

# SHCPS Weekly Newsletter

September 25, 2009

Hope is our Core Value for September.

Save the Date:	
Sept. 29: <b>MCAS Parent Information Session 6:00 PM</b> Oct. 2: World Smile Day; Spelling Bee Study Guides Distributed (The Bee will be in November, during MA Family Literacy Month.) Oct. 6: Board of Trustee Meeting 6:00 PM Oct. 7: Grade 1 to Southwick Zoo	Oct. 8: Grade 3 to Plimouth Plantation Oct. 9, 12: NO SCHOOL Oct. 13: Parent Guild Meeting 6:00 Oct. 15: Family Conference & High School Gear Up Night Oct. 23: JA Dance 6:30 - 8:30

Mon. = Day 6

Tue. = Day 1

Wed. = Day 2

Thurs. = Day 3

Fri. = Day 4

***Be kind. Be safe. Be responsible.***

**Dear Families,**

*We are off to a great start this year. We appreciate all of the support parents have been giving by checking agendas each night, reviewing student homework and communicating with teachers! Please continue to partner with us so we can all bring out the best of each and every Seven Hills student. We can only do it by working together.*

*Sincerely,*

*Krista Piazza, Superintendent*

**Star Students!** Congratulations to Bekar Bayala, Dominique Diggs, Claudio Meneses, Basirat Quadry, Ben Blodgett, Sharleen Fearon, Dessai Jerry

**Rainbow House News** The winner of last week's "la frase secreta" is Kelsie Ortiz. This week's star students are Shrutika Kumar, Patson Pierre and Alexa Macquaye.



**Parent Partnerships** We just received a few more payments for the Parent Guild Fall Fundraiser so we are still tallying up our earnings.

Thanks to your generous support, we already raised over \$11,000! The classes that sold the most tickets for each academy were Ms.

Underwood's PA class, Ms. Ey's EA class and Mr. Buonomo's JA class! Those classes will be enjoying pizza parties on Monday so they should leave their lunches at home! Congratulations!

The Parent Guild is still collecting Box Tops for Education. Our first shipment will be sent in on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> please send in your Box Tops.

**Music Update:** As many of you are aware, over the last few years we have been increasing the inventory of school owned musical instruments for students to borrow and play at Seven Hills. In order for many more students to enjoy playing an instrument, I will be hosting a snack table during Family Conference Night on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Money raised will go towards purchasing/repairing musical instruments for our students. In order for the fundraiser to succeed, I am looking for donations of food and drink items such as 100 calorie snack packs (please no peanuts) and/or 100% juice boxes, such as Juicy Juice, Apple & Eve and Motts. Please bring any donated items to Mr. McGann in room 101 by Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support of the arts.

**Community Connections** Congratulations to the Seven Hills Show Choir for an outstanding performance for the Columbus Day Parade Committee. They also performed for Charlie Ball and had their photograph taken for the World Smile Day official webpage!

Thank you to Mike and Leo from Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus, for entertaining our PA and EA students yesterday and teaching them about fitness and nutrition.

The Auburn Public Library is currently having a book sale, with many items available for as little as a quarter!

AIDS Project Worcester is hosting a Night of Gospel Music fundraiser **tonight** at 6:00 PM the United Congregational Church. Tickets are \$25. For more information call (508) 755-3773.

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Raymond A. Winbush will be reading and discussing his recently published book *Belinda's Petition: A Concise History of Reparations for the Transatlantic Slave Trade* at Assumption College at 6:00 PM. A follow up fieldtrip to slave quarters in Medford, MA will take place on October 11<sup>th</sup>. For more information call Gloria Hall at (508) 341-3838.

YOU Inc. is sponsoring a series of *Grandparents Raising Children* meetings from 10:00 - 11:00 AM on Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. Contact Francine Winslow-Ramos at (508) 849-5600x260 for more information.

Summit Academy Inc. is offering three consecutive ten week Evening Therapeutic Martial Arts Program (ETMAP) sessions at 15 Jamesbury Drive Worcester, MA 01609. The non-contact program is designed for children aged 6-14 who have been diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome, ADHD, High Functioning Autism/P.D.D., and related non-verbal learning disabilities. Join them on Monday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> for registration and open house. Weekly classes will begin on Monday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 - 6:30 PM.

Looking for a job? Girls' Inc. recently posted openings for Program Assistants. More information is available through Dean Theodore at [dtheodore@worcester.girls-inc.org](mailto:dtheodore@worcester.girls-inc.org).

### **Reminders:**

- We need your involvement! All parents of students in grades 4-8 should join us at 6:00 PM on September 29<sup>th</sup> to receive MCAS results and review test items.
- The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile will be coming soon to Seven Hills to provide dental sealants and fluoride varnish to students. Nurse Yang sent permission slips home with all students. Signed slips were due today so if you have not yet handed yours in, please do so asap.
- The National Junior Honor Society tutoring and homework help program still has room for more participants on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please notify the main office if you'd like your child to stay after for extra help.



**Ms. Dirsas' Help At Home** Attention 7th and 8th grade parents: High School representatives will be here during Family Conference Night! Come to meet with representatives from local schools in order to make informed decisions about your child's high school education. This is the only chance you will get this year to meet one on one with many of the representatives to ask them any questions you may have about their schools so don't miss out!

Below are the open houses and entrance/placement exams for some of the local schools. You must call ahead and pre-register for the exams, there are fees for all of the exams and you should show up at least 15 minutes early for the exam.

**Bancroft:** 508-853-2640 [www.bancroftschool.org](http://www.bancroftschool.org)

SSAT (online exam): November 4th December 12, January 9

Open House: Sunday, Nov. 1st from 2pm-4pm

Open House: Jan. 13th 7pm

**Holy Name:** 508-753-6371 [www.holyname.net](http://www.holyname.net)

Placement tests: November 14th and December 5th, 8am-11am

Open House: Sunday, Oct. 25th 1:00pm

**Notre Dame:** 508-757-6200 [www.nda-worc.org](http://www.nda-worc.org)

Entrance Exam: Saturday, November 7th 8:30am

Open House: Wednesday, Oct. 7th 7:00pm

**St. Johns:** 508-842-8934 [www.stjohnshigh.org](http://www.stjohnshigh.org)

Entrance Exam: Saturday, October 31st 8:30 am

Open Houses: Sunday, Oct. 18th 1pm & Oct. 25th 1pm

**St. Peter-Marian:** 508-852-5555 [www.spmguardians.org](http://www.spmguardians.org)

Open House: Sunday, Oct. 18th 12pm-3pm

**Worcester Academy:** 508-754-5302 [www.worcesteracademy.org](http://www.worcesteracademy.org)

Admissions Tests: Saturdays, November 14th, December 5th, January 9th, February 6th all at 8:30am

Open Houses: Sunday, Oct. 25th and Jan. 10th, 1:00pm

Did you notice a mistake in this newsletter? Circle the mistake. Have your parents read and sign the newsletter and turn it in to Ms. Piazza on Monday morning to be entered into a raffle for a free dress down day.

## **SHCPS Weekly Challenge**

*Completed challenges are due to Ms. Piazza each Monday morning.*

### **This week's challenge:**

Next Friday is World Smile Day! On a separate piece of paper, make a list of at least ten things you can do to make someone else smile next week. Do everything on the list and you'll be smiling too! It's contagious!

### **Additional challenge for grades 5-8 (rough draft due to Ms. Piazza by Oct. 5):**

Win a Boston Duck Tour for a Class and a visit to the Old State House! To promote an appreciation for our state's history, The Bostonian Society and Boston Duck Tours is sponsoring an essay contest for children in grades 5-8. Students are being asked to write a 300-500 word (grade 5,6) or 500-700 word (grade 7,8) essay on one of the many National Parks in Massachusetts. What happened on this site? Why was this event important in our nation's history? What will we find at this site today?

Statewide, one winner will be chosen from grades 5-6 and one winner from grades 7-8. Each winner will be given a Boston Duck Tour for his or her class, up to 32 people including chaperones. The class will also tour the Old State House in Boston. There will be merchandise prizes for second place winners.