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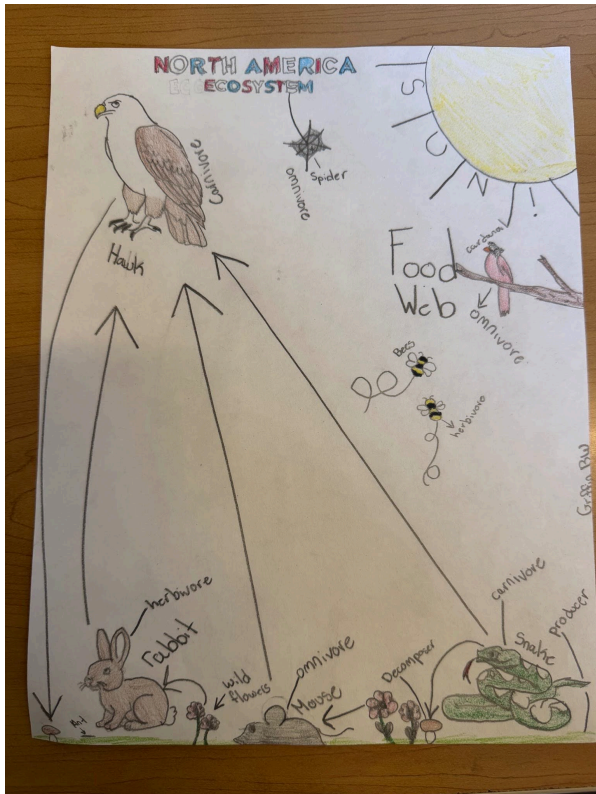
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A Message from Jamie

The month of May and the transition into June always bring a unique energy to our school community. As the weather improves and the days grow longer, students and teachers alike begin looking ahead to summer while also reflecting on the incredible accomplishments of the school year. This week, we celebrate our Grade 5 and Grade 8 students for successfully completing the Science and Technology/Engineering MCAS assessments. These assessments measure not only science content knowledge, but also the scientific thinking, inquiry, and problem-solving skills students have been building throughout the year. We are incredibly proud of the perseverance and effort our students demonstrated throughout the testing process.

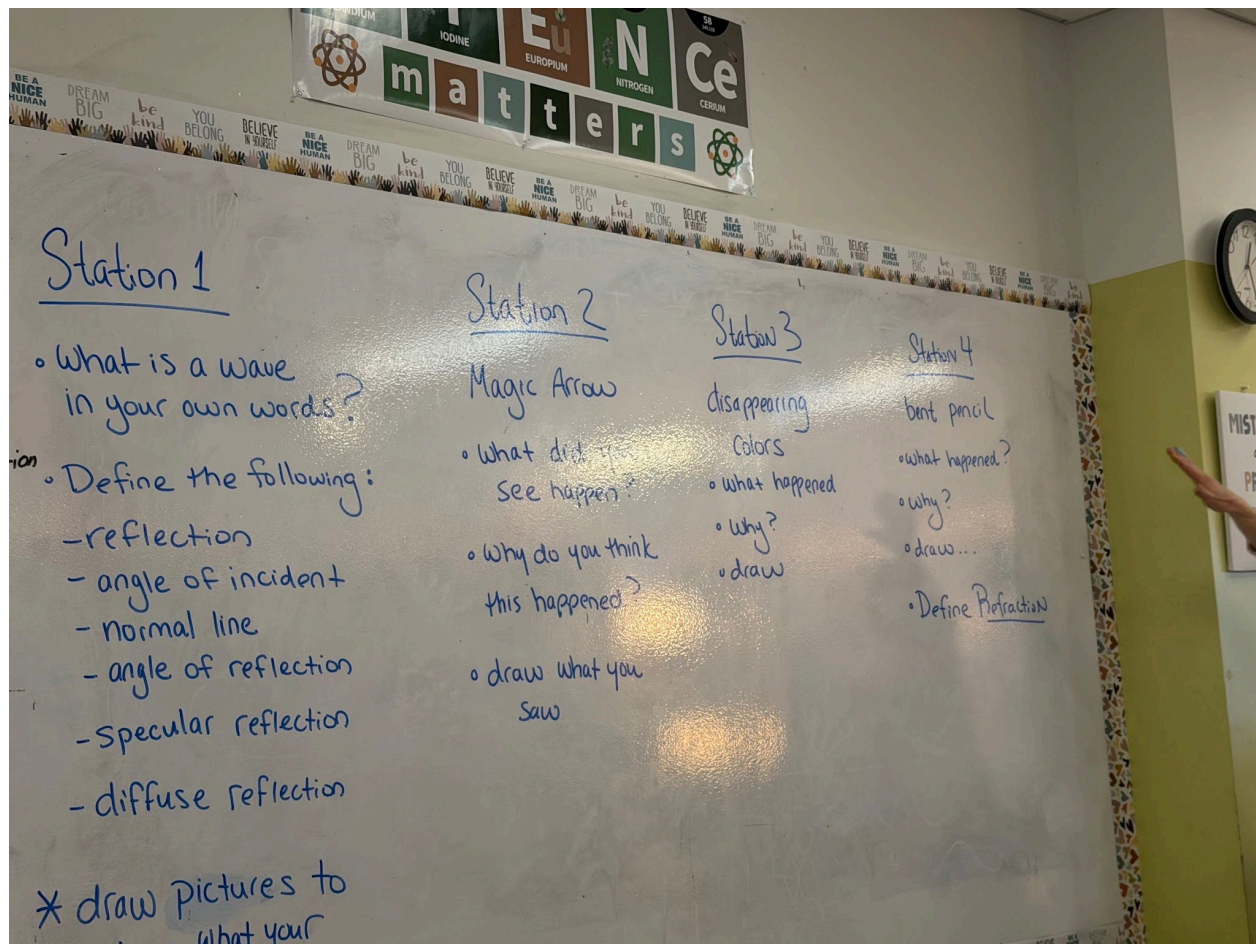
This school year also marked an exciting milestone for our high school science and computer science programming as we completed our first year implementing the AP Computer Science Principles pathway for 9th grade students. This course has provided students with opportunities to explore coding, computational thinking, digital innovation, and the ethical impacts of technology in an increasingly digital world. It has been exciting to watch students grow not only as problem solvers, but also as creators and innovators. We will continue to develop the DLCS programming grades K-12 with more opportunities for our students to explore.

As we move toward the final weeks of school, classrooms continue to be filled with engaging, hands-on, and creative learning opportunities, with many classes exploring both independent and collaborative projects that encourage curiosity, problem-solving, and real-world connections. AP Biology students are currently designing and writing children's books that communicate complex biological concepts in accessible and imaginative ways. Grade 8 science students are preparing investigations involving living organisms, including opportunities to observe the growth and development of butterflies and plants. Many of our students also recently participated in their first dissection experience, exploring the anatomy and physiology of a fetal pig and making important connections between structure and function within living systems.



Our 9th grade Introductory Physics students are now preparing for the upcoming STE MCAS assessment on June 2nd and 3rd, continuing to strengthen their understanding of physics concepts through inquiry, collaboration, and applied problem-solving. Across multiple grade levels, teachers are also taking advantage of the warmer weather by bringing learning outdoors whenever possible, helping students connect classroom concepts to the natural world around them.

At the elementary level, our Level I learners are wrapping up another exciting year at the farm, while kindergarten students continue their countdown activities leading up to the end of the school year. Next week, kindergarten students will celebrate “One Bean Day,” where older students will join them in reading stories, exploring the life cycle of a bean plant, and helping students plant their very own bean seeds as part of this special hands-on learning experience.



As summer approaches, we encourage families to look for opportunities to keep students engaged in the world around them and continue fostering curiosity through hands-on exploration and everyday experiences. Science is everywhere, from cooking and baking in the kitchen to creating simple at-home investigations like oobleck or walking water experiments, exploring local beaches and tide pools, gardening, hiking, or simply observing nature outdoors. Families take advantage of these created activities and explore the [Science Bingo](#) card that can easily be completed at home throughout the summer months. In addition, there are many outstanding opportunities offered through local organizations and community partners, including programs with the [Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research \(CSCR\)](#), the [Summer Academy at Bridgewater State University](#), [Camp Invention](#), libraries, museums, and other local enrichment programs that help students remain active, collaborative, and engaged in STEM learning all summer long.

As astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson once said, “Children are born scientists. They are curious about the world around them.” One of the greatest things we can do as educators

and families is continue nurturing that curiosity, helping students ask questions, explore boldly, and remain excited about learning long after the school year ends.

Jamie Allen
Science Curriculum Coordinator

School Calendar & Announcements

Important Calendar Updates

2026-2027 Calendar Revised May 14th

FY26 Last Day of School:

Thursday, June 25th, 2026

[View the full updated calendar here.](#)

FY27 School Year Start & End Dates:

Starts: September 2nd, 2026 | Ends: June 17th, 2027

[View the new FY27 calendar here.](#)

IMPORTANT: Due to construction at 700 Longwater, there will be a change to the start and end dates of the 2026-2027 academic school year.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:



NO SCHOOL MONDAY, MAY 25TH

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED



Weekly Calendar

SSCPS WEEKLY CALENDAR MAY 20 - MAY 27

Wed 20 AP Make Up Week MCAS Grade 10 Math	Thu 21 11th Grade College Field Trip to Bridgewater MCAS Grade 8 Civics	Fri 22 Dress Your Heritage Day	Sat/Sun 
Mon 25 No School - Memorial Day 	Tue 26 Grade 11 Social Studies Field Trip to Boston	Wed 27 K-4 Book Swap AP African Studies to Boston University Grade K-5 Science Heroes SSCPS Spring Concert at Hingham Middle School - 6PM	Upcoming May 28 - K-4 Book Swap May 28 - SSCPS Spring Concert (6PM) May 29 - Library Committee Meeting May 30 - Grade 8 Trip to Washington DC

[**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 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



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>



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.

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

SUN BUCKS

MASSACHUSETTS



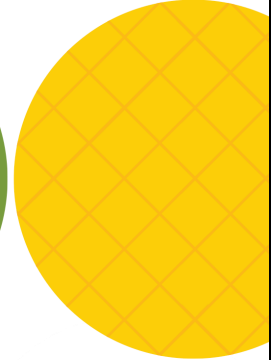
Application now open!
www.DTAConnect.com



**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](#).

From the Dean's Desk

Last week, I was away from school after the passing of my father-in-law.

At one point during the week, I found myself sitting in a quiet room with family members I have known for years, and others I had only met once or twice before. Someone had opened an old photo album and people began passing it around slowly. Every few pages, somebody would stop and tell a story.

Not big stories. Small ones.

The way he used to say "don't worry about it, I'll take care of it". The way he laughed when something caught him off guard. The strange little habits that become so familiar over decades that you stop noticing them until suddenly you are talking about them in the past tense.

It struck me how little of a life can actually be measured.

So much of what matters disappears almost as soon as it happens. A conversation at the kitchen table. A child asking a question from the back seat of the car. Somebody staying up late with you when life becomes difficult. None of it looks important while it is happening. Then one day you realize those moments became the architecture of a life.

Schools are like that too, I think.

From the outside, people see schedules and assignments and buses and dismissal lines. They see grades and tests and concerts and ceremonies. But underneath all of that, there are thousands of smaller human moments happening every week that quietly shape children into who they are becoming.

A teacher kneeling beside a frustrated student. A friend saving someone a seat. A child trying again after a hard morning. An apology that was awkward but sincere. Someone deciding not to join in when others are being cruel.

The world feels loud right now. School can too.

But sitting with family last week reminded me that when people look back on their lives, they rarely talk about the loudest moments first. They talk about the people who carried them. The people who showed patience. The people who stayed.

Children are learning those lessons now, whether we realize it or not.

The school year is moving quickly toward its close. The trees are filling back in. The mornings are softer than they were a month ago. Students who arrived in September still carrying summer in their faces suddenly look older to me now.

I think part of the work is noticing it while it is happening.

Thank you to everyone who reached out to my family during this time. Your kindness mattered deeply.

Warmly,

Walter O. Duncan IV
Dean of Students K-6



From the Foundation

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 with any questions.



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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.

Click this flyer for additional details and submission requirements.
Contact Joe Kay (jkay@sscps.org) with any questions.

MORE INFO

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 is continuing to raise money 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

Upcoming School & Community Events

Upcoming SSCPS Events

SSCPS
DRESS YOUR
HERITAGE
DAY

MAY 22, 2026

CELEBRATE YOUR HERITAGE
BY WEARING CLOTHES TRADITIONAL
TO YOUR CULTURE

*Traditional patterns, shirts, dresses
and scarves are encouraged.*

WEAR YOUR CULTURE.
CELEBRATE OUR DIVERSITY.
We all belong.

OUR CULTURES. OUR STORIES. OUR COMMUNITY. OUR PRIDE.

Be proud. Be YOU!

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

Community Events & News

Friends of Holly Hill Farm
A Farm for Teaching & Learning

236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, MA
781-383-6565
HollyHillFarm.org/summer-programs-2026

Register today! June 8 - Aug. 28, 2026

SUMMER PROGRAMS
... on the farm

Voted Best of the South Shore
Three Years in a Row!

Our farm is a living and breathing classroom for children ages 3.5-15! Our programs seek to connect children to nature in a way that will stick with them for life! Sign up for one week, or many!

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

FARM TO FOOD PANTRY
Community Service Program for High School Students

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

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

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.

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.wearempower.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](mailto:Tanya.Small@wearempower.org), Program Coordinator:
tanya@wearempower.org

LEARN MORE

www.wearempower.org/events

BSU Summer Science Academy



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! 

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!

On the Levels

Grade 8 Ryan's Fundraiser

Earlier this month, a school fundraiser was held at Ryan's in Hanover where a portion of the "Food and Fun" sales were donated back to the SSCPS Grade 8 class. The fundraiser was a big success! A majority of the Level IV teachers attended this amazing—and very competitive—event, competing against one another and alongside Level IV students in laser tag, arcade games, bowling, and more!





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

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



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)

Athletics

MCSAO Championship Track Meet

The MCSAO Championship track meet was this past Saturday at Saugus High School.

In order to qualify for the meet, athletes had to have one of the top 12 times, jumps, or throws of their event in the 20 team charter school league. The meet was highlighted by relay victories, personal bests, and impressive contributions from athletes in every grade.

The boys' team was led by a gutsy performance from Gabe Guzman, who earned a second place finish in the 400m with an impressive time of 54.37. Mere milliseconds separated him and fifth place finisher sophomore Trevor Koenecke. Gabe and Trevor also competed in the long jump and helped lead the 4x400 relay team to an exhilarating first-place finish alongside seniors Olivier Cherant and Franco Rojas, who ran personal best times. The 4x400 team ran a season best 3:46.68 while showcasing excellent teamwork and race strategy by starting in the lead and never giving up their winning position.

Raph Cherant had an excellent all-around meet, placing 3rd in the 200m, qualifying for the 100m finals, and competing in the shot put. Connor Walsh was a member of the 4x100 team and Olivier Cherant recorded a season-best performance in the 800m.

The junior class made a major impact as well. Jaydin Cotterell contributed strong efforts in the long jump alongside Ken Takeishi, who delivered one of the standout performances of the meet with a personal best of 19-08.50, earning a 5th-place finish overall. Ken also competed in the 100 meters and 4x100 with Jaylon Hawkins and sophomore Christian Fonseca.

On the girls' side, the Jaguars continued to show tremendous improvement and depth. Freshman Keira Samuels had an excellent day, running in the 200m and getting a personal best in the 100m. Amelia Wing had a solid performance in the 400m while fellow freshman Hassana Agbaje earned a 4th-place finish in shot put with a personal best throw. Hassana also competed on the 4x100 relay team alongside Keira, Malak Almadi and Senior Devyn Bowden.

Sophomore Gianna Barbour finished up her debut season with a personal best in the 800m, while freshman Alexsia Cesaire also recorded a new personal best in the same event. Junior Catherine Nolan added another personal best performance in the mile and later helped the 4x400 relay team finish strong alongside Kaylie Polefka and Amelie Wing.

As the Jaguars wrapped up their championship meet and closed out the season, the team showcased the growth and resilience they developed throughout the spring. From veteran leadership to emerging underclassmen talent, the team finished the year with multiple personal bests, strong relay performances, and impressive efforts across every event group. The championship meet was a fitting conclusion to a season defined by hard work, teamwork, and steady improvement, and the future looks bright for Jaguars Track & Field.





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 Kjelgaard (jkjelgaard@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

Vote Now - PA Election 2026-2027

The election ballot is live! **Voting opened on May 12th and will close on 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](#)

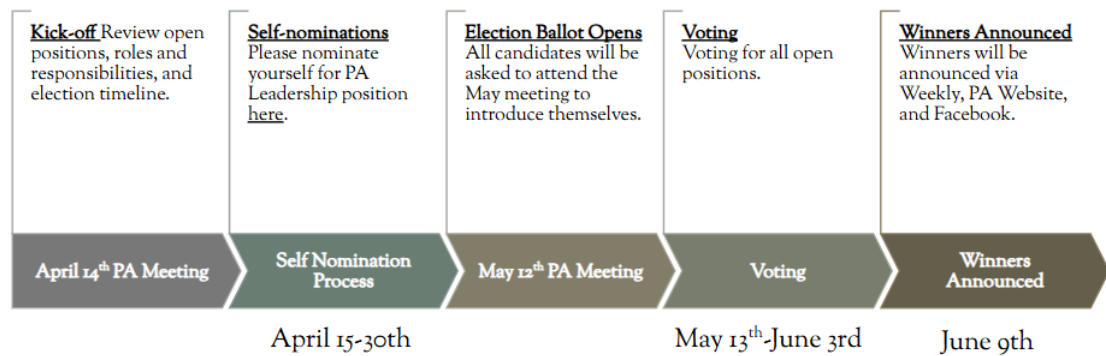
A few reminders:

- 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

2026-2027 PA ELECTION CYCLE



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

Helpful Links:

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

Important Links

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

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

School Documents:

[2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

[NEW FY27 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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