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Weekly Update | September 10, 2025

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A Message from Maria

Dear SSCPS families,

It was really nice to see new and familiar faces last night at the PA meeting. Looking forward to a wonderful year of collaboration with all of you.

We will be holding our Back to School Night for families with children in Grades 1-4 tomorrow, Thursday September 11th, from 6pm to 7pm. This will be an in-person event. Parents and guardians will have the chance to meet their child's teachers and to learn more about the curriculum. Please note that this is not an opportunity for individual conferences. We will be dividing the evening into two blocks so that those of you with

more than one child in Grades 1-4 can meet more than one teacher. Please note the schedule below:

6:00pm-6:10pm - Welcome presentation from Maria and Walter in LIII Great Room

6:10pm-6:30pm - Classroom visit 1

6:30pm-6:40pm - Transition to classrooms

6:40pm-7:00pm - Classroom visit 2

If you only have one child in Grades 1-4, the evening will end at 6:30.

Prior to the event from 5:00pm - 6:00 pm we will have tables set up in the Level III Great Room with representatives from different school programs including the Parents Association and the Family Mentoring Program. Additionally, we will have help available for those who are interested in opting in to the School Directory and for those who would like to complete their volunteer paperwork.

Back to School Night for Grades 5-6 will take place next Tuesday from 6-7:30pm at 100 Longwater Circle.

Picture Day will be on Monday 9/15 for grades K-4 and Tuesday 9/16 for grades 5-6.

There will be an Early Dismissal this Friday 9/12 at 12pm.

Thank you!

Maria Lappas
K-6 Principal

School Calendar & Announcements

SSCPS WEEKLY CALENDAR SEPT 10 - SEPT 17

Wed 10

Senior Parent Night via
Zoom - 6PM

Thu 11

Back to School Night
(Grades 1-4) at 100
Longwater - 6-7PM

Fri 12

SSCPS College Fair at
700 Longwater - 10:30AM

Professional
Development Early
Release - 12PM

Sat/Sun



Mon 15

School Picture Day

Tue 16

School Picture Day

Back to School Night
(Grades 1-6) at 100
Longwater - 6-7:30PM

Wed 17

Board of Trustees Executive
Committee Meeting via
Zoom - 9AM

Campus Update
Information Meeting for
Families via Zoom - 6PM

Upcoming

Sept 18 - Back to School
Night (Grades 7-12)

Sept 18 - Grade 8
Washington DC Trip Info
Session

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

SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar

Important Announcements

Campus Update Information Meeting for Families

We will be providing another informational meeting regarding construction updates on next **Wednesday, September 17 at 6:00 pm via Zoom**. The link may be found below. Informational meetings shall continue throughout the school year. All South Shore Charter families are invited to attend. We welcome your questions and comments which you may submit using [this link](#).

MEETING LINK

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.

Upcoming School & Community Events

Upcoming SSCPS Events

Senior Parent Night & Back to School Nights

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS **2025**

**WED
10**

SENIOR PARENT NIGHT

TONIGHT! 6:00PM via Zoom

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT GRADES 1-4

6-7PM | 100 LONGWATER CIRCLE

**THURS
11**

**TUES
16**

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT GRADES 5-6

6-7:30PM | 100 LONGWATER CIRCLE

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT GRADES 7-12

6-7:30PM | 700 LONGWATER DRIVE

**THURS
18**

WWW.SSCPS.ORG

Family Information Session | Grade 8 Washington, DC Trip

Grade 8 families, along with Grade 7 families interested in planning ahead, are invited to attend an information session about the **optional Grade 8 Washington, DC trip** on **Thursday, September 18 at 7:30 p.m. (following Back to School Night)** in the **Level IV Great Room at 700 Longwater Drive**.

The session will include a presentation and Q&A with a representative from **Grand Classroom**, our travel partner. A school nurse will also provide information about medication form requirements. Use the button below to see the full information session flyer for more details!

INFO SESSION FLYER



Community Events & Programs


South Shore YMCA After School Program

In need of some after school care? Send your child to the South Shore YMCA's Laura's Center for the Arts After School Program, where our mission "The Better You Belongs Here" applies to all the children in our care. At the SSYMCA's After School Programs, we strive to provide your child with the love and care they deserve while also providing fun and exciting opportunities for enrichment and socio-emotional learning. Our program is located at the Emilson Branch of the SSYMCA in Hanover, where our kids get the opportunity to utilize many of the excellent resources, state of the art facilities, and amenities the Y has to offer, all while being guided by our dedicated, vetted, experienced, and well-trained staff. Transportation directly to our facility and program is provided at no additional cost to you by SSCPS's school busses.

This year we are excited to introduce a number of new enrichment programs and curriculums specifically designed for the different age groups our program supports (K-8). From STEAM learning and physical fitness to arts programming and real-world skill building, your child will have the chance to access these unique and fun learning opportunities in a safe and supportive environment.



If you're interested in learning more about our program, or in registering your child for the 2025-2026 school year, please reach out to Samantha Blumberg-McSweeney, Program Director, at smcsweeney@ssymca.org or by phone at 781-826-7900 ext. 5240.





SOUTH SHORE YMCA

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS




CONTACT US

781-826-7900 x5240

smcsweeney@ssymca.org

ssymca.org/afterschoolins

 **SOUTH SHORE YMCA**
The Better You Belongs Here



ABOUT US

The South Shore YMCA provides families with safe, engaging, and enriching before/after-school care programs for children at local Norwell and Scituate Public Schools

Before/After School Programs

- Monday through Friday from school dismissal until 6pm
- Before & After-school options, 2-5 days per week
- Grades K-5 (SSCPS K-8)
- Early Release programs from school dismissal until 6pm
- Homework assistance
- Arts & Crafts, games, and activities
- Engage in daily indoor/outdoor physical activities
- Social/emotional learning and STEAM curriculum

School Vacation & Holiday Programs

- Vacation programs require separate registration and fee
- Vacation programs operate M-F, 9am-5pm at Fenwick YMCA, Hanover
- Theme-based activities include swim, crafts, STEAM activities, indoor/outdoor physical activities, recreational group games, and more
- Registration packets and details are available approximately one month prior to date and can be found on our website ssymca.org/afterschoolins

South Shore YMCA Before/After School Program in Norwell & Scituate

Our on-site program promotes physical, intellectual, emotional, and social well-being with a variety of age-appropriate activities including homework time, arts and crafts, group games, and indoor/outdoor physical activities

OUR SCHOOLS

SCITUATE	NORWELL
JENNINGS ELEMENTARY & CUSHING STUDENTS 54 Vinyl Avenue, Scituate, MA	VINAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 102 Oak Bucket Road Norwell, MA
WAMPATUCK ELEMENTARY & WATNEYS STUDENTS 266 Tilden Road, Scituate, MA	COLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 81 High Street, Norwell, MA
Cooking & Hotely student are transported to and from sites for programming	SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL 100 Longwater Circle, Norwell, MA (Based by school's SYMCA Lease Center for the Arts 97 Mill St Hanover MA)

CONTACT US

For inquiries and registration, contact smcsweeney@ssymca.org
781-826-7900 x 5240
ssymca.org/afterschoolins

Spanish PDF

Haitian-Creole PDF

Accord Center Afterschool Programs

Fall Afterschool Programs at Accord Center!



*A leader in social and
emotional education,
viewing **neurodiversity**
as an asset.*

Social Groups – Fitness and Movement – Clubs & Activities!

What if instead of talking about friendship, kids actually made friends?

Social Groups

Grades K-2, 3-6, 5-8, 9-12

We believe that the best kind of social education is meaningful. Student experiences are grounded in real life, groups are matched with like-minded peers, and opportunities often lead to actual connections and friendships.

LEGO Clubs

Grades 3-8

Drop in and let your imagination run wild with the extensive Lego collection!

Teen Lift

Grades 9-12

Drop in and let your imagination run wild with the extensive Lego collection!

Rube Goldberg Chain Reaction

Grades 4-8

Rube Goldberg is known for his illustrations of fantastic machines using chain reactions to make simple things happen. Kids explore how to bring these to life!



Creative Uncommon (Art) Grades 5-8, 9-12

Join AS art teacher Lisa Grize for an hour of art exploration in an open studio setting.

*Coming later this fall: Chess
Club, Young Adult Kickball,
Board Games, Crafts, Pokemon
Club, and much more.*



Visit our website at <https://www.accordcenter.org/>.

For questions, email Bruce Frost at brucefrost@theaccordschool.org.

74 Accord Park Drive,
Norwell, MA 02061

Arts & Music

Music Program Sign Ups

Use the button below to sign up for an after school music program! All information can be found on each sign up form. Please contact tleonard@sscps.org or pbarrett@sscps.org for more information.

CHOIR SIGN UP

INSTRUMENT SIGN UP



SSCPS Choir Sign Up

Level 2 Choir- Before School
When: Wednesday's 7:30-8:00 am
Start Date: September 11, 2025

Level 3 Choir- After School
When: Thursday's 3:00-4:00 pm
Start Date September 12, 2025

Questions: Email Paul Barrett - pbarrett@sscps.org

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

INSTRUMENT SIGN UP



BEGINNING/ADV. BEGINNING STRINGS	MON 3-4:30PM
BEGINNING BAND	TUES 3-4:30PM
CONCERT BAND	THURS 3-4:30PM
CONCERT STRINGS	WED & FRI 3-4:30PM

CONTACT TLEONARD@SSCPS.ORG FOR MORE INFO

Afterschool Enrichment Program

Session I Coming Soon

Dear Families,

We are pleased to announce that registration for Session One of our Afterschool Enrichment Program is now open. Enrichment will run for 10 weeks. The first session is

from October 7th - December 18th 2025. Please review our Club Descriptions [here](#) and complete the Registration form [here](#) using FamilyID. Registration closes on September 19th 2025. We look forward to another wonderful session of learning, adventure and fun! Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Warm regards,

Nadeen Sullivan
Afterschool Enrichment Program Coordinator



SSCPS AFTERSCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

SESSION I

GRADES 3-8

• OCTOBER 7TH - DECEMBER 18TH, 2025

• TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

• TIME: 3:15 - 4:15 PM



SESSION I CLUBS:

- ACTIVE ZONE: SPORTS AND FITNESS
- CHEMICAL CREATIONS CLUB
- STEAM DREAM TEAM
- MAGAZINE PRODUCTION CLUB
- EXERCISE THROUGH MUSIC AND MOVEMENT
- KICKBOXING FITNESS CLUB
- YOGA AND MINDFULNESS
- MATH MAVERICKS
- NATURAL ARTISTS
- ART CLUB
- HOMEWORK CLUB
- CHEER AND DANCE CLUB



CONTACT: NADEEN SULLIVAN

PHONE: 781-982-4202 EXT. 356.

EMAIL: [NSULLIVAN@SSCPS.ORG](mailto:nsullivan@sscps.org)

From the Foundation

The 2025 SSCPS Annual Road Race

At this year's road race, we're celebrating our anticipated enrollment expansion at SSCPS this fall! This is an exciting opportunity to allow more students to become a part of our diverse, inclusive community, and there's no better way to celebrate than by coming together as a community for this beloved event - we hope to see you there!

There are lots of ways you can support our school and contribute to this event, from running the race, to volunteering your time, to sponsoring the race or a student runner, and more. Visit our website to learn more about the race and how you can be a part of our celebration and help us pave the **#SSCPSRoadToGrow!**

[RUN THE RACE](#)

[SPONSOR THE RACE](#)

[ROAD RACE INFO](#)

Thank you to our 2025 Road Race sponsors!

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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@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

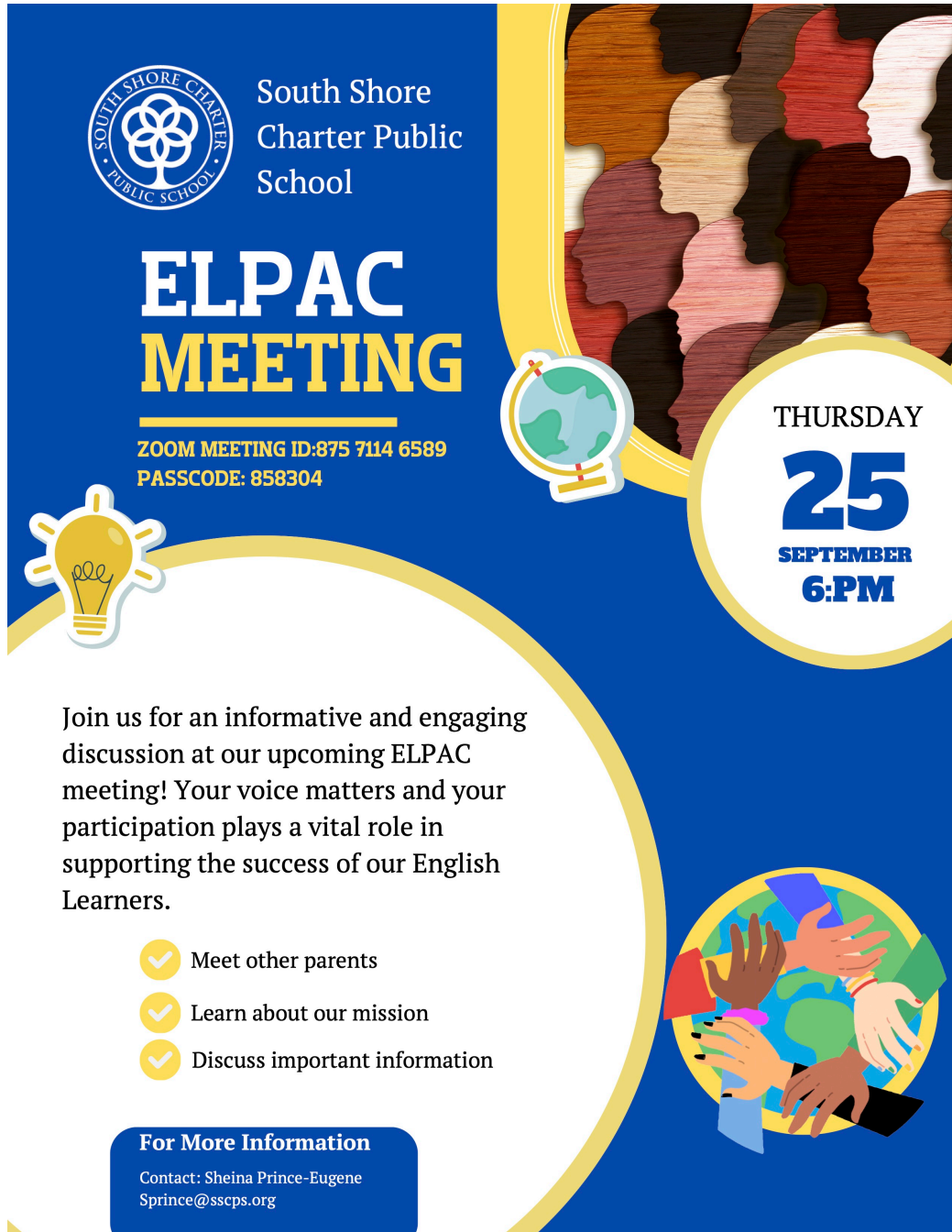
Greetings Parents/Guardians,

We invite you to join us for our upcoming English Learner Parent Advisory Council (ELPAC) meeting! This is a great opportunity to connect, stay informed, and help shape the educational experience of our English Learner students.

We'll be sharing important updates, upcoming events, and resources for multilingual families, plus, we want to hear from you! Your input is essential in supporting the success of our students.

Please see the below flyer for meeting details.

We hope to see you there!



The flyer is for an ELPAC Meeting at South Shore Charter Public School. It features a blue background with a yellow curved border. The top left has the school's logo and name. The main title 'ELPAC MEETING' is in large white and yellow letters. Below it, the Zoom meeting ID and passcode are listed. A lightbulb icon is next to the meeting details. On the right, a circular graphic shows the date 'THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 6:PM' in blue and white. Below the date, a globe icon is shown. At the bottom, a list of bullet points with checkmarks describes the meeting's purpose: 'Meet other parents', 'Learn about our mission', and 'Discuss important information'. A blue box at the bottom left contains contact information for Sheina Prince-Eugene. The bottom right features an illustration of hands holding a globe.

South Shore Charter Public School

ELPAC MEETING

ZOOM MEETING ID: 875 7114 6589
PASSCODE: 858304

THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 6:PM

Join us for an informative and engaging discussion at our upcoming ELPAC meeting! Your voice matters and your participation plays a vital role in supporting the success of our English Learners.

- ✓ Meet other parents
- ✓ Learn about our mission
- ✓ Discuss important information

For More Information
Contact: Sheina Prince-Eugene
Sprince@sscps.org

Important Links

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

School Documents:

[2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

[Student and Family Handbook](#)

[Arrival and Dismissal Procedures](#)

[SSCPS By-Laws](#)

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](#)



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