

## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

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September 14, 2022

I really want to highlight the effectiveness of teachers and staff these past two weeks in their role as educators. We have moved towards an education that seems more normal, and I applaud all staff members for the extra time, effort, and creativity they have exhibited since Day 1!

Yesterday we began **MAP Testing** with Middle School, and continued today with Gr. 2-4. Newly-acquired Chromebooks allow the entire Middle School, or all students in Gr. 2-4, to take tests simultaneously. This tightens up the testing schedule significantly. Thank you to **Mrs. Vergakes** for preparing the new Chromebooks and for organizing the Chromebook carts- what a help!

You have the opportunity to see and hear from this special group of educators this evening. Our **Curriculum Night** begins at 6:00 in the cafeteria for all families.

6:00 p.m. ~ Catch up on some goals, notes, news, and noteworthy items for our year.

6:15 p.m. ~ Lower School students may transition to their children's classes  
All Middle School parents and guardians will remain in the cafeteria to hear from our Middle School team

6:45 p.m. ~ Middle School parents and guardians visit Lower School teachers or visit Middle School classrooms or catch up with Mrs. Vergakes with any tech-related questions



### Food Allergies

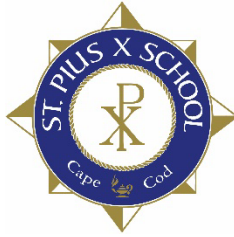
Last year and this have brought an increasing number of food allergies into the school. These are health situations which could be life-threatening. If you received a message from a classroom teacher about allergen situations in the class, that indicates a real health and safety concern. Please follow any guidelines from the classroom teacher and nurse to help keep children safe. Best alternatives for snacks

in the classroom at snack time, might also be the healthiest alternatives, like fruits and vegetables. There are now two peanut/almond/sesame/tree nut/sunflower-free tables in the cafeteria.

## **Reminders and Updates**

### **Transportation**

Families have been great about morning drop-off, getting here early so everyone is ready to go at 8:00. Dismissal is also going a bit more quickly. Many teachers are assisting at both arrival and dismissal, keeping things moving. Having your child's car seat on the side where the staff member is opening the door, will also help with flow!



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**REMINDER - TONIGHT**

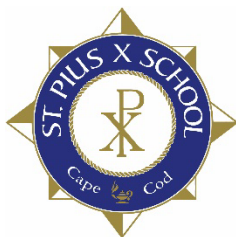
Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>  
Lower and Middle School Parents' Night  
6:00pm

**COMPUTER SYSTEM & INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT**

All students in Grades 1-8 must sign the enclosed Computer System and Internet Acceptable Use Agreement. **Please return it to school immediately.**

**CLOTHESLINE**

The Clothesline is open. If you are still looking for uniform items, you are welcome to visit anytime during school hours. We are also looking for donations. Please send in any gently used uniforms that no longer fit your child(ren).



### **UNIFORM REMINDER**

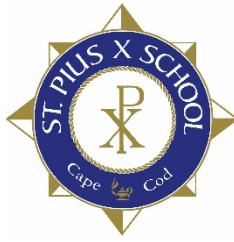
**Please note that effective Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, students are no longer able to wear the Summer Uniform. The listing of the Standard Uniform can be found below. The polo shirt may continue to be worn as part of the Lower School Physical Education uniform. An additional note regarding the Physical Education uniform; as we move into cooler months, the sweat pant must be worn over the mesh shorts during classroom time. During Physical Education class, the sweat pant may be removed.**

Please note that to keep consistency in our dress code; all uniform purchases must be made through the uniform company and not from other vendors including department stores.

### **STANDARD REQUIRED UNIFORM**

<b>GRADES 5-8</b>		
<b>Boys</b>	Trousers	khaki
	Shirts	White or light blue oxford button down, long or short sleeve
	Sweater	navy V-neck pullover with school logo
	Ties	official school tie
<b>Girls</b>	Kilts	navy or black watch plaid of modest length
	Shirts	white or light blue oxford button down, long or short sleeve
	Sweater	navy V-neck pullover with school logo
	Socks	navy knee length
	Tights	navy
<b>Boys and Girls</b>	Shoes	navy, black or brown non-marking of a modest style (Docksidors© and Merrell© Jungle Moc style acceptable)

<b>GRADES K-4</b>		
<b>Boys</b>	Trousers	navy pants
	Shirts	white oxford button down, long or short sleeve
	Sweater	navy V-neck pullover with school logo
	Socks	navy
	Ties	official school tie
<b>Girls</b>	Plaid Jumpers	
	Blouses	white round collar, long or short sleeve
	Sweater	navy cardigan with school logo
	Socks	navy knee length or white anklets
	Tights	navy
<b>Boys and Girls</b>	Shoes	navy, black or brown non-marking shoes of a modest style (Docksidors© and Merrell© Jungle Moc acceptable)



**Pre-Kindergarten students must wear the following items:**

<b>PRE-K</b>		
<b>Boys</b>	Pants	navy pants
	Shirt	light blue polo with school logo - long or short sleeve
<b>Girls</b>	Pants	navy pants
	Shirt	light blue polo with school logo - long or short sleeve
	Plaid Jumper or Navy Skort	
	Blouses	white round collar, long or short sleeve

# **TO ALL 4TH GRADE FAMILIES**

## **2nd reminder!**

MA State Law **requires** that all students have a  
Physical Exam within 12 months of the start of the  
2022/2023 school year upon entering Grade 4.

Your child's physical may be faxed to 508-398-6113

Please contact Nurse Annie with any questions.

P: 508-398-6112 [aagurkis@spxschool.org](mailto:aagurkis@spxschool.org)



# Beauty and the Beast

## CAST LIST

BELLE - VICTORIA MANNI

BEAST - ELLA AVITABILE

GASTON - CAM THACHER

LEFOU - HENRY CHUN

LUMIERE - ELLA CORCORAN

COGSWORTH - THOMAS FAGAN

MRS. POTTS - KAITLIN CHUN

BABETTE - STELLA ROSE

MADAME - AISLYNN SEEVERS

CHIP - NIAMH DUNTON

MAURICE - DONNCHADH MEEHAN

MSR. D'ARQUE - LIAM DUNTON

SILLY GIRL 1 - AVA POWELL

SILLY GIRL 2 - KIRA ALIOSHKA

SILLY GIRL 3 - EMMA CAMPBELL

PRINCE - GRADY JUMPER\*

ENCHANTRESS - BEA MARTIN\*

LYLA POWELL\*

NARRATOR 1 - CALVIN HIETSCH\*

NARRATOR 2 - SOLEIL BEECY\*

NARRATOR 3 - CLAYTON CUMMINGS\*

NARRATOR 4 - EMMA AFFONSO\*

### ENSEMBLE:

NATHAN CAMPBELL, EMMA FORAN

ALEKSANDRA GEORGIEVA

MILA MEDEIROS, RYAN CHUN

ALEXA CONWAY, MILA JUMPER

ISABELLA NETTO, ISADORA NETTO

LEIGHTON PUZIO, ISLA SULLIVAN

ELIZABETH MONAC, MARLEY RICE

LYNDSEY BERNER, JANE CICHETTI

MATTHEW FAGAN, HANNAH FISH

MILA YARMALOVICH, DANIEL GIBBONS

\*ALSO ENSEMBLE MEMBERS

# Did You Know?



St. Pius X Parish helps to support our school! Every month parishioners generously contribute monetarily to SPXS through a special collection at Mass. These donations help our school and our students directly each year.

Now it is our turn to give back and say thank you. Once a month we would like families to sign up to volunteer at Mass. We are looking for students to read (explanation of the second collection), greet and simply be a presence. This is our way to say thank you, and to let our parishioners know that we are indeed a strong part of their community, as they are a part of ours.

We need your help with our first Mass, next month on October 1st and 2nd. Simply click on the link below to sign up. Families may choose one mass to attend and will have the option to choose the role most appropriate for them.

Students must be accompanied by an adult and in full dress uniform. Middle school students who volunteer are eligible for service hours. If you have any additional questions please contact Mrs. Joanna Ryder ([jryder@spxschool.org](mailto:jryder@spxschool.org)).

Thank you for your support!

Sign up now! : <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4CAFA628A6F85-spxs>





**Middle School**  
**Welcome Back-to-School Dance**  
**for students in Grades 5-8**

St. Pius X School  
Friday, September 23, 2022  
from 6:00pm - 8:30pm  
Cost - \$15

Drop off and pick-up will be at the back cafeteria doors.

Pizza, snacks, and water will be provided.

What to wear:

Boys - dress shorts, khaki pants, collared shirt or polo

Girls - sundresses, fingertip length, no strapless

Please click on the link below to register and pay for your child(ren) to attend the dance.

Online registration will be open until Thursday, September 22, 2022. After that date,  
cash payment will be accepted at the door.

<https://spxschool.ejoinme.org/backtoschooldance>

# SPXS Fall Golf Clinic

Grades 2-8



Join PGA Golf Pro Jim Campbell  
at Blue Rock Golf Course

48 Todd Rd South Yarmouth

**Thursdays, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, October 6<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>**

**2:45 – 3:45pm**

**\$55/student (Limited to 10 students)**

**\*6 student minimum\***

If you have your own clubs, please bring them,  
otherwise Blue Rock will provide them.

**\*\* Parents must drive students to the course\*\***

Send attached form with cash or check payable to Friends of SPXS to school office.

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SPXS Lower School Golf Clinic

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s): \_\_\_\_\_

# Fine Art Class with Mrs. Maker



**Wednesdays 9/28, 10/5, 10/12 and 10/19**

**After School 2:30-3:30 at SPXS**

**Grades 2-4**

**\$60/student**

**Limited to 12 Students**

**(6 student minimum)**

With degrees in Fine Arts/Painting and Elementary Art and Elementary Education, Mrs. Maker will teach the students the proper techniques in acrylic painting on canvas by:

- Using quality materials.
- Building a palette.
- Practicing basic color theory and design.
- Creating depth using gradation of color.
- Setting up a painting with a background, midground and foreground.

At the end of four weeks of exciting art education, your child will take home his/her beautiful acrylic painting of "Autumn on Cape Cod"!

Pack a nut free/sunflower free snack and water bottle for your student to have prior to class.

**Student pick up will be in the front of school following class.**

Please fill out below portion and send in with check payable to Friends of SPXS to the office.

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Fine Art Class with Mrs. Maker

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s): \_\_\_\_\_

# Lunch Duty Volunteers Needed!

**Do you want to see your children during their lunch period?**

Volunteering for lunch duty is a fun way to connect with your children and the school community.

**Times needed: 11am-12pm, 12pm-12:45pm (or both) Daily**

Please click on the link below to sign up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F48AF2EA1FD0-stpius>

**Haven't done it before and have questions?**

Sign up on a Wednesday and Kristen Chun will show you the ropes or reach out to Meredith Puzio at [mclark8@hotmail.com](mailto:mclark8@hotmail.com) for more information.

**All volunteers must be CORI cleared.**

Visit the following link to view CORI requirements and begin the process.

[CORI Requirements - St. Pius \(spxschool.org\)](http://www.spxschool.org/CORI-Requirements)



# Uniform Donations Needed!!



**Outgrown uniforms?  
Need space in the closet?**

**Friends of SPXS is collecting gently  
used/new uniforms for the upcoming  
Clothesline Uniform Sale!!**

Please send donations in with your student or  
bring into the school office.

**\*DONATIONS ONGOING  
THROUGHOUT YEAR\***

**~~~ Save the Date ~~~**

**Clothesline Uniform Sale  
Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 2022**

**Gently used and sometimes new uniforms  
sold at HUGE discounts! All proceeds from  
Sale go back to the school.**



## !! ATTENTION STUDENTS !!

**Cape Cod Cares for our Troops** is in need of cards which will be included in the Care Packages they send to Troops serving overseas.

If your family would like to participate, please have your child make a card or cards and send them into school. These will be included in the next care packages sent out.

We will also be requesting cards in late October. At that time, we will be looking for Christmas Cards which will be mailed out to the troops in November.







## St. Pius X School Spirit Rock

Do you want to say “**Happy Birthday**” in a unique way?

Reservations may be made to paint **the front of the rock** for \$15.00 per day. You may also reserve and pay for multiple days in succession. Step by step instructions on reserving the rock are provided on the Sign-Up Genius web page.

**Please remember that you may only paint the front of the rock.**

Just click on the link below and reserve your day!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d45a4af2caafc1-spirit2>

# INTERNET SAFETY

## KEEPING KIDS SAFE AND SECURE ONLINE: A PROJECT SAFE CHILDHOOD PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS

Brought to you in collaboration by:  
The United States Attorney's Office  
Worcester County District Attorney's Office  
Homeland Security Investigations  
Lunenburg Police Department



**Tuesday, September 20, 2022**  
**6:30 p.m. (log in begins at 6:15 p.m.)**

*Welcome Remarks by United States Attorney Rachael Rollins and Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr.*

*This presentation is for all adults who wish to learn how to keep kids safe and secure online.*

*Content is inappropriate for children. Please use headphones and shield your viewing screen from others who may be listening.*

### *The Presentation will include:*

**Social Media 101 & Digital Footprint**  
**Cyberbullying**  
**Sexting**  
**Gaming**  
**Victim Support**  
**Protecting Against Online Predation**

### **REGISTRATION DETAILS**

Please register at the following link: (via Chrome browser)

**Event address for attendees:** <https://usao.webex.com/usao/onstage/g.php?MTID=ec9182cf5686fab0c6bb55c0ced83ffa>

**Password: PSC1**

**Questions or difficulty registering? Please contact Karen Legace @ [karen.legace@usdoj.gov](mailto:karen.legace@usdoj.gov)**

### **PRESENTERS**

Kristen Noto, Assistant United States Attorney  
United States Attorney's Office-District of MA

Kanchana Fernando, Assistant District Attorney  
Worcester County District Attorney's Office

Andrew Kelleher, Special Agent  
Homeland Security Investigations - Boston Field Division

Bradley McNamara, SRO  
Lunenburg Police Department

Hank, Comfort Dog  
Lunenburg Police Department

Lauryn Myers, Victim Witness Specialist  
United States Attorney's Office-District of MA

# PROJECT SAFE CHILDHOOD INTERNET SAFETY

## Speaker Biographies

Kristen Noto, Assistant United States Attorney  
*United States Attorney's Office-District of MA*

Kristen Noto is an Assistant United States Attorney assigned to the Worcester Branch Office, where she serves as the PSC liaison. Before joining the office, Kristen worked for thirteen years as an Assistant District Attorney in Middlesex County where she focused on juvenile justice and cyber crime. Kristen is a graduate of Boston College Law School and Fairfield University.

Kanchana Fernando, Assistant District Attorney  
*Worcester County District Attorney's Office*

Kanchana received her law degree from Suffolk University in 2009 and has been practicing in the Worcester County District Attorney's Office since 2010. She has spent the last twelve years practicing in the Juvenile Court and became the Deputy Chief of the Juvenile Unit in 2016. She spends much of her free time involved in the juvenile justice initiatives and is a member of the City Manager's Youth Violence Prevention Initiative/Governance Council on Children and Families (Worcester), The City Manager's Committee on Youth (Worcester), the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (Worcester County), and the Safe and Successful Youth Initiative (Worcester) to name a few. She was also appointed in 2016, to serve on the Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee.

Andrew Kelleher, Special Agent  
*Homeland Security Investigations – Boston Field Division*

The Child Exploitation and Computer Forensics Group is comprised of Special Agents, Computer Forensic Agents, Intelligence Research Specialists and Forensic Interview Specialists who focus on investigating predators exchanging child pornography online and on the dark web, and the identification and rescue of victims of child sexual exploitation. The group works tirelessly to protect children from exploitation by predators who are involved in the production, distribution, and possession of child sexual abuse material and who travel internationally to engage in illicit sexual conduct with minors. The Computer Forensics Agents (CFAs) mission focuses on the digital evidence recovery to support investigations through electronic media involved in criminal activity. The CFAs proactively use new technologies to combat criminal activity and address vulnerabilities created by computer and media devices and internet processes. In addition to the groups authority to investigate child exploitation investigations the group aims to educate kids, teens, and parents about online safety and how to stay safe from online sexual predators.

SRO Bradley McNamara  
*Lunenburg Police Department*

Officer Brad McNamara has a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and over 14 years of law enforcement experience. Brad began working for the Lunenburg Police Department 2014 and in 2018 took over as the Lunenburg Police Department's School Resource Officer. That same year, Brad started the Lunenburg Police Department Comfort Dog Program. The Comfort Dog Program was started to address the social and emotional needs of students in Lunenburg Public Schools. Brad has received training on group and individual crisis intervention, as well as, psychological and mental health first aid. In addition to his duties as the School Resource Officer, Brad is responsible for investigating crimes related to the exploitation of children, sexual offense, and cybercrimes to include online criminal harassment and cyber bullying.

Lauryn Myers, Victim Witness Specialist  
*United States Attorney's Office-District of MA*

Lauryn is the Victim/Witness Specialist within the United States Attorney's Office who handles all crimes involving child exploitation throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. With a degree in psychology with an emphasis in forensics and her experiences within the field since 2015, she has helped hundreds of victims through criminal prosecutions in state and federal jurisdictions. Lauryn is an active team member of Project Safe Childhood in hopes to promote safety for all children.



**SEACOAST**



# GRASSROOTS

LIMITED AVAILABILITY - \$95

**Monday**

**Sept 12<sup>th</sup> – Oct 17<sup>th</sup>**

**5.30 – 6.15 PM (Pre K – K)**

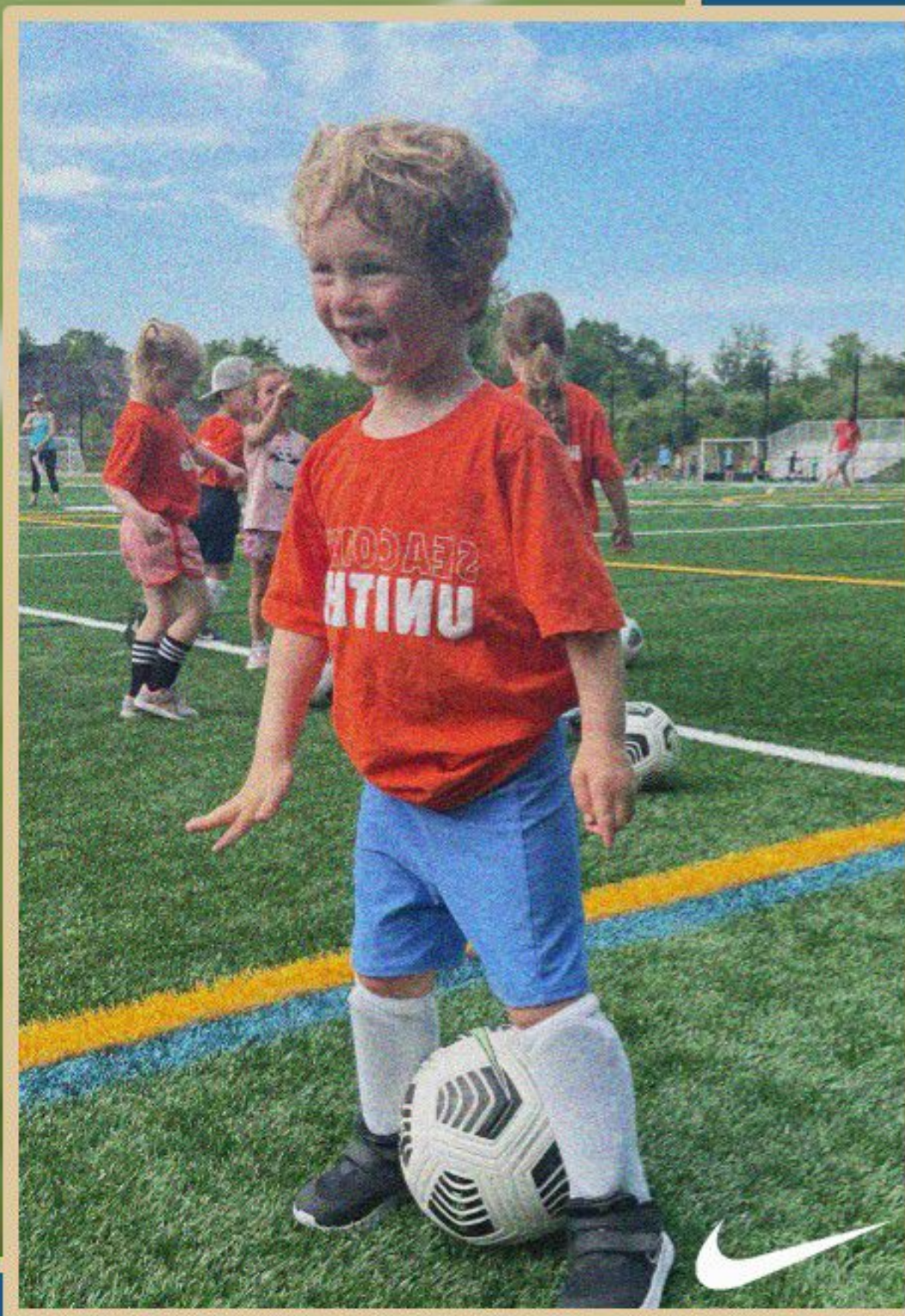
**6.15 – 7.00 PM (Grades 1 – 3)**

**McPHEE FIELD**

**75 Oak St, Harwich, MA**

**Contact:**

**[gcoughlan@seacoastunited.com](mailto:gcoughlan@seacoastunited.com)**





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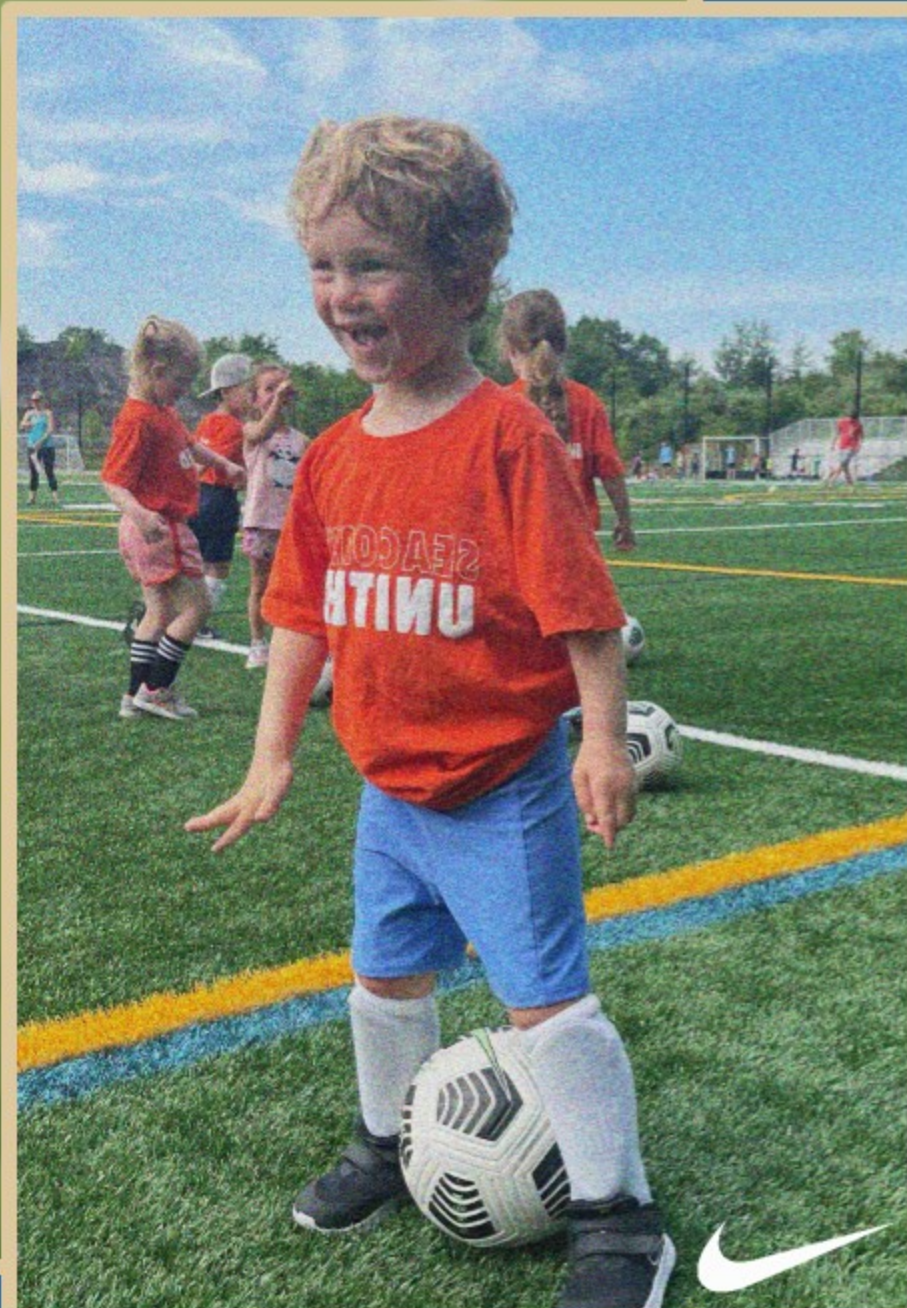
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**AGES 3-8**

**Wednesdays, 4.45 – 5.45 PM**  
**Sept 14<sup>th</sup> – Oct 19<sup>th</sup>**

**HERITAGE PARK**  
**524 Main Street, Mashpee, MA**

**Contact:**  
**[gcoughlan@seacoastunited.com](mailto:gcoughlan@seacoastunited.com)**





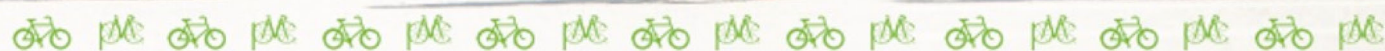


# LOWER CAPE PMC KIDS RIDE

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 • 9 AM - 12:30 PM

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