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UPCOMING DATES:

For more information consult
Edline or your school calendar.

- **8/31:** Meet & Greet School-wide (9:00–10:00 am)
- **9/6:** First Day of School
- **9/8:** PTG Back to School Picnic (5:00-7:00pm)
- **9/8:** Music Lesson Open House & Lesson Sign-ups (6:00-7:00pm)
- **9/12 – 9/15:** Leadership Retreat for 8th grade
- **9/13 – 9/16:** AMC Mountain Classroom for 7th grade
- **9/19 – 9/23:** Ecology School for 6th grade
- **9/28:** Team Picture Day—wear your uniforms!
- **9/30:** Grandparent's Day
- **10/4:** Prekindergarten & Grades 1-3 Open House (6:00-7:00pm)
- **10/5:** School Picture Day
- **10/6:** Open House 4th through 8th grade (6:00-7:00pm)
- **10/10:** SRS Closed *Columbus Day*
- **10/11 – 10/14:** Parent/Teacher Conferences K–3
- **10/15:** SSAT test date at SRS
- **10/15:** Soccer Tournaments grades 5/6 & 7/8
- **10/16:** Rain Date for Soccer Tournaments
- **10/16:** Making Strides Walk (1:00pm)
- **10/21:** Halloween Dance Grades 5-8 (7:00–10pm)
- **10/28:** Halloween Parade/Party—PreK through 4th (9:30AM)

Notes from the Editor:

Look for the Saplings on Edline the first Friday of every month this year. A classroom team 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.

Welcome to the 2016-2017 School Year

Dear Shaker Road School Families,

We have enjoyed a beautiful summer here on campus, and we are now excited to begin the new 2016-2017 school year. We are heading into our 38th year here at Shaker Road School and we have some exciting new programs and faculty to introduce.

Caitlin Connelly will be working part-time in our Admissions and Placement Office, together with Sam Daniels. Caitlin has worked for the past 7 years as Associate Director of Admissions and Director of Northeast Recruitment at Hobart & William Smith College. Caitlin has extensive experience and knowledge with school placement.

On a bittersweet note, Nancy Heard has decided after 15 years teaching piano and organizing music lessons at SRS, she wanted to spend more time with her two new granddaughters. We will miss Nancy's professionalism and talent, but wish her the best as she enjoys time as a new grandparent.

For the first time we are adding an Infant and Toddler Program to the school, and have been working energetically over the summer to open the program on August 29. The entire three-year-old room has been renovated this summer into an infant and toddler classroom. The classroom has state of the art facilities, including new furnaces and central air conditioning, lighting, equipment, and a full glass crib area for visibility at all times. Doug and the maintenance crew have created a natural playground, especially geared to this age group. Outdoor water tables, sand tables, vegetable plants, flowers, trikes, are all part of the outdoor space. The new faculty is skilled and experienced in working with this age group, and Gail Gettens has been a consultant throughout the process. We invite you to come down and take a look at the new facility.

The news from the middle school is Latin is being added to the curriculum for eighth grade. There have been more electives and enrichments added to enhance the program and empower the students with even more choices. Some of these enrichments include clothing design, set design and building; additional electives are creative writing and film study. This year the seventh graders will have a class block focused on preparing for standardized testing, public speaking and financial literacy. Eighth graders will work on a yearlong research project, which they will present at the end of the school year.

It is important to sign up for email and text alerts via Chalkable to ensure that you are continuously updated on any last minute schedule changes or school alerts. Please take a few moments to read the Student and Parent Handbook available online or in the main office. It is essential to familiarize yourselves and your child with the guidelines and procedures here at SRS. Finally, our new website is under development and we hope to launch it midyear so keep your eyes open for more updates.

Please call or email us if you have any questions. We are honored that you have chosen Shaker Road School for your child's education and we are looking forward to many more exciting events and days ahead.

Sincerely,

Patti & Doug Hicks



SRS EXPEDITION

Use this list to see if you can uncover,
the classrooms you need to discover!

100 Building: Main Office

- 100 Conference Room
- 101 Spanish (Mrs. Giberti)
- 102 Library (Mrs. Terrell)
- 103 Conference Room

200 Building:

- 201 Infant Room
- 201A Toddler Room
- 202C Health Center
- 203 Prekindergarten
- 204 Art (Mrs. Morrison)

300 Building:

- 301 Heron's Nest (Mary Hartz)
- 302 Second Grade (Mr. Blazon)
- 303 First Grade (Mrs. Stewart)
- 304 First Grade (Ms. Burgess)
- 305 Kindergarten (Mrs. Potter)

400 Building:

- 401 Primary Late Night Room
- 402 Fourth Grade (Mrs. Newbery)
- 403 Fourth Grade (Mrs. Berry)
- 404 Third Grade (Mrs. LaRochelle)
- 405 Mr. Matt's Office

500 Building:

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

600 Building:

- 601 Sixth Grade (Mrs. Nevers)
- 602 Language Arts (Mr. Curry)
- 603 Social Studies (Mr. Dow)
- 604 Conference Room
- 605 Admissions/Placement Office
- 606 Director of Student Activities/Fitness Center
- 607 Math (Ms. Raby)
- 608 Language Arts/Math (Mrs. Linden)
- 609 Technology Lab

700 Building:

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

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 first grade, 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.
Douglas Hicks



ANNOUNCING MEET AND GREET DAY!

The ever popular "Meet and Greet Day" will be held on **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, FROM 9:00–10:00AM**. This is a nice opportunity for students and parents to meet their teachers and see classrooms before the first day of school, to calm those first day nerves. All classrooms will be open and faculty will be available during that time for anyone wishing to stop by and say hello. Families may feel free to go directly to their child's classroom.

The Blue Herons Sponsor **Kid's Spot of Hope** *on October 16, 2016 Making Strides Walk*



The **BLUE HERONS OF SHAKER ROAD SCHOOL** will once again sponsor the *Kid's Spot of Hope* tent at the Making Strides, Garden of Hope. Blue Heron team members will be present to provide a simple, safe, fun experience for the youngest participants with activities and crafts. We will also continue to offer the use of our school bus to pick up walkers and survivors that need a lift along the route. If you cannot walk, please consider sponsoring one of our walkers, every little bit helps.

Each year Shaker Road School has a team participating in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in Concord. This will be our 17th year joining the thousands of individuals, community businesses and organizations raising money in the fight against breast cancer. Jayne Crevier has stepped up to volunteer as our new team captain this year. Thank you Jayne!

We invite you to join our team again this year, to continue to help raise awareness and dollars to fight the disease. Your dedication and participation is a vital part of our success.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 16, 2016. You may sign up online today at cancer.org/stridesonline and look for our team, **Blue Herons of Shaker Road**. All registrations need to be entered by September 11th to receive a team shirt with our name on them. Fund raising may continue until bank days!

Please consider being part of our team in some way. Call or e-mail me at j_crevier@shakerroad.com with any questions or to register.

Thank you,
 Jayne Crevier, *Team Captain/Blue Herons of SRS*



Calling All Grandparents and Grandfriends!

Over 300 grandparents and grandfriends joined the Shaker Road School community last fall, for a day in their grandchild's shoes. This first annual Grandparents' Day was an overwhelming success, filled with photo ops, hugs, and wonderful family time. Please mark your calendars for the second annual **GRANDPARENTS' AND GRANDFRIENDS' DAY ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**.

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.

Everyone from Prekindergarten through middle school is welcome. Watch for more details coming soon! If you have any questions feel free to contact Patti Hicks at p_hicks@shakerroad.com. Hope to see you there!

What We Are All About!

The Shaker Road School Parent Teacher Group (PTG) is an active group of volunteers and staff who are dedicated to making a safe, happy, and healthy environment for all of our children.

Membership is open to all teachers, faculty, and parents of children attending Shaker Road School. The PTG supports cooperation among students, teachers, the Administration, and others toward the enhancement of Shaker Road School.

The PTG is involved in various events throughout the school year. Some of these events include the annual Back to School Picnic, Parent Informational Sessions, the SRS Student Directory, the Pancake Breakfast, PTG Family Picnic and BBQ, Grandparents Day, the Annual Pledge Fund Drive, 8th grade class t-shirts, graduation award, and Teacher Appreciation Dinner. All proceeds from the PTG go towards the purchase of student enrichment activities, teacher specialty supplies, and some school equipment such as SmartBoards and projectors to name just a few.

The PTG works diligently to provide support for both the students and faculty. We encourage you to come to the meetings and to volunteer whenever or however you can. Please look for notices posted on the SRS Edline website, the SRS outdoor sign board, in the school buildings for exact dates and times.

The 2016-2017 PTG meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of every month at 4:45 in Room 100 (near the Main Office). We hope to see you soon!

2016-2017 PTG OFFICERS

President: Chris Senko

Secretary: Laura Kozikowski

Treasurer: Isabella Ingram

Faculty Representative: Kim Stewart



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

Thursday, September 8th
from 5:00 — 7:00 PM

The annual PTG back-to-school picnic will be on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, FROM 5-7PM**. Just bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and a picnic dinner and join the fun! This year the PTG is providing everyone with a special treat, DJ Rick Wisler, to entertain everyone with music and games. Cookies, water and juice will also be provided for everyone to enjoy. Hope to see everyone there!