



# Weekly Update | March 11, 2026

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## A Message from Angie

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Since its founding, South Shore Charter Public School has required students to complete college-level coursework while still in high school. Although the paths taken to fulfill this requirement have evolved over time, engaging in college-level study has remained a consistent requirement for graduation. In the early years students completed courses on local community college campuses. As our high school grew we were able to build a strong Advanced Placement program in addition to the off campus opportunities.

Last year we expanded our available college coursework by establishing a relationship with Quincy College to offer dual enrollment courses during the school day. Students are

able to earn both college credit through [Quincy College](#) and high school credit in courses that are designated as dual enrollment. In order to receive this designation the teacher must meet qualifications set by Quincy College and the course syllabus must be approved by the college's department chair. Students must earn a C in the course in order to earn credit. Unlike with Advanced Placement courses, credit is earned through coursework. There is no exam requirement. Our current slate of courses includes Speech Communication, Quantitative Reasoning, and Science of Psychology with other offerings under consideration.

The experience of taking a dual enrollment course provides students with more than just college credit. Having the first experience of college level coursework in a supportive environment can help students see themselves in higher education. Our partnership with Quincy College also provides students with additional opportunities. For example, last Friday our Science of Psychology students were invited to attend a Psychology Symposium at Quincy College's Quincy campus. Over the course of the day our students participated in a variety of psychology focused workshops led by current Quincy College students. They were greeted by the college president, met professors in the department, and toured the facilities. At the close of the day, they attended a roundtable lunch where they joined dual enrollment students from other high schools and college students in psychology-focused discussions led by program professors.

Dual enrollment provides an entry point for college coursework that allows students to earn credits and gain comfort with college level coursework. Building on this base, Early College programs give high school students the opportunity to earn 12 or more college credits prior to high school graduation with all of the support that comes with the high school setting. Additionally, Early College programs include advising, college preparation, and advising.

In 2017 the Boards of Higher Education and Elementary and Secondary Education launched an initiative to support Early College programs in high schools and create an Early College designation for high schools. This state created grant opportunities to support schools as they work to develop Early College programs and to obtain a [Massachusetts Early College Designation](#). The state recently awarded us an Early College planning grant to support our school and provide planning resources as we work to expand our current offerings into a full Early College program. Earning this designation will allow us not only to expand our course offerings, but to increase participation in college-focused programming like Friday's Psychology Symposium. With this next step, we look forward to deepening our partnership with Quincy College and expanding the opportunities that make college both accessible and achievable for all of our students.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns.

**Angie Pepin**  
**Director of Teaching and Learning**

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# School Calendar & Announcements

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## Weekly Calendar

### SSCPS WEEKLY CALENDAR

 MAR 11 - MAR 18

<b>Wed 11</b> School Council Meeting via Zoom - 4:30PM High School Spain Trip Parent Meeting at 700 Longwater - 6PM Multicultural Food Night Committee Meeting via Zoom - 7PM	<b>Thu 12</b> Board of Trustees Meeting at 700 Longwater and via Zoom - 5:30PM	<b>Fri 13</b> 	<b>Sat/Sun</b> 
<b>Mon 16</b> Family STEM Night at 700 Longwater - 5PM	<b>Tue 17</b> St. Patrick's Day 	<b>Wed 18</b> Grade 5 Field Trip - USS Constitution Junior Parent Night via Zoom - 6PM Multicultural Food Night Committee Meeting via Zoom - 7PM	<b>Upcoming</b> <b>Mar 19</b> - JJ Facey Spirit Day <b>Mar 20</b> - Eid al-Fitr <b>Mar 25</b> - HS Music Workshop Fundraising Concert <b>Mar 26</b> - K-4 Literacy Night

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

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

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## 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](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.

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

## 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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Last Monday, I noticed something on my walk into the building. Not the big kind of change. The small kind. The snow banks that had been sitting along the edge of the lot all winter were starting to sag. A narrow strip of grass had appeared where there had only been ice before. It wasn't dramatic. If you weren't looking for it, you might miss it completely.

But it was there. Spring doesn't arrive all at once. It works its way in slowly. The light stays a little longer. The ground softens. Things that looked completely dormant start pushing their way back up again.

Schools move in seasons too.

By this point in the year, students have been living alongside one another for months. They have figured out routines. They have had arguments. They have made mistakes. They have repaired some of them and ignored others. It is messy work growing up in a building full of other people.

And yet, if you stop and watch closely, you start to see the same thing you see outside this time of year. Small changes. A student who used to react quickly now pauses before responding. A group that struggled to work together in the fall starts finding a rhythm. A child who had a hard time settling into the school year begins to look more comfortable in their own skin.

None of it happens overnight.

This week in advisory we asked students to do something simple. To notice the people who make the school run every day. The adults who unlock the doors, clean the rooms, answer phones, serve lunch, and drive buses before the sun is fully up.

Students wrote notes and messages of appreciation.

It was a small thing. But small things are how communities grow stronger. Spring works that way. So does a school.

Warmly,

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



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## Upcoming School & Community Events

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### Upcoming SSCPS Events

#### Family STEM Night

We are excited to invite you to our Family STEM Night following Pi Day, a special event designed to explore the fascinating world of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). This event will be held on **Monday, March 16th, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at 700 Longwater Drive**. This event is free of charge and offers a variety of engaging, hands-on activities, as well as a "Snack Shack" (cash only) to enjoy while you explore the different STEM stations.

For more details, please reach out to Jamie Allen, the Science Coordinator, at [jallen@sscps.org](mailto:jallen@sscps.org).



#### STEM NIGHT STATIONS

- FUNCTION OF PI – LEARN AND MEMORIZE THE DIGITS OF PI THROUGH FUN MEMORY CHALLENGES, AND ACTIVITIES
- MATHEMATICS-EXPLORE THE MANY AREAS OF MATH THROUGH ENGAGING ACTIVITIES AND GAMES
- MATHEMATICS & COMPUTATIONAL THINKING – SOLVE LOGIC PUZZLES AND BRAINTEASERS THAT CHALLENGE REASONING AND PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS.
- COMPUTER SCIENCE & DIGITAL LITERACY – CREATE SECRET MESSAGES WITH BINARY CODE BRACELETS.
- COMPUTER SCIENCE & ROBOTICS – EXPLORE BLOCK CODING USING OZOBOTS AND MICROBITS.
- ENGINEERING DESIGN – TAKE ON HANDS-ON STEM DESIGN CHALLENGES THAT REQUIRE TEAMWORK AND CREATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING.
- PHYSICS & ENGINEERING – INVESTIGATE ELECTRICITY AND CIRCUITS USING SNAP CIRCUITS KITS.
- PHYSICS (MOTION & KINEMATICS) – DESIGN AND TEST BALLOON-POWERED CARS TO EXPLORE MOTION, FORCE, AND SPEED.
- MAKER & ENGINEERING – PARTICIPATE IN MAKER ACTIVITIES AND EXPLORE 3D PRINTING TECHNOLOGY.
- LIFE SCIENCE (BIOLOGY) – EXAMINE SPECIMENS USING MICROSCOPES AND MICROVIEWERS.
- GENETICS & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY – LEARN ABOUT THE MOLECULE OF LIFE (DNA) AND BUILD DNA AND OTHER CHEMICAL MOLECULE MODELS.
- CHEMISTRY – EXPLORE BONDING AND CHEMICAL REACTIONS THROUGH HANDS-ON SLIME ACTIVITIES.

#### COLLECT "PI PIECES" ALONG THE WAY!

AS STUDENTS EXPLORE STATIONS, THEY WILL EARN "PI PIECES" FOR EACH ACTIVITY THEY COMPLETE. USING THEIR STEM NIGHT PASSPORT, STUDENTS CAN VISIT STATIONS THAT MATCH THEIR INTERESTS WHILE COLLECTING PI PIECES AND BUILDING THEIR OWN GOODIE BAGS ALONG THE WAY.

AT CHECKOUT, STUDENTS WILL TURN IN THEIR COLLECTED PI PIECES AND RECEIVE A SPECIAL PI-THEMED REWARD – EITHER A PI CONSOLATION SET OR A TABLE TALK PIE!

#### EXPLORE, DISCOVER, AND CELEBRATE STEM!

STEM NIGHT BRINGS SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS TO LIFE THROUGH HANDS-ON LEARNING, CREATIVITY, AND REAL-WORLD DISCOVERY FOR STUDENTS OF ALL AGES.



## K-4 Literacy Night



# LITERACY NIGHT IS COMING!

THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH\*  
FROM 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Families of grades K-4 students, please join us for Literacy Night! Your children will hear stories read or told aloud to them in English and other languages by teachers and volunteers. ★ ★

**Pajamas and Slippers are appropriate dress!** ★ ★

If you would like to volunteer to read at Literacy Night please contact Kristen Gale.  
[kgale@sscps.org](mailto:kgale@sscps.org) 781-982-4202 X344

**This is not a drop off event. Please plan for an adult to attend with your child.**



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## Multicultural Food Night

Join SSCPS for our annual Multicultural Food Night this April 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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## Community Events & News

### **Holly Hill Farm Summer Programs**

**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

## 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

## MONARCHS

**Ages 6 - 8  
 Half and Full Day  
 All weeks**



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

## PROGRAMS for MIDDLESCHOOLERS

**Ages 11 - 14  
 Full Day**

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

## Counselor-in- Training

**Ages 12 - 15  
 Half Day  
 Weeks of 6/15-8/24**

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.

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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## International Travel Returns to SSCPS

### SSCPS Goes to Spain!

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

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

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

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

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

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## On the Levels

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### African Diaspora Night

Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate African Diaspora Night with us! It was a beautiful evening filled with culture, music, learning, and community. Seeing students, families, and staff come together to honor the richness and diversity of the African diaspora made the event truly special. We are grateful to everyone who helped make the night possible and to those who shared their time, energy, and enthusiasm. Please take a moment to enjoy some photos from the evening and relive the wonderful moments we shared.

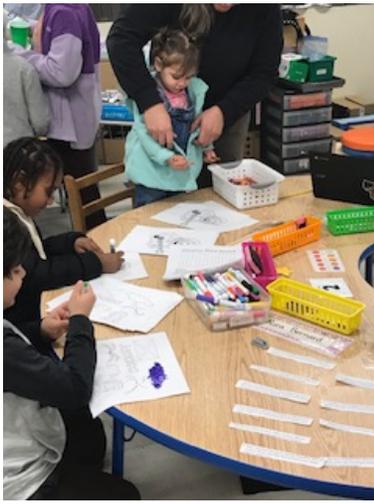
At SSCPS, we remain committed to creating opportunities for our community to celebrate culture, identity, and connection. We hope you will continue to join us for future events throughout the year.

Next up: Multicultural Food Night Thursday April 16th, 2026.

We invite families to share a dish that represents their culture and join us for another evening of community and celebration.

We hope to see you there.

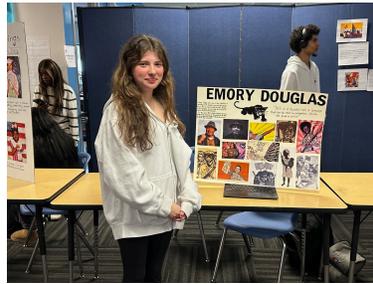




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## AP African American Studies Black Art Exhibition

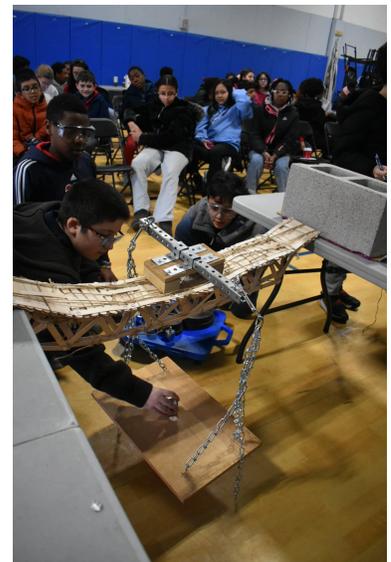
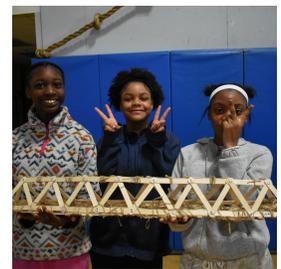
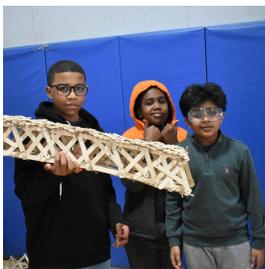
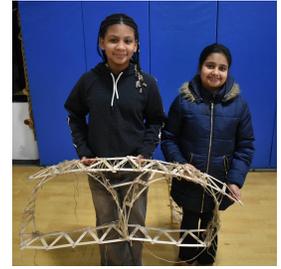
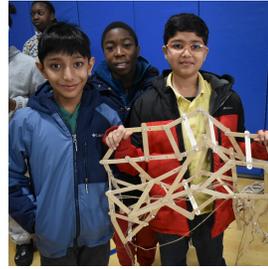
To culminate Black History Month, past and present AP African American Studies students hosted a Black Art Exhibition highlighting powerful works from the African Diaspora. Students selected pieces using the AP African American Studies framework, exploring themes of identity, resistance, cultural pride, and social justice. Through their presentations, students shared the historical significance of the artwork and demonstrated how art has long served as a powerful form of expression and activism within Black communities around the world.



## Bridge Building Competition | Levels III and IV

Every year, the Boston Society of Civil Engineers holds a Bridge Building Competition. This year, students designed and built bridges made entirely of jumbo popsicle sticks,

twine, and Chicago post screws. A snowstorm kept us away from the actual competition in Boston, but we held our own with the teams from Level III and Level IV in the PE Space on March 2nd. We hope you enjoy the pictures of SSCPS' engineers in action!



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## P.E. Kids Heart Challenge

SIGN UP NOW

**American Heart Association KIDS HEART CHALLENGE**

**JOIN THE KHC LIFESAVERS LEAGUE**

*(OFFER AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF VARIOUS KIDS HEART CHALLENGE LEVELS)*

**STEP 1:**

**SIGN UP TODAY!**  
Download the AHA Schools app or visit [heart.org/schools](http://heart.org/schools) to join your school team.

When you register, be sure to join the **NFL PLAY 60 Family Challenge** and track 60 active minutes a day!

**STEP 2:**

**COMPLETE FINN'S MISSION!**  
Make it YOUR mission to help create a lifesaving community. Learn Hands-Only CPR with NFL players, how to recognize the warning signs of a stroke and more!

**STEP 3:**

**COLLECT DONATIONS!**  
Help kids, like Ava, with special hearts by collecting donations. Ava had open-heart surgery at age five. Thanks to advancements funded by the American Heart Association, she can do everything her friends can.

**By joining Kids Heart Challenge, your student will learn how to keep their heart, body and brain healthy—while helping kids with special hearts live longer, healthier lives. It's a fun and meaningful way to teach lifelong habits of health and helping others.**

**NFL PLAY:60**

**CBIZ**

**RAISE MORE GET MORE!**

*(Mientras más recaudes, más recibes!)*

**REGISTER ONLINE TO EARN YOUR WRISTBAND.**  
*(REGISTRATE EN LINEA PARA RECIBIR TU PULSERA.)*

**EARN THE GIFT AT EACH LEVEL PLUS ALL LOWER LEVELS.**  
*(GANA EL REGALO EN CADA NIVEL MÁS TODOS LOS DE NIVELES INFERIORES.)*

**EARN A MYSTERY GIFT FOR EVERY \$50 YOU RAISE!**  
*(GANA UN REGALO MISTERIOSO POR CADA \$50 QUE RECADES.)*

**COLLECT DONATIONS TO HELP KIDS WITH SPECIAL HEARTS—KIDS LIKE TYSON!**  
*(RECAUDA DONACIONES PARA AYUDAR A NIÑOS QUE TIENEN CORAZONES ESPECIALES, COMO TYSON.)*

**COMPLETE FINN'S MISSION TO EARN YOUR LIFESAVERS CAPE!**  
*(COMPLETA LA MISIÓN DE FINN PARA GANAR TU CAPA DE LIFESAVERS.)*

**TIPS**

**REGISTERING MULTIPLE STUDENTS?**  
Create an account for each student with the same parent email, but different usernames. (REGISTRANDO MÁS DE UN ESTUDIANTE? Crea una cuenta para cada niño, usando el mismo correo electrónico del padre o la madre, pero cada estudiante debe tener su propio nombre de usuario.)

**HAVE A MATCHING GIFT?**  
Send your matching gift confirmation (email/photo/access grab) to [matchinggift@heart.org](mailto:matchinggift@heart.org). (TIENES UN REGALO A PAR? Envía la confirmación de su regalo adjunto (correo electrónico/foto/captura del pantalla) a [matchinggift@heart.org](mailto:matchinggift@heart.org).)

Gifts include: \$5 BEET, \$10 RESCUE KIT, \$15 JUMP ROPE, \$25 ASPEN, \$40 PARKER, \$50 F-SHIRT, \$75 PLAYGROUND BALL, \$100 TURBO, \$200 XL RIVER, \$250 XXL ZEE, \$500 HYDRO BOTTLE, \$1000 RESCUE BUILD KIT.

## 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)

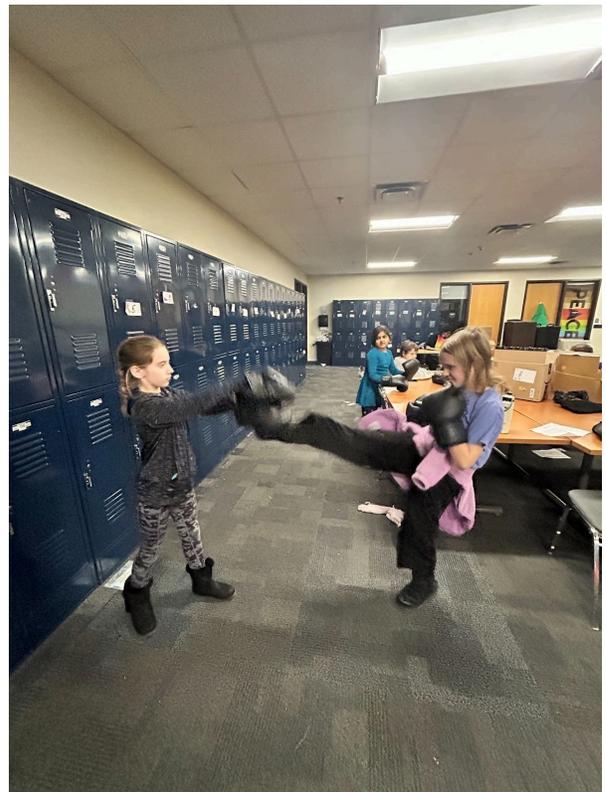
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## Afterschool Enrichment Program

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### Kickboxing Club

Students in the Kickboxing Club have been using focus mitts to practice different combinations of punches and kicks, including jabs, crosses, hooks, uppercuts, front kicks, and inside and outside crescent kicks. Through these workouts, students are building strength, focus, and confidence while staying active and having lots of fun.



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## Active Zone

This week in Active Zone, students focused on building teamwork and trust. Before their big soccer game, they huddled together to discuss strategies, share ideas, and create

their game plans. Working collaboratively helped students strengthen communication skills while learning the importance of trusting their teammates on and off the field. The energy was high as everyone put their plans into action and supported one another throughout the game.



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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 Kjølgaard ([jkjolgaard@sscps.org](mailto:jkjolgaard@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

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

## Parents Association Updates

### PA Election Season

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

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

### Helpful Links:

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

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

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

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

TEACHER APPRECIATION

SSCPS SPRING FAIR

SCHOOL BEAUTIFICATION

## General PA Info

There will be no PA meeting this month. 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)

# 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](#)



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