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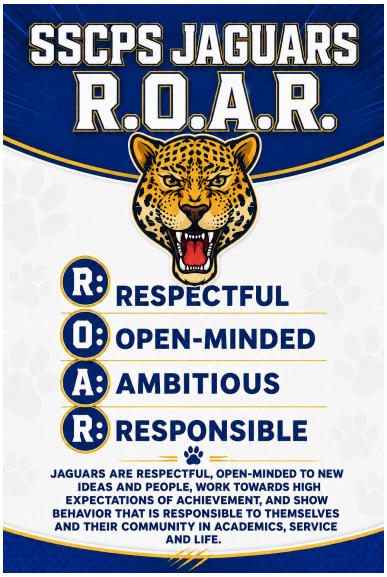
A Message From Nadeen and TC

High School Update: Together We Grow. Together We Build.

This year, our high school community is united by the theme, "Together We Grow. Together We Build." Together, we are growing as learners, leaders, and individuals while building a positive school culture grounded in our Jaguar R.O.A.R. values:

- **R**espect
- **O**pen-mindedness
- **A**mbition
- **R**esponsibility

These values guide our Positive Behavior Expectations and encourage students to make thoughtful choices, welcome different perspectives, set meaningful goals, and take responsibility for their actions.



More Opportunities Through Our Six-Day Schedule

The high school now follows a six-day rotating schedule. Rather than classes being tied to specific weekdays, they rotate through Days 1-6. This structure provides more balanced instructional time and ensures that students attend each class consistently, even when there are holidays, half days, or school closures.

The schedule also gives students greater flexibility to explore their interests. Students have more opportunities to enroll in electives and Advanced Placement courses while continuing to complete their core academic requirements.

Supporting Students Through Recitation
Students participate in Recitation once each day as an extended block connected to one of their core classes. This time gives students opportunities to receive extra help, begin assignments with teacher guidance, strengthen important skills, and participate in enrichment activities. Recitation work is included as part of each student's grade in the corresponding core class.

Our Students Are R.O.A.R.ing!
Our Class of 2027 is officially checking off the first exciting milestones of senior year! From welcoming the day together at Senior Sunrise to preparing for the road ahead during Senior Boot Camp, our seniors are making memories, strengthening friendships, and getting ready for a year filled with celebrations, accomplishments, and new opportunities.

This is only the beginning, and we cannot wait to celebrate every milestone along the way.







Our new school policies and procedures are off to a strong start, and our students have been absolute rock stars! We are already seeing greater focus, stronger connections, and

a renewed sense of purpose throughout our classrooms and hallways.

Students are communicating more often, engaging in meaningful conversations with their peers and teachers, and becoming more involved in school life. Instead of isolating themselves through cell phones or headphones, they are looking up, participating, enjoying the outdoors, playing board games, and building stronger relationships.

These policies were introduced to create an environment that supports learning, growth, and connection; and we are seeing their positive impact in action.





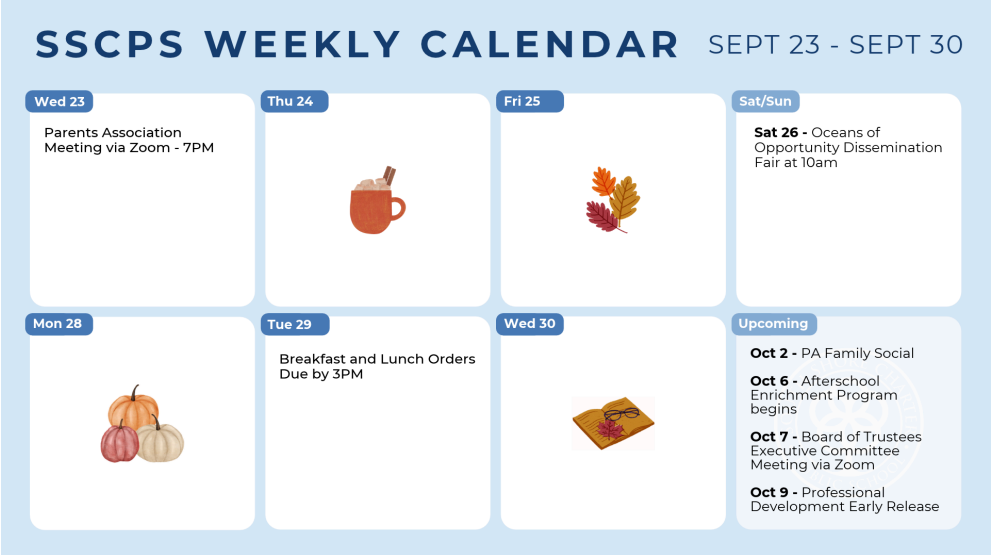


We thank our students for adjusting so well. We especially thank our parents and guardians for reinforcing these expectations and helping students adapt at home. Your partnership makes all the difference.

There is still important work ahead, but we are incredibly proud of the progress happening throughout our high school and we are excited to continue building on this strong momentum together.

Nadeen Sullivan (High School Principal)
& Christophe Teulet-Cote (Dean of Students)

School Calendar & Announcements



Click here for the complete SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar

SSCPS Events & Athletics Calendar

New Phone Number for 700 Longwater Drive

We now have a direct phone line to 700 Longwater Drive. Parents and students may now use the phone number **781-561-9866** to reach 700 Longwater directly.

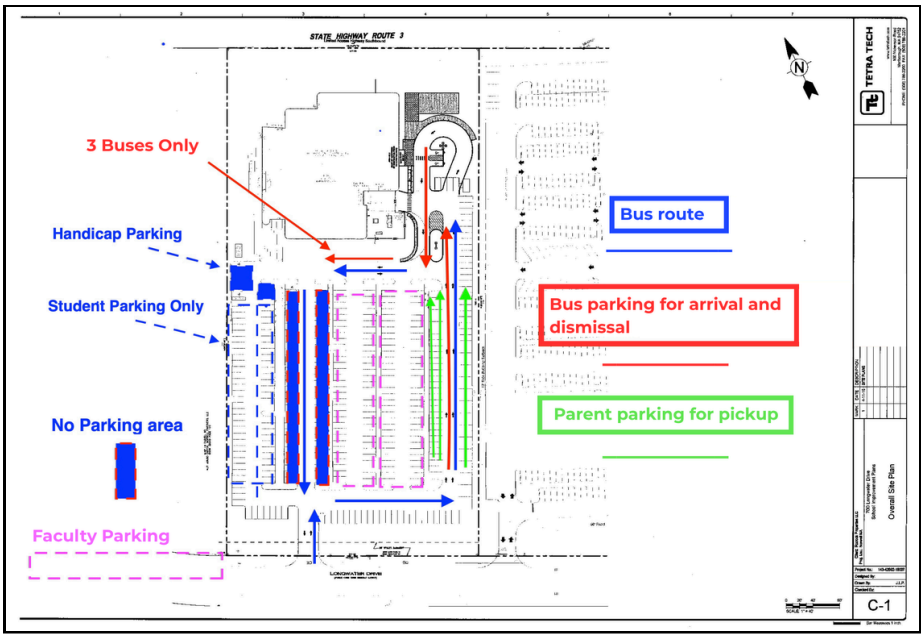
The existing phone number for 100 Longwater Circle **(781-982-4202)** is still in use and can be called to reach 100 Longwater directly.

As a reminder, to notify us of any attendance changes like absences, tardies, etc. please email **attendance@sscps.org**. To notify us of any bus-related changes, please email **transportation@sscps.org**.

Bus Transportation Reminders

This map highlights the 700 Longwater Drive parking lot, bus route, and parent pick up line for the 2026-2027 school year. Please use the button below to view all current bus transportation information.

BUS TRANSPORTATION INFO



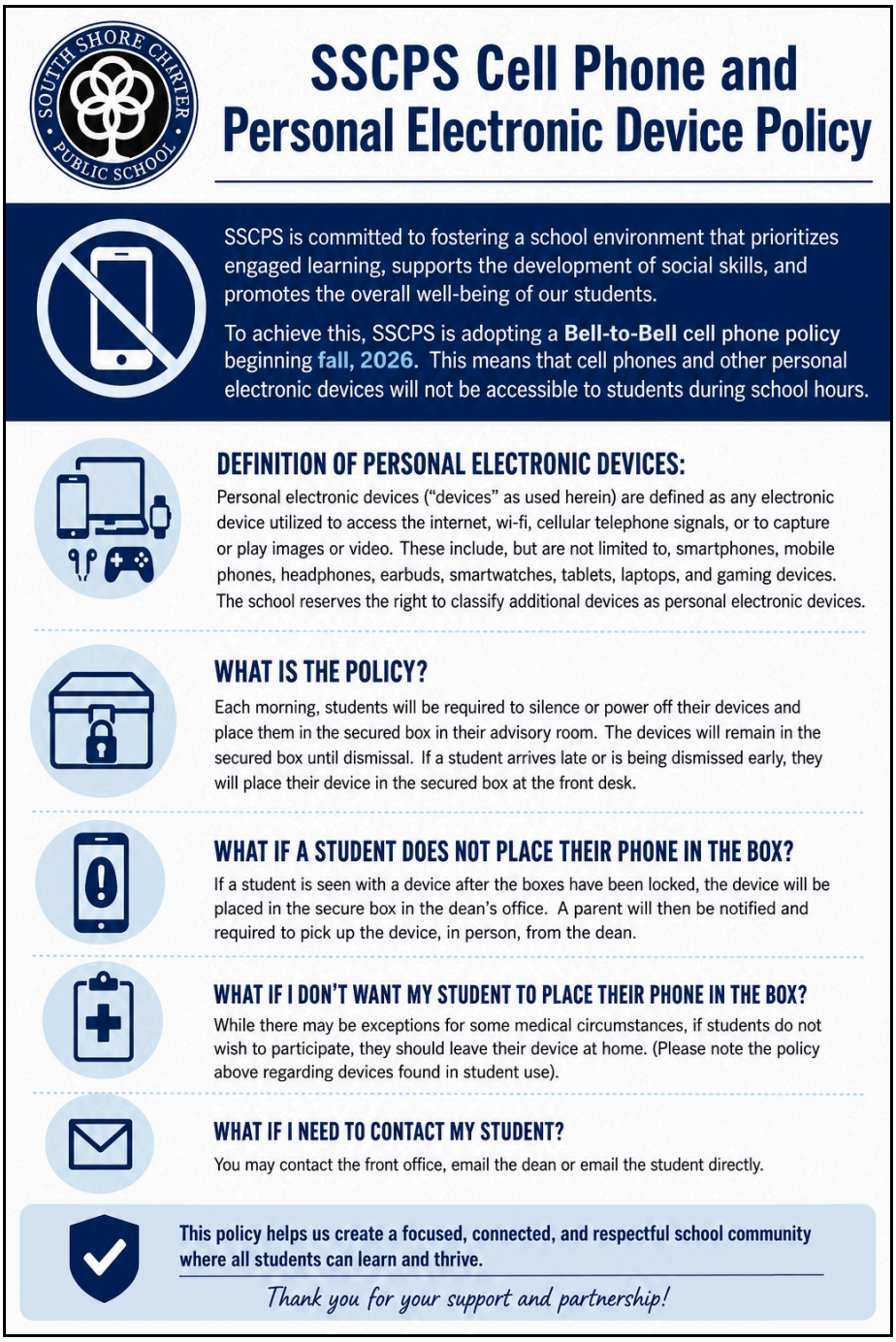
School Policy Survey Reminder

2026-2027 SSCPS Cell Phone Policy Survey

Thank you to all parents who participated in our Cell Phone Policy Focus Group! If you were unable to attend, please view the Cell Phone Policy flyer for the 2026-2027 school year below.

We are asking all SSCPS families to take the Cell Phone Policy Survey by September 30th, 2026. Please use the button below to complete the survey.

TAKE THE SURVEY



From the Dean's Desk

The Season Is Changing

I noticed it walking into school the other morning.

It was colder.

Not cold exactly, but cold enough that I noticed. Summer has been hanging around for the first few weeks of school, as it usually does, but it is beginning to give way. The mornings are cooler. The sun is setting a little earlier. Soon enough the leaves will follow.

Fall has arrived.

You can see the change happening with our students too. The first days of school have a certain energy to them. New classrooms. New teachers. New shoes that somehow still look new. Everyone is figuring everyone else out. Even returning students have to learn where they fit now that they are a year older.

A few weeks later, things begin to change. The kindergartener who needed help every morning knows where to put their things. The student who couldn't remember the new hallway routine doesn't really have to think about it anymore. Teachers know their students better. Students know their teachers. Friendships are taking shape. Classrooms are starting to feel like classrooms.

We are finding our rhythm.

There is another change happening that is harder to see. Children are becoming a little more independent. Growing up, at least in school, happens in hundreds of tiny moments. Remembering what you're supposed to bring without being reminded. Making a good choice when the teacher isn't standing next to you. Admitting when you messed something up. Helping somebody because you noticed they needed it.

Nobody gets an award for most of those moments. They matter anyway.

I think that is one of the things I like most about fall. The change is obvious, but it doesn't happen all at once. One leaf changes. Then another. Eventually you look around and realize the whole landscape is different.

Children aren't much different.

We spend a lot of time looking for the big moments of growth. The great report card. The award. A big accomplishment. Meanwhile, little changes are happening every day.

Pay attention. They're easy to miss.

Walter Duncan
Dean of Students K-5



Upcoming School & Community Events

Upcoming SSCPS Events

2026 SSCPS Annual Road Race

Join us on Saturday, October 17th at Wompatuck State Park for another SSCPS Annual Road Race! The road race is a beloved community-wide event that helps us all unite in the spirit of collaboration and togetherness, so join us with your friends and family for a morning of fun, exercise, and community. Use the buttons below for more information on this year's race, volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, and more!

RUN THE RACE

ROAD RACE INFO



At this year's road race, we're celebrating the continued enrollment expansion at South Shore Charter! 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**!

SPONSOR THE RACE

Athletics

Varsity Volleyball Highlights

It was an exciting week for our Varsity Volleyball team! The Jaguars earned their first two wins of the season, including a hard-fought away match (3-1) and a (3–0) home victory.

The team showed tremendous growth in communication, serving, defensive play and overall court awareness. Our senior captains Ray, Marckellah as well as our Junior and Sophomore captains Ash, Lilianna, and Fara provided strong leadership and helped the team make important adjustments throughout both matches.

There were many standout performances! Fara brought incredible defensive energy and made several key digs, while Arielle and Danea delivered strong, consistent serving. Izzy made crucial defensive plays, Naami contributed important front-row attacks and well-timed tips and Lilianna helped create opportunities at the net. Zalaar and Izadora stepped up in their first volleyball game with strong setting and Ray continued to serve consistently.

One of the highlights of the week came during our home match, when the other team arrived late but our team chose to play out all three sets. Our decision demonstrated great sportsmanship, character, and teamwork.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support us at our first home game! Your energy and encouragement mean so much to our players. We're excited to keep building on this momentum.

Our next home game is at Starland in Hanover this Friday, September 25 after school. Please come out to cheer our team! GO JAGUARS!





Arts and Music

After School Music Registration

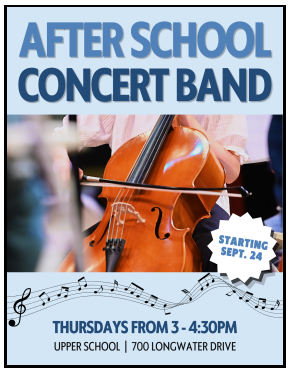
Click on the flyers below to sign up for one of this year's after school music programs! For any questions regarding our music programs, please contact Theron Leonard at tleonard@sscps.org.

**Please note that our music programs for Grades 4 & 5 are now open to Grade 3 students as well!*











Afterschool Enrichment Program

Session I Registration is Now Open for Grades 3-12!

Dear Families,

We are pleased to announce that registration for Session I of our Afterschool Enrichment Program is now open. Enrichment will run for 10 weeks. The first session is from October 6th - December 17th 2026. Please review our Club Descriptions **here** and complete the Registration form **here** using FamilyID.

Registration closes THIS FRIDAY on September 25th, 2026. 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

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

AFTERSCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

SESSION ONE | OCTOBER 6 - DECEMBER 17, 2026

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 3:15 - 4:15 PM | Grades 3 - 12 | No classes Thanksgiving week

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Grades 3-5

TUESDAY

- Chemical Creations
- The Perler Society
- Write Club
- Active Zone: Sports & Fitness
- Art Club

THURSDAY

- The Perler Society
- Active Zone: Sports & Fitness
- Art Club
- Dance Blast!



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades 6-8

TUESDAY

- Complete Athletes
- Hacky Sack Club
- Board Game Masters

THURSDAY

- Complete Athletes
- Hacky Sack Club
- The Study Spot
- STEAM Dream Team
- Write Club



HIGH SCHOOL

Grades 9-12

TUESDAY

- Theatre*
- Mindful Moments: Stress Management
- The Study Spot

THURSDAY

- Theatre*
- The Craft Lab
- Mindful Moments: Stress Management



REGISTER ON FAMILYID

BY SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

Clubs require at least 6 enrolled students to operate.

Questions? Nadeen Sullivan | 781-982-4202 ext. 356 | nsullivan@sscps.org

*High school theatre meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 - 5:30 PM.

All experience levels welcome!

From the Food Services Department

2026-2027 Meal Ordering Information

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! For those of you new to SSCPS, my name is Charlene Salamone and I am the Food Services Coordinator. My role at SSCPS is to ensure that our school provides our students with nutritious, healthy meals during the school day. Since SSCPS does not have cafeterias, we offer our students a “Grab and Go” hot meal, a salad, or a cold meal that complies with the nutritional guidelines set by the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program, as well as "Grab and Go" breakfast programs.

In order for your child to receive breakfast, lunch, or both, you will need to place a weekly or monthly order for meals. We utilize an online ordering system called Arbiter,

and all families must register each child to order meals. Please visit the **SSCPS FamilyID Programs** webpage to register your child. Also, 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 know their homeroom teacher, that would be helpful, but that information can always be entered later. To learn more about 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.

Please review the menus carefully and order them accurately. **Orders are due on Tuesdays, no later than 3:00 pm, for the following week's meals.**

September 2026 Breakfast Menu

September 2026 Lunch Menu

Finally, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 781-982-4202 ext. 156 or email me at **csalamone@sscps.org**.

Over the next month or so, we will be transitioning to a new point-of-sale (ordering) system, and we will be sending updated instructions on how to order meals using the new system to all families.

Charlene Salamone
Food Services Coordinator

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

The South Shore Charter Public School is approved to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) of the National School Lunch Program. This special provision means that families are no longer required to complete a meal benefit application, and all our students have access to breakfast and lunch at no cost.

Fee waivers for athletics, enrichment, and other applicable student fees will be based on Direct Certification for the new school year.

Direct Certification is the process by which school districts certify students whose households receive assistance from SNAP, TANF/TAFDC, or FDPIR as eligible for free meals without further application. Direct Certification is based on information provided by the state agencies administering these benefit programs.

To apply for Direct Certification, please visit: **https://dtaconnect.eohhs.mass.gov/** and apply for benefits.

All families who are Direct Certified will receive notification of their status and a Community Eligibility (CEP) information-sharing form from the school in the coming weeks. To determine if a fee can be waived, all families must complete and return the CEP Information Sharing Form to Charlene Salamone, Food Services Coordinator. The Food Service Department cannot share your Direct Certification status with any other school department without a completed form on file.

From the Health Office

Back to School | 2026-2027

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**. The form must be **dated after July 1, 2026** in order for it to be valid for the school year. 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-12th grade: Jaime Kjelgaard, RN **jkjelgaard@sspcs.org** 781-982-4202 x104

K-5th grade: Erilin Martinez, RN **emartinez2@sscps.org** 781-982-4202 x 104

6th-12th grade: Barbara Folan, RN **bfolan@sscps.org** 781-982-4202 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 Jaime Kjelgaard, RN **Jkjelgaard@sscps.org** 781-982-4202 x 104.

Students entering K, 4th, 7th & 10th grade must submit current physical forms and vaccine records.

The K-5 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

Parents Association, SEPAC, & ELPAC

PA Meeting Today: Wednesday, September 23

We look forward to seeing all parents at our first PA meeting **today**, **Wednesday, September 23rd at 7PM via Zoom.** Please use the button below to join the meeting and **this link** to view the meeting agenda. All parents/guardians are automatically members of the Parents Association, so please come join us — we look forward to seeing you!

We also still have some availability left for our **PA-sponsored Family Social** event next month. Use **this link** to view more details and sign up for the event.

Best regards,
The SSCPS Parents Association

ZOOM MEETING LINK

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:

FY27 School Calendar

2025-2026 School Calendar

Student and Family Handbook

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures
SSCPS By-Laws

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