



**UPCOMING
DATES:**

For more information consult
Edline or your school calendar.

9/8: First Day of School

9/13-9/17:
Leadership
Retreat for 8th grade

9/13-9/17:
Winnisquam Ecology
School for 6th grade

9/14-9/17:
AMC Trip for 7th grade

9/23: High School Placement
Meeting (5:30 PM)

9/24: School Picture Day —
Smile!

9/27: Virtual Grandparents'
Day

9/29: Team Picture Day —
Bring your jersey

**NOTES FROM THE
EDITOR:**

Look for *Saplings* on PowerSchool 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.

EDITOR: Patti Hicks
COPY EDITOR: Tad Curry



Dear Shaker Road School Families:

We are excited to welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year. I offer a special welcome to 35 new families joining us next week. We are thrilled to have you in our community. I hope everyone had a chance this summer to relax, get outside, and spend quality time with their families. After a challenging *and* successful year in 2020, we look forward to a greater sense of normalcy this year. Though life at school will not return to pre-2020 normal, we certainly learned how to adjust and adapt last year and will use that knowledge moving into this year. As always, we work to provide a rich academic, social, and safe learning environment for all in our community.

One of our goals this year is to increase the number of opportunities students have to interact with their peers and participate in activities temporarily shelved last year. Despite our successes, we were keenly aware of the toll isolation took on students and teachers. As such, we will work to safely return school activities including sports, trips, music ensembles, and school meetings. We will continue to utilize outdoor learning areas, wear masks indoors, and practice other Covid safety measures that kept our community healthy and safe like last year. Hopefully, with continued diligence in our region, we can safely return to an even more normal condition. More information will be sent soon about Covid protocols, but much of what kept us safe last year will remain, only without as many restrictions on student interaction and activities. Of course, with this pandemic, everything is subject to change. Let's hope for vaccines for younger students soon.

I want to acknowledge our amazing teachers for their dedication to the children and the school. Many of our teachers work year-round, transitioning from classrooms to directing our summer program, Camp Shaker, taking on a camp counselor role, building the new school schedule, and even working in maintenance. They also spent much of the summer developing an even more robust after school activities block from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM. Students have more choices than ever to stretch themselves in cocurricular activities. I am excited to coach soccer, mountain biking with third and fourth graders, watch middle school students program robots, and enjoy the many activities scheduled for this fall. All students are encouraged to participate in a variety of after-school activities. This is a wonderful way to participate in experiential learning and build community outside of the academic day.

When I dropped my daughters at their boarding school last weekend, I noticed a different energy than last fall. Gone was the level of anxiety of a year ago. Safety precautions were in place, but students seemed more relaxed and happier returning to school and greeting their friends. I anticipate it will be the same at Shaker on September 8 when we open for the 2021-2022 school year. As you prepare for the first day, be sure to soak up the last few rays of summer sun this weekend. I look forward to seeing you next week.

Sincerely,
Matthew S. Hicks, PhD
Principal, Shaker Road School, P'17 P'19

Virtual Grandparents' and Grandfriends Day

Historically SRS has hosted our annual Grandparents' and Grandfriends Day each fall. Due to the Pandemic and the inherit risks for our guests and the students, we decided to have a virtual Grandparents' Day on September 27. The details for the event will be coming soon so families will have the opportunity to notify their Grandparents and Grandfriends.



See if you can use this list,
To find your classroom lickety split!

100 BUILDING: MAIN OFFICE

- 100 Spanish (Ms. Carrington)
- 101 Second Grade (Mrs. LaRoche)
- 102 Main Offices
- 104 Library (Mrs. Potter)

200 BUILDING:

- 201 Infant
- 201-B Toddler One
- 202 Toddler Two
- 203 Heron's Nest—School Store (Mary Hartz)
- 204 Second Grade (Mrs. Waters)

300 BUILDING:

- 301 PreK 3 (Marie Washburn & Rielly Mann)
- 302 PreK 3 (Nikki Stuppard & Tania Minery)
- 303 PreK 3/4 (Emily Perlet & Ceil Wilson)
- 304 PreK 4 (Maria Lennon & Jackie Clarke)
- 305 PreK 4 (Frances Witte-Holland)

400 BUILDING:

- 401 Kindergarten (Mrs. Stockhaus)
- 402 First Grade (Mrs. Stewart)
- 403 First Grade (Miss Poirier)
- 404 Kindergarten (Ms. Burgess)
- 405 Conference Room

500 BUILDING:

- 501 Fourth Grade (Mr. Laliberte)
- 502 Third Grade (Mrs. Daniels)
- 503 Fifth Grade (Ms. Carter)
- 503 Auditorium
- 504 Fifth Grade (Mrs. Newbery)

600 BUILDING:

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

700 BUILDING:

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

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.



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

Welcoming New Teachers



Delaney Poirier is a graduate of Plymouth State University with a degree in Elementary Education and a minor in Sociology and Anthropology.

Prior to continuing her education at Plymouth, Delaney graduated from New Hampshire Technical Institute with a degree in Early Childhood Education and worked in the toddler room at SRS. Teaching has always been a dream of Delaney's and she is excited to begin her career teaching first grade at SRS. When she is not in her classroom, she spends time at the beach with her family and friends. Delaney is also an avid runner and is currently training for the 2021 Chicago Marathon.

Meghan Stockhaus is a native New Hampshire resident, and a 2009 graduate of Shaker Road School! She has a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and a Master's degree in Literacy: Reading and Language Arts from New England College. Meghan has been part of the Shaker Road community for years, working after school, summer camp, and most recently as one of our Prekindergarten teachers. In her spare time, Meghan likes spending time with her husband and their dog, camping, playing soccer and disc golf.



Update from the Placement Office

As the SRS Class of 2022 begins their eighth-grade year, they accept the challenge of not only juggling the high standards of a full academic course load but they 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 of the Shaker kids go to 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 8th 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 2001-2021 Shaker Road School students were accepted at the following schools. An asterisk () denotes matriculation.*

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| *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 th 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 |