



Weekly Update | October 29, 2025

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A Message from Alicia

As October comes to a close, and the shortening November days encroach, we welcome the almost-winter time. Dusk settles in closer and closer to afternoon dismissal, daylight hours dwindle, and yet, we are brightened by the steady score of traditions that have lasted through time. Here on campus, those may be found every day. Whether it's an eventful Level I PE class on the hill, or a quiet reading lesson on Level II, or the annual thrill of pumpkin carving on Level III, we remain grateful for the patterns of progress that teaching and learning provide.

The rhythm of teaching and learning beats through the walls at 700 Longwater as well. Classrooms may be temporary, but student achievement is not. Last night, 23 students were inducted into the National Honor Society, illuminating the night with their

commitment to the NHS pillars of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character. More celebration arrived this week when we learned that twenty-three graduating seniors, one third of the Class of 2026, are now John and Abigail Adams Scholars. They have qualified for a four-year merit scholarship upon acceptance into a Massachusetts public college or university, in recognition of their high MCAS scores. Congratulations to all of our newly inducted National Honor Society members and to our Adams Scholars.

We are pleased to announce that enrollment season begins on November 1. For those of you new to our school community, this is the time of year when we showcase all that a South Shore Charter education encompasses. Applications for the 2026-2027 school year will be available on our website on Saturday. For our current families, siblings of current students seeking admission must complete an application and participate in the Enrollment Lottery.

Enrollment Open House for new students and prospective families will be on November 20 from 5:00pm - 7:00pm. We are hosting the Open House at two locations, 100 Longwater Circle and 700 Longwater Drive. Registration for Open House also opens on Saturday. Although current students do not need to reapply, we encourage Level IV students to come and visit the high school to learn more about student life and our comprehensive academic programs.

We are grateful to our students, families, and teachers. Despite statewide enrollment trends, our waitlist has remained extensive and steady. Each year, the number of applications we receive exceeds the number of openings we have. We attribute this persistent strong interest in our school to those of you in our school community who spread the word about our school and mission. Year after year, your words describing what a South Shore Charter education has meant to you and your family have proven invaluable.

Thank you for sharing our mission of inspiring every student to excel in academics, service, and life.

Alicia Savage
Executive Director

School Calendar & Announcements

Weekly Calendar

SSCPS WEEKLY CALENDAR OCT 29 - NOV 05

Wed 29

K-12 Raise Craze Fundraiser

Thu 30

K-12 Raise Craze Fundraiser

Fri 31

K-12 Raise Craze Fundraiser
Happy Halloween!



Sat/Sun

Sun 02 - Daylight Saving
Time Ends (Fall Back)

Mon 03



Tue 04



Wed 05

Board of Trustees Executive
Committee via Zoom - 9AM

Upcoming

Nov 6 - High School
Homecoming Dance

Nov 7 - Early Release 12PM

Nov 13 - Who We Play For
Heart Screenings at SSCPS

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

SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar

Important Announcements

From the Food Services Department

SSCPS Families,

As of this week, the federal government will not be using contingency funds to pay for November SNAP benefits. Therefore, effective Saturday, November 1, over 1 million residents, including 277,000 school aged children in 168,000 households, will not receive 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



PROJECT BREAD

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.

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

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 aepin@sscps.org.

From the Dean's Desk

Dear Families,

This week in Advisory, our students are exploring collaboration and leadership — two skills that matter just as much as academics.

At Charter, we remind students that leadership isn't about being the loudest or the one in charge. Real leadership is about listening, noticing what the group needs, and helping others succeed. It's about stepping forward when it's time to guide — and stepping back when it's time to make space.

When collaboration is working well, it looks simple from the outside: everyone contributing, things moving forward, people feeling heard. But underneath that calm surface are all the small, unseen choices — listening, adjusting, encouraging — that turn a group of individuals into a team. Those are the skills our students will use for the rest of their lives, whether in a classroom project or someday in their workplaces and families.

This week's advisory gives students a chance to practice those habits in real time. They'll take on specific roles — facilitator, timekeeper, materials manager, recorder — and work together on a group challenge. The goal isn't to "win," but to learn how to build something together.

As adults, we model these same lessons every day. The way we collaborate, the way we handle differences, and the way we give credit — all of that teaches more than we realize.

When our students see adults treating each other with patience and respect, it becomes the standard they rise to meet.

Charter's strength has always been its people. Each of us brings something different to the table, and when we work together, we show students what community really looks like — not a perfect one, but one that keeps showing up, listens well, and gets better together.

Warmly,

Walter Duncan
Dean of Students (K-6)



Upcoming School & Community Events

Upcoming SSCPS Events

SSCPS Homecoming Dance (Grades 9-12)

The 2025 Homecoming Dance will be held on Thursday, November 6th from 7:00-10:00pm at the Canton Town Club. The dance is open to all SSCPS students in grades 9-12, and no outside guests are permitted to attend. **Tickets are \$30.00 per person and must be purchased through FamilyID using the button below.**

[PURCHASE TICKETS](#)



South Shore Charter Public School

HOMECOMING *Dance*

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 2025 | 7–10PM
CANTON TOWN CLUB | 300 BAILEY ST, CANTON MA**

OPEN TO SSCPS STUDENTS ONLY (9–12)

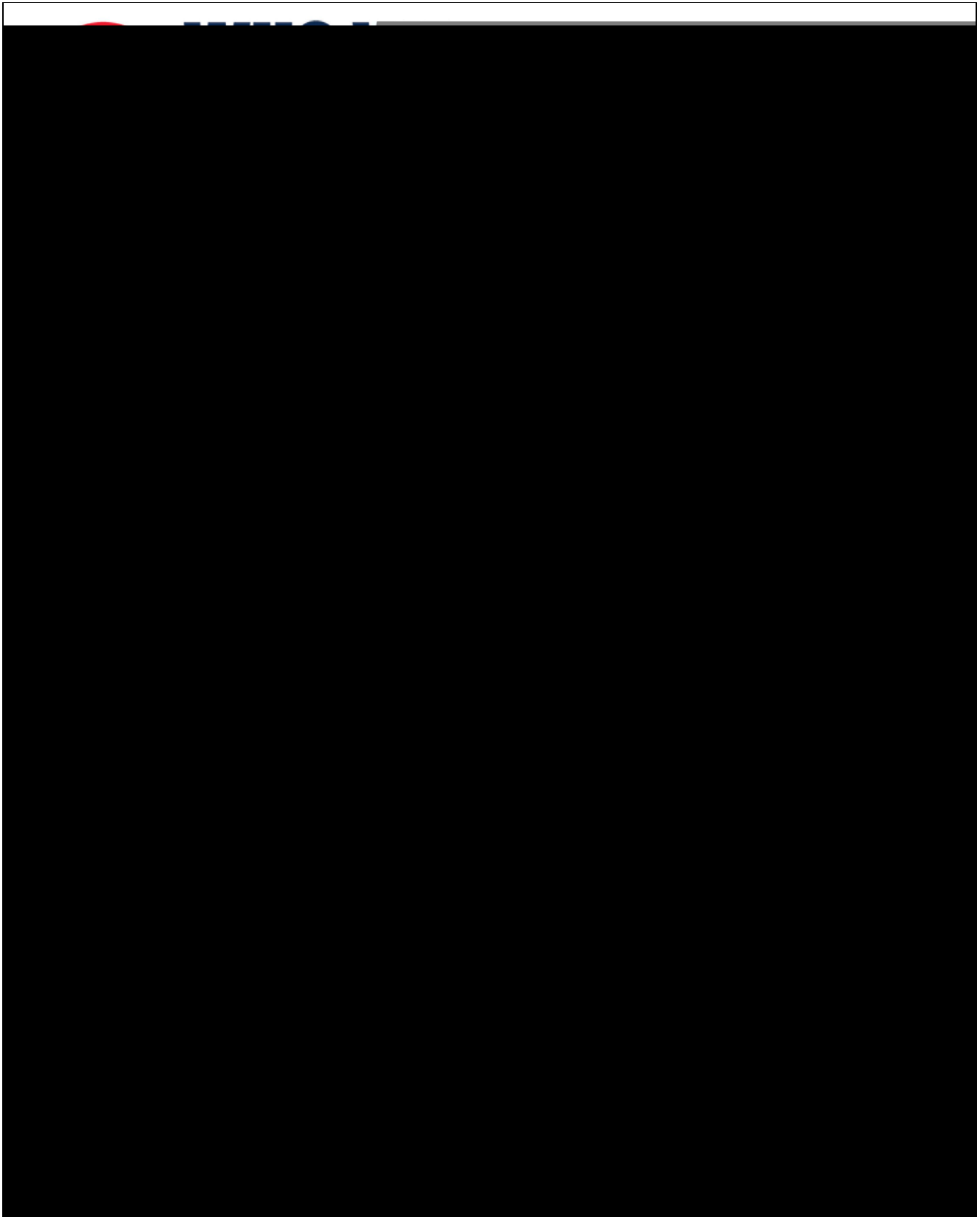
\$30 TICKETS

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED THROUGH FAMILYID

Heart Screenings | Who We Play For

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!

REGISTRATION



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

On the Levels

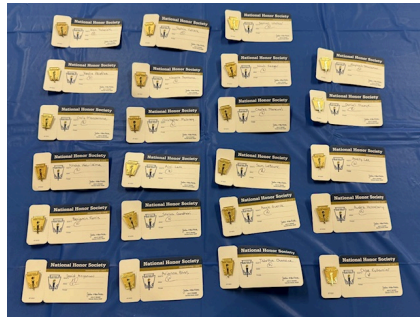
High School NHS Induction Ceremony

Last night, SSCPS hosted the High School National Honor Society Induction Ceremony. It was a beautiful event, hosted by the NHS members with lots of help from our faculty. Special thanks to TC for donating a delicious charcuterie spread; to speakers Jerry, Jamie, Kim W., and Mike; to Theron for his musical accompaniment; to Pam for designing the programs; to Wayne and Joe for setting up the cafe space; and to Kerri for ordering gorgeous flowers for the inductees. More special thanks to all of our K-12 faculty who attended last night and helped us celebrate our wonderful students and our SSCPS community.

Congratulations to our newest NHS inductees!

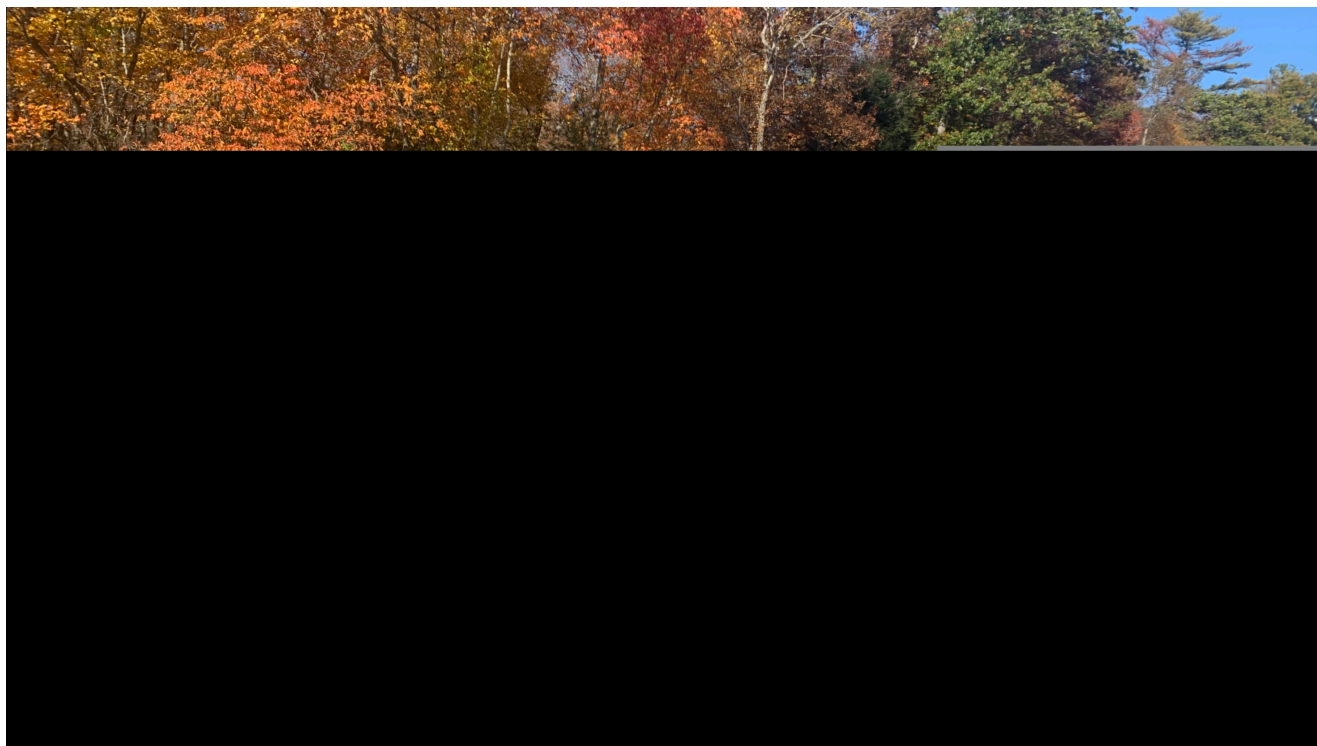
David Anyanwu, Arianna Bliss, Tabitha Chanoine, Chloe Eschauzier, Benjamin Farris, Shrika Ganhari, Angie Guerre, Audra Hennebury, Nneka Kalu-idima, Aivi Lam, Sam LeBlanc, Avery Lee, Chris Maccarrone, Christopher Maloney, Charles Manewal, Daniel Olaoye, Kaylie Polefka, Nayara Santana, Noah Seeger, Raynoah Strackman, Ken Takeishi, Sophia Valliere, Samuel Walker





Level III Pumpkin Carving





Level III Community Service Project

Join our comm**UNITY** and say
 **BOO** to bullying **this Friday!**

October is
Bullying Awareness Month.

Cultural Diversity Workshop

Athletics

Middle School Cross Country Championship Meet

This Saturday at the MCSAO Middle School Cross Country Championship Meet, the Jaguars secured a significant victory. Two of our very own SSCPS runners took 2nd and 3rd place out of 98 runners! 7th grader Ava Molchan finished in 2nd with a time of 9'12", while Naomi Falokun (7th) took 3rd with a time of 9'38". The race was on a scenic 1.3 mile course in Haverhill, MA.

Coaches Sarah Gavin and Adam Gillis could not be more proud of all of our runners who qualified and ran in this championship race. It was a strong finish for all these 7th graders for their first Cross Country season. Congratulations to Ava Molchan, Naomi Falokun, Anya Furst, Rayelle McRae, Amelia Igbo, Ava Perkins, and Xavier Luu.

Go Jaguars!

Afterschool Enrichment Program

Natural Artists Club: Turning Nature into Art

This week, our young artists took their creativity beyond the classroom and into the great outdoors! Armed with curiosity and a love for discovery, students explored the school grounds, collecting leaves, twigs, flowers, and other treasures from nature. Back inside, they used clay to transform their finds into stunning, one-of-a-kind sculptures inspired by the beauty of the environment. From leaf-imprinted designs to whimsical forest creations, every piece told a story of imagination, artistry, and connection to the natural world.

From the Health Office

Back to School | 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@sspcs.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

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>

PA Raise Craze Fundraiser - Extended!

Good news! Our **Raise Craze fundraiser has been extended through Friday, October 31st** — giving everyone a little extra time to log Acts of Kindness and help us reach our goal.

Thanks to your generosity and enthusiasm, we've already raised **over \$24,000** while spreading kindness throughout our community. Let's keep the momentum going and see how much more we can achieve.

Raise Craze is a unique way for us to raise money for our school while making an impact in our community. During this fundraiser, students commit to acts of kindness and ask friends and family for donations via the online platform. Every student can participate by completing Acts of Kindness - you can find a list of them [here](#).

REGISTER: <https://raisecraze.com/join>

CODE: 525-225

Raise Craze sends all emails, reminders, and thank-you notes. Emails will never be shared with third parties or used for marketing.

Need help getting started? Check out the [Raise Craze Instructional Video](#) or contact Dawn Whitney at sscpspafundraising@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued participation and support — let's finish strong!

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](#)

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](#)

4. [**Food Services**](#)
 5. [**Health Office**](#)
 6. [**Massachusetts Department of
Transitional Assistance**](#)
 7. [**Community Service**](#)
 8. [**Parents Association Website**](#)
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