



## UPCOMING DATES:

*For more information consult  
PowerSchool or your school  
calendar.*

- 9/6** — First Day of School K-8
- 9/6-9/9** — 7<sup>th</sup> grade trip to  
AMC
- 9/6-9/9** — 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to  
Leadership
- 9/7-9/9** — 6<sup>th</sup> grade trip to  
Winnisquam
- 9/14** — 8<sup>th</sup> grade placement  
meeting
- 9/15** — PTG Picnic  
5:00 to 7:00 PM
- 9/23** — Grandparents Day/  
Registration  
@ 9:00 AM
- 9/24** — PTG Golf Tournament
- 9/27** — Class and Team  
Picture Day K-8

## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR:

Look for *Saplings* on PowerSchool each month this year posted online at [www.shakerroadschool.org](http://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.

**EDITOR:** Patti Hicks

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## Dear Shaker Road School Families:

Now that we have rounded the final corner of summer and are sprinting toward fall, we are excited to begin the 2022-2023 school year. As we head into a new year, we have high expectations for a return of all activities and events. One of Shaker's biggest strengths is stability. At the heart of any school is its faculty, and we have the best around. If you have been on campus this summer, you have seen our teachers continuing to work with campers, help our buildings and grounds team, modernize the curriculum and report cards, and design schedules for next year. The dedication our teachers have to Shaker is truly remarkable.

We are excited to announce a couple changes to our teaching team. We return to our roots and welcome Mrs. Daniels back as the Spanish teacher for grades K-5. I am sure the students will be thrilled by this news. Thanks to the popularity of Latin as a world language with 8th graders, we decided to focus on this in middle school. With years of Spanish instruction and a concentration on Latin, SRS graduates will be well prepared to excel in language study in high school. In addition to Mrs. Daniels role teaching Spanish, she will assume a new title as Dean of Students, a perfect role for her creativity and enthusiasm. We also welcome Caroline Paquette to the faculty in kindergarten. Mrs. Paquette comes to us with extensive experience as a NH certified educator. Caroline has taught in primary classrooms since 2014 and is familiar with both our Wilson Foundations reading program as well as Go Math!. We are thrilled to welcome Caroline and her family to the Shaker Road School community.

One of the hardest things about the necessary restrictions during the past two school years was the difficulty including parents in our work. In person collaboration cannot be substituted with email and Zoom. To help us prepare programming for this year, please be on the lookout for a form that will ask for your feedback about what types of programming we can best offer our families. We look forward to more actively collaborating with parents in the best interest of all students, including time for workshops and discussions. Also, be ready for a flurry of correspondence from teachers and the office, as we work to prepare for the beginning of school.

In June, we graduated a talented group of 8th graders. This group set a new standard of excellence for leadership that the Class of 2023 is eager to match. For families who do not yet have students in our middle school, I invite you to learn more about the program. The foundation our students receive through fifth grade prepares students to excel in their early adolescent years in middle school. With more than two decades of Shaker alumni in college and now the workforce, we are learning just how impactful a K-8 Shaker Road School is on our students' future lives. Look for more information about the strength of the K-8 school model throughout the year.

Somewhat unique to this summer has been the number of Shaker Road School alumni that have worked or visited us. If you have follow the school on social media, you saw posts about projects some alumni have done on campus. We also have several alums working in our pre-kindergarten classrooms and for Camp Shaker as counselors. It is always amazing how mature and accomplished our graduates are when they return. Recently, I had an occasion to talk with an alumnus, recently graduated from a top tier liberal arts college, who remarked that he and another alumnus reflected on how unique their Shaker experience and how their high schools and colleges could not seem to get the "formula right," regarding the ethic of care and community that exists at Shaker.

We know we have something special here at Shaker and thank you for being part of this community. Enjoy the last few weeks of summer and rest up for the 2022-2023 school year. It is going to be amazing.

Sincerely,  
Matthew Hicks "aka Dr. Matt", Principal

# SRS NAVIGATION GUIDE

*Travel over the campus walkways,  
To find your classrooms from the hallways!*

## 100 BUILDING: MAIN OFFICE

- 100 Conference Room
- 101 Ms. Carter (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- 104 Mrs. Potter (Library)

## 200 BUILDING:

- 201 Infant Room
- 201B Toddler 1
- 202 Toddler 2
- 203 Heron's Nest
- 204 Mr. Laliberte (4<sup>th</sup> Grade)

## 300 BUILDING:

- 301 PreK 3 – Elin & Maggie
- 302 PreK 3 – Tania & Colleen
- 303 PreK 3/4 – Nikki and Ceil
- 304 PreK 4 – Maria & Emily
- 305 PreK 4 – Abbey

## 400 BUILDING:

- 401 Mrs. Stewart (1<sup>st</sup> Grade)
- 402 Mrs. LaRochelle (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)
- 403 Ms. Poirier (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)
- 404 Mrs. Newbery (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)

## 500 BUILDING:

- 501 Mrs. Paquette (Kindergarten)
- 502 Mrs. Daniels (Spanish)
- 503 Auditorium
- 504 Ms. LaRochelle (Kindergarten)

## 600 BUILDING:

- 601 Mr. Hicks (Science)
- 602 Mr. Curry (Language Arts/Latin)
- 603 Mr. Lewis (History)
- 604 Conference Room
- 605 Mr. Matt's Office
- 606 Fitness Center
- 607 Mrs. Migdal (Math-Middle School)
- 608 Mrs. Linden (Math & Geography-Middle School)
- 609 Technology Lab

## 700 BUILDING:

- 700 Mrs. Minsinger (Music/Chorus Cabin)
- 701 Band Cabin
- 702 Mrs. Morrison (Art Cabin)

# SRS PARKING PROCEDURES

## DAILY PARKING

A friendly reminder as we start the new school year, the parking lot in the upper circle, **Lot C** is for drop off only, no live parking is allowed. Parking is permitted in the adjacent parking spaces to the right which is **Lot C**.

There is ample parking in this lot for families of students in grades Kindergarten through eighth grade. **Lot B** is reserved for Prekindergarten families, office business or visitors. **Lot A** is for all infant, toddlers, and prekindergarten classrooms. Please do not leave your vehicles running or any child unattended.

When using **Lot B**, please remember this is a one-way driveway. It is also very dangerous to park along Shaker Road when dropping off your children, as many cars coming down the road may not have a clear line of sight.

Please observe the **ONE-WAY** traffic designs of ALL parking lots on campus. Additionally, be considerate of our neighbors on Shaker Road and on the West Portsmouth Street Athletic Fields, by respecting the posted **30 mph speed limits**. We want to do our part to ensure the safety and comfort of those living in the neighborhoods.

## BIRDHOUSE

The "Birdhouse" named after our school mascot the *Great Blue Heron*, is the small blue building located in the circle of parking **Lot C**. Students in Kindergarten through eighth grade may be dropped off here in the morning and picked up after 3:30 in the afternoon. Betsy is there in the afternoon to call your students down to meet their families. Students that need dismissal prior to 3:30 must leave from the Main Office.

## PARKING DECALS

In our ongoing effort to improve campus security, please make sure that you have a SRS Parking Decal for your vehicle. These decals are to identify SRS families on the campus, golf course or river fields by the maintenance and security personnel. They are placed on the lower right inside corner (passenger side) of your windshield. If you need additional decals, please see Caitlin in the Main Office.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**Doug Hicks**





# Calling All Grandparents and Grandfriends!



We are excited to finally host grandparents and grandfriends day on campus this year! Due to Covid restrictions, the past two years we have had a virtual grandparent's day, but nothing can replace visiting the special people in our lives in person! Please be sure to mark your calendars for **September 23, 2022** and tell the grandparents and grandfriends in your students' lives to visit campus and enjoy a morning getting a peek at a day here at SRS. If you have any questions, please call the main office at (603) 224-0161,

## Generous Donation

Over the summer months SRS received an extremely generous \$25,000 donation from the Blanchard Family Foundation to be used for campus security. Security cameras were installed outside of each building to enhance our security and safety measures for the entire school. Thank you so much, Julia and Mark Blanchard, for your thoughtful donation from all the students and families of SRS!



## New Basketball Court

Great news! The new basketball court is here thanks to a contribution from the family of an SRS alumni. Doug and the maintenance crew worked hard over the summer to get the foundation in place and ready for paving. Once the new hoops are installed, the court should provide hours of entertainment for students for years to come! We are grateful to have such supportive former students and their families.



# Welcoming New Faculty!



## Iris LaRochelle

Iris LaRochelle graduated from the University of Southern Maine with a bachelor's degree in K-8 Liberal Studies with focuses on areas such as children's literature, cultural diversity and connective mathematics. Last year she worked in a Kindergarten classroom in Maine. Iris is a familiar sight on campus, having taught in Prekindergarten in 2021 and in the summer months.

In her free time Iris loves working on her family's farm in Webster, NH, where she raises sheep. Besides reading and taking care of animals, she enjoys kayaking and taking her Golden Retriever, Lexie, swimming. We are very excited to welcome Iris to the SRS faculty!

## Caroline Paquette

We would like to welcome Caroline Paquette to the SRS faculty this year. Caroline graduated from Keene State College with both an Elementary Education and Psychology degree. She has been teaching for the last ten years in a variety of grade levels. When she's not teaching, Caroline enjoys crafting and being active, and her favorite hobby is running with her dog. Caroline and her husband Kyle have two young boys, Lucas and Hugh. We are excited that Caroline is joining the kindergarten teaching team this year at Shaker Road School.



## Soccer season has begun!

Our Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade students will all participate in soccer two days per week, during their school day. K/1/2 will play across the street, participating in drills one day and pick-up games the other. Parents are welcome to come watch! Look for a note from your child's teacher about which days soccer will happen.

We also have four teams participating in the Merrimack Valley Soccer League. The teams, which are 3/4 girls, 3/4 boys, 5/6 coed, and 7/8 coed, will have one or two games per week and two practices per week. The 5/6 and 7/8 coed teams will end their season with a round robin tournament on Saturday, October 15. The times and locations for those tournaments will be finalized the week before based on each team's record for the season.

*Good luck to all teams this season!*

# SRS Supports Community Outreach Event In The North Country

*In July, SRS participated in collecting donations of new and gently used baby items for the Family Resource Center held in Berlin, NH. Thanks to the help and generosity of our families here at SRS, we were one of the largest contributors to families in need!*

## Family Resource Center holds community baby shower

Paul Robitaille

Jul 25, 2022



BERLIN — The Family Resource Center annual baby shower is open to anyone who has recently given birth and needs baby supplies. The event is attended by many other vendors and educational booths along with free gifts clothes and baby items such as strollers' diapers, wipes and medical items. The resource center baby shower happens every year, with one event held in Littleton in June and the other in Berlin in July in the downtown park across from the Family Resource Center offices on Main Street.

Brianna Shannon, Healthy Families America program manager at the Family Resource Center said: "We started on this last fall, collecting donations and nearly everything here is donated locally and free to the people who need them. All items were donated by community partners and community members. Items such as new and gently used baby clothes, diapers, wipes, formula, baby food,

books, blankets, safety gates, pack and plays, strollers, bottles, diaper bags, etc. We documented over 25 donors who made donations, including some from local businesses such as Greetings Jewelers, Androscoggin Valley Hospital, Sleep Safe and Bug Free, and Murphy Inspections, LLC. Our largest donation came from Shaker Road School in Concord, N.H., and the Henniker Rotary Club."

Shannon said everyone is welcome to attend the event, "and no one is denied." "There are raffles, free gift bags and wellness education courses people can sign up for," she said.

Amy Venezia of Well Sense manned a booth. Berlin Public Library director Denise Torres manned a booth explain to the crowd the recently expanded services the library is providing in Kelley Park next door the library on upper Main Street. "All the outdoor furniture is bought and furnished in the park, where we can offer outdoor services promotions and exhibitions outside," Torres said.

Gail Gettens from the New Hampshire Division of Public Health talked about the effects of lead paint. "There is still a lot of housing in New Hampshire that was built before 1978 when lead was removed from paint," Gettens said. She noted that many of the houses in the area predate that change. "Those older building and metals represent a significant health threat to children."

Gettens displayed and gave away newly published books by the Division of Public Health titled, "Happy Healthy Lead Free Me!" The books speak about the dangers of lead poisoning and what to watch out for and how to remediate it. "I am one of the authors of this book and hope that we can find an audience," Gettens said. The books were available at the baby shower to anyone who wanted one and additional copies can be gotten from the N.H. Division of Public Health.

# Update from the Placement Office

As the SRS Class of 2023 begins their eighth grade year, they accept the challenge of not only juggling the high standards of a full academic course load but also working their way through the secondary school placement process.

Much of their work began this summer as they began to research schools, complete mock interviews and schedule fall visits. As the summer days turn to Fall and families dig deeper into this process, I always remind them that it is exactly that – a process! Finding the “right” school takes work and time, and often changes multiple times throughout the year! Sometimes that “perfect” school is the public school in your backyard and other times, it is an independent school a couple towns over. At SRS, we enjoy working through this process with students and families.

Parents often ask us, “Where do most Shaker Road School graduates attend high school?” and that’s a tough question to answer! One year we had more than half of the class attend their local public high school, and then in another year we had more than half the class attend independent schools as day students. We have found that there are no “trends” for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders or any matriculation numbers that are consistent from year to year. But, what we do know is that we work hard to make sure that students feel supported in their transition from Shaker Road School to high school, and that their classmates and friends support their decisions. Most importantly, we want all students to feel supported by the Placement Office, no matter where their ninth grade year takes them.

Submitted by Caitlin Connelly  
Director of Admissions and Placement

## Acceptance and Matriculation List

*For the classes 2001-2022 Shaker Road School students were accepted at the following schools. An asterisk (\*) denotes matriculation.*

*American Hebrew Academy	Groton Academy	*Proctor Academy
Avon Old Farms School	*Holderness School	Putney School
Berkshire School	*John Stark Regional High School	*Sant Bani School
*Belmont High School	*Kearsarge Regional High School	*Shady Side Academy
*Berwick Academy	*Kents Hill	*Shaker Road School 9 <sup>th</sup> grade (SRS 9)
*Bishop Brady High School	*Kimball Union Academy	*St. George's School
*Bow High School	*Lawrence Academy	St. Johnsbury Academy
*Brewster Academy	*Londonderry High School	*St. Mark's School
*Brooks School	*Loomis Chaffee School	*St. Paul's School
*Burr and Burton Academy	*Manchester Central High School	*St. Thomas Aquinas
Cambridge School of Weston	*Merrimack Valley High School	Stoneleigh-Burnham School
*Canterbury School	*Middlesex School	*Tabor Academy
*Coe-Brown Northwood Academy	Milton Academy	Taft School
*Concord Academy	*Miss Porter's School	The George School
*Concord High School	*Nashoba Regional High School	*The Governor's Academy
*Cushing Academy	National Sports Academy	The Gunnery
*Dana Hall School	*New Hampton School	*Tilton School
*Deerfield Academy	*Northfield Mount Hermon School	*Trinity High School
*Derryfield School	*Northwood School	*Walnut Hill
*Dublin School	*Pembroke Academy	*Weston High School
*Eagle Hill School	*Phillips Exeter Academy	*White Mountain School
*Emma Willard School	*Pinkerton Academy	*Williston Northampton School
Ethel Walker School	*Plymouth Regional High School	*Winnisquam High School
*Goffstown High School	*Portsmouth Abbey School	Worcester Academy



# PTG CORNER

## Greetings from the SRS PTG:

Welcome to the start of another great school year at Shaker Road School!

The SRS Parent Teacher Group (PTG) provides enriching and enjoyable programs and activities for SRS students, families, and faculty/staff. In order to make this happen, we need your help!

Here are some ways you can get involved:

1. **Join us at our first PTG meeting** of the year on **Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00 PM via Zoom**. A link will be shared with the SRS community in advance of the meeting. Meetings are held once per month.
2. **Join the PTG Go-To Team! Email Stefanie Curry at [stefaniecurry@comcast.net](mailto:stefaniecurry@comcast.net)** and ask to be added to our Go-To Team. This is not a commitment to volunteer, but simply a way for you to stay informed about specific PTG needs. We reach out to the Go-To Team first, before the wider SRS community. You choose to help only if and when you want! We create a new Go-To Team list every year, so even if you have received emails from the PTG in the past, we want to hear from you again this year.

The PTG welcomes parents of SRS students from the Infant Program up through Ninth Grade! We look forward to your ideas, feedback, and assistance in making this another great year at SRS!

Sincerely,  
Your 2022-2023 PTG Officers



Dear Shaker Road School Families:

As you are all aware, the SRS PTG is excited to be hosting the first ever Fall Golf Classic, a six-hole scramble to benefit the SRS PTG and, in turn, our SRS students and teachers.

The Golf Classic will be held on our SRS golf course on Saturday, September 24, with all proceeds staying within our community. There will be a raffle table for all golf participants. This is where you come into play. It is our hope that we will have a gift certificate, gift basket or raffle item from each of the grade levels throughout SRS. It may make the most sense for one parent from each class take charge and coordinate the donation item.

A SRS PTG committee member would be happy to pick up your donated item(s) at your convenience, or if you prefer, you may leave it with your homeroom teacher or at The Birdhouse. Please submit your donation no later than September 23 to ensure it makes it to the raffle table at the event.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

Thank you for your support of the SRS PTG.

Sincerely,  
The SRS PTG Golf Committee

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## 2022-2023 PTG OFFICERS

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## Parent-Teacher Group (PTG) Family Back to School Picnic

Please join us on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, FROM 5:00-7:00 PM**, for the annual PTG back-to school-picnic, held under the large pavilion next to the 600 building.

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and a picnic dinner—or grab something from the two food trucks that will be on campus that day: BB Scoops, offering hot dogs and Italian ice, and B's Taco's, offering burritos, rice bowls, and tacos! All families, from the infant room to eighth grade, are welcome to attend and enjoy some time meeting new SRS families and saying hello to old friends.





**Saturday, September 24, 2022**

**7:30 AM to 5:30 PM**

**\$50/person**

Register by sending your  
\$50 per player registration fee  
to the PTG via Paypal



<https://www.paypal.me/srsptg>

## REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

### Shaker Road School Parent Teacher Group Fall Golf Classic!

#### Enjoy a day on the SRS Links for a good cause!

Join fellow SRS parents, grandparents, and friends for a fun day of golf on the beautiful Shaker Road School campus while supporting our amazing SRS community! This six-hole scramble benefits the SRS PTG and, in turn, our SRS students and teachers! Open to adults in the SRS community and their guests. Cost includes a lunch and drink voucher. Carts will be available for those who need one. Food and beer tent, putting contest, raffles, prizes, and more!

We welcome teams of up to four players. Registered individuals, pairs, and threesomes will be combined with other players to make foursomes.

#### Registration is first come, first served!

Secure your spot by first paying the registration fee for you and your teammates by sending \$50/person to the SRS PTG via PayPal (<https://www.paypal.me/srsptg>) or Venmo (we are listed as a business and our account name is @srsptg). **Once we receive your payment we will send you a link to the tee time sign-up.**

**Learn more on our event webpage:** <https://shakerroadschool.org/ptg-golf/>

#### Become a Sponsor:

We have a few remaining sponsorships available. If you are interested, please contact Peter.Daley@shakerroadschool.org.

#### Call for Raffle Items:

Not a golfer but want to support this event? We are looking for raffle prizes! Contact Julie at julie.daless@gmail.com if you have something to donate!

Sincerely,

The SRS PTG Golf Committee  
Sherry Correia, Missy Pomeroy, Stef Curry, Julie D'Alessandro, and Peter Daley

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