



## UPCOMING DATES:

*For more information consult  
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calendar.*

- 11/8/22—Grade 5 McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center
- 11/11—Veteran's Day/ACADEMIC DAY
- 11/16—Instrumental Recitals @ 5:30 & 7:00
- 11/23-11/25—Thanksgiving Break SRS CLOSED
- 12/1—Band & Chorus Concert @ 6:00PM
- 12/5—Advisory Reports Posted Grades 5-8
- 12/9—Report Cards Posted Grades K-4
- 12/16—Winter Celebrations
- 12/19-12/22—Winter Break/Vacation Camp Offered
- 12/23-12/30—Holiday Break/SRS CLOSED

## 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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## Second Graders Welcome Concord Fire Department for Fire Prevention Month

When we think of October, we often think about pumpkins, hayrides, and Halloween, but October also brings fire trucks! October is nationally recognized as Fire Prevention Month, and at Shaker Road School that means that second grade classes get a visit from the Concord Fire Department. This year's second grade classes were thrilled to not only get a peek inside a fire truck but also an ambulance!



On Friday, October 14, Concord Fire Department firefighters and EMTs came to teach our students about how to stay safe in case of a fire. Some of the topics discussed were to always have a family meeting place outside of your home, how to safely get out of your house, and what number to call in case of an emergency. The highlight of the group discussion was the race between Firefighter Dan and Firefighter Zach to see how fast they could get dressed in every piece of their fire gear. Both were able to do it in under a minute and thirty seconds. Impressive!

The real excitement came when the kids were able to explore and ask questions about the fire truck and ambulance. The students asked a lot of questions about the tools they carry on the truck and what they are used for, how loud the sirens can be, and the difference between the various hoses. One fire hose can pump out 1,500 gallons of water a minute!

Fire Prevention Month is fun for the students at Shaker Road School, but it is also a great reminder for parents and teachers alike to have students practice their home address and check those smoke detectors! The fire department recommends replacing the batteries in your smoke detectors every six months. A great way to remember this is to replace them each time we change the clocks. Once again, we sincerely thank the Concord Fire Department for visiting Shaker Road School and teaching us about fire prevention and safety.



Submitted by Kristyn LaRoche and Delaney Poirier





# Leadership Retreat



On the very first day of school, the eighth grade set off to Camps Kenwood and Evergreen in Wilmot for the Leadership Retreat. The week was packed full of discussions and workshops about leadership, followership, types of power, conflict resolution, and building consensus.

Most of the lessons involved practical applications: ethical challenges like deciding who deserved a financial award or whether someone made the right choice in a “daily dilemma.” The most difficult challenges facing this group of stu-

dents focused on working together as a team and putting individual egos aside for the good of the group.

Each challenge in the first two days helped or hindered the group in earning a trip to New London for pizza and ice cream. The Class of 2023 met those challenges with patience and humor, learning quickly from small failures and allowing all voices to be heard. Having earned the trip into town, the kids took advantage of the great weather to eat outside, meet some new friends—both human and canine—and take a trip back to younger days by playing at a park.

Of course, the week was not without a measure of fun beyond that: manhunt, swimming, tennis, s’mores by the campfire, a movie, preparing meals, and getting to know a different side of one’s classmates.

The group’s culminating activity was to develop their class goal for the year without any guidance from their teachers. The group came up with this goal: “To construct a supportive, focused, and fun family-like community where trust can be earned and voices will be heard.” This is a great goal for a class that really knows itself! We cannot wait to see the great things they accomplish this year and beyond.

Submitted by Tad Curry and Cathy Linden





# Lake Winnisquam Trip



Our Sixth Grade students spent the week at Lake Winnisquam learning about watershed ecology and the history of the lake and railroad there. Doug Hicks took the students on a boat ride up to the large end of the lake to see the most significant inlet—the Winnepesaukee River—as well as some other lake features including Pot Island (adjacent to the deepest part of the lake), Mosquito Bridge, and the portion of the lake that leads to the dam in Lochmere where the water flows to Silver Lake, into the Merrimack River, and out to the ocean. Students used topographic maps to understand the watershed and understand where the water goes.



Students also created mini habitats in fish tanks to hold a wide variety of aquatic creatures. Students looked for macroinvertebrates and learned how scientists describe the makeup of the bottom of the lake. They took samples of the lake bottom and ran them through a set of classifier screens to determine the ratio of small rocks, sand, and silt. They were able to determine the quality of the water based on macroinvertebrates found and other analysis of the water.

Of course they fished and kayaked too, along with taking water samples and analyses from deeper portions of the lake. It was a full week of hands-on science with Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Daniels, and Doug Hicks that made a lasting impact on our students and their understanding of our local watersheds!

Submitted by:  
Alex Hicks





# AMC Adventures



In early September, the seventh graders traveled to the White Mountains and spent two nights and three days learning mountain science and undertaking team building and personal challenge activities. After leaving SRS, students traveled to the Highland Center (“HiC”) in Crawford Notch where they participated in map reading activities and a gear shakedown before heading to the Lonesome Lake Hut in Franconia

Notch State Park with their AMC instructors. Students hiked the 1.6-mile trail in small groups for the trip but bonded together at the hut and

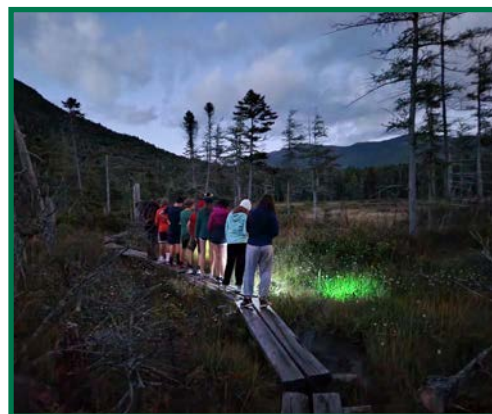
explored the Lonesome Lake watershed.

Upon arriving at the Lonesome Lake trail-head, the hikers (and their rapidly aging chaperones) learned about the rules of the trail as well as trail safety. On the way up the mountain, the groups stopped periodically to play some trail games like Be Aware. In this game, our AMC instructors would hide a clothes pin in the woods and the kids would have to find it. Upon reaching the hut, our weary travelers were greeted to spectacular views of Lonesome Lake and Mt. Lafayette. After a quick rest, they received their first experience of AMC Hut Dinners. Needless to say, they enjoyed the menu very much!

On Day Two, our sleep-deprived seventh graders (thanks to Mr. Lewis’s snoring) enjoyed an early breakfast and set out for Kinsman Pond via the 2-mile Fishin’ Jimmy Trail, part of the Appalachian Trail. After arriving at the pond, our hikers enjoyed the views and took some time for quiet reflection. Once that quiet reflection was done, Cullen fell into the pond. That night, our AMC instructors took us on a moonlit walk around Lonesome Lake. Using the incredibly bright moon as our only light source, we were able to easily navigate through the trail without headlamps.

On the final day, we set out back down the mountain. We returned to school tired and in need of a shower, with memories to last a lifetime. What a perfect way to start a new year!

Submitted by: Jay Lewis







## Integrity Advice Column

— by Zoë and Carmella (7<sup>th</sup> grade)

Dear Carmella and Zoë,

I'm stuck. My classmate, "Ron," got a cool pencil at the bookfair and was showing it off to everyone—he was kind of annoying about it, TBH. Well, today I saw my best friend, "Harry," steal it out of Ron's locker. Stealing is wrong, but Harry is my friend and Ron is annoying. What should I do?

— *Caught in the Middle*

Dear Caught,

I think the best thing for you to do is to talk to your friend. Tell him you care about him and want him to show integrity by giving the pencil back to Ron. I'm sure Harry will appreciate you trying to help him do the right thing. Good Luck!

— *Carmella and Zoë*

Dear Zoë and Carmella,

Yesterday I had an algebra test that I forgot to study for. When my classmate got up to grab an eraser, her test fell on the floor, and I saw an answer I was struggling with. Please help me do the right thing!

— *Accidental Cheater*

Dear AC,

I think the best thing for you to do is tell the teacher that you didn't do that question on your own and tell them not to give you full credit. Your teacher will appreciate your integrity. Then apologize to the classmate. You might ask, "Why would I do this if no one knows I did it?" Well, integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is looking. Your teacher and your classmate will see you as an honest person for admitting your mistake, and that can help your relationships in the long run. Good luck!

— *Zoë and Carmella*

## Integrity Poetry

— by Isabelle (6<sup>th</sup> grade)

Acrostic:

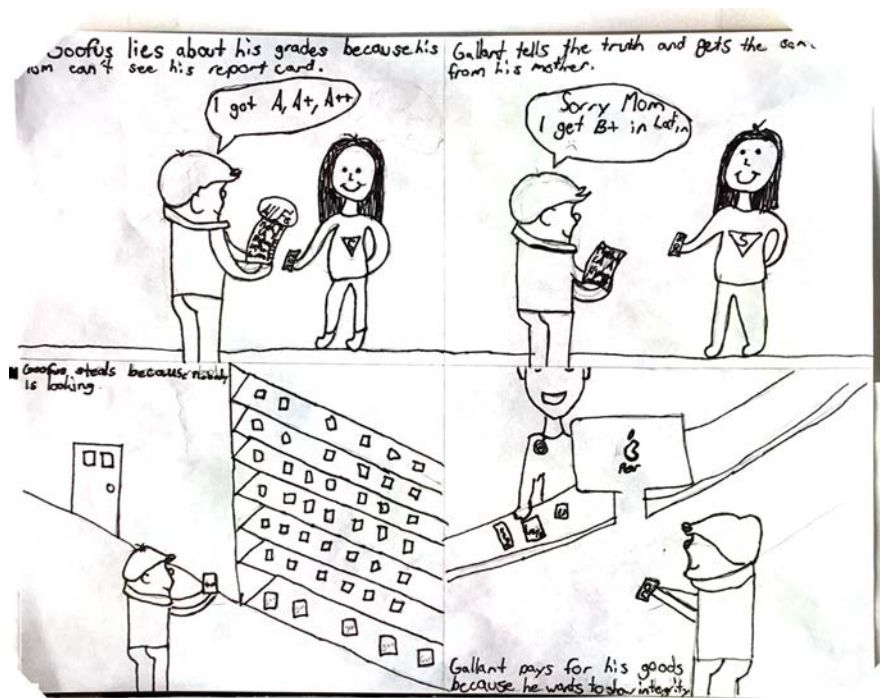
Integrity:  
Nobility  
Truth  
Ethics  
Goodness  
Righteousness  
Incorruption  
Trustworthiness...  
You do the right thing.

Haiku:

Integrity is  
Like giving something lost to  
The rightful person

When you show the trait  
Called integrity, you do  
What the right thing is

If someone loses  
Something that you come to find  
You should give it back





# Grandparents and Grand friends Visit SRS

The SRS community welcomed over 300 grandparents and friends back to campus this year after a two year absence! It was wonderful to see everyone in person to celebrate the eighth annual event. The day started with students from Kindergarten through eighth grade singing songs before Grandparents headed into the classrooms to participate in activities designed especially for them. Our Parent-Teacher Group (PTG) coordinated all the refreshments which were donated by parents to share with our distinguished guests. We would like to thank everyone for coming and making this such a successful occasion. We hope to see everyone again in the fall of 2023!

Submitted by: Patti Hicks







HAPPY  
GRAND  
PARENTS  
DAY





# New SRS Trail Signs!



My name is Ryley Chipman. I am an eighth grade student here at Shaker Road School. I am also a Girl Scout Cadette and have been a Girl Scout for seven years.

For the past year, I have been working on my Girl Scout Silver Award Project. The Silver Award is highest award that a Cadette can earn; its purpose is to find a “take action” project that will have a permanent impact on your community. To complete this project, I had to complete a minimum of 50 hours of service. Thanks to Mr. Matt and Mr. Hicks, I was able to complete those hours over the summer and this fall.

The first step was to chat with Doug and Mr. Matt about an idea. Over my years at Shaker, I have noticed that we have access to many beautiful trails right on campus for cross country, Nordic skiing, mountain biking and other school activities. The one challenge with the trails is there is no way of identifying where you are while on them. So, I proposed an idea of making trail signs.



Although it may seem like a basic idea, it included many steps. The first step was to drive through the trails and decide where we wanted the signs to go and what we wanted the trail names to be. We were able to come up with over 15 names and decided we would need around 27 signs in total. We then needed to choose the material of the signs, how we wanted to cut them, and the overall aesthetic look of the product.

We chose to go the sentimental route and decided to use the white oak from the big Shaker tree that came down a few years ago. Then I helped to move a 12-foot oak branch to the sawmill where we cut twenty-eight 2” x 6” x 16” pieces for the signs.

Mr. Hicks then showed me how to use the simulation software on my computer. This software allowed me to type in the trail names and position the words how I wanted them to look on the signs with correct font and size.

And then the woodworking process began! I started going down to the woodworking shop regularly. This process began with sealing the wood. Once we had around a dozen of the signs sealed we started carving the letters into the wood. One by one, as the machine finished each sign, I then sanded them down. This took quite some time, as I needed to sand each letter.

Once all the signs were sanded, I started painting them. Because the letters were carved into the wood, I then put them through a planer to take off the extra paint so only the letters were white. We drilled holes at the top and bottom of each sign so they could be hung. For the first few posts, Mr. Matt used an auger to drill into the ground, but then we decided we could easily do them by hand. We then secured the posts into the ground and drilled the signs onto the posts.

The next step will be to seal the signs now that we have them in the ground. And my hope is that the last step will be to make a trail map for students, faculty, and visitors.

During this process, I also had a yard sale to raise money for SRS. I raised \$1,000 to purchase the hardware for hanging the signs, and the school can use the rest of the funds to help with the sustainability of the trail maintenance over the years. I'd like to also take this opportunity to thank everyone in the SRS community who came to support my yard sale.

It was so much fun to work on this project. It feels really great to have finished one last project before graduating from SRS. I hope the signs are useful to anyone using the trails in the years to come. I would like to thank Mr. Hicks, Mr. Matt, and Doug for their many hours of support, especially in the brutal summer heat and being subjected to listening to my Christmas music in July.

I am so glad to have a lasting impact on this community.



Respectfully, Ryley Chipman, Cadette Girl Scout Troop 10162



# The SRS PTG Fall Golf Classic

The Shaker Road School Parent Teacher Group Fall Golf Classic, presented by Carew & Wells, was held at Shaker Road School on September 24. The PTG welcomed 62 golfers of all abilities for a 6-hole scramble on the SRS Links. In addition to the scramble, there were raffle prizes, a putting contest, food, and drinks. The event raised just over \$5,000 for the SRS PTG which will be turned around to directly benefit SRS students and teachers. The PTG is currently making a plan for the use of the proceeds. Stay tuned for details or join the discussion at an upcoming PTG meeting.

The first place team included Kyle, Larissa, Colin, and Eric Brown (-2), who won the grand prize of \$500. Second place went to Joe Carew, Gerry Mitchell, Tad Curry, and Stef Curry (-1). Winner of the putting contest (\$250) was Joe Carew (5). There were 10 golfers who scored a 6 for second place. The three randomly picked second-place winners were Patrick Angelias, Sam Garland, and Sabrina Beavens. They each won a \$25 Dunkin' Donuts gift certificate.

The SRS PTG Fall Golf Classic planning team would like to thank all the generous sponsors! First, so many volunteers helped to coordinate and work the event. Families and businesses donated amazing raffle items. The Works and Alan's Restaurant provided the food and drinks. The maintenance staff at SRS worked hard on the beautifully maintained golf course and installing a new putting green. Concord Country Club allowed the use of their carts and secured markers, balls, and tees for the gift bags. Lastly, we thank all the golfers who came out to play! The PTG thanks all involved with this successful event and looks forward to another great day of golf and SRS community spirit next year!

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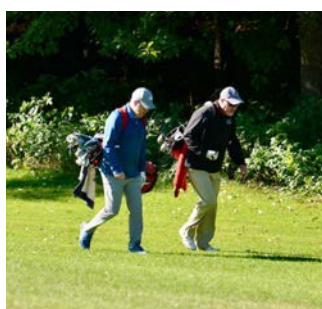
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Submitted by: SRS PTG  
Fall Golf Classic Planning Team  
Sherry Correia, Missy Pomeroy,  
Julie D'Alessandro, Peter Daley  
and Stef Curry







### Third and Fourth Grade Girls' Soccer

The third and fourth grade girls' soccer team had a year of growth and development. Our team of 13 worked hard to the finish and played wherever they were needed on the field with positive attitudes and excitement. Each player became a stronger soccer player during our quick six-week season, improving their ball control and passing skills dramatically. I look forward to another great year with these girls again in the fall.

Submitted by: Coach Connelly



### Third and Fourth Grade Boys Soccer

The third and fourth grade boys' soccer team ended the year with a winning record, only losing two games all season. Practices and games were filled with energy and enthusiasm as the boys learned how to play together and improved their ball handling skills. Our defense was nearly unstoppable! They fearlessly protected our host of brave goalies and worked hard to keep the ball out of the box. The offense was relentless! They worked tirelessly to put the ball in the back of the net and showed improvement in passing and dribbling throughout the season. Overall, it was a successful season for these Herons. Looking forward to seeing what they will accomplish in the fall of 2023.

Submitted by: Coach Daniels





## Fifth and Sixth Grade Co-Ed Soccer

The fifth and sixth grade co-ed soccer team kicked off the school year with another season in the Merrimack Valley Soccer League. We started the season the first week of school; with one practice under our belts we played hard in the first game and made room for improvement throughout the season. Our team was made up of 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, throw-ins, offsides, 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 2 v 2 drills, Rondo, and the juggling challenge.



On a beautiful fall afternoon, the team traveled to Hillsboro for the MVSL Tournament. The 5/6 Team played in the C Division with St. John, Hillsboro, and Grantham. The team played three

back to back games, giving it all they had for the entire time. The SRS Heron even made a surprise visit to help cheer on the team. After going 1-0-2 at the tournament, SRS and Grantham were tied for first. Going to the first tie breaker, our team only let in one goal the entire tournament to bring home the first-place trophy.

Congratulations to all of the 5/6 soccer players. We are looking forward to next year!

Submitted by: Coach Newbery



# GO SRS HERONS!!



## Seventh and Eighth Grade Soccer

The 7/8 co-ed middle school soccer team had a terrific season playing in the MVSL boys' division. The team finished the season with a record of 7-1-1 and scored an amazing 53 goals while only allowing 15. The team worked hard throughout the season on defensive positioning, ball control, playing formations, and keeping positional shape.

The team ended their season with a 4th place finish in the MVSL 7/8 Boys' A Tournament. The team battled to a 1-1 draw vs. Hillsboro, followed by close losses to Holy Family (2-1) and eventual champions St. John's (3-2). The team ended their day with a 1-0 win vs. MVMS.

Great season, everyone!

Submitted by: Coach Lewis







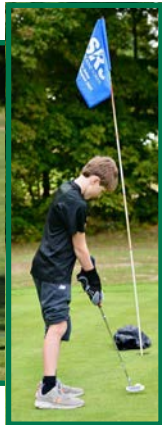
## GOLF

The fall golf season was a huge success and was enjoyed by all the players who are new to the game and those who play regularly. Students from first through eighth grades came to the course after school Mondays through Fridays to practice and learn new golf skills and play the course with friends. Many of the younger students enjoyed putting while using the mini golf equipment on the different greens around the course.

A new golf game was introduced to the students called Fling Golf. They learned how to use a Fling stick which throws the ball instead of hitting the ball. This version of golf will continue in the Spring season.

The season ended with all smiles and golfers anxiously waiting for golf to return in the spring. Fling golf, frisbee golf and soccer golf with all be played in the spring along with regular golf. See you in the Spring!

Submitted by: Peter Daley



## Horseback Riding Begins!

Shaker Road School third through eighth graders were offered a new after school activity this fall: horseback riding! Once a week, students traveled to Wind Hill Farm in Loudon to take part in riding lessons and learn about caring for the horses. Students were grouped in pairs and each group was assigned an instructor. Although some students had previous experience riding, the majority of students did not and were eager to learn to

the basics and take a couple of trail rides by the end of the season!

We look forward to continuing this partnership with Wind Hill Farm and are excited to offer a variety of activities for our students after the academic day!

Submitted by: Caitlin Connelly







## Middle School Cross Country

This year the fifth-eighth grade cross country team worked hard to increase both their speed and stamina. As the season progressed, they all grew individually as runners and as a team. Seeing their interest in the sport grow and watching them encourage each other is something that as a coach I am very proud of. We ended the season at our state meet at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, where the runners left it all out on the course! Shaker Road School had two boys and one girl place in the top ten. We couldn't have asked for a better cross-country season!



Submitted by: Coach Poirier

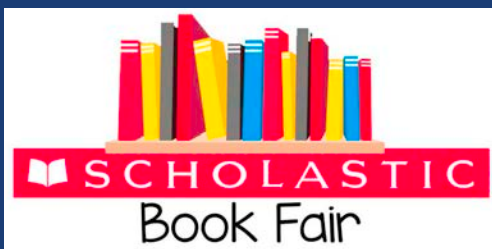


## Third/Fourth Grade Cross-Country

The third and fourth grade cross country team had an awesome season. The weather was cooperative, and we have the most gorgeous campus full of trails to enjoy. At the start of every practice, we discussed proper hydration and fuel for our bodies as we stretched. Although practices varied, we always got excited when the older students would run with us or play a giant game of capture the flag. On one occasion, we used our running to support our

community by delivering copier paper to all the buildings on campus. We certainly could have accomplished this task more efficiently; but instead, we traveled together to each building, back to the office, then back out to another building. Once the students realized the amount of running back and forth they would be doing, each runner alerted me to the inefficiency of this method. Little did they know it was easily one of our best workouts—and a great way to support our school!

Submitted by: Coach Paquette



## Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair returned to campus this fall, much to the delight of students and teachers! There is nothing quite like the smell of a new book!

Set up in the 200 building, families visited before and after school as well as during the Back to School Night events. We are so grateful to the many families who purchased books from our teachers' wish lists and donated new books to our classrooms. Your generosity is so greatly appreciated. Additionally, many

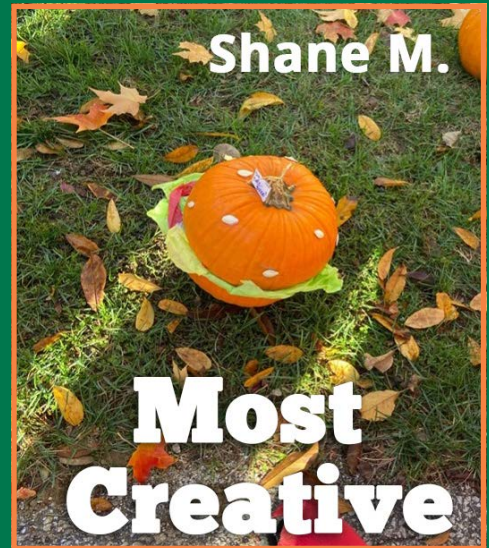
thanks to the faculty who staffed the book fair each day!

Shaker Road School earned over \$2,500 in Scholastic rewards from the book fair. We plan to use these dollars to continue to update our school library and purchase additional books for classrooms!

Submitted by: Caitlin Connelly



# pumpkin stroll



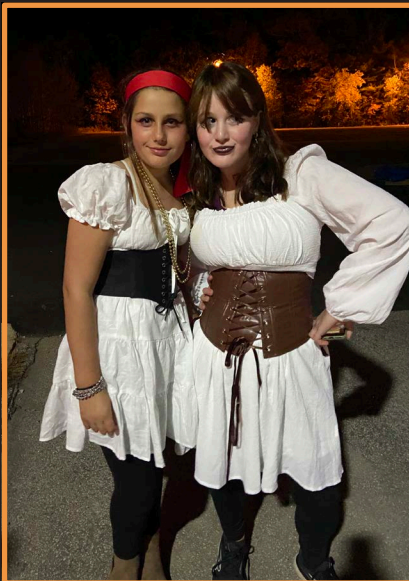


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