



Weekly Update | September 9, 2026

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A Message From SSCPS Food Services

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.

School Calendar & Announcements

Next Week: Back to School Nights

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS **2026**

**SEPT
15**

HIGH SCHOOL PARENT BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

6 - 7:30PM | 700 LONGWATER DRIVE

SENIOR PARENT NIGHT

7:30 - 8PM | 700 LONGWATER DRIVE

**SEPT
15**

**SEPT
16**

MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

6 - 7:30PM | 700 LONGWATER DRIVE

GRADE 8 DC TRIP INFO SESSION

7:30 - 8PM | 700 LONGWATER DRIVE

GRADES 1-5 PARENT BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

6-7PM | 100 LONGWATER CIRCLE

**SEPT
17**

SSCPS WEEKLY CALENDAR SEPT 09 - SEPT 16

Wed 09



Thu 10

Board of Trustees Meeting
via Zoom - 5:30PM

Fri 11

National Day of Service
and Remembrance

Sat/Sun



Mon 14



Tue 15

Breakfast and Lunch Orders
Due by 3PM

High School Parent Back to
School Night - 6PM

Parents Association Meeting
via Zoom - 7PM

Senior Parent Night - 7:30PM

Wed 16

Middle School Parent Back
to School Night - 6PM

Grade 8 DC Trip Info
Session at 700
Longwater - 7:30PM

Upcoming

Sept 17 - Grade 1-5 Parent
Back to School Night

Sept 18 - Professional
Development Early Release

Sept 21 - No School (Yom
Kippur Observed)

[Click here for the complete 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.

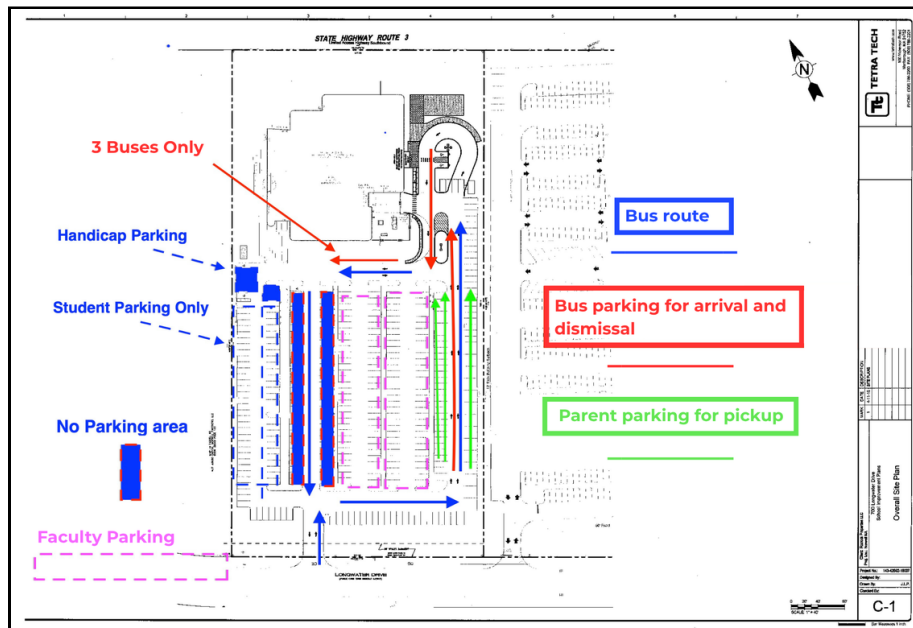
The existing phone number for 100 Longwater Circle (**781-982-4202**) is still in use and can be called to reach 100 Longwater directly.

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



Athletics Reminder

Fall Sports Registration



Fall Season 2026 is Approaching and Athletics Registration is Live!

Register online [here](#) on the Athletics page on our website today!

We will be offering the following sports for the Fall season:

- Varsity Boys Soccer (Grades 9-12)
- Varsity Girls Soccer (Grades 9-12)
- Varsity Girls Volleyball (Grades 9-12)
- High School Coed Cross Country (Grades 9-12)
- Middle School Coed Soccer (Grades 7-8)
- Middle School Coed Cross Country (Grades 7-8)

To register you must:

1. Upload Copy of Physical Exam

- Upload a copy of a valid physical to the Arbiter sports registration form.
- Valid physicals must be in-person exams conducted within the previous 13 months and include both an athletic participation clearance and a doctor's signature (an electronic signature is acceptable.)

2. Make Payment

- All sport participants **MUST** pay an athletic fee (\$125) to sign up and participate. Payments can be made online through MySchoolBucks as part of the registration process.

Please register today! More information regarding schedules will be provided the first week of school. If you have any questions, please contact the Athletic Director.

Joe Kay

SSCPS Athletic Director

jkay@sscps.org

[REGISTER HERE](#)

School Policy Announcement

2026-2027 SSCPS Cell Phone Policy

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.



SSCPS Cell Phone and Personal Electronic Device Policy



SSCPS is committed to fostering a school environment that prioritizes engaged learning, supports the development of social skills, and promotes the overall well-being of our students.

To achieve this, SSCPS is adopting a **Bell-to-Bell** cell phone policy beginning **fall, 2026**. This means that cell phones and other personal electronic devices will not be accessible to students during school hours.



DEFINITION OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES:

Personal electronic devices ("devices" as used herein) are defined as any electronic device utilized to access the internet, wi-fi, cellular telephone signals, or to capture or play images or video. These include, but are not limited to, smartphones, mobile phones, headphones, earbuds, smartwatches, tablets, laptops, and gaming devices. The school reserves the right to classify additional devices as personal electronic devices.



WHAT IS THE POLICY?

Each morning, students will be required to silence or power off their devices and place them in the secured box in their advisory room. The devices will remain in the secured box until dismissal. If a student arrives late or is being dismissed early, they will place their device in the secured box at the front desk.



WHAT IF A STUDENT DOES NOT PLACE THEIR PHONE IN THE BOX?

If a student is seen with a device after the boxes have been locked, the device will be placed in the secure box in the dean's office. A parent will then be notified and required to pick up the device, in person, from the dean.



WHAT IF I DON'T WANT MY STUDENT TO PLACE THEIR PHONE IN THE BOX?

While there may be exceptions for some medical circumstances, if students do not wish to participate, they should leave their device at home. (Please note the policy above regarding devices found in student use).



WHAT IF I NEED TO CONTACT MY STUDENT?

You may contact the front office, email the dean or email the student directly.



This policy helps us create a focused, connected, and respectful school community where all students can learn and thrive.

Thank you for your support and partnership!

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](#)

A banner for the 2026 SSCPS Annual Road Race. It features a photograph of a young boy in a blue shirt and a woman in a white SSCPS t-shirt. The woman is holding a smartphone up to the boy's forehead, possibly taking a photo or using a timer. The background shows a building with large windows. The text on the banner includes: "South Shore Charter Public School", "BECOME A SPONSOR!", "2026 SSCPS ANNUAL ROAD RACE", "SUPPORT STUDENTS IN THE SOUTH SHORE", "OCT 17, 2026 | WOMPATUCK STATE PARK, HINGHAM MA", and three icons with text: a megaphone for "Promote Your Business", a group of people for "Connect With Community", and a graduation cap for "Support Education". The SSCPS logo is in the top right corner.

South Shore Charter Public School

BECOME A SPONSOR!
**2026 SSCPS
ANNUAL ROAD RACE**

SUPPORT STUDENTS IN THE SOUTH SHORE

OCT 17, 2026 | WOMPATUCK STATE PARK, HINGHAM MA

 Promote Your Business  Connect With Community  Support Education

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](#)

On the Levels

Welcome Back | High School

What an incredible first week of school! Our freshmen kicked off their high school journey during orientation with fun community-building activities that helped them connect with classmates, meet their teachers, and feel welcomed into the Jaguar community. Throughout the week, our students filled the halls with energy, kindness, and Jaguar pride. We are so proud of them and excited for all that this school year will bring. Together we grow. Together we build. Go Jaguars!





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 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

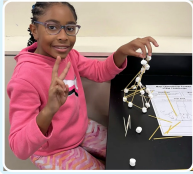
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Grades 3-5

TUESDAY	THURSDAY
• Chemical Creations • The Perler Society • Write Club • Active Zone: Sports & Fitness • Art Club	• The Perler Society • Active Zone: Sports & Fitness • Art Club • Dance Blast!



MIDDLE SCHOOL Grades 6-8

TUESDAY	THURSDAY
• Complete Athletes • Hacky Sack Club • Board Game Masters	• Complete Athletes • Hacky Sack Club • The Study Spot • STEAM Dream Team • Write Club



HIGH SCHOOL Grades 9-12

TUESDAY	THURSDAY
• Theatre* • Mindful Moments: Stress Management • The Study Spot	• 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 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@sscpcs.org 781-982-4202 x104

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

6th-12th grade: Barbara Folan, RN bfolan@sscpcs.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@sscpcs.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@sscpcs.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 Tuesday, September 15

The South Shore Charter Public School's Parents Association welcomes everyone back for another fun and exciting school year! All parents and guardians of SSCPS students are members of the Parents Association (PA). The PA normally meets virtually on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7PM.

We pushed the September meeting back by a week so that everyone would have time to adjust to being back in school prior to the meeting. Please join us for our first meeting of the 2026-2027 school year on **Tuesday, September 15th at 7:00PM** via Zoom by using [this link](#) or the button below.

Come meet your PA leadership team, learn about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities, and ask questions about the school from more senior parents. We hope to see you there!

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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