



UPCOMING DATES:

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

- 12/3: Advisory Reports posted – Grades 4-8
- 12/4: PTG meeting room 101 @ 5:00-6:00 PM
- 12/5: Band & Chorus Concert @ 6:30 PM
- 12/6: Parent/Advisor Conference – Grades 4-8
– 4:00—8:00 PM
- 12/6: Capitol Center for the Arts Grades 6 & 7
@ 10:00AM
- 12/8: SSAT @ SRS
- 12/9: PTG Holiday movie and craft evening
@ 4:00 PM
- 12/19: Winter Celebrations; Infants – Grade 4
- 12/20–12/21: Vacation Camp; No classes/child
care available
- 12/24–12/25: SRS CLOSED HOLIDAY BREAK
- 12/26–12/28: Vacation Camp; No classes/child
care available
- 12/31–1/1/19: SRS CLOSED NEW YEAR BREAK
- 1/5/19: SSAT @ SRS
- 1/8/19: First day of Skiing Program – Grades 5-8
- 1/10/19: First day of Skiing Program – Grades K-4
- 1/21/19: SRS CLOSED MLK Jr. DAY
- 1/28/19-2/1/19: Parent-Teacher Conferences –
Grades K-8

**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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**Advisory of the Month:
Friendliness**

**Mrs. Berry's 7th
Grade Advisory**

Trying to decide on a way to convey the theme of friendliness for a Saplings article with a very ambitious group of 7th graders can be challenging. The definition states “friendliness is being a friend, through good times and bad. You take an interest in other people and make them feel accepted.” We are very lucky here at Shaker Road School that our community is made up of students that do just that—they make others feel welcome with a smile, an action, or words—day after day.

Visitors and new students to our school often comment on how welcome they feel during a tour or as a new member of our community. When off campus for field trips or extended adventures, it is frequently noted how friendly and respectful our students are to those they encounter, and that makes a lasting impression.

Through numerous discussions of what our advisory should do for this task, we finally decided to write catch-phrases that we could share with the SRS community. Here are some of our top thoughts on friendliness:

- Go the extra mile with a smile
- Be a good friend, it's the new trend
- Give a smile—it's worthwhile
- Make a new friend! Who knows? They might blend
- Smile first and give a second chance
- Give a smile, it's the new style
- Be a friend until the very end
- Smile for a while
- Include with a positive attitude

With these thoughts in mind, our 7th grade advisory would like you to consider this: what have you done to be friendly today?



LEGO League 2018

This year, Shaker Road School had 31 middle school students on five teams compete in the FIRST LEGO League Qualifying Tournament in Gilford, NH. These teams worked at least twice a week from September through November until their tournament. At the end of the competition, Team Beta earned Presentation Award, Team Delta earned the Robot Design Award, and Team Gamma earned the Robot Performance Award (high score award). Of the five teams, Team Gamma (a team of six 8th grade students and one 6th grader), Team Epsilon (a team of five 7th graders), and Team Delta (a team of three 8th graders and three 7th graders) earned invitations to the State Championship Tournament in December for the chance to compete with the other top teams in the state. Our rookie team, Team Alpha, made a great showing at their first tournament. They programmed multiple missions for their robot, put together a great project, and had fun while gaining valuable experience at the tournament. We can't wait to see what they do next year!

The theme for the 2018-2019 season was Into Orbit. Along with building and programming a robot to autonomously complete mission challenges, the teams were asked to design an innovative solution to solve a problem an astronaut may face during long-term space travel. More than 32,000 teams in 88 nations competed in this challenge hoping to earn an invitation to the World Festival competition through their local Championship Tournaments.

This year's NH State Championship Tournament was held at Windham High School on December 2. After a full day of excellent competition Teams Gamma, Delta, and Epsilon finished 13th, 37th, and 43rd respectively. Over 300 teams from New Hampshire participated in the Regional Tournaments, and 50 were invited to the State Tournament. It was truly an honor to have multiple teams represent Shaker Road School at the state level again this year. This was Shaker Road School's 18th year competing in the FIRST LEGO League challenge. If you'd like more information on how the program works at Shaker Road School or are interested in helping coach a team, please let us know. We couldn't do what we do without our great students, their coaches, and incredibly supportive parents!

Submitted by: Cathy Linden





LEGO League

3rd & 4th Grade

Shaker Road School has been a part of the FIRST LEGO League (FLL) for over a decade. Each year we have several teams from grades 5-8 participate in the league. Our younger students see the LEGO robots and are always eager to get involved! This year, to give our third- and fourth-grade students the opportunity to participate, we joined FIRST LEGO League Junior.

FLL Jr. introduces students to FLL and gives them an opportunity to learn what the program is about. This year, teams were given the task of creating a moon base and incorporating their solution to the problem of getting air, energy, and water while living on the moon. Our two teams, Zeta and Eta, spent time all fall researching the moon, designing their own moon base, engineering a solution to the problem they chose to solve, and programming their robots.

Both teams are excited to attend the FIRST LEGO League Junior Expo at Hollis Brookline High School on Saturday, December 8. At the Expo all participating teams will present their "Show Me" boards to a panel of judges and share their moon base design and answer questions.

Great work this fall, Zeta & Eta!

Submitted by: Nikki Stuppard and Bryan Laliberte

HOLA!

Classroom of the Month: Spanish

The Spanish program at SRS focuses on authentic culture and real-life communication using Spanish. Students in grades pre-K-3 through 9th practice grade-appropriate reading, writing, listening, and speaking and are introduced to cultural facets typical of many Spanish speaking countries. Students employ critical thinking skills as they compare the Spanish language and the cultures of Spanish-speaking countries with their own community. They also connect to other academic subjects by using their knowledge of Spanish to access new information.

If you stop by any of the Spanish classes, you will find the students—beyond their regular practice of reading, writing, and speaking Spanish—singing songs while being a choo-choo train, coloring while learning the names of colors, making next year's calendar for the classroom, filming a movie, or dancing Zumba style. All these activities help students to build knowledge and skills to create a solid foundation in Spanish language and culture.

Feel free to stop by anytime! I love sharing the culture of Spain.

Submitted by: Maria Giberti





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THE SRS PTG

Holiday Craft & Movie Night



**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 9TH, 4PM**

Shaker Road School Auditorium

4:00–5:00: Holiday Crafts, Face Painting, and Pizza!
5:00–5:30: Caroling with Mrs. Minsinger and Friends
5:45–6:15: “Trolls Holiday” the movie

Wear your jammies, bring your favorite blanket or stuffed animal and meet us in the auditorium for a fun craft and movie night with your friends and family. No drop offs please!

Pizza, veggies, fruit, holiday treats and drinks will be provided by the PTG! (Don't eat pizza? Please feel free to bring your dinner)

*****WE ARE ASKING THAT EACH FAMILY BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM FOR The Shaker Road Food Drive. ALL ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO A LOCAL FOOD PANTRY FOR THE HOLIDAYS*****