



Weekly Update | November 12, 2025

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From the Dean's Desk

Gratitude in Action

Dear Families,

Next week in Advisory, we're focusing on gratitude — the simple act of noticing and appreciating the good in our lives.

Gratitude might seem small, but it changes everything. It shifts our focus from what's missing to what's present. It strengthens relationships, builds empathy, and reminds us that we're part of something bigger than ourselves.

Over the next two advisories, students will be creating visual displays of what they're thankful for — feathers, leaves, cornucopias, or something entirely their own. These projects aren't just decorations; they're reminders of what holds us together as a community.

At Charter, we believe character is built through practice. Gratitude is one of those practices. When we take time to name what we're thankful for — a friend, a teacher, a safe space to learn — we build a culture of care and belonging.

Families can continue this at home. Ask your child what they wrote on their "feather" or "leaf." Share something you're grateful for too. These small exchanges matter — they teach our

students that appreciation is something we live, not just something we say.

Wishing you all a season of warmth and reflection.

Warmly,

Walter Duncan
Dean of Students (K-6)



School Calendar & Announcements

Weekly Calendar

SSCPS WEEKLY CALENDAR NOV 12 - NOV 19

Wed 12 K-6 Book Fair School Council Meeting via Zoom - 4:30PM	Thu 13 K-6 Book Fair High School Music Workshop to BSO Who We Play For Heart Screenings - 12:30-3PM Board of Trustees Meeting at 700 Longwater and via Zoom - 5:30PM	Fri 14 K-6 Book Fair	Sat/Sun
Mon 17 Level III Community Service Visit - 11AM	Tue 18 Grade 3 Plimoth Patuxet Museums Field Trip PA Meeting via Zoom - 7PM	Wed 19 HS AP Biology BioTech Boot Camp Bridgewater Spanish Honor Society Induction Ceremony at 700 Longwater - 10:15AM	Upcoming Nov 20 - Enrollment Open House Nov 21 - Library Committee Meeting

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

SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar

Important Announcements

From the Food Services Department

SSCPS Families,

As of November 1, 2025, over 1 million residents, including 277,000 school aged children in 168,000 households, are not receiving their SNAP benefits. Seemingly, SNAP benefits will not continue to be paid until the federal government shutdown is over.

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




Lost and Found Student Coats | Levels I-III

Parents and families: We have a large number of coats left behind at SSCPS. If your child has left their coat at school, please take a look through [this folder](#) of photos or use the button below to see if any of them belong to you.

LOST AND FOUND



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](#).

Drop Off & Pick Up Reminders

Protocol for absences, tardiness and dismissing students early:

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

Drop off in the morning by 8:10am.

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

SSCPS Volunteer Information

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

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

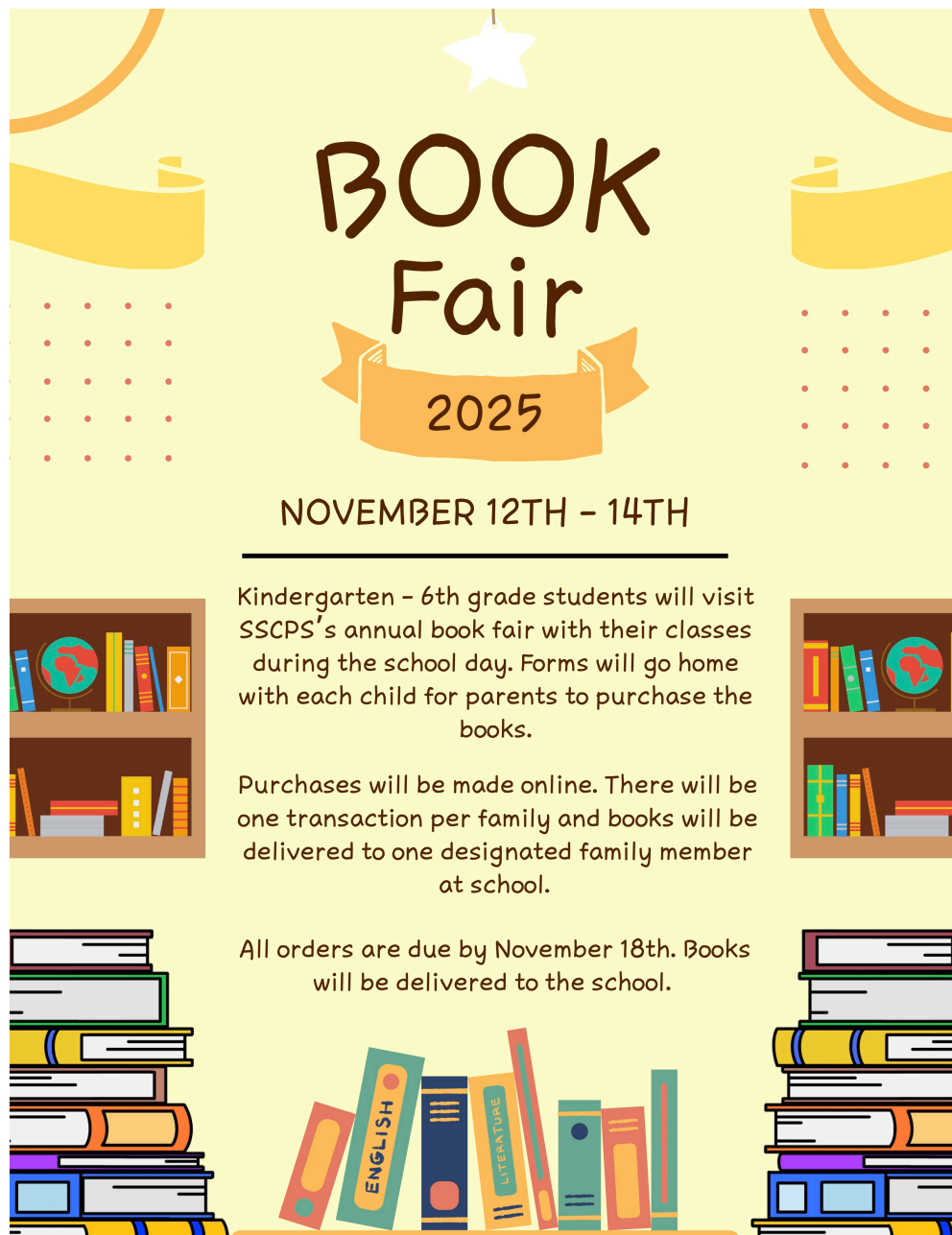
1. **Complete a CORI form.** *This requirement must be met annually. The CORI form should be returned to the school to the attention of Pam Algera with a copy of a photo ID.*
2. **Complete Identogo Fingerprinting.** *This task must be completed every three years. Fingerprinting is completed off site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

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

Upcoming School & Community Events

Upcoming SSCPS Events

K-6 Book Fair | November 12-14



DEADLINE 7PM 11/12 | Who We Play For Heart Screenings

SSCPS will be holding \$20 heart screenings on November 13th from 12:30-3:00pm in collaboration with Who We Play For and Long Live JJ. SSCPS students can use the button below to sign up for a screening today - **the deadline to register is 7pm tonight, November 12th!**

REGISTRATION



WHO WE PLAY FOR HEART SCREENING

For Every Kid Who Never Had The Opportunity



An Electrocardiogram (ECG or EKG) is painless, non-invasive and only takes 5 minutes to complete.
Each ECG is read by a board certified pediatric cardiologist.

WHEN: Thursday, November 13th from 12:30pm - 3pm

WHERE: South Shore Charter Public School
(700 Longwater Circle, Norwell, MA 02061)

COST: \$20/Screening Ages 10 - 25

REGISTER: Online at
<https://www.whoweplayfor.org/massachusetts-plymouth>



To learn more about Who We Play For or to get involved, visit [whoweplayfor.org](https://www.whoweplayfor.org)

80%

No symptoms prior to sudden cardiac arrest event

1 IN 300

Youth have a detectable heart condition

#1

Cause of death on school campuses and in student athletes

In Collaboration With

LONG LIVE JJ™

SSCPS Winter Concerts

A poster for South Shore Charter Public School Winter Concerts. The background is dark blue with white snowflakes and stars. The text is in white and yellow. The title 'WINTER CONCERTS' is in large yellow letters. The dates and times are in white. The performing ensembles are listed in white. The location and student call time are in yellow and white.

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL
WINTER CONCERTS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH | 6PM

PERFORMING ENSEMBLES:

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18TH | 6PM

PERFORMING ENSEMBLES:

BEGINNING BAND
CONCERT BAND
CONCERT STRINGS
HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC WORKSHOP



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

Community Events & News

Blue Hills Ski Area | Student Employment Opportunities

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

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

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

- **Snowsports School (ages 14+)** – Ski & Snowboard Instructors (*training provided; great for students who are intermediate or advanced skiers/snowboarders*)
- **Guest Services (16+)** – Ticketing, Retail, Information, Guest Experience Ambassadors
- **Rentals (16+)** – Rental Equipment Technicians
- **Food & Beverage (16–18+)** – Food Runners/Bussers, Snack Shack Attendants, Cooks, Bartenders
- **Parking (16+)** – Parking Attendants, Shuttle Drivers
- **Tubing (16+)** – Tubing Attendants
- **Race Department (16+)** – Race Coaches, Race Course Assistants
- **Lifts (18+)** – Lift Operators
- **Operations (18+)** – Snowmaking, Grooming
- **Events & Group Sales (18+)** – Group Sales and Event Coordinators
- **Content Creation & Social Media (18+)** – Paid Internships and Full Positions

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

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

BLUE HILLS SKI INFO

Holly Hill Farm December Programs



Friends of
Holly Hill Farm
A Farm for Teaching & Learning

Late Fall December One-Day Programs

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



Members receive a discount.
Reduced pricing available.

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

COMING SOON

WINTER SESSIONS
January - March 2026

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

Register Now!

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

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

*Healthy Cooking 4:00-6:00 pm

hollyhillfarm.org/december-programs

MassGIS-CSCR Certificate Program

There is still room for some high school students to join the MassGIS Certificate Program in partnership with the Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research! The next cohort for the [MassGIS-endorsed Certificate of GIS Proficiency](#) begins on Veterans Day, November 11th. The course schedule is designed to be student-friendly, even for the highly scheduled, ambitious student. Student meets take place over 5 months from November to March, and are sprinkled among holidays, Saturday mornings, and early evening Wednesdays.

View the additional resources below for more information!

[2025 COHORT DETAILS](#)

[GIS STORY MAP](#)

On the Levels

Level IV Artwork



Level IV Newsletter

Use the button below to view the latest Level IV Family Newsletter!

LEVEL IV NEWSLETTER

AP Bridge Program | High School Mentors Needed

Mentors Needed! Help Guide Our Future Scholars

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

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

What You'll Do:

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

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

Time Commitment: Flexible & rewarding

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

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

What's New in Projects & Workshops

Level III Community Service Project

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



You are invited to help
donate to
toys for tots

. TOYS MUST BE NEW !!!!
.AND NOT WRAPPED Also you
can drop off at the front desk

. for example you can bring Baby dolls,
plushies and etc..



Cultural Diversity Workshop



The Cultural Diversity Workshop Presents



DONATE COATS

Where: At the Front Desk

NOW - JAN 10

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

Corporate Partners



Coats only, please. All sizes welcome!

antons.com/cfk

Promotional Partner



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

Athletics

Girls Volleyball Season Update

Thank you to our Girls Volleyball Team for another great season! Go Jaguars!



Afterschool Enrichment Program

Exercise Through Movement and Music Club

Our club has been full of energy and good vibes! Students have been learning choreographed dance routines, building confidence with every step, and cheering one another on. We have also been practicing Pilates-inspired movements to strengthen our core, improve posture, and support flexibility. The best part has been watching students let loose, express themselves through music, and discover just how strong their bodies can be. The progress has been amazing, and the joy has been even better. We cannot wait to keep moving, dancing, and having fun together!



From the Health Office

Important Reminders | 2025-2026

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

Parents/guardians will also need to sign the form to give permission for medication to be administered in school. Students can not bring in over the counter medication. All medication needed at school must be held in the Health Office and have the proper paperwork in order for it to be administered at school. Please check expiration dates of medication before sending it in. Medication that expires during the school year will need to be replaced before it expires. Please reach out to your school nurse if you have any questions about medications.

K-6th Grade: Jaime Kjelgaard, RN jkjelgaard@sscps.org 781-982-4202 x104

7th-12th Grade: Barbara Folan, RN bfolan@sscps.org 781-982-4201 x 182

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

K-6th: Jaime Kjelgaard, RN jkjelgaard@sscps.org 781-982-4202 x 104

7th-12th: Barbara Folan, RN bfolan@sscps.org 781-982-4202 x 182

Fax: 781-982-4201

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

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

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

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

SSCPS Health Office

Community Service

Community Service Opportunities

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

Community Service Table

Submit Community Service Hours

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

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

[LEVEL I FORM](#)[LEVEL II FORM](#)[LEVEL III FORM](#)[LEVEL IV FORM](#)[HIGH SCHOOL FORM](#)

Parents Association, SEPAC, & ELPAC

Parents Association Updates

PA Holiday Fundraising Opportunity

South Shore Charter Public School

Holiday Shopping Fundraiser!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH | 9AM – 6PM



THE TOY BOX OF HANOVER

South Shore's #1 Toy Store!

is generously donating 20% of all purchases made
by SSCPS families back to our Parents Association (PA)!

The Toy Box offers in-store shopping,
online orders, virtual shopping via facetime,
and phone orders.



Complimentary Gift Wrap. curbside pick-up and
free local home delivery



**Please mention SSCPS at check out*

 Where: Rt. 53 Hanover, across from Hanover Crossing

Can't make it there: Simply call: 781-826-3750 and order a
gift certificate and 20% will be donated to SSCPS PA Fund

Cannot be combined with coupons or previous purchases.

Upcoming PA Meeting

**Tuesday
NOVEMBER
18th @7PM**



COMMUNITY BUILDING

PA MEETING

- **Talking About Food Insecurity: What can we do to help our school community?**
- **Upcoming Events and Activities**
- **Pod Parents Sign-Up**
- **Volunteer Opportunities: CORI and fingerprints done?**

General PA Info

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

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

POD PARENT SIGN-UP



Volunteer as a Pod Parent!



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

Interested?? Please email: paatsscps@gmail.com

Important Links

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

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

School Documents:

[2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

[Student and Family Handbook](#)

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

[2024-2025 SSCPS Annual Report](#)

[DESE Integrated Monitoring Review](#)



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