



SHAKER ROAD SCHOOL SAPLINGS

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UPCOMING DATES:

For more information consult Edline or your school calendar.

- 8/29:** Meet & Greet (9:00-10:00am)
- 9/4:** First Day of School
- 9/6:** PTG Back to School Picnic (5:00-7:00pm)
- 9/6:** Music Lesson Open House & Lesson Sign-ups
- 9/11-9/14:** Leadership Retreat for 8th grade
- 9/17-9/21:** Ecology School for 6th grade
- 9/18-9/21:** AMC trip for 7th grade
- 9/20:** High School Placement meeting (6:00pm)
- 9/24:** SRS 9 Informational meeting (6:00pm)
- 9/26:** Team Picture Day – Bring your jersey
- 9/27-10/4:** Scholastic Book Fair
- 9/28:** Grandparents' Day (Registration begins at 8:30 am)

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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Welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year

As we turn the calendar page to August, we are excited to start another school year. Each year at SRS promises incredible growth for all students. After a rejuvenating summer, all of us at SRS return to school eager to help students reach their potential. It is always inspiring to be part of a community that cares so deeply about the academic and social growth of each child. We are grateful to work with all families, and know our success depends on positive partnerships between school and home. We look forward to working with you all this year.

In addition to our annual traditions, we have exciting plans for this year. The Humanities fair returns this year with a focus on Essential Questions in Today's World. Citizenship is an integral part of our program and mission. Each month, our school focuses on a new citizenship theme. We invite you to discuss these themes at home with your children. This year, in order from September to May, themes include cooperation; integrity; friendliness; respect; communicating; commitment; perseverance; fairness; pride & humility.

It has been a busy summer preparing for your arrival. Back to school information can be found on Chalkable. If you do not use Chalkable frequently, please become familiar with it, as this online portal is our primary means of communication, including required school forms and report cards. Go to www.shakerroadschool.org to find easy access. Please make sure to return all required back-to-school forms. A list can be found on Chalkable. Remember to refer to the school calendar and the website for important dates. If you haven't already followed us on social media, including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, and LinkedIn, please do so. We make updates daily to most sites.

As your summer winds down, please contact us if you have any questions about the upcoming school year. We can't wait to see you in September!

Warm regards,
Matthew Hicks
Principal

Grandparents' and Grandfriends Day

Over 300 grandparents and grandfriends joined the Shaker Road School community last fall, to spend a day in their grandchild's shoes. It is an exciting time for students to give their grandparents/grandfriends a tour of their school, meet their teachers and classmates and see the classrooms. Every family from the infant room to middle school is welcome to attend.

This annual Grandparents' Day is one of the highlights for our school year. Please mark your calendars for September 28, 2018. Please RSVP by calling Betsy in the main office at 224-0161. Registration begins at 8:30am under the tent.

Watch for more details coming soon! If you have any questions please contact Patti Hicks at patricia.hicks@shakerroadschool.org. Hope to see you all there!



100 BUILDING: MAIN OFFICE

- 100 Conference Room
- 101 Spanish (Mrs. Giberti)
- 102 Library (Mrs. Potter)
- 103 Nikki Stuppard (Activities Director)

200 BUILDING:

- 201 Infant Room
- 201A Toddler Room 1
- 202C Health Center
- 202 Toddler Room 2
- 203 Cold Lunch Room
- 204 Art (Mrs. Morrison)

300 BUILDING:

- 301 Heron's Nest (Mary Heartz)
- 302 PreK 3 (Marie Washburn)
- 303 PreK 3 (Tiffany Smith)
- 304 PreK 4 (Frances Witte-Holland)
- 305 Kindergarten (Ms. Burgess)

400 BUILDING:

- 401 Third Grade (Mrs. Newbery)
- 402 Second Grade (Mr. Blazon)
- 403 First Grade (Mrs. LaRochelle)
- 404 Third Grade (Mrs. Stewart)
- 405 Conference Room

500 BUILDING:

- 501 Fourth Grade (Mrs. Daniels)
- 502 Science (Mr. Hicks)
- 503 Auditorium
- 504 Fifth Grade (Ms. Carter)

600 BUILDING:

- 601 Sixth Grade (Mrs. Berry)
- 602 Language Arts (Mr. Curry)
- 603 Social Studies (Mr. Dow)
- 604 Conference Room
- 605 Mr. Matt's Office
- 606 Conference Room
- 607 Math (Ms. Raby)
- 608 Language Arts/Math (Mrs. Linden)
- 609 Technology Lab

700 BUILDING:

- 700 Music Cabin (Mrs. Minsinger)
- 701 Band Cabin

SRS PARKING PROCEDURES

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 Betsy in the Main Office.



DAILY PARKING

A friendly reminder as we start the new school year, the middle school upper circle is for drop off only. Parking is only allowed in the adjacent parking spaces to the right (Lot C). Please do not leave your vehicles unattended for any time. If you wish to walk your child into the school buildings, please use Lot C. There is ample room for parking for families of students in grades Kindergarten through eighth. Lot A is for all infant, toddlers, and prekindergarten classrooms.

When using Lot B, please remember this is a **ONE-WAY DRIVEWAY**. It is 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. It is also just as convenient to park in Lot C for Kindergarten and the primary grades, in both the morning and afternoon. Simply follow the sidewalk to the 300 building and avoid the congestion in Lot B.

EVENT PARKING

The maintenance area parking lot is used daily for faculty and staff to allow for ample parking for parents in the morning and afternoon. During large school events, this lot is available for parking rather than parking along Shaker Road or in the active drop-off circles. These areas are to be left open for emergency vehicles.

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.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Doug Hicks

Update from the Placement Office

The summer of 2018 was busy in the Placement Office. For many students, the days and weeks in June were relaxing and low key, but the Placement Office saw these quiet days as an opportunity to begin preparing for the year ahead with the class of 2019!

Many families reached out over the summer as they began the secondary school placement process. It was a pleasure to sit down with parents and students, and to listen to their excitement for the year ahead and to reassure them that the SRS community will guide them through their 8th grade year, helping them find the best fit for high school. Together, we have created lists of schools to explore, discussed the best preparation for the SSAT and completed mock interviews in preparation for campus visits! All of these will continue throughout the fall.

In addition to working with current families, we have also met with colleagues at several high school admission offices. Shaker Road students receive incredible praise from schools across New England and it never gets old hearing how well our SRS students are for the high school landscape because of the work they have accomplished here.

As we move into another Placement process, we are excited about the work that is to come and remind families that this is a process – it will take time but slow and steady will certainly be the key to making this process manageable and enjoyable! Most importantly, we want all students to feel supported by the Placement Office, no matter where their ninth grade year takes them!

Caitlin Connolly
Director of Admissions and Placement
Shaker Road School

Acceptance and Matriculation List

For the classes 2001-2018 Shaker Road School students were accepted at the following schools. An asterisk () denotes matriculation.*

- *American Hebrew Academy
- Avon Old Farms School
- Berkshire School
- *Belmont High School
- *Bishop Brady High School
- *Bow High School
- *Brewster Academy
- *Brooks School
- *Burr and Burton Academy
- Cambridge School of Weston
- *Canterbury School
- *Coe-Brown Northwood Academy
- *Concord Academy
- *Concord High School
- *Cushing Academy
- *Dana Hall School
- *Deerfield Academy
- *Derryfield School
- *Dublin School
- *Eagle Hill School
- *Emma Willard School
- Ethel Walker School
- *Goffstown High School
- *Governor's Academy

- Groton Academy
- *Holderness School
- *John Stark Regional High School
- *Kearsarge Regional High School
- *Kents Hill
- *Kimball Union Academy
- *Lawrence Academy
- *Londonderry High School
- *Loomis Chaffee School
- *Manchester Central High School
- *Merrimack Valley High School
- *Middlesex School
- Milton Academy
- *Miss Porter's School
- *Nashoba Regional High School
- National Sports Academy
- *New Hampton School
- *Northfield Mount Hermon School
- *Northwood School
- *Pembroke Academy
- *Phillips Exeter Academy
- *Pinkerton Academy
- *Plymouth Regional High School
- *Portsmouth Abbey School

- *Proctor Academy
- Putney School
- *Sant Bani School
- *Shady Side Academy
- *Shaker Road School 9th grade (SRS 9)
- *St. George's School
- St. Johnsbury Academy
- *St. Mark's School
- *St. Paul's School
- * St. Thomas Aquinas
- Stoneleigh-Burnham School
- *Tabor Academy
- Taft School
- The George School
- The Gunnery
- *Tilton School
- *Trinity High School
- *Walnut Hill
- *Weston High School
- *White Mountain School
- *Williston Northampton School
- *Winnisquam High School
- Worcester Academy

PTG Corner – What We Are All About!

Welcome to the start of another great school year at Shaker Road School. My name is Noel Chipman and I am your PTG President for the 2018-2019 School Year. I look forward to serving in this capacity and hope to be able to continue the enjoyable, fun and educational PTG sponsored events of the past. In order to be successful we need your help as volunteers. If you do not currently get the occasional email updates from the PTG please email me at **noelchipman1@gmail.com** and ask to be added to the list to make sure that you are aware of upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. Together we can make this one of the best school years for SRS and for our children. Thank you!

PTG Meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of every month at 5:00pm in the office building. We discuss upcoming enrichment activities and community events. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, September 11th.

DID YOU KNOW...

Volunteering and becoming involved in your child's school won't just benefit your child, his/her schoolmates and the community; it will also benefit you! There is abundant research indicating that those who volunteer more are both physically healthier and psychologically happier. Some studies have even found greater longevity amongst those who volunteer. So do yourself a favor and become involved this year!

“The SRS-PTG services to foster and facilitate a sense of community amongst parents, students, teachers and faculty by offering a variety of social events throughout the school year.”

2018-2019 PTG OFFICERS

President: Noel Chipman - noelchipman1@gmail.com

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SRS Liaison: Kim Stewart - Kim.Stewart@shakerroadschool.org

Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT
August 29, 2018	Meet and Greet
September 6, 2018	Back to School Picnic and Trunk Sale
September 11, 2018	PTG Meeting at 5:00
September 28, 2018	Grandparents Day
September 2018	Annual Appeal
October 2, 2018	PTG Meeting at 5:00
October 7, 2018	Millennium Race
October 25, 2018	Hayride and PTG Events
November 6, 2018	PTG Meeting at 5:00
December 4, 2018	PTG Meeting at 5:00
December 9, 2018	Holiday Crafts & Movie
January 8, 2019	PTG Meeting at 5:00
February 5, 2019	PTG Meeting at 5:00
March 5, 2019	PTG Meeting at 5:00
March 23, 2019	Pancake Breakfast
April 2, 2019	PTG Meeting at 5:00
April 5, 2019	Drama Bake Sale
May 3, 2019	Spring Barbeque
May 7, 2019	PTG Meeting at 5:00
May 2019 (TBD)	Teacher Appreciation
June 4, 2019	PTG Meeting at 5:00

Parent-Teacher-Group (PTG) Family Back to School Picnic & Trunk Sale!

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH
FROM 5:00 — 7:00 PM**

Come meet new and old friends, families, teachers, SRS staff and get some gently used sports, musical equipment, and more at the **SRS Trunk Sale!**

WHAT'S PROVIDED: Beverages, desserts, free raffle prizes, and DJ entertainment!

WHAT TO BRING: Picnic dinner or purchase food from the Somerset Grille food truck which will be onsite! Don't forget your blanket or chairs!

MUSIC LESSON SIGNUP: Don't forget to visit the music department table to sign your child up!

VISIT THE TRUNK SALE: Buy a spot to sell your gently used sports/musical items

RAINDATE: To Be Determined



RESERVE A PARKING SPACE FOR THE TRUNK SALE



Reserve a parking spot to sell your gently used Shaker Road School gear, sports equipment, musical instruments, or other yard sale items out of the trunk of your car!

Contact Missy at melissa_pomeroy@yahoo.com with prepayment by Cash/Credit Card/Check to reserve your space in the 600 Building Parking Lot – your \$40 donation will go to the SRS PTG – the rest the profit is yours!

***YOU MUST TAKE AWAY ITEMS THAT DO NOT SELL**