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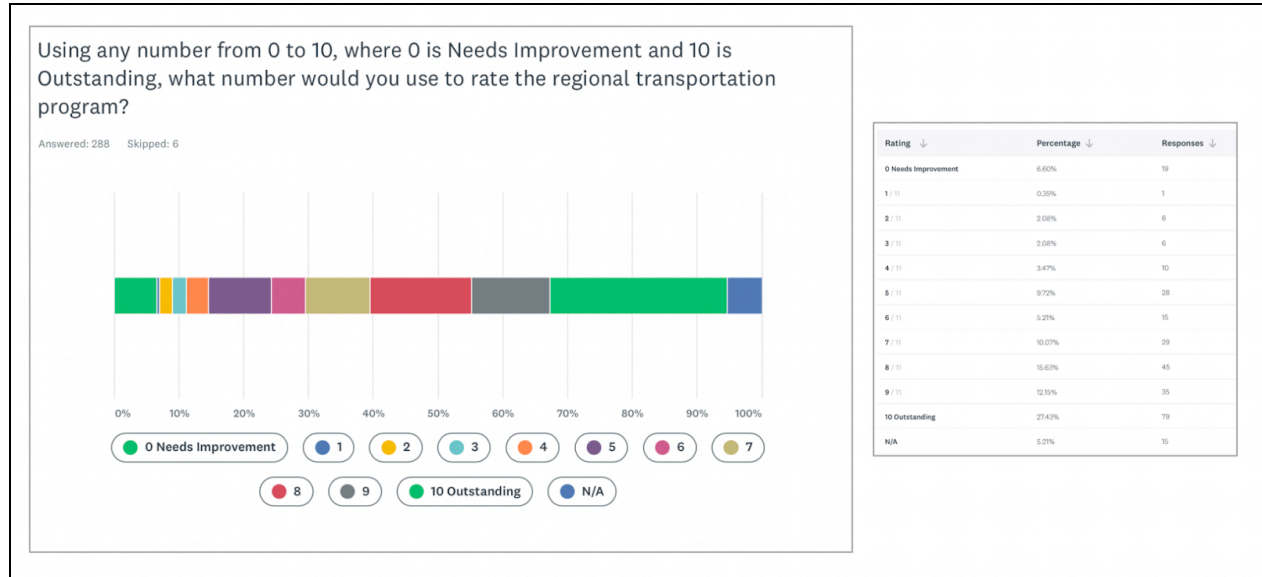
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A Message from Alicia

The South Shore Charter Annual Family Survey has been completed for the 2025-2026 school year. We are grateful to have strong participation from our families. Again this year, SSCPS families have provided valuable input that informs essential decisions affecting academic programming and student life. In addition to family participation in the Transportation Survey and focus groups, this year's participation in the Annual Family Survey was high. We received 180 survey responses from 766 families, a response rate of 23%. Participation in the survey was lower than last year. However, unlike last year, families were asked to complete two surveys instead of one.

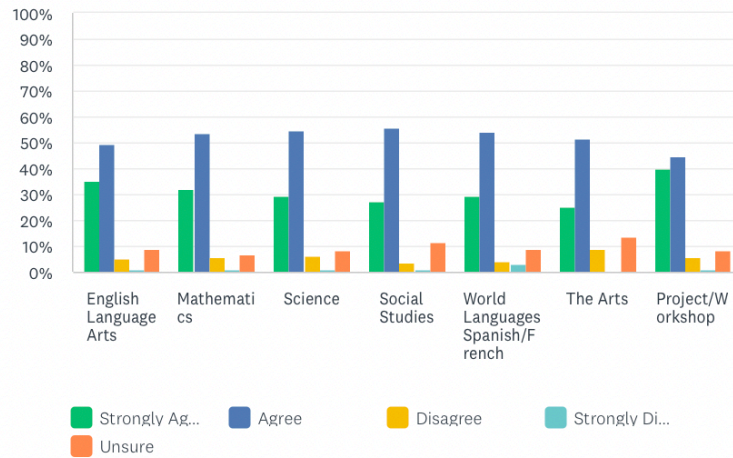
We completed the [Transportation Survey](#) in December, receiving 294 responses from families. Question 5 asked families to rate transportation services on a scale of 0-10. Out of 288 responses, the average was 8.21. The most frequently selected response was 10. The average rating from Weymouth families is 7.68, based on 27.21% of responses. The average rating from Randolph families, based on 19.05% of responses, is 7.07. The average rating from Brockton families is 7.54, based on 17.69% of responses.



Survey results play a crucial role in informing our decision-making process each year. For example, this year we used survey and focus group data to establish the new bus route which began in February. As we are currently in our first year of enrollment growth and facilities expansion, we seek input from all stakeholders in our school community. We review survey results through the lens of our mission of inspiring every student to excel in academics, service, and life. Family feedback on the academic programming offered at South Shore Charter provides the insight necessary to develop and sustain strong teaching and learning.

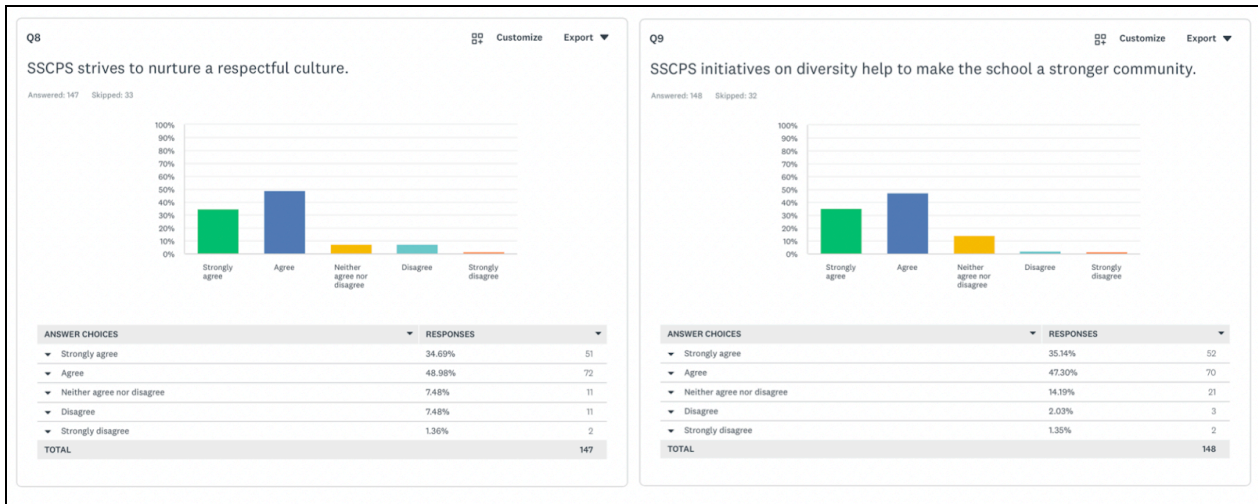
SSCPS offers a rigorous academic program and curriculum that prepares students well for future schooling.

Answered: 157 Skipped: 23

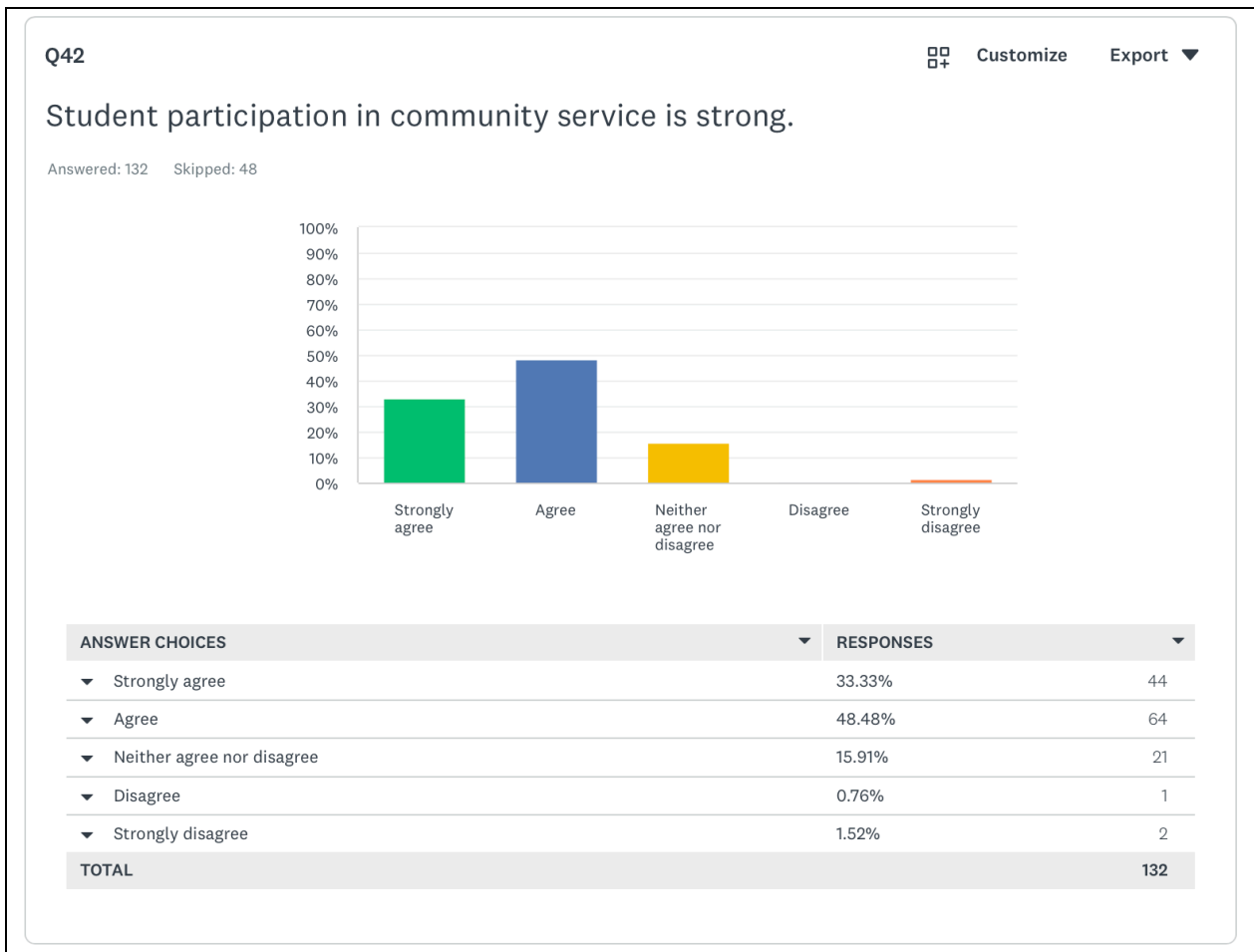


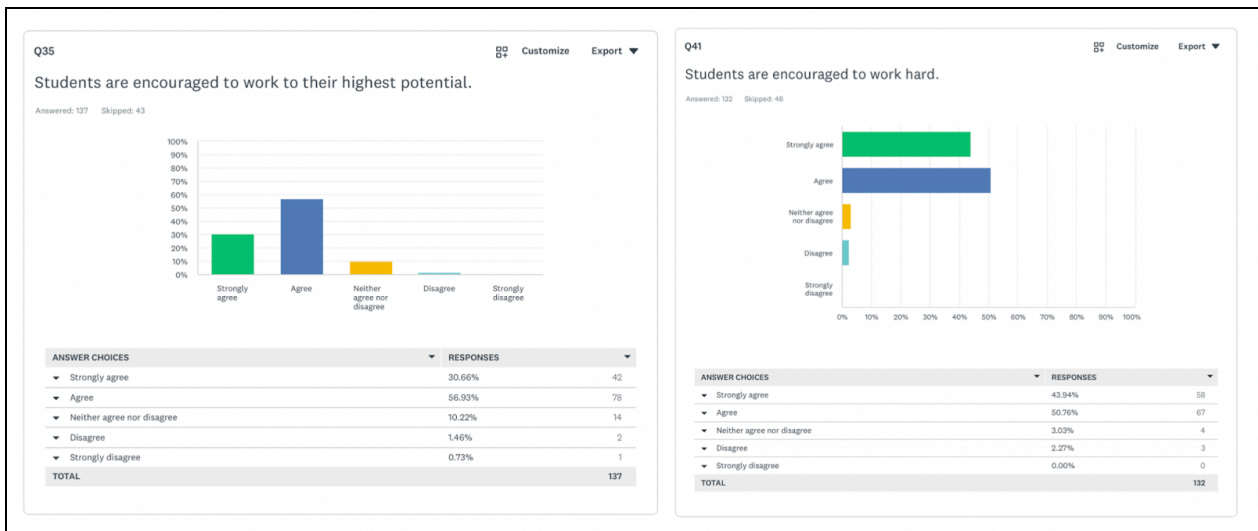
	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	UNSURE	TOTAL
English Language Arts	35.26% 55	49.36% 77	5.13% 8	1.28% 2	8.97% 14	156
Mathematics	32.05% 50	53.85% 84	5.77% 9	1.28% 2	7.05% 11	156
Science	29.49% 46	54.49% 85	6.41% 10	1.28% 2	8.33% 13	156
Social Studies	27.45% 42	55.56% 85	3.92% 6	1.31% 2	11.76% 18	153
World Languages Spanish/French	29.30% 46	54.14% 85	4.46% 7	3.18% 5	8.92% 14	157
The Arts	25.16% 39	51.61% 80	9.03% 14	0.65% 1	13.55% 21	155
Project/Workshop	40.00% 62	44.52% 69	5.81% 9	1.29% 2	8.39% 13	155

Family feedback on the academic programming offered at South Shore Charter provides the insight necessary to develop and sustain strong teaching and learning. Question 5: *SSCPS offers a rigorous academic program and curriculum that prepares students well for future learning*, and allows us to measure family satisfaction for each subject area. As indicated in the bar graph, families leaned toward *Agree* or *Strongly Agree* in all subjects. The English Language Arts rounded score is 85%; Mathematics, 86%; Science, 81%; Social Studies, 83%; World Languages, 83%; the Arts, 77%; Project and Workshop, 85%. The subject area with the highest percentage of *Unsure* responses is the Arts at 14%.

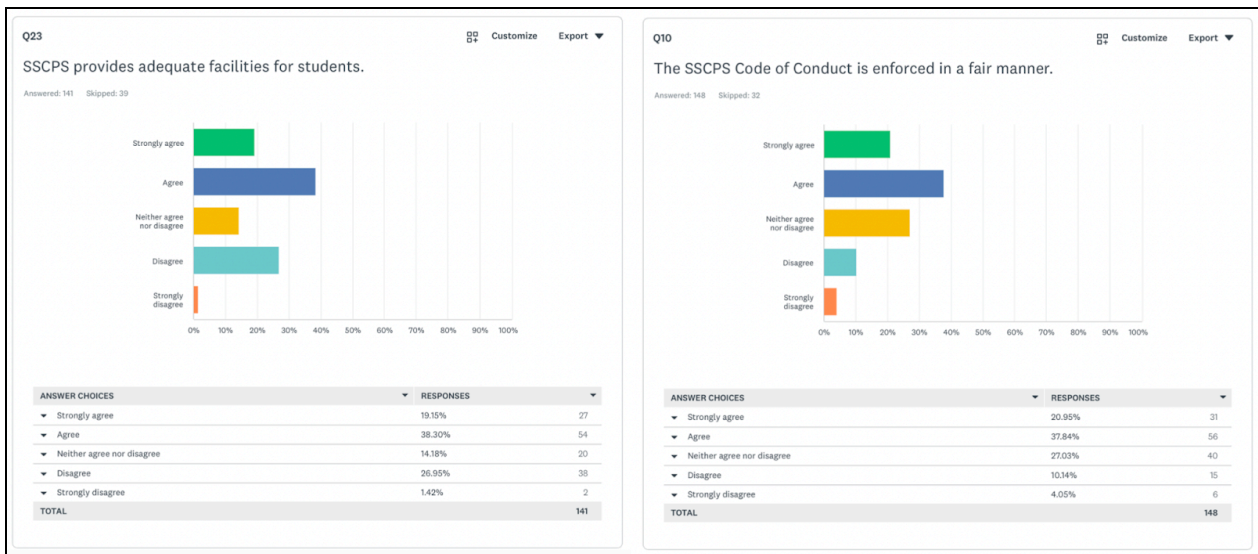


Included are questions that speak to the essence of who we are as a school community. Question 8: *SSCPS strives to nurture a respectful culture*, and Question 9: *SSCPS initiatives on diversity help to make the school a stronger community*, both seek to measure the school environment for every student. As indicated in the bar graphs, families favored *Agree* or *Strongly Agree* for both questions. The rounded scores for Questions 8 and 9 are 84% and 82%, respectively.





Data gleaned indicate that the school community shares common objectives: fostering a spirit of community service (Question 42), and encouraging students to work hard and achieve (Questions 35 and 41). Similar to Questions 8 and 9, these questions assess alignment with the school’s mission and offer insight into SSCPS families’ perspectives. As indicated in the bar graphs, families favored *Agree* or *Strongly Agree* on all three questions. The rounded scores for Questions 42, 35, and 41 are 82%, 89%, and 95%, respectively.



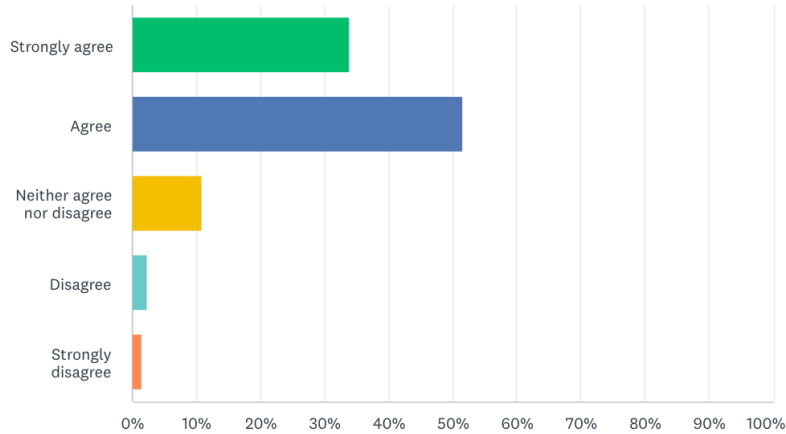
Question 23: *SSCPS provides adequate facilities for students*, continues to be the strongest area for growth. Feedback on school facilities consistently underscores the need for campus enhancements, a need that has remained constant over the years. This year’s data is no exception. These challenges are being directly addressed this year as construction at 700 Longwater continues, and as classroom space is improved at 100 Longwater as grades relocate. Another area of growth identified is Question 10: *The SSCPS Code of Conduct is enforced in a fair manner*. Although we cannot communicate to families what the outcome of individual disciplinary actions are, we will continue to communicate school wide initiatives underway.

Q43

Customize Export

Overall, I am satisfied with the educational experience and program at SSCPS.

Answered: 130 Skipped: 50



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Strongly agree	33.85% 44
Agree	51.54% 67
Neither agree nor disagree	10.77% 14
Disagree	2.31% 3
Strongly disagree	1.54% 2
TOTAL	130

Responses for Question 43: *Overall I am satisfied with the educational experience and program at SSCPS*, indicate a high satisfaction rate year after year among South Shore Charter families. This year, the rounded score of families who selected *Strongly Agree* or *Agree* is 85%.

Survey results for all questions are [linked here](#). I encourage you to review survey responses at your convenience. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have. We welcome additional thoughts and questions as we continue to grow our student body and campus.

Thank you for your work building our future together.

Alicia Savage
Executive Director

School Calendar & Announcements

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

 MAR 25 - APR 01

Wed 25 MCAS Grade 10 ELA Storyteller for Grades K-3 High School Music Workshop Fundraising Concert Multicultural Food Night Planning Committee via Zoom - 7PM	Thu 26 K-4 Literacy Night at 100 Longwater Circle - 6PM	Fri 27 Library Committee Meeting - 11:10AM	Sat/Sun 
Mon 30 Grade 10 to UMass Dartmouth	Tue 31 MCAS Level IV ELA Finance Committee Meeting via Zoom - 6PM	Wed 01 MCAS Level IV ELA Multicultural Food Night Planning Committee via Zoom - 7PM	Upcoming Apr 3 - No School (Good Friday) Apr 7 - Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting via Zoom Apr 7 & 8 - MCAS Level III ELA

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

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

Important Announcements

From the SSCPS Board of Trustees

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

[SSCPS Complaint Procedure](#)

From the Food Services Department

SSCPS Families,

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

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

Thank you,

Charlene Salamone
Food Services Coordinator



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

CALL: 1 (800) 645-8333

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

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

SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)

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

Free Meals for Kids & Teens

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

Food Pantries

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

Referrals to Additional Resources

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

Call today or learn more at projectbread.org/gethelp

LOCAL FOOD RESOURCES

Click the names of each resource for more information.

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



SSCPS Yearbooks on Sale Now!



2025-2026 SSCPS Yearbook

Place your online yearbook order today!

CLICK TO BUY



School Picture Reminders

Order your school pictures today!

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

Code expires July 31, 2026.

ORDER HERE

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

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

From the Foundation

The JJ Facey SSCPS Scholarship



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

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

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

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

From the Dean's Desk

The other morning, I was standing outside during arrival.

Carline was moving. Buses were pulling in. Kids were getting out of cars half awake, some ready for the day, some clearly not. It was one of those normal mornings where everything is happening at once.

And, like most mornings, there were a few small moments that didn't go perfectly. An adult reacting a little too quickly. A comment that came out sharper than intended. A brief exchange between adults that, if we're being honest, probably could have gone differently with just a little more patience.

Nothing unusual. Just people being people.

It got me thinking about how much of growing up is tied to those exact moments.

Children are going to make mistakes. Not because they are trying to be difficult, but because they are still learning. Learning how to manage frustration. Learning how to speak to others. Learning how to make better decisions the next time.

School is one of the places where that learning happens in real time. We hold students accountable when they cross a line. That part matters. But just as important is what comes after. The chance to reset. The chance to try again. The understanding that one poor choice does not define who they are.

That balance is not always easy.

And the truth is, it is not just for children.

Adults have those same moments every day. A quick reaction. A word we would choose differently if we had it back. A moment where we fall short of how we want to show up. At school. At home. In the carline. At the bus stop.

It does not hurt to assume the best in one another. To allow space for a reset. To give the same opportunity to fix things that we expect our children to learn how to use.

That is part of building a strong community.

Not getting everything right the first time, but being willing to correct it and move forward.

Warmly,

Walter Duncan
Dean of Students (K-6)



Upcoming School & Community Events

Upcoming SSCPS Events

Annual Music Workshop Concert | Women in Music



SSCPS
MUSIC WORKSHOP
PRESENTS

IN MUSIC

MARCH 25 | 6 P.M.

\$3/STUDENTS & TEACHERS | \$5 FRIENDS & FAMILY
104 LONGWATER | PE SPACE

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 781-982-4202 X344

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



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**

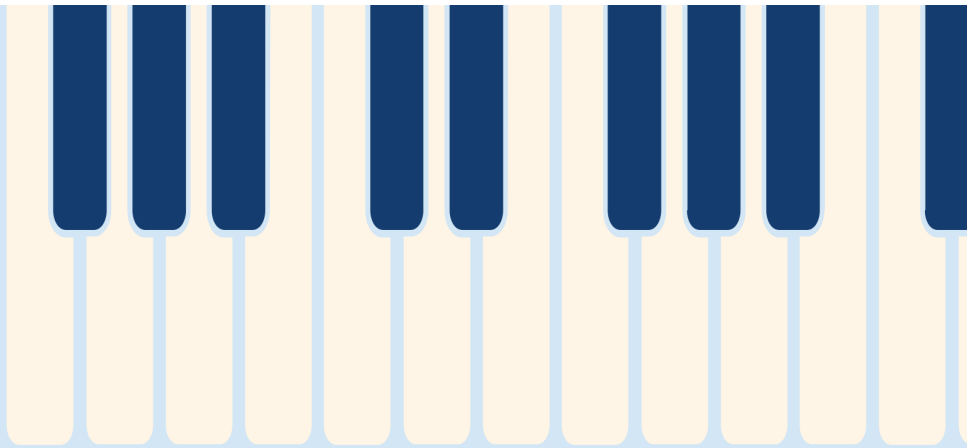
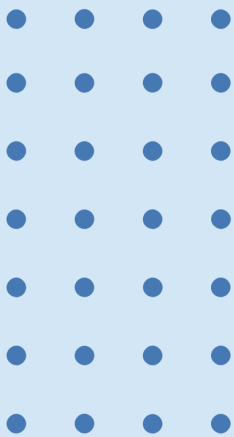
**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO BRING A
DISH HELP SET-UP, SERVE, AND/OR CLEAN-UP,
OR IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EVENT,**

**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.**



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 Summer Programs



Friends of Holly Hill Farm
236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, MA
781-383-6565
HollyHillFarm.orgsummer-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



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

- Future Farmers & Adventurers
- Outdoor Adventurers
- BioBlitz
- Creativity & Cooking with Nature
- Future Farmers
- 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 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

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!

International Travel Returns to SSCPS

SSCPS Goes to Spain!

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

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

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

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

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

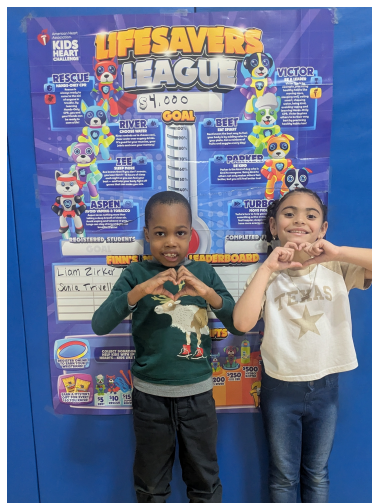
Mary Carter, Director of Guidance

On the Levels

P.E. Kids Heart Challenge Update

As the Kids Heart Challenge with the American Heart Association and the SSCPS Physical Education Department comes to a close, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of our students for their hard work and commitment to heart health during PE class. Throughout the program, students participated in a variety of heart-healthy activities while learning about the function of the heart, how to take care of it, and habits to avoid in order to stay healthy.

Many students also explored how to locate and understand their pulse and heart rate, building a deeper awareness of their overall well-being. Thanks to the incredible support of our school community, we are proud to share that we raised nearly \$3,000 to support children with heart conditions through the American Heart Association, as well as earn gift certificates for new physical education equipment. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this a meaningful and successful experience!



NHS Tutoring Committee

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

REQUEST A TUTOR



THE SSCPS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IS OFFERING

PEER TUTORING

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

Afterschool Enrichment Program

STEAM Dream Team

Recently in STEAM Dream Team, students worked hard to design a parachute that could help protect a toy dinosaur as it fell to the ground. Students were challenged to consider if different types of materials (like plastic wrap versus tinfoil) or different shaped parachutes would yield better results. Students sought creative ways to help their dinosaurs, including building an entire box for their charge to land safely in. The highlight was getting to go outside and test our parachutes from atop the playground. The good news: all the dinos survived!



From the Health Office

Important Reminders | 2025-2026

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

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

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

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

Contacts:

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

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

SSCPS Health Office

Community Service

Community Service Opportunities

Joshua Kaye Foundation Events

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

Other upcoming volunteer opportunities with the Joshua Kaye Foundation:

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

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

Family Fun Festival Volunteering

JOSHUA KAYE
FOUNDATION

FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL

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



Community Service Table

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

Community Service Table

Submit Community Service Hours

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

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

[LEVEL I FORM](#)

[LEVEL II FORM](#)

[LEVEL III FORM](#)

[LEVEL IV FORM](#)

[HIGH SCHOOL FORM](#)

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](#)

SPRING FAIR 2026 Food/Fundraising Communications/Community Day of support Date: 5/2/2026	TEACHER APPRECIATION Planning Team Donations & Sponsorship Day of support Date: 5/4 & 5/5	SCHOOL BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT Organization Business/Sponsorship support Project support volunteer General Volunteer	VOLUNTEERS 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

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](#))

School Documents:

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

[2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

[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](#)

[Student and Family Handbook](#)

[Arrival and Dismissal Procedures](#)

[SSCPS By-Laws](#)

[2024-2025 SSCPS Annual Report](#)

[DESE Integrated Monitoring Review](#)

SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar



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