students and teachers joined in the fun, creating an energetic and joyful atmosphere. For our high school students, this experience was especially meaningful—it was an opportunity to share their Hispanic heritage with pride while building authentic connections with younger learners in the community. We are grateful for the opportunity to connect with the students in Marion and Marisol's classes, and we look forward to collaborating again in the future!





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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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## Afterschool Enrichment Program

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### Enrichment Session II Update

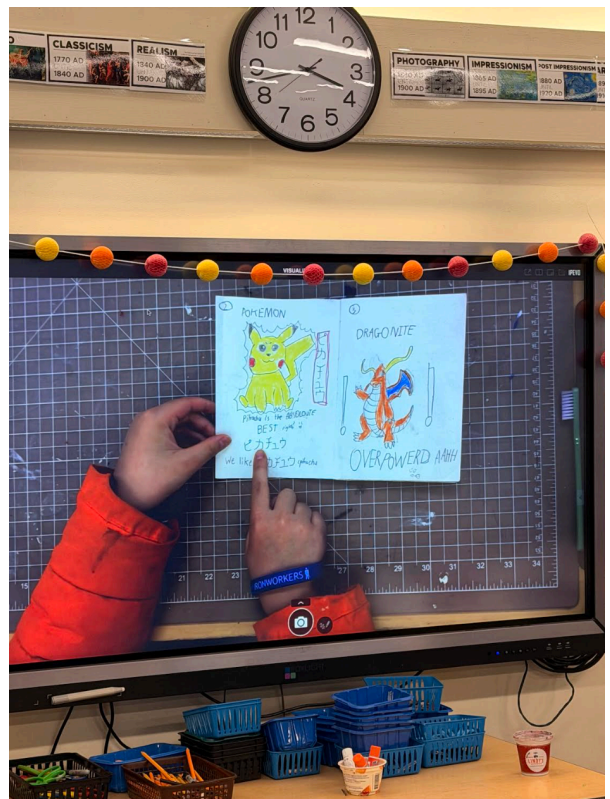
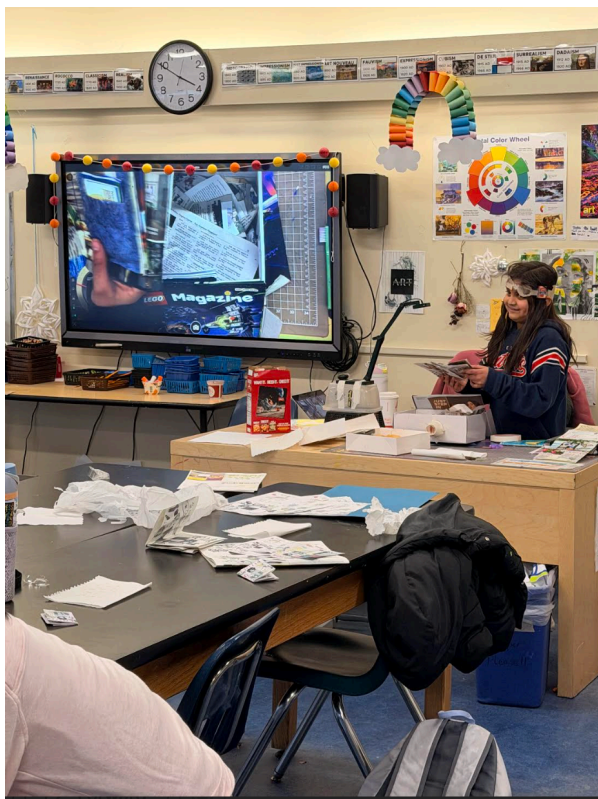
We've officially wrapped up another amazing year of Afterschool Enrichment! A huge thank you to our incredible teachers for creating engaging, creative, and joyful experiences for our students each week. From hands-on science to dance, art, and fitness, students had the opportunity to explore new interests, build skills, and have fun. We are so proud of all they accomplished and grateful for the energy and passion our staff brought to every session. We're already looking forward to next year!

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### Magazine Production Club

This session's art magazine enrichment was a success! Led by art teacher Sarah Gavin, students completed multiple "zines" or mini magazines consisting of 8 pages containing different types of media (interview data, articles, advertisements, opinion pieces, comic strips, etc) about topics of their interest. Some of the group made multiple zines using traditional art methods, while others took a digital approach to the design aspect of magazine production. Students were responsible for producing their own media and presenting it in an organized manner, using real magazines to study how information is presented and engaging to an audience. Each participant was successful in researching,

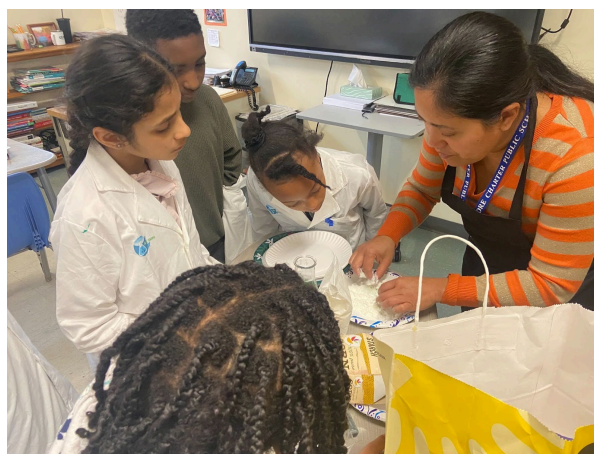
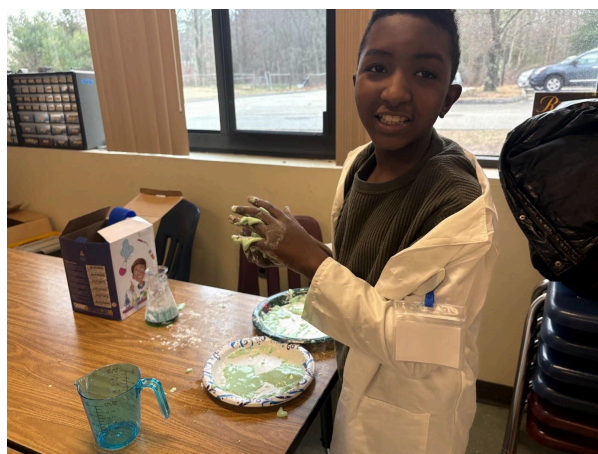
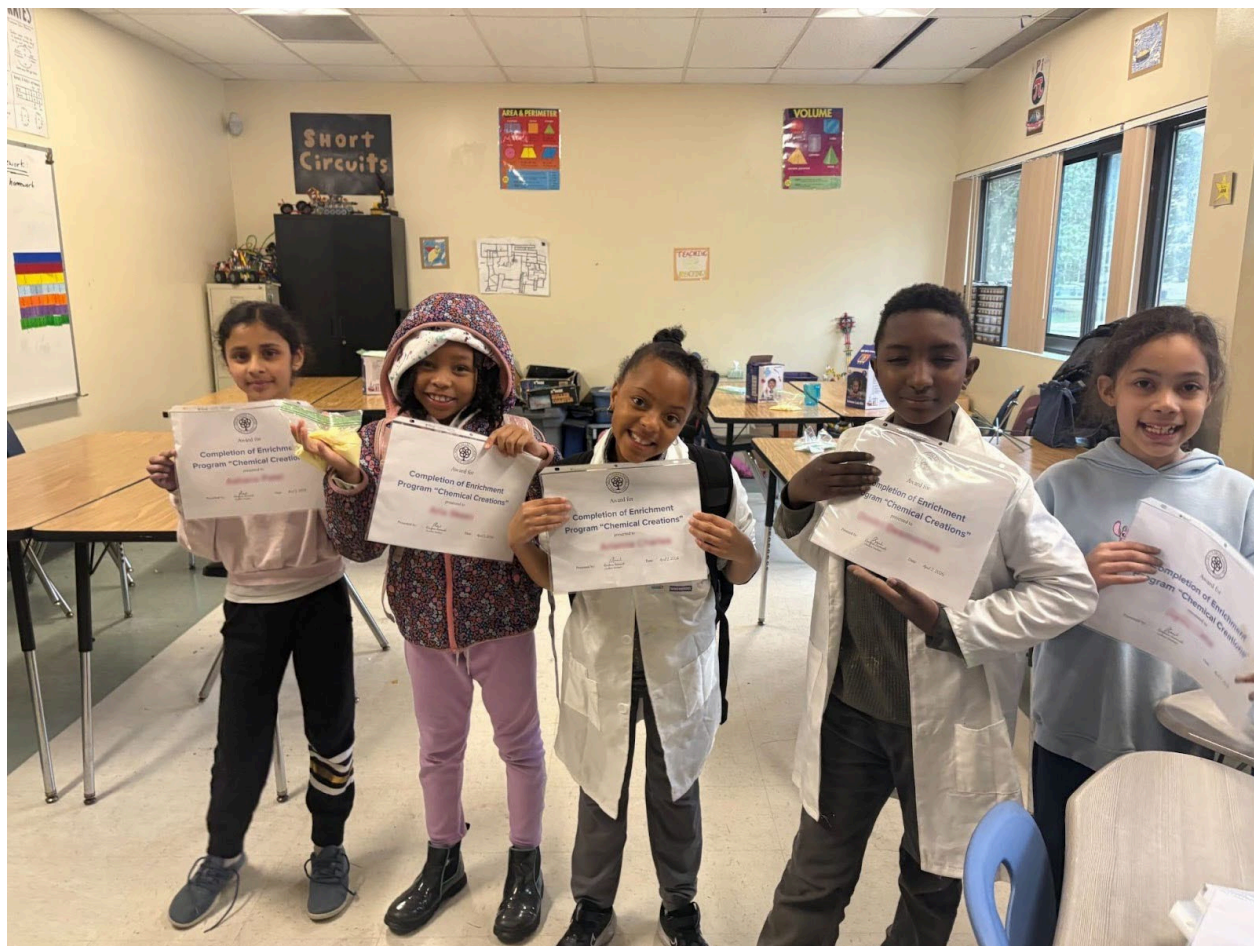
designing, and presenting their magazines to the group. And most importantly, had lots of fun throughout the process. Bravo to these young artists for a terrific session completed!



## Chemical Creations Club

For their final class, students explored *Oobleck*—a fascinating non-Newtonian fluid that behaves as both a solid and a liquid. Using a simple mixture of cornstarch and water, students observed how its consistency changes when force is applied. They had a great time creating their own Oobleck, adding color for extra fun, and experiencing its unique properties firsthand.

Students were also excited to take their lab kits home and were proudly awarded certificates of completion in recognition of their hard work and participation.





## Dance Blast Club

Families enjoyed a mini dance recital showcasing all that students have been working on. The performances were wonderful, and students truly shined on stage. Their energy, confidence, and love for dance made each session a joy, and it was a fantastic experience for everyone involved.





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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

##### Upcoming PA Meeting | April 14

Please join us for our next Parents Association meeting on Tuesday, April 14th at 7 PM. This meeting will be held on Zoom only – join [here](#) or by using the button below. The Meeting Agenda is linked [here](#). We will be kicking-off the 2026–2027 PA Election Cycle.

We hope to see you there – your voice makes our community stronger!

PA MEETING LINK

**April 14th  
@7PM**

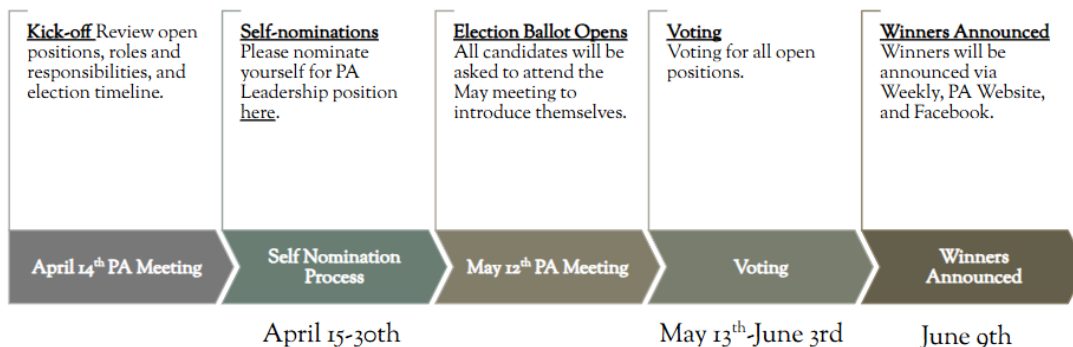


**COMMUNITY BUILDING**

# PA MEETING

- **Event Planning for the remainder of school year**
- **Grant Requests**
- **Upcoming PA Election Information**

## 2026-2027 PA ELECTION CYCLE



[Link to Self-nomination Form](#)

## 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

### 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](mailto:paatsscps@gmail.com)

### Helpful Links:

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

## 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](#)

### 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](#)

5. [Health Office](#)
6. [Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance](#)
7. [Community Service](#)
8. [Parents Association Website](#)

[DESE Integrated Monitoring Review](#)

SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar



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