



Weekly Update | December 3, 2025

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A Message from Angie

December is here and with it comes the blur of events and celebrations that help us close out the calendar year at SSCPS. The next two and half weeks will go by quickly with many classroom events planned as well as two [Winter Concerts](#), a Night of Code, the Holiday Rooms event, Parent-Teacher Conferences, Craft Day, and the BSU's [Kwanzaa Night](#) on the horizon.

Our faculty is looking forward to collaborative meetings with families during Parent Teacher Conferences next Friday, December 12th. Appointments for students in grades K-4 should be scheduled directly with the teacher. If your child is in grades 5-12 use [this link](#) to schedule appointments. You must first register by clicking "Click Here to Register." More detailed instructions can be found [here](#).

Conferences are an important opportunity to connect with your child's teachers and learn about their academic progress, social-emotional development, and ways you can support their learning at home. Before the conference, I encourage you to talk with your child about how they feel about school. Ask if there are questions they would like you to bring to the teacher. Review their work and grades, noting any patterns, concerns, or areas that seem inconsistent with what you see at home. Preparing your questions ahead of time can help you make the most of the meeting. Because conference time is brief, focus on information you can't easily gather from a report card. It is also helpful to share a concise update about any relevant circumstances or changes at home that may be affecting your child's experience at school.

During the conference, your child's teacher will provide a professional perspective that may differ from what you observe at home. Listen carefully to their feedback, even if some of it is difficult to hear. Don't hesitate to ask for clarification on any academic terms,

acronyms, or programs. If concerns arise about behavior or academics, ask for concrete examples (e.g., “Can you share an example of when they had trouble following directions?”). Please plan to arrive on time, and for virtual conferences, ensure your technology is working prior to the meeting. Conferences are tightly scheduled, and teachers want to use the full time to focus on your child.

On the afternoon of Friday, December 19th our K-6 students will participate in Craft Day. This highly anticipated, long standing SSCPS tradition allows students to celebrate the season by creating a number of crafts to keep or to gift. We are looking for volunteers to assist with crafts in our classrooms and for donations of craft materials. If you are interested in volunteering on Craft Day or in providing a craft, please sign up [here](#). We are asking volunteers to plan for a craft for about 50 students. **Anyone that volunteers at SSCPS must complete a [CORI](#), complete volunteer training, take the volunteer quiz and be fingerprinted.** Please plan ahead and get your paperwork completed as soon as possible if you plan to come in and volunteer on Craft Day. This sign up will close on Friday, December 12th to allow us time to plan.

We look forward to sharing in the joy of the season and celebrating our students with you. Thank you for your ongoing support this year.



Angie Pepin
Director of Teaching and Learning

School Calendar & Announcements

Weekly Calendar

SSCPS WEEKLY CALENDAR

DEC 03 - DEC 10

Wed 03 Board of Trustees Executive Committee Meeting - 9AM	Thu 04 	Fri 05 High School Poetry Out Loud Competition at Barnes & Noble Hingham - 9:15AM Choir & Strings Performances at Hanover Four Corners - 5:20PM	Sat/Sun 
Mon 08 K-12 Night of Code at 700 Longwater - 5PM	Tue 09 Level IV (8th Grade) BSU Case at Bridgewater BOT Committee Meetings via Zoom - 5PM PA Meeting via Zoom- 7PM	Wed 10 AP Chemistry to BSU Bridgewater Grade 4 to Wheelock Theater School Council Meeting via Zoom - 4:30PM	Upcoming Dec 11 - Board of Trustees Meeting at 700 & via Zoom Dec 12 - Parent Teacher Conferences (No School for Students) Dec 16 - NHS Holiday Rooms Dec 17 & 18 - SSCPS Winter Concerts

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

SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar

Important Announcements

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



School Picture Reminders

Order your school pictures today!

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

ORDER HERE

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

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

Drop Off & Pick Up Reminders

Protocol for absences, tardiness and dismissing students early:

When your child is absent and leaving a message, please be sure to leave the **first and last name as well as the grade of your child**. Any changes can be sent to attendance@sscps.org.

Drop off in the morning by 8:10am.

Please try to arrive by or before 8:10am so that teachers can take attendance and students can prepare for classes that start at 8:20am. **At 8:15am the doors will close and students will be marked as tardy.**

SSCPS Volunteer Information

We know that many parents and guardians are eager to complete volunteer requirements so that they are able to begin volunteering. Please find the list of volunteer requirements below. Links to the required documents are available on the [volunteering page on our website](#). Copies of the paperwork will be available prior to the Back-to-School Nights.

Anyone who is working with children or within our SSCPS buildings must be officially registered as a volunteer. This policy is in place to protect our students. Volunteers must register each school year. In order to register as a volunteer, you must complete all of the requirements listed below.

1. **Complete a CORI form.** *This requirement must be met annually. The CORI form should be returned to the school to the attention of Pam Algera with a copy of a photo ID.*
2. **Complete Identogo Fingerprinting.** *This task must be completed every three years. Fingerprinting is completed off site and has a cost. SSCPS will reimburse parent/guardian volunteers for this cost.*
3. **Complete Volunteer Training and agree to the Confidentiality Policy.** *This requirement must be completed every three years. The training is available on the volunteering [page on our website](#).*

If you have any questions please reach out to Angie Pepin at apepin@sscps.org.

From the Dean's Desk

This week, our advisory work continues the conversation we started earlier about online communication. Over the past few months, we've seen how quickly group chats can pull students into drama, misunderstandings, and hurt feelings. Even when the conflict starts outside of school, it finds its way into our classrooms and hallways.

Our goal is not to police every message students send. Our goal is to teach them how to pause, think, and make choices that keep themselves and others safe.

In advisory, teachers will guide students through a short lesson on how to stay calm and responsible in group chats. They will talk through what usually goes wrong, what helps things de-escalate, and what actions students can take when a chat becomes negative.

The focus is simple: slow down, don't add fuel, step away when needed, and ask an adult for help when something crosses a line.

These are skills students need now. They're also skills they will need for the rest of their lives.

As always, your partnership matters. If you notice online tension at home, please let us know. When we work together, we give our students the structure they need to navigate digital spaces with more care.

Thank you for your continued support.

Walter Duncan
Dean of Students (K-6)



Upcoming School & Community Events

Upcoming SSCPS Events

K-12 Night of Code

K-12 Night of Code

Monday, December 8th from 5-6:30PM

700 Longwater Drive

Join us for the Night of Code, where you can dive into exciting hands-on activities featuring Micro:Bits, Ozobots, Lego Robots, and unplugged activities. You'll also

have the opportunity to explore website design, artificial intelligence, various coding languages, and potential career paths in computer science. Don't miss this chance to engage with technology and discover the many facets of coding!

The Night of Code will take place during Computer Science Education Week (CSEd Week), which runs from December 6th to 12th this year. This week-long celebration offers a fantastic opportunity for families to immerse themselves in the world of computer science. Throughout the event, students and their family members will have the chance to explore various aspects of computer science, including coding and its applications, using a variety of tools and resources. CSEd Week is recognized as the largest learning event in history, aiming to inspire K-12 students to engage with coding. We encourage everyone to participate in the "Hour of Code" during the second week of December!

NHS Holiday Rooms



SSCPS Winter Concerts

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL
WINTER CONCERTS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH | 6PM

PERFORMING ENSEMBLES:

LEVEL I (K-2) STUDENTS
LEVEL II CHOIR
BEGINNING STRINGS
INTERMEDIATE STRINGS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18TH | 6PM

PERFORMING ENSEMBLES:

BEGINNING BAND
CONCERT BAND
CONCERT STRINGS
HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC WORKSHOP



HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL
17 UNION STREET, HINGHAM 02043
Student call time at 5:30pm

K-6 Craft Day | Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to help with this year's Craft Day event on **Friday, December 19th**. If you are interested in volunteering on Craft Day please sign up [here](#) or use the button below. We are asking volunteers to plan for a craft for about 50 students. **Due to the structure of the event, individuals may only register for one grade level.**

Anyone that volunteers at SSCPS must complete a CORI, complete volunteer training, take the volunteer quiz and be fingerprinted. Please plan ahead and get your paperwork completed as soon as possible if you plan to come in and volunteer on Craft Day. This sign up will close on Friday, December 12th to allow us time to plan.

Thank you for your consideration. We are all looking forward to this year's Craft Day!

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

BSU Club Kwanzaa Night

Join the SSCPS BSU Club for an evening of culture, community, and joy as we honor the traditions and principles of Kwanzaa. All are welcome!



Community Events & News

Hanover Four Corners Winter Festival



Friends of
Holly Hill Farm
A Farm for Teaching & Learning

Late Fall December One-Day Programs

December 1 - 18
Sign up for one, a few, or all programs!



Members receive a discount.
Reduced pricing available.

We strive to make educational programming accessible to all ages. Tiered pricing allows families to choose the price that is right for them, while also becoming more aware of the costs associated with putting on educational programs for each child.

COMING SOON

WINTER SESSIONS
January - March 2026

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

Register Now!
"One Day" Programs for ages 6 -12
After school from 4:00 - 5:30 pm*

- Healthy Cooking*
- Shelter Building
- Farm Night Mysteries
- Wreath Making
- Holiday Gift Crafts
- Fairy & Gnome Homes
- Tomtem Quest

*Healthy Cooking 4:00-6:00 pm
hollyhillfarm.org/december-programs

Blue Hills Ski Area | Student Employment Opportunities

Blue Hills Ski Area has some exciting opportunities for students who may be seeking part-time employment, seasonal work, or leadership development between fall and spring sports seasons!

Their 2025–2026 winter season runs from December through March, with onboarding and training beginning in late November to early December. They offer both full-time and part-time hours with flexible scheduling options to accommodate school commitments—including school-day, evening, night, and weekend shifts. It's a fun, active, and community-oriented environment where students can gain valuable experience.

Blue Hills is hiring across all departments, with positions available for a wide range of ages and interests:

- **Snowsports School (ages 14+)** – Ski & Snowboard Instructors (*training provided; great for students who are intermediate or advanced skiers/snowboarders*)
- **Guest Services (16+)** – Ticketing, Retail, Information, Guest Experience Ambassadors
- **Rentals (16+)** – Rental Equipment Technicians

- **Food & Beverage (16–18+)** – Food Runners/Bussers, Snack Shack Attendants, Cooks, Bartenders
- **Parking (16+)** – Parking Attendants, Shuttle Drivers
- **Tubing (16+)** – Tubing Attendants
- **Race Department (16+)** – Race Coaches, Race Course Assistants
- **Lifts (18+)** – Lift Operators
- **Operations (18+)** – Snowmaking, Grooming
- **Events & Group Sales (18+)** – Group Sales and Event Coordinators
- **Content Creation & Social Media (18+)** – Paid Internships and Full Positions

Students who wish to join our **Snowsports School** will also participate in our **Instructor Training Course**, which builds **communication, leadership, and teaching skills** that apply well beyond the mountain. Our affiliation with the **Professional Ski Instructors of America American Association of Snowboard Instructors (PSIA AASI)** gives participants access to professional-level training, mentorship, and resume-enhancing certifications.

View the flyer below for more information - job postings and application links are available on the Blue Hills Ski Area [website](#).

BLUE HILLS SKI INFO

On the Levels

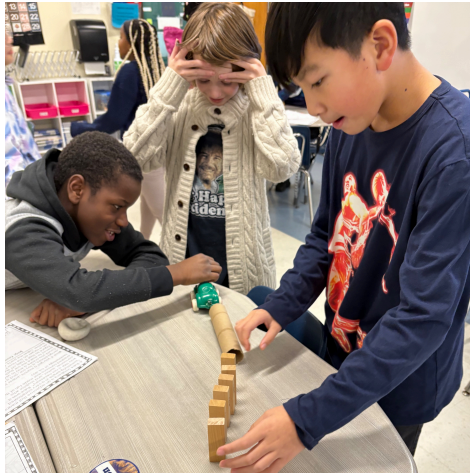
Grade 1 Balloon Parade





Grade 5 Math & Science

Grade 5 students create Rube Goldberg Machines and work with fraction tiles to explore equivalent fractions!



AP Bridge Program | High School Mentors Needed

Mentors Needed! Help Guide Our Future Scholars

The AP Bridge Program at South Shore Charter Public School High School is seeking professional mentors to support students preparing to take on Advanced Placement (AP) coursework. This is a meaningful way to give back and inspire the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and changemakers.

Whether you're in business, education, healthcare, STEM, the arts, or public service, your guidance can make a lasting impact.

What You'll Do:

- Encourage and motivate high school students
- Share real-world experience and college/career advice
- Build confidence in young scholars

Mentors meet periodically with students (virtually) to share advice, encouragement, and strategies for success in AP and beyond.

Time Commitment: Flexible & rewarding

Contact Info: Email Nadeen Sullivan (nsullivan@sscps.org) for more information or complete this [mentor interest form](#).

Get Involved Today! Let's empower our students to dream big and achieve even bigger!

What's New in Projects & Workshops

Level III Community Service Project

The Level III Community Service Project is bringing Toys for Tots to SSCPS this year! If you are able, please send in a new, unwrapped toy to donate before December 10. Collection boxes are located at the front desk of both buildings. Thank you for helping to make a child's holiday season a bit brighter!



Cultural Diversity Workshop

The Cultural Diversity Workshop
Presents



DONATE COATS

Where: At the Front Desk

NOW - JAN 10

Donate gently used, warm winter coats for **children and adults** at any Anton's Cleaners, Jordan's Furniture, or Rockland Trust location.

Corporate Partners



Coats only, please. All sizes welcome!

antons.com/cfk

Promotional Partner



Coats are professionally cleaned by Anton's and distributed to families in need through a network of over 90 local social service agencies, schools, and nonprofit organizations.

Arts & Music

Original Works Orders

It isn't too late to place an order with Original Works - the company that allows us to purchase a keepsake with student artwork on it. The extended ordering deadline is **12/16/25**. Orders placed from now on will not arrive before the December break. See below for instructions on how to order!



How to order:

- Access your image(s)**
 Use the following link to access your student(s) images:
<https://store.originalworks.com/gallery>
 Enter the access code shown on the original flyer you received*
 To add more than 1 student - click "Add Artwork" for each additional access code.
- Choose Orientation**
 Choose the correct orientation for the image to be reproduced onto products.
- Select Products**
 Add to Cart or View Products details.
- Checkout**
 Follow the onscreen instructions for checkout.
 Payments can be made by credit or debit card.
- Can't find your Access Code?**
 Try the Search Artwork feature online by entering the required information.
 Please note that your students name needs to be entered as it is on record with the school (ie: James not Jim)
 OR
 Contact Original Works Customer Service and then can provide you with your code.
 If your child does not have an Artwork Online, please contact your school's program coordinator about submitting a piece.

Need help?
 Contact Customer Service
 518.584.9278
cs@originalworks.com
 Monday - Friday
 8:00am - 4:00pm EST

Afterschool Enrichment Program

Session II Registration: Open Now!

Dear Families,

We are excited to announce that registration for Session II of our Afterschool Enrichment Program is now open for students in Grades 2 - 8! Please review our Club Descriptions [here](#) and complete the Registration using [FamilyID.com](https://familyid.com). Registration is \$50 and will close on Friday, December 19th. We look forward to another great session of learning, adventure and fun! Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Warm regards,

Nadeen Sullivan

Afterschool Enrichment Program Coordinator



SSCPS AFTERSCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



SESSION II

GRADES 2-8

JANUARY 20TH 2026 - APRIL 2ND 2026

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

TIME: 3:15 - 4:15 PM



SESSION II CLUBS:

- ACTIVE ZONE: SPORTS AND FITNESS
- STEAM DREAM TEAM
- MAGAZINE PRODUCTION CLUB
- EXERCISE THROUGH MUSIC AND MOVEMENT
- KICKBOXING FITNESS CLUB
- DANCE BLAST
- CHEMICAL CREATIONS
- MATH MAVERICKS
- STORYBOOK EXPLORERS CLUB
- ART CLUB
- HOMEWORK ACADEMY



CONTACT: NADEEN SULLIVAN

PHONE: 781-982-4202 EXT. 356.

EMAIL: [NSULLIVAN@SSCPS.ORG](mailto:nsullivan@sscps.org)

From the Health Office

Important Reminders | 2025-2026

If your student takes prescription medication during the school day, including epipens or inhalers, the medication will need to be dropped off to the school nurse by an adult. Medication cannot be sent on the bus with students. All medication needs to be accompanied by a new prescription medication form each year. Your doctor may fill out their own medication form, an Asthma Action Plan, Allergy Action Plan, or the school's [Prescription Drug Form](#). No medication can be accepted without the proper paperwork. Parents/guardians will also need to sign the form to give permission for medication to be administered in school. Students can not bring in over the counter medication. All

medication needed at school must be held in the Health Office and have the proper paperwork in order for it to be administered at school. Please check expiration dates of medication before sending it in. Medication that expires during the school year will need to be replaced before it expires. Please reach out to your school nurse if you have any questions about medications.

K-6th Grade: Jaime Kjelgaard, RN jkjelgaard@sscps.org 781-982-4202 x104
7th-12th Grade: Barbara Folan, RN bfolan@sscps.org 781-982-4201 x 182

If your student is planning on playing a school sport in the fall they must have a current physical dated within the past 13 months of the start of the sports season. Students who do not have a current physical will not be allowed to try out or participate in sports. You may submit health forms to:

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

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

The K through 6 school is a **peanut/nut free** building. Please make sure you do not send your child to school with any food that contains peanuts or nuts or the label reads "may contain nuts or traces of nuts". Caffeinated beverages are not allowed in the elementary school. Please send your student to school with a reusable water bottle as the school does not provide water bottles.

Please reach out to your school nurse and teacher if your student is sick. Students who have vomiting, diarrhea, or a fever of 100 or above need to remain out of school until the symptoms or fever have resolved for 24 hours. If your student has strep throat, conjunctivitis or any other contagious illness they will need to remain out until they have been on antibiotics for 24 hours. Students who develop any of these symptoms during the school day will need to be picked up from school promptly. Please make sure your contact information with the school is up to date. Absences can be reported to attendance@sscps.org.

Level I students should have a full change of weather appropriate clothes that is kept at school.

SSCPS Health Office

Community Service

Community Service Opportunities

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.

LEVEL I FORM

LEVEL II FORM

LEVEL III FORM

LEVEL IV FORM

HIGH SCHOOL FORM

Parents Association, SEPAC, & ELPAC

Parents Association Updates

Toy Box Fundraiser Update

A HUGE THANK YOU to The Toy Box in Hanover for partnering with the SSCPS PA in holding a shopping fundraiser, where 20% of each sale that day that mentioned SSCPS was donated to the SSCPS Parents Association.

A total of 19 families participated in making purchases and we raised \$304. Thank you to everyone who participated!

The Next PA Meeting will be **December 16th at 7PM** - we are attempting to coordinate for a hybrid meeting so that we can meet up in person. Updates will be provided once finalized.

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

Important Links

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

1. [Afterschool Enrichment Program](#)
2. [DESE Student Attendance Letter](#)
Translated:([Arabic](#), [Cape Verdean](#), [Creole](#), [Chinese](#), [Haitian](#), [Creole](#), [Portuguese](#), [Spanish](#), [Vietnamese](#))
3. [Back-to-School Information](#)
4. [Food Services](#)
5. [Health Office](#)
6. [Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance](#)
7. [Community Service](#)
8. [Parents Association Website](#)

School Documents:

[2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

[Student and Family Handbook](#)

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

[2024-2025 SSCPS Annual Report](#)

[DESE Integrated Monitoring Review](#)



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