



# Weekly Update | May 13, 2026

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## A Message from Kristine

On Thursday, May 14th, the Finance Committee will make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees to approve the FY27 South Shore Charter Public School's Operational and Capital Budgets. Since winter break, the Instructional Leadership Team, Administration, and Finance Committee worked diligently on the development of the school's budgets incorporating additional staffing, programming facility, and faculty needs due to our continued enrollment expansion. The FY27 budget focuses on the addition of seventy-seven students as we enter the second year of a five-year expansion plan. This budget supports our continued investment in our faculty and staff by funding the third year of a three-year (FY25-FY27) Faculty & Staff Compensation and Benefit package. The school is planning to hire additional staffing to support our programming needs and instructional requests. The school will continue to provide free breakfast and lunch, offer regional transportation with the addition of two additional routes, continue to fund our three facility operating leases and occupancy expenses, and will invest \$631,395 in

estimated capital expenditures such as new technology, classroom furniture and equipment, a new maintenance truck, new technology infrastructure, equipment, and leasehold improvements to support our expansion and ongoing capital needs.

The school budgeted \$20,988 per pupil based on a projected enrollment of 1,210 students with a pre-enrollment of 1,226 students. This allows for demographic shifts in enrollment throughout the year and fluctuations in our district’s spending. To learn more about how commonwealth charter schools are funded, please click [here](#). The tuition revenue we receive from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) accounts for 87.1% of the school’s annual revenues, another 3.52% comes from federal and state entitlement grants, and 8.31% comes from school meals and regional transportation reimbursement. Other programming and private grants only account for less than 1.07%. It is evident that the school is heavily dependent on the DESE to fund our K-12 program. For informational purposes, here is a table showing a six-year history of tuition data:

	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26*	FY27**
FTE #Students	1,002.66	1,008.06	1,043.74	1,059.65	1,055.00	1,060.55	1,130.00	1,210.00
TUITION	14,186,256	14,655,046	16,195,654	17,200,762	18,069,802	18,786,345	21,188,630	23,909,600
TRANSPORTATION	-	-	-	-	-	1,187,155	1,147,474	1,637,015
FACILITIES	940,481	945,555	979,027	1,152,897	1,253,340	1,258,230	1,342,440	1,485,880
<b>Total Tuition Revenue &amp; Regional Transportation Reimbursement to School</b>	<b>15,126,737</b>	<b>15,600,601</b>	<b>17,174,681</b>	<b>18,353,659</b>	<b>19,323,142</b>	<b>21,231,730</b>	<b>23,678,544</b>	<b>27,032,495</b>

To learn more about the FY27 SSCPS Operational and Capital Budgets, [here](#) is a link to the budget presentation slides.

Since SSCPS serves students from over 26 communities on the South Shore, it is important for us to monitor our sending districts’ school budgets. SSCPS tuition revenues are dependent on what is happening not only on a federal and state level, but what is happening financially in each of our sending districts. Throughout 2026-2027, we want to be aware of what is impacting our sending districts’ school budgets. If you hear that your school district is planning significant budget cuts or making significant investments in schools, please let us know. Please email [kbingham@sscps.org](mailto:kbingham@sscps.org) with any information that you feel might be of importance.

To learn more about our school finances, please feel free to attend our finance committee meetings which are open to the public.

Best,  
**Kristine Bingham**  
**Director of Finance & Human Resources**



# 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

MAY 13 - MAY 20

<b>Wed 13</b> MCAS Level II Math AP Language & Composition Exam AP Physics C Exam School Council Meeting via Zoom - 4:30PM	<b>Thu 14</b> MCAS Level II Math AP Art History VHS Exam AP Computer Science Principles Exam Board of Trustees Meeting at 700 Longwater and via Zoom - 5:30PM	<b>Fri 15</b> Seniors Last Day AP Computer Science A VHS Exam Junior/Senior Prom at the Tirrell Room - 7PM	<b>Sat/Sun</b> 
<b>Mon 18</b> AP Make Up Week MCAS Grade 5 and Grade 8 Science	<b>Tue 19</b> AP Make Up Week MCAS Grade 5 and Grade 8 Science MCAS Grade 10 Math	<b>Wed 20</b> AP Make Up Week MCAS Grade 10 Math	<b>Upcoming</b> <b>May 21</b> - 11th Grade College Field Trip to Bridgewater <b>May 21</b> - MCAS Grade 8 Civics <b>May 22</b> - Dress your Heritage Day <b>May 25</b> - No School (Memorial Day)

[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

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### From the Counseling Department

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

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

Mental Health Newsletter



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## From the Food Services Department

SSCPS Families,

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

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

Thank you,

**Charlene Salamone**  
**Food Services Coordinator**



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

**CALL: 1 (800) 645-8333**

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

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

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**SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)**

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

**Free Meals for Kids & Teens**

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

**Food Pantries**

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

**Referrals to Additional Resources**

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

Call today or learn more at [projectbread.org/gethelp](https://projectbread.org/gethelp)

# LOCAL FOOD RESOURCES

Click the names of each resource for more information.

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



## SUN Bucks 2026

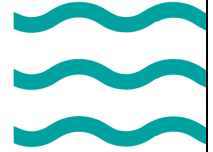
SUN Bucks, the federal food benefit program once known as Summer EBT, is returning for summer 2026. SUN Bucks provides a \$120 lump-sum summer benefit per school-aged child for income-eligible families. The program is administered by the state Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) in partnership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

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

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

# SUN BUCKS

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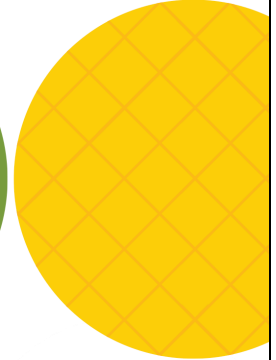
**Application now open!**  
[www.DTAConnect.com](http://www.DTAConnect.com)



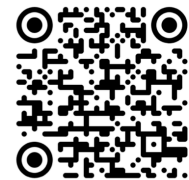
**APPLY FOR  
SUMMER  
2026  
BENEFITS**



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



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



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



## 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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### 2026 Annual Road Race T-Shirt Design

**Calling All Student Artists: Design the Official T-Shirt for the 2026 SSCPS Annual Road Race!**

We're excited to continue a beloved SSCPS tradition—inviting students to design the t-shirt for our annual Road Race! This is your chance to showcase your creativity and have your artwork worn by participants at one of our biggest community events. Let your imagination run wild—and help us make this year's race shirt the best one yet!

Click the button or the flyer below for more design submission instructions, and contact Joe Kay at [jkay@sscps.org](mailto:jkay@sscps.org) with any questions.

**MORE INFO**

# CALLING ALL STUDENT ARTISTS!

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### What We're Looking For:

- Original artwork or digital graphics
- A bold, creative design for the **front** of the shirt
- Artwork aligned with the theme of growth & expansion at SSCPS

### Design Requirements:

- **Event Name:** SSCPS Annual Road Race
- **Date:** October 17, 2026
- **Location:** Wompatuck State Park
- Include the SSCPS logo
- Design should fit on the front of a t-shirt (submit on a single digital sheet — it can be resized if needed)

**Selection Process:** All entries will be reviewed, and the final design will be selected by the Road Race Committee.

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**Click this flyer for additional details and submission requirements.**

**Contact Joe Kay ([jkay@sscps.org](mailto:jkay@sscps.org)) with any questions.**

## Teacher & Staff Appreciation Fundraising

Once again, SSCPS is extending **Teacher Appreciation Week** through the entire month of May to show our immense gratitude and support for all of the amazing teachers and

faculty at South Shore Charter!

This special week (and month) is a great chance to show additional support to our teachers and staff who contribute in so many ways to the success of our school, but it's important that we remember their contributions every day of the year as well. Our faculty dedicate each day to providing a **safe, inclusive, educational, and engaging learning environment** for all of our students at SSCPS, and choosing to make a donation in support of our staff helps us continue to provide the same environment for them.

No matter the size, your donation will make a huge difference for our entire faculty at SSCPS. If you'd like to **show your support and make a donation** to our Teacher & Staff Appreciation campaign (or any other department at SSCPS), please use the button below!

MAKE A DONATION

## The JJ Facey SSCPS Scholarship



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

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

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



SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

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## Upcoming School & Community Events

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### Upcoming SSCPS Events



SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

**FREE ENTRY**

# 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

## Junior/Senior Prom

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

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

[BUY TICKETS](#)



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Community Events & News

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



**LEARN MORE**



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

**EMPOWER**

# MOTHER'S & FATHER'S DAY EVENTS

## JOIN US

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

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

## RSVP TODAY

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

## MOTHER'S DAY EVENT

Sunday, May 10th  
11am - 4pm

## FATHER'S DAY EVENT

Sunday, June 14th  
11am - 4pm

## QUESTIONS?

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

## Holly Hill Farm Programs & Events

In addition to Holly Hill Farm's summer programs, they'll also be hosting a free community celebration event on Cohasset Common on Saturday, May 2, 2026 from 11:30 am - 3:00 pm. The event celebrates over 20 years of growing, teaching, and serving the community,

and will share exciting new plans for growing its future. The event, **Keep Our Farm a Farm: Celebrating Our Farm, Growing Its Future**, welcomes people of all ages to learn about the farm, enjoy local food trucks and live music, participate in hands-on workshop activities (while supplies last), and join in the festivities with the community.

**Hands-on activities for children:**

Craft paper pollinator puppets and learn with us!

Tie-dye your own t-shirt using natural dyes!

Plant seeds and learn about composting!

Plus, catch a special performance from Mama Steph, South Shore's beloved singer-songwriter and entertainer!



**Friends of Holly Hill Farm**  
A Farm for Teaching & Learning

Friends of Holly Hill Farm  
236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, MA  
781-383-6565  
hollyhillfarm.org/summer-programs-2026

Register today! June 8 - Aug. 28, 2026

**SUMMER PROGRAMS**  
... on the farm

**Voted Best of the South Shore Three Years in a Row!**  
Our farm is a living and breathing classroom for children ages 3.5-18! Our programs seek to connect children to nature in a way that will stick with them for life! Sign up for one week, or many!

**GARDEN GOATS** Ages 3.5 - 5 | Half and Full Day  
In this widely popular program children get to know the barnyard animals, experience the joy of growing, planting and harvesting crops, get their hands in the dirt, have adventures, explore, create crafts, and more!

**FARM TO FOOD PANTRY**  
Community Service Program for High School Students

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

- Future Farmers & Adventurers
- Outdoor Adventurers
- BioBlitz
- Creativity & Cooking with Nature
- Future Farmers
- Farmsteaders - Holly Hill Farm 1776

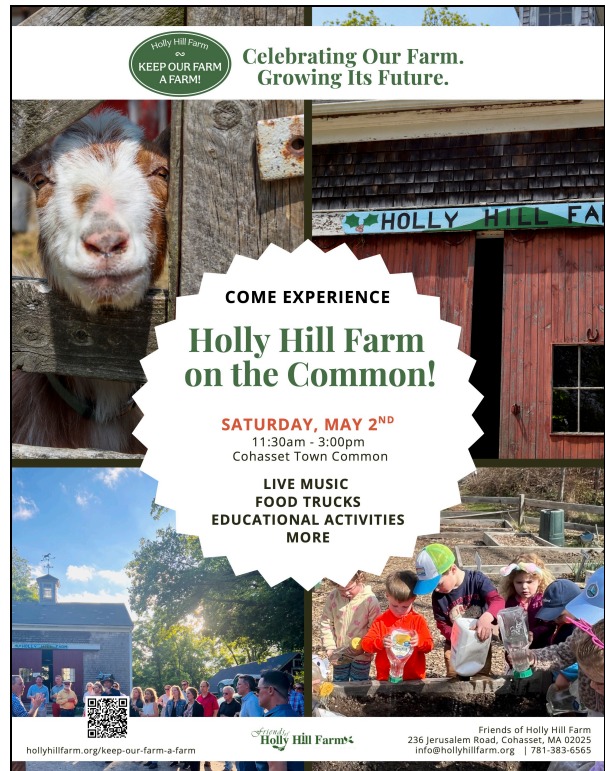
**MONARCHS**  
Ages 6 - 8 Half and Full Day All weeks  
Step into the many habitats at Holly Hill, including growing areas, meadows, woods, marsh, ponds and diverse flora & fauna. Children will explore it all and learn along the way!

**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.

**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

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



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

**Celebrating Our Farm. Growing Its Future.**

**COME EXPERIENCE**  
**Holly Hill Farm on the Common!**

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

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

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

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

**BSU Summer Science Academy**



BSU Center for the Advancement of STEM Education

# Summer Science Academy 2026

Session	Date	Time	Grade	Cost
The Human Body from a Medical Mindset	July 6-10	8:30AM to 2:30PM	Grades 10-12 (Fall 26)	\$400
CyberTank: Innovate, Defend, Pitch!			Grades 6-9 (Fall 26)	\$300
CyberFlight: Taking Cyber Skills to New Heights!	July 13-17	8:30AM to 2:30PM	Grades 6-9 (Fall 26)	\$300
Forensics Institute of Bridgewater				\$300

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

**REGISTER NOW**

## 2026 Summer Science Academy

### Program Descriptions

**The Human Body from a Medical Mindset**

Are you a high school student considering a career in the medical field? Join us for this week-long investigation into human body systems. Get a feel for what it is like to be a surgeon, a nurse, a researcher, or a technician (just to name a few). Practice suture techniques, explore the heart through dissection, and diagnose illness using electrophoresis, microscopy, or culture. Information about medical careers, including "a day in the life of a medical student," will be discussed.

**CyberTank: Innovate, Defend, Pitch!**

Dive into cybersecurity with our Shark Tank-themed session for middle school students! Student teams will design and pitch innovative tech creations with built-in cybersecurity defenses to a panel of "sharks," building creativity, problem-solving, and real-world tech skills. Using Sphero robots, teams will simulate cyber threats and unmask the tactics of unethical hackers. Daily digital citizenship lessons build ethical tech habits, while the Shark Tank challenge sharpens collaborative problem-solving. The BSU Technology Department team will share their career journeys, inspiring students with real-world applications of cybersecurity skills.

**CyberFlight: Taking Cyber Skills to New Heights!**

Take off into cybersecurity with this aviation-themed summer class for middle school students! Students will collaborate in teams to design and secure their airline operations - managing databases, protecting critical systems, and safeguarding passenger information, while learning the essential role of teamwork in cybersecurity. Teams will deploy Sphero robots to complete aviation-inspired design and security challenges, applying cybersecurity skills in realistic simulations, including a simulated cyberattack on airports worldwide. To ground their skills in reality, students will meet with the BSU Aviation Department to explore the intersection of aviation and cybersecurity.

*\*No prior experience needed. These classes help students level up their skills. CyberFlight and CyberTank are separate classes that can be taken independently, or together, regardless of experience.*

**Forensics Institute of Bridgewater**

As a new employee at the Forensics Institute of Bridgewater (FIB), you expect your intensive training on crime scene investigations to be exciting, but you never thought it would be THIS exciting. While training on the various crime lab biotechnology techniques, a live case is delivered and F.I.B. needs YOU to help determine what happened!

Have you ever watched Crime Scene Investigators and wondered what really happens to the evidence at a crime scene and how that evidence is used to solve the crime? Join us in a week-long adventure into the life of a crime scene analyst! Working with Senior Scientists, you will learn how to collect and analyze fingerprints from a simulated crime scene, perform blood type analysis and get closer to solving the mystery using DNA fingerprinting.

## From the Guidance Department

### For Senior Families - Financial Aid Information

As you consider your options after high school, we encourage you to fill out the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#), known as the FAFSA, in order to access grants, federal student loans, and work-study funds for college. Filling out the FAFSA is one of the most important steps students and their families can take to pay for college and is the key to unlocking college financial aid from federal, state, and local sources.

If your immigration status prevents you from qualifying for federal aid, you might still be eligible for aid through the [Massachusetts Application for State Financial Aid \(MASFA\)](#), which can help you attend public institutions of higher education in Massachusetts.

Applying for financial aid helps keep college an option for the fall but does not commit you to enrolling. Fill out the FAFSA or MASFA as early as possible to maximize the aid you can receive.

There are resources available to help with this process, including the following:

[Go Higher](#) is the Commonwealth's initiative to share information about access and affordability at public institutions of higher education in Massachusetts. Go Higher offers paths that make higher education more affordable—like free community college, free or affordable four-year degrees, career-connected scholarships, and more.

DESE, in collaboration with the Department of Higher Education and the Executive Office of Education, has identified [FAFSA resources that may be helpful](#).

The Department of Higher Education's [Office of Student Financial Assistance](#) is the Commonwealth's "go to" on resources concerning student financial aid.

The federal government's [FAFSA website](#) includes [steps for families](#), and entities such as the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (MEFA) provide [information](#) and continuing support during the school year for educators, counselors, administrators, students and their families.

Fill out the FAFSA or MASFA as early as possible to maximize the aid you can receive!

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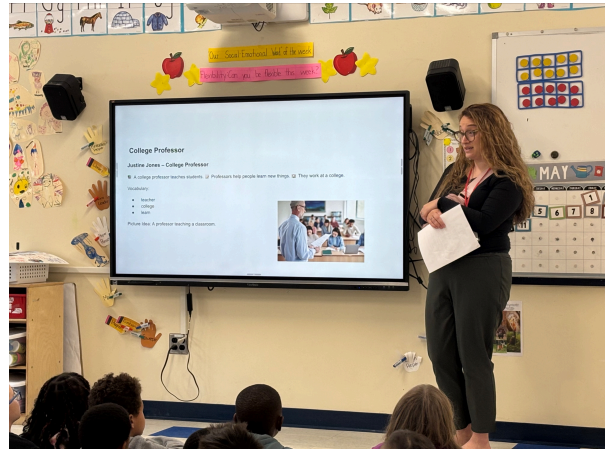
## On the Levels

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### K-1 Community Helpers Day

On Monday, students in Kindergarten and Grade 1 got to visit with some local community helpers in the South Shore area. We welcomed a pharmacist (Larah Wong), a professor/SSCPS parent and volunteer (Justine Jones), a pilot and Air Force veteran/SSCPS substitute (Steve Overlee), Weymouth librarians (Kathy Hoehl and Chris Nault), and dispatchers/EMTs from the South Shore Regional Emergency Communications Center.





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## K-4 Book Swap



# BOOK SWAP



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

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

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

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

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

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



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## NHS Tutoring Committee

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

REQUEST A TUTOR



THE SSCPS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IS OFFERING

# PEER TUTORING

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

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## From the Health Office

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### Important Reminders | 2025-2026

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

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

any medication on them, it will be brought to the health office and a parent will need to pick it up or it will be disposed of.

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

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

**Contacts:**

**Grades K–8: Jaime Kjelgaard ([jkjelgaard@sscps.org](mailto:jkjelgaard@sscps.org)) & Erlin Martinez ([emartinez2@sscps.org](mailto:emartinez2@sscps.org))**

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

SSCPS Health Office

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## Community Service

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### Community Service Opportunities

#### Joshua Kaye Foundation Events

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

Other upcoming volunteer opportunities with the Joshua Kaye Foundation:

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

Please feel free to contact Melissa Kaye at [melissa@joshuakayefoundation.org](mailto:melissa@joshuakayefoundation.org) to learn more about these upcoming volunteer events.

Family Fun Festival Volunteering

**JOSHUA KAYE**  
FOUNDATION

# FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL

RAIN OR SHINE!

£ 1000  
DOLPHIN  
DROP  
RAFFLE!

## JUNE 7

## 11AM-4PM

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

Suggested donation  
\$3/person or \$15/Family

TOUCH-A-TRUCK

INFLATABLES ★ VENDOR MARKET

★ TOE JAM PUPPET BAND ★

LION DANCE ★ FOOD TRUCKS

CARNIVAL GAMES & MORE

[JoshuaKayeFoundation.org](http://JoshuaKayeFoundation.org)



Community Service Table

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

[Community Service Table](#)

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## Submit Community Service Hours

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

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

[LEVEL I FORM](#)

[LEVEL II FORM](#)

[LEVEL III FORM](#)

[LEVEL IV FORM](#)

[HIGH SCHOOL FORM](#)

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## Parents Association, SEPAC, & ELPAC

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### Parents Association Updates

**Vote Now - PA Election 2026-2027**

The election ballot is live! **Voting opens May 12th and closes June 3rd.** ALL parents and guardians are invited to cast their vote for PA officers and School Council representatives.

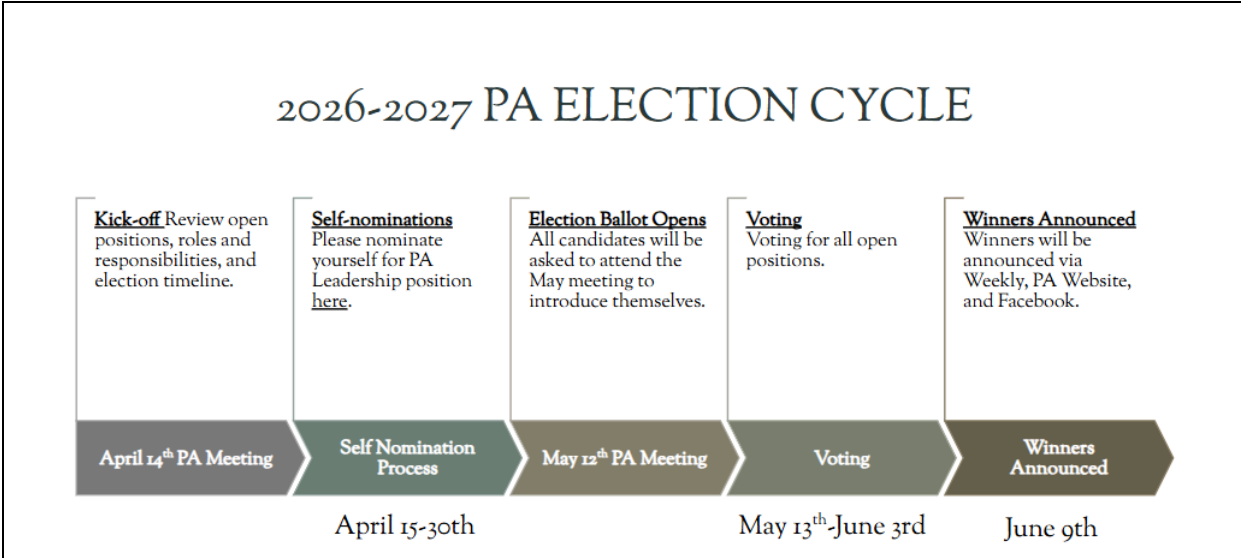
Vote here: [SSCPS PA Elections Spring 2026](#)

A few reminders:

- One vote per parent/guardian only
- Vote for Co-Chair positions corresponding to your child(ren)'s grade(s) next year
- Election results are shared in aggregate to protect privacy

The Election Team is committed to fairness, transparency, and integrity. Thank you for thoughtfully considering the nominees and participating in shaping our school community.

ELECTION VOTING



### General PA Info

Check out the PA website for meeting agendas/minutes, the new bulletin board and other handy info: <https://sscpspa.weebly.com/>

More updates from the Parents Association can be found on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SSCPSParentGuardianInfo>

POD PARENT SIGN-UP



# Volunteer as a Pod Parent!



- Need Volunteers for each classroom
- Pod Parents organize **supply drives** throughout the year for things like tissues, wipes, extra snacks, bottled water
- Pod Parents help with classroom communication and parents engagement
- Work with the teacher to plan special events like **pod breakfasts, community service events**, and end-of-year activities like **field day**
- Assist with anything else the teacher could use help with

*Interested??* Please email: [paatsscps@gmail.com](mailto:paatsscps@gmail.com)

## Helpful Links:

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

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## Important Links

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

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

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](#)

## 8. Parents Association Website

SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar

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