



UPCOMING DATES:

For more information consult Chalkable or your school calendar.

11/6: PTG Meeting Room 101 — 5:00-6:00 PM

11/10: SSAT test date @ SRS

11/12: Veteran's Day; SRS Closed

11/13: Instrument Recital; 5:30 and 7:30 PM

11/15: Informational Ski Meeting for K-4 Chaperones @ 6:00 PM

11/21: No Classes; Childcare available

11/22—11/23: SRS Closed for Thanksgiving Break

11/30: Report Cards posted for Grades K—3

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR:

Look for the Saplings on Chalkable each month this year posted online at www.shakerroadschool.org. A classroom will be featured with updates from special events, school trips, athletics and alumni. If you have any photos of sports or school performances that you would like to share, we would love to have a copy. Hope you enjoy the articles.

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Earth Science in Action

The fourth and fifth grade classes enjoyed fall hikes this year up Mount Major and Mount Kearsarge putting Earth Science into action. The students did a scavenger hunt along the route looking for signs that glaciers created our mountain ranges, leaving behind metaphoric rock. They looked for different species of trees, leaves and rock formations. The students enjoyed lunch at the top of the mountains, and hiked back down for an ice cream treat.

Submitted by Becky Carter and Samantha Daniels



GO SRS HERONS!!



Archery

It was very exciting to so many third grade students trying archery for the first time this year. It was also nice to have many returning archery students helping the new students. They were very encouraging and

shared stories about their first archery lesson in the prior years.

Students learned the basic whistle commands and proper form for shooting. We started with the targets close to the shooting line and gradually moved them back as the students gained more experience and confidence. It is always fun to watch those who are timid about letting go of the bowstring and taking that first shot become more comfortable with the sport with each archery lesson.

Everyone is looking forward to the spring session!



Submitted by: Mary Beth Burgess

Third and Fourth Grade Cross-Country

The third and fourth grade cross-country team had a fabulous fall season this year. Runners met each week on Mondays and Wednesdays, starting each practice with proper stretches and exercises. They participated in different drills and games to improve their endurance and gain experience running on our two-mile course. The runners also learned how to pace themselves in a race, how and when to sprint, and how to handle running up and down hills, in anticipation of future competitive races.

Third and fourth grade runners wrapped up their season on Halloween with a fun two-mile race and some tasty treats!

Thanks for a great season, runners!

Submitted by Peter Daley



Middle School Golf

Middle school golf was a great hit once again this year. From novices to more seasoned players, a small but dedicated group of middle school golfers traveled to our outstanding 6-hole course to play. One day a week we dedicated to skill building and mini tournaments to improve our form, the other day we applied these skills getting out and playing.

Our mini tournaments were nail biters with all our golfers swapping the lead often. During our driving tournament Connor Roberts amazed us with his powerful drives but Taylor Minery showed more consistency. Connor was able to keep his lead in the end by only one stroke. Our chipping tournament saw our more novice player showing great form with Paul Badau taking the lead in this tournament.

Our most improved players were the small group of fifth graders, Jeffery Bartlett, Giulia Conserva, Abbey Perkins and Amelia Roberts for their perseverance and dedication, always working hard to improve their game. Troy Durica and Luke Wolfram only were able to play sporadically but were happy to play whenever they could. Even though the weather didn't always cooperate our seventh-grade players, Taylor, Paul, Avery and Miles always kept us smiling.

We will be ending our season with our fall tournament and we can't wait to see who will have the bragging rights this year. We hope that we have a mild winter, so we can enjoy golf in the early spring.



Submitted by: Barbara Morrison

Middle School Cross-Country

The 5th-8th grade cross-country team had an outstanding season this fall. The team was made up of 23 runners who met on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week for practices and meets. This year was our first year competing in the Tri-Country Athletics League where we ran against schools from Concord, Penacook, Bow, Hopkinton, New London, Manchester, Nashua, Litchfield, Andover, and Amherst. The team was also invited to compete in the NHTI Middle School Invitational.

The spirit of this team encouraged runners from many different running abilities to push themselves, often completing races with a new personal best time. Throughout the season the runners finished with times in the low to middle teens and low twenties.

Thank you to Belen, Mei-ling, Brianna, Garrett, Emma, Grace, Frances, Ali, Mia, Austin, Ross, Lillian, Kyler, Avery, Alexa, Wilder, and Sidney for a wonderful season.

Thank you and best of luck to our 8th grade runners Anna K., Anna T., Andrew, Fiona, and Griffin H.

Together you made this team Shaker Strong!

Submitted by:
Peter Daley



HERONS SOCCER 2018



GIRLS SEVENTH AND EIGHT GRADE SOCCER

The girls 7th and 8th Grade Soccer Team completed another successful season with a perfect record in the regular season and a tournament victory in early October. This group of intrepid girls grew incredibly as soccer players and as a team since the beginning of the season. After losing a strong group of veteran players to graduation, this year's group quickly gelled into a spirited and feisty squad. The regular season kicked off with an 8-0 win at Hillsboro and did not slow down. With convincing wins over Hopkinton, St. John's School, Merimack Valley Middle School, Kearsarge Middle School, and Henniker/Weare, the team ended the regular season with 47 goals for and only 1 against, averaging nearly 6 goals per

game and giving up merely .12 per game. The team captured its fifth straight league championship by finishing undefeated in the round-robin tournament on October 13th.

The key to Shaker's success was likely the midfield transition absent from the other teams. Hadley Cepiel (7 goals, 10 assists) quarterbacked the team as the attacking center midfielder. Her aggressive play and prolific distribution ensured the attacking players continually received the passes they needed to finish. Eve Hicks (20 goals, 8 assists) powered her way past (and over) opposing defenses, leading the team in scoring, followed by her skilled partner "up-top" Eleanor Taggart (8 goals, 7 assists). The midfield also received strong wing play from the versatile Rosie Curry (2 goals, 1 assist), Catherine Gettens (2 goals, 2 assists), Anya Orzechowski (1 goal), and Leah Wareing (1 goal, 1 assist).

With all good soccer, a strong offense begins in the backfield. This year's backs continued last year's tradition of a stifling defense. Jackie Ruggles and Lucy Szal successfully shared the goal-tending role at the beginning of the season with Rosie Curry and newcomer Kate Weaver seeing more playing time as the season progressed. Jackie (6 goals, 1 assist) and Lucy (3 goals, 3 assists) were also integral parts of the midfield, contributing strong and physical play on the wings. The back line was consistent all year, preventing most attacks before they truly began. Katie Vlacich (1 goal) and Anna Tardiff (2 goals) anchored the center of the field and were frequently flanked by the season's most improved player Emma Larson, and the Sierra Nieves (1 assist), both of whom also played strong in the midfield.

Each team has its own character. I will remember this team for its camaraderie and fun in addition to dominant soccer. There was never a dull moment with this crew. A special thank you goes to Assistant Coach Santo Presti for generously sharing his time and expertise with the team. All around, it was a great season.

Submitted by: Dr. Matt



U-14 BOYS SOCCER

The U-14 Boys had a terrific season this year. The team scored over 50 goals and let in only 8 as they finished with a record of 8-1. The team worked hard to perfect their game all season, and it showed, with many coaches and officials stating that the team was one of the best passing U-14 teams they had seen.

This hard work led the Herons to the MVSL A-Division tournament. On a cold, rainy morning in October, the boys proved why they were the top seed of the tournament. They were undefeated on the day, beating St. John's 1-0, Rundlett II 2-1, Hillsboro 5-0, and Rundlett I 2-1. The team finished the morning as tournament champions with 28 points. Congratulations, boys!

Submitted by: Jay Lewis



U-12 COED SOCCER This year's team was made up of boys and girls from grades four through six. U-12's continued to play in the New Hampshire Soccer League division and played teams from all over southern New Hampshire. This team was made up a diverse group of athletes and each individual brought determination and drive when they stepped onto the field.

During practices the players worked on creating space, communication and making complete passes. We enjoyed playing a variety of games during practice that helped hone in on specific soccer skills. A few favorites were Steal the Bacon, Pirates of the Pug and the juggling challenge.

Congratulations to all of U-12 soccer players. We are looking forward to next year!

Submitted by Stephanie Newbery



U-10 COED SOCCER This year's U-10 Coed team had students participating from second to fourth grade. During practice the team focused on learning the fundamentals of the game and the importance of working together. They spent a lot of time working on defending and moving the ball around the field. They supported each other and learned the value of teamwork. Overall it was a fun and exciting season.

A big thank-you to coach Larson for her dedication throughout the season!

Mr. Dow's Advisory

Hello, we are Mr. Dow's Advisory. This month we had to write an article on integrity, so we created a story about how a little integrity can save a lot of headaches. We hope you enjoy our story.

After attempting last month and getting turned around, Mr. Dow's Advisory was super excited to finally be going on their class trip to Washington D.C. Everyone got onto the bus and Mr. Dow began asking Ali for directions. "Take the first right onto Baker Road," she said, and the group was off! After driving for a bit, everyone began to get hungry, so they made a pit stop at McDonalds. As Ali finished her McNuggets and McShake, she threw away her trash, forgetting that the map was on her tray under the box for Alex's Happy Meal...

Once everyone arrived back on the bus, Mr. Dow asked Ali for directions again, but instead of announcing that the map was lost, she instead gave directions; "Err, I... um, take the next right onto Topaz lane!", Ali said, as they got farther and farther away from the road that they should have been on. "What next?" Mr. Dow asked. "Keep going straight?", she said, and so, they did, getting even farther off track. "Arg! We left hours and hours ago!" said Gabe. "Don't worry, we should be there any minute... Ali, what's going on with those directions?" Mr. Dow asked. "Um... nothing?" she said. At this point Alex woke up from her nap; "Oh no! Where are we?". To which Ali said "So you see, we've been driving for five hours and the map is wrong... so now we're in the middle of nowhere!"

At this point Mr. Dow decided to check on things, so he stopped the bus. "Where are we?" asked Brianna. "I'm not sure, but we're going to figure things out." Mr. Dow said. At this point Troy announced that he had a compass and could get everyone out of trouble. Mr. Dow agreed that it would be logical to follow the compass. Unfortunately, after five hours Ali realized something had gone wrong. Now the class was super lost, with no way to get back!

Then a few quiet voices were heard cooing. "Who goes there?" Mr. Dow shouted! "It totally wasn't me watching YouTube on my phone..." Amelia replied quickly. After a long lecture about the rule against phones on school trips, Gabe brought up a good point. "We could use the GPS on Amelia's phone!" Everyone agreed that this was a great idea, but Amelia's phone died before they got to use the GPS. And with that they were forced to accept the fact that they may never get out of the woods...

Then the sound of wheels on gravel are heard! Alex drives the bus up the path and lets everyone on. When she had fainted, she had had to stay on the bus. When Alex woke up and found herself all alone, she had decided to come looking for everyone. When everyone got back onto the bus, Mr. Dow realized that there had been a GPS system in the bus all along! And like that, they were back at school!

While everyone was happy that they made it back to school, the big question still hung in the air, why did they get lost in the first place? Finally, Ali had the guts to admit what happened. "I'm sorry everyone, I accidentally threw the map away with my food at McDonalds. I didn't want to get in trouble, so I lied and got us all lost." Everyone decided to forgive Ali, even after all that happened... and the group started planning their next trip.



“Pumpkin Scientist”

Did you know that for each line on the outside of a pumpkin, there is a row of seeds on the inside? Or that pollination, pumpkin variety, and time on the vine determine how many lines are on a pumpkin? These are only two exciting facts the third graders discovered when they dug deep into pumpkin science. Our current science unit, Life Processes of Plants, drove the third graders to explore the life processes of pumpkins. The students used the Scientific Method to answer the following question: Do **larger pumpkins have more seeds?** While working in pairs, the students discovered facts about three different sized pumpkins.

After researching pumpkins, weighing the pumpkins and counting the ribs, the students wrote a hypothesis about which of their three pumpkins would have the most seeds. Most of the third graders hypothesized that the pumpkin weighing the most would have the most seeds. Other students hypothesized the pumpkin with the most ribs would have the most seeds. Then it was time

to cut, gut and count the seeds of all three pumpkins! After dissecting the pumpkins, the students then recorded their findings on an analysis chart. Much to their amazement, the largest pumpkins or the ones with the most ribs did not always have the largest amount of seeds. Some of the smallest pumpkins contained the most seeds! To wrap up the last step of the Scientific Method the students reflected on their hypothesis, which led to discussions as to if the hypothesis was correct and what the experience meant to them.

The study of how pumpkins perform life processes fell nicely in line with the Shaker Road School's annual Halloween Hayride. After the experimenting was over third grade had another job to do.



Carve all 52 pumpkins! In order to get the carving done, we enlisted the help of parents, grandparents and even Mr. Matt! Thank you to the parents that donated pumpkins and their time to help the children carve. A special thank you to Moulton Farm in Meredith for their pumpkin donation. The students had a wonderful time seeing their creative carving skills lit up during the Shaker Road School Halloween Hayride.

Submitted by Kim Stewart and Stephanie Newbery



HAPPY HALLOWEEN 2018



