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Somerset High Students Return to School: Hatless!

Valerie Costa

When the students of Somerset High returned to begin their '96-'97 school year, there was something different about many people's heads; you could see hair. A new school rule, that bans the wearing of hats and coats inside the school building, was enacted at the start of this school year.

According to the Student/Parent Handbook for 1996-1997, "For reasons involving safety and security, students are prohibited from wearing coats and other garments designed primarily for outdoor use in the school building during hours when school is in session. Also the wearing of hats and other head attire including scarves, bandanas, etc. is prohibited in the building during school hours, except at the discretion of the principal when an individual student's health and/or well being may be exceptional." If this policy is violated, then one detention (1st offense), one in-school-suspension (2nd offense), and/or one out of school suspension (3rd offense), will be assigned.

Mr. Rebello, Somerset High School principal, said the new policy is working well and so far there has only been one incident where a student refused to take off his hat. The proper disciplinary code was followed and there have been no other violations of the new policy since then.

Two years ago, the hat and coat ban was added to the School Improvement Plan due to a security issue. Since there had been two incidents of concealment of contraband in hats, a proposal was made to the School Advisory

Council to ban hats and coats in the school building.

Simultaneously, the Student Council formed a sub-committee to review the issue during the beginning of February last year. The Student Council voted unanimously to oppose the possible ban of hats. The Hats sub-committee, consisting of 15 student council members, decided to take a position against the proposal.

In the spring, the School Advisory Council voted unanimously to ban coats and 9-2 to ban hats. Their main reason for the hat ban was that they believed that hats didn't promote a positive learning environment for the school. This decision was not the official one, though, since the School Committee has the final say in school policy.

On June 13, at the School Committee meeting, the Student Council Hats sub-committee presented a case explaining why hats should not be banned. The main reason was based on a law in Massachusetts that bans dress codes in public schools unless there are one of three problems. These involve hats being a health hazard, safety hazard or disturbing the educational process. The Hats sub-committee argued that hats did not cause any of these problems.

Also, Mr. Marchand, an English teacher, was present at the School Committee meeting and he spoke against the ban. Even as students arrive to his class hatless, he still believes that hats shouldn't

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Senior Privileges: Will They Soon Be a Thing of the Past?

Leslie Crofton

There has been a lot of talk generated lately about the status of senior privileges at Somerset High School. The majority of seniors seem to be relatively secure in the knowledge that they will be granted the traditional senior privileges during their final year at Somerset High. Well, seniors, you can officially rest assured. Mr. Pineault, senior class advisor and new vice principal, has informed me that there will be no change in policy pertaining to the long-awaited perks of being a senior during this 1996-1997 school year. Senior students will continue to have free periods, be allowed to leave the building prior to the end of the school day (if and only if they have completed their classes for the day, have had a senior privilege form signed by a parent or guardian, and have

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And the Survey Says.....

Jessica Lagasse

Yup! According to the results of the 1995 American Drug and Alcohol Survey, drug use by students in Somerset is on the rise. This survey, which was taken by all Somerset students in grades six through twelve last November, is indicative of the increasing national use of drugs by the younger generation.

With such a potentially serious issue, it is necessary to understand the specifics of this survey. Administered one day in homeroom, the survey is a totally anonymous questionnaire. Asking the student questions regarding what drugs he/she uses,

how often he/she uses them, and the availability of these drugs to him/her, the survey is an attempt at identifying what problems need to be addressed by the educators and the school system itself.

So, which drugs are being used? The survey shows that in 1995, marijuana and alcohol were the most prevalent drugs used by students at Somerset High School. This same year, 31% of freshman, 50% of sophomores, 52% of juniors, and 60% of seniors have used marijuana at least once in the past twelve months. 67% of freshman, 79% of sophomores, 90% of juniors, and 85% of seniors say

that they have used alcohol at least once in the past twelve months. Other drugs, such as cocaine, inhalants, downers, and stimulants are present within the student body but not to the degree

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Mr. Pineault: A Familiar Face in a New Position

Angela Pieroni
Caitlin Botelho

As many of you have already noticed there is a new face in the main office handling vice principal duties. Mr. Pineault our new vice principal has a well-rounded background in school systems. He has been teaching at Somerset High School for eleven years now. He was formerly a teacher and an administrator for fifteen years at Durfee High School.

After teaching for 26 years he felt he needed a new challenge. It was not just the challenge that enticed him to become vice principal, but the opportunity to get more involved with the school and faculty. He enjoys being able to make decisions, and also being involved in determining where Somerset High School is headed for the year 2000. Although he enjoys the job of vice principal, it was not easy to leave the classroom.

Being a vice principal involves many responsibilities pertaining to the school. Many students think he is just a disciplinarian, but there is a lot more involved. Mr. Pineault is in charge of many student and faculty needs. He organizes bus transportation, school activities, the master schedule, and much more. To him the main purpose of his job is to make Somerset High School run smoothly. He does not do it alone though. He said, "My job is a lot easier because of the outstanding staff. I could not do it alone."

The biggest responsibility, in Mr. Pineault's eyes, is dealing with discipline that cannot

be handled in the classroom. "It becomes difficult when you are dealing with a student that, no matter what, never sees the light," says Mr. Pineault. "As a vice principal you have to know when you have done all you can do and realize others need your assistance."

Although Mr. Pineault has a busy day he is available to help students. During first period he is normally busy doing disciplinary paperwork. During passing time you can find him in the halls. At lunch he can be found in the cafeteria. Some parts of his days are occupied by meetings and unplanned events such as conflicts among students. These are just a few of his multiple everyday duties.

As the vice principal, Mr. Pineault has set goals for the school. His main goal for Somerset High School is to provide the best environment for the school. He believes attendance is important for educational success. He hopes to keep Somerset High School a safe and educational place.

Mr. Pineault has started out on the right foot, following his own advice. Mr. Pineault's encouraging advice to students of Somerset High School is, "Don't wait until your senior year to work hard. You should prepare for the future. You should make the most of your High School years. They should be the best years of your life." Mr. Pineault has already worked hard and is succeeding at improving Somerset High School.

Let There Be Light

Nicole Martins

Let there be light, and there will be. This fall, sports events will be a little brighter for athletes and spectators. Somerset High School is planning to put up lights on the football field, and, according to Mr. Horton, they should prove to be very beneficial to Somerset High School and the athletic department.

The lights will enable various teams, such as football, field hockey, and soccer, to play night games. Having the games at night will enable more parents and spectators to come and watch the games. This, in turn, will bring in more revenue for the athletic program.

Although this is great news for Somerset High, some Somerset residents are voicing their concerns. Residents on Prospect Street and other side streets are worried about crowds, noise levels, the glare the lights will cause, and parking issues.

Mr. Horton has taken control of the situation and is "taking these concerns very seriously." Mr. Horton explained that the crowds and noise levels will be contained via the police officers who will be in attendance at the night's activities. The glare is tolerable and is not bright enough to cause even minor problems. Also, games will be finished by 9:30; not too late for those residents who want to turn in early. Lastly, Mr. Horton pointed out that there is ample parking on school grounds, but even so, there will be a parking ban on Prospect Street and some side streets when there is a night activity.

The lights can go up in as little as two weeks and be ready for use at the end of November. This is provided that no one decides to appeal the decision to put up the lights.

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Survey

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that marijuana and alcohol are.

Should we be alarmed? Well, the average national percentage of students who used marijuana was, in 1995, 35%. That is substantially lower than the numbers in Somerset. However, Mr. Grant, the town's health education coordinator, added that these numbers, while being slightly higher than the nationwide average, are still lower than those in some surrounding communities. The nationwide alcohol statistics are not available for 1995 so there is no way to tell where Somerset lies in the national scene this year. However, in 1993 the average was 77% compared with 81% of Somerset seniors using alcohol.

This alcohol and other drug use is not taking place in school, however. The survey showed that the majority of drugs are used at night with friends and at parties. Of those students who have used drugs, 29% of freshman, 49% of sophomores, 50% of juniors and 53% of seniors answered that they use drugs at night while they are hanging around. 24% of freshman, 41% of sophomores, 47% of juniors and 48% of seniors say that they use drugs while they are at parties. These statistics prove that the problem of drug use needs to be addressed at home as well as at school.

The school system has decided that it is their responsibility to do what they can to discourage this

drug use. As a result of these surveys, Somerset has begun to reform its health curriculum to address the changing trends of drug use. Through educating students about the possible dangers of drug use, Mr. Grant and the other health teachers hope to deter teenagers from using these drugs. Also, each school in the system has an Intervention Team made up of faculty members. These groups meet at their respective schools and discuss drug problems and possible solutions to these problems. There have also been some additional counseling programs added to the high school which function to offer assistance to students who feel that they need help. Whatever the situation, Mr. Grant urges anyone who feels that he/she has a problem to let someone know.

Lastly, for all of those skeptical people who do not trust the survey, the results, according to Mr. Grant, are accurate. While the results are being tabulated, any that are weird or unrealistic are automatically thrown out. In the 1995 survey, 2%-4% of the total were discarded in Somerset. This eliminates the likelihood that the results are false.

This is a growing problem not only for Somerset but also for the nation. It is everyone's problem and everyone must work together to try and find a safe and healthy solution.



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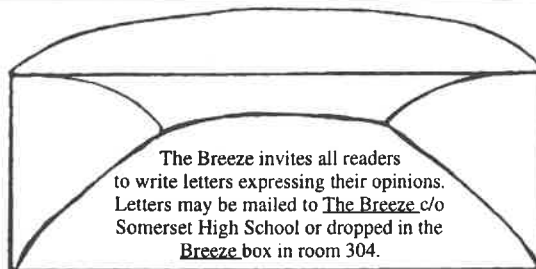
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Commentary



The Editor's Voice

Margaret Peachy

The purpose of an editorial is to give an editor a chance to voice his/her opinion. In the past the editors of the *Breeze* have used this outlet effectively. Other staff writers have also contributed opinion pieces to the *Breeze*. Despite the fact that some of these articles thoughtfully criticized questionable activities or policies at Somerset High School, there has never been a response from the faculty or administration.



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These pieces were written with the intention and hope of bringing about a change to make the student body happier. Perhaps the writers were ignored so that they would feel powerless. Or maybe the people who could have made a difference were embarrassed and did not have the courage to respond. It is also quite possible that they felt that the condition did not need to be amended. Whatever the case may be, even a simple acknowledgement of the issues raised would promote better communication and mutual respect.

The editors will continue publishing pieces like the ones mentioned above, and we are looking forward to publishing more letters to the editors this year. The *Breeze* gives Somerset students a voice, a voice that does not want to be ignored.

One editorial that should have at least triggered a letter to the editor was "A Rank Odor at Somerset High School" by Paul Golaszewski. This award-winning editorial questioned Somerset's system of tabulating class rank. The editorials "Hell in the Halls" (about the nasty conditions in the corridors) and "College Confusion" (about the need for more guidance for juniors and less for freshmen) also should have received responses. The results of the *Breeze* survey and students' letters to the editor concerning the proposed hat and coat ban were also dismissed. "A Waste of Time", a column about Wellness Night, apparently was a waste of time and space since it, too, was seemingly

Hope for the Future

Andrew Machado

THE RED SOX WILL NOT WIN THE WILD CARD. By now, at this point in the season, everyone out there must realize that the Red Sox have little or no chance to make the playoffs. In fact, their supposed hunt for a playoff berth is only a statistical possibility, when in reality the Sox are done for the season. This is by no means a startling revelation; however, I believe my view is just a little different from the norm: The Red Sox will not make the playoffs, and that is a good thing.



Assume, hypothetically, that the Sox make the playoffs as the wild card entry. I think this could only hurt their development in the long run because: a) it would raise expectations for next year, b) they would surely suffer a painful, losing series in the first round, and c) it would help to give a false impression of an otherwise disappointing year. All year long, the team failed miserably, and to put a positive spin on the end of the season would help to overshadow some of the team's glaring problems.

However, THERE IS HOPE. It is no secret that the Sox have plenty of talent... it is just a matter of using that talent to win games. Anyone who has seen or read about Nomar Garciaparra knows the 23-year-old shortstop has a promising future in the big leagues, but he's just the tip of the

iceberg. Jeff Suppan is just 20 years old, but already has had several stints with Boston. He is considered to be their best pitching prospect and surprises everyone who watches him with excellent control and poise beyond his years. Carl Pavano and Brian Rose are also considered two I can't miss prospects after outstanding years with Double A Trenton (Some of you out there may remember

Brian Rose from a few years back when he pitched for Dartmouth High and dominated many of the area schools... Somerset included). Walt McKeel had an impressive year behind the plate at Trenton where his strong arm and good average (over .300) prompted a call-up to the Sox after Mike Stanley's neck injury. Rudy Pemberton was also added to the Sox late in the year based on his excellent statistics in the Pawtucket outfield. Rafael Orellano is another pitcher in the system with promise, even after a horrendous start in Triple A this year. Boston's relatively young bullpen is sometimes shaky, but hopefully will mature nicely with the development of Joe Hudson, Kerry Lacy, and Rich Garces. The problem seems to remain with (once again) The Closer (or lack thereof).

So much was said in the heat of the pennant race last year about losing close games in the late in-

nings due to awful relief pitching that G. M. Dan Duquette traded for Rick Aguilera. At season's end, Aguilera left and Duquette traded for Heathcliffe Slocumb. Duquette also traded to reacquire Lee Tinsley, and to get Wil Cordero; all four are examples of where Duquette's philosophy of not trading away young talent for a quick fix went right out the proverbial window. Aguilera performed beautifully, but returned to Minnesota under free agency. Slocumb has been an utter flop and shows no signs of reliability, a closer's greatest asset. Tinsley has put up reasonably decent numbers, but has been relegated to back-up status with the arrival of Darren Bragg. Cordero has been non-existent, suffering a knee in

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Online Services: What's best?

Adam Lawrence

Of the many on line services available today, which is the best? I hope my reviews will help you decide which service has the best content for your hard earned cash. I cannot review all services out there because I don't have the time (and in some cases the money), but I can tell you the prices of the services I didn't review and let you decide. The online world is a quickly changing business, therefore this information may be outdated when you read this, but I made it as up-to-date as I could. All that having been said, on with the review!

First of all, I'll review WOW (Windows 95 only, \$17.95 a month-unlimited access), the service I'm using now. Here are the positives: access to the World Wide Web, a variety of chatrooms (beware-psycho galore...), many bulletin boards (see warning for chat rooms), and one flat rate for unlimited use (you'll find out why it has to be unlimited soon...). And of course the negatives (cue: foreboding music): it is reeeeeeeally sloooooooow (if you think I'm exaggerating, ask any WOW user) there's no FTP, GOPHER, or newsgroups, it doesn't show the URL, the address of the web site, when using the World Wide Web. It's darn near impossible to sign on between 6:00pm and 9:00pm. There isn't much content in the service itself (that doesn't include what people say in chat rooms, or World Wide Web pages). It's also

possible for other users to "clone" you while in chat rooms, make it look like you said something you didn't. While it is mostly the user's fault, WOW should have a feature to prevent this. Other than that it's just peachy keen!

Here's America OnLine, (Windows, Mac, DOS \$9.95 a month for 5 hours \$2.95 each additional hour) the service I used before I started with WOW. Positives are: World Wide Web access, greater quantity and better quality chat rooms, a cleaner, more familiar interface than most others, full newsgroup, FTP and Gopher access, many bulletin boards, special interest areas, many users (more people to interact with), and online gaming. Now the negatives: only 5 hours, (while it sounds like a lot, anyone who has been online will tell you it isn't); that's about it. America OnLine is a good bargain.

Now, Prodigy (Windows, Mac \$9.95 a month for 10 hours, \$2.95 each additional hour), the first service I used. The positives are: you get more for your money than America OnLine, and, uh, well, that's about it. The negative is: the "clunky", old, DOS-feeling interface. Don't waste your time or money on it!

Now here are the "vital statistics" of a service I haven't used. Compuserve-\$8.95 a month, unlimited time, Windows, Mac. There are other, smaller services that I don't have information on (Genie, Delphi); try them if you want; I haven't heard great things about them.

What it all boils down to is this-it's your money. If speed is no object, go for WOW. If you want speed, and have money to burn I'd recommend AOL.

NADA SURF/SUPERDRAG Concert

Hillary Collins

Nada Surf and Superdrag are fresh new, bands that play at nightclubs and at concert halls. I went to see these bands at the Strand, a nightclub for alternative bands, in Providence, RI. The show also included a local band called Gravel Pit. The show was exceptional because the speakers were booming and the lights were beaming with different shades of color. They also gave away lots of FREE stuff like stickers and buttons. Band T-shirts were only twelve to twenty dollars. The bands had records which were only three dollars a piece. They also gave away posters with anything you bought.

The Strand is a clean and tasteful place. The good part about going to the Strand is meeting the band. I met the band Superdrag while standing near the souvenir stand. I told them how good they were and that they looked so cool in real life rather than on TV. About an hour later I met the lead singer of Nada Surf right before we left. He was very good looking and very talkative. The singer told me he liked the Strand and I congratulated him on a wonderful job. This concert was one of the best I've ever been to.

Phenomenon

Sarah Schenker

I saw the movie Phenomenon over summer vacation. I found it to be exciting, humorous, sad, sentimental, and romantic.

The star of the movie is John Travolta. He did an outstanding acting job. Travolta plays a man with extraordinary powers which he got on the night of his birthday. His powers allow him to read a couple of books in a day and learn a language in a car ride. He can even predict the acts of nature. One time in the movie he feels an earthquake before anyone else. These powers make him PHENOMENAL. In this story he also falls in love with a beautiful lady. I was really surprised by the ending of the movie.

I really enjoyed this movie except for the ending. I recommend for you to go see this movie.



More to Fear

Shannon Araujo

The New Fear by R.L. Stine is set in the early 1900's in a town called Shadyside, Shadowcove, and, in the beginning of the book, a mental asylum. The main characters are Nora Goode, Nicholas (Nora's son), and Daniel Fear. The main idea of the book is that Nicholas wants to marry a beautiful, rich girl named Roselyn. Roselyn's father feels that Nicholas is too poor. While Nicholas's mother is dying she tells him that his father has left him a legacy. Nicholas leaves for Shadyside at once in hopes that once he has his legacy, he can marry Roselyn.

When Nicholas gets to Shadyside he meets Mr. Manning who owns all the Fear land. Mr. Manning gives Nicholas a job at the mill. At the mill he meets Ike, Jay, and Ruth Manning, Mr. Manning's daughter. Suddenly strange accidents start to happen, and Jay blames Nicholas.

I thought it was a good story. It was a very easy book to read. I think other people would like it if they had read other Fear Street Saga books. You can find this book at any book store or library. If you have already read this book, look for there is a new series coming out soon.

The Web Connection

compiled by Rebecca Sablo

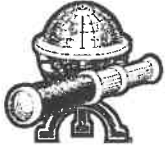
There are thousands of web sites on the internet. Unfortunately, not all sites are advertised. The purpose of this column is to introduce the readers to a few of the interesting and informative sites of the web.

SATs and PSATs are just weeks away. Although the Kaplan site is commercial, it offers links to other interesting sites, test taking advice, and college info. Check out Kaplan at <http://www.kaplan.com>.

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Perspectives



European Summer by Bryan Franco

Instead of flipping burgers or hanging out at the beach this summer, I decided to broaden my cultural awareness. Along with thirty other students from this area I traveled for four weeks throughout Western Europe. For the next few issues of The Breeze I would like to share a few passages from a journal I kept while overseas.

July 5, 1996

2:30 pm

Well, we are off. I have just boarded the bus and we are headed for J.F.K. Airport in New York City.

8:30 pm

We have finally arrived at the airport. We all wait excitedly for the plane.

10:00 pm

We have boarded the plane and are learning the proper emergency procedures. I am very nervous about the takeoff.

11:00 pm

Well, we are finally in the air. Everything is great except for the cheesy 80's movie. I think I will take a nap to pass the time.

Midnight

I was just woken up by the flight attendant. She told me that it is time for dinner. I looked at my watch and it said midnight. "A little late for dinner don't you think?" "Not in London," the attendant replied with a cute, British accent.

10:00 am

(Big Ben's time) We finally touched down. We then gathered our luggage and boarded the coach bus. The coach driver was moaning and groaning because he had to load our luggage. The complaints were too much for me after a night on a crowded plane. "Hey, you get paid big bucks for loading the luggage so please stop your complaints," I said out the window. Needless to say, I got stuck loading everyone's luggage and I wasn't paid. My fun in Europe had just begun.

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Bryan (far right) with his German friend.

A Summer Aboard the H.M.S. Bounty

Jonathan Azevedo

Many high school students spend their summer vacation working, sleeping, or sunning themselves at a beach. This is a great way to spend a vacation, but I was fortunate enough to spend my summer as few ever will, as a crew member on a tall ship. The Tall Ship Bounty Foundation has a program allowing area students to become members of the H.M.S. Bounty's volunteer crew.

As crew members, we performed routine maintenance of the ship, learned the history of

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A Norwegian Exchange

Beth Boulay

There are lots of new people at Somerset High this year. On of them is Heidi Soyland. Heidi is an exchange student from Stravanger, Norway. She is a sophomore this year and is living with Jen and Jackie Plunkett. Recently, I talked to Heidi and asked her about her life in Norway and her thoughts on the U.S. and Somerset High.

Heidi got the opportunity to come to the U.S. by sending in an application to be an exchange student. Well, now it is October and she has already been here for over a month. Heidi plans to stay for the whole school year.

Heidi plays the trumpet in Marching, Symphonic, and Concert band. Heidi is also fluent in five languages: Norwegian, English, French, Swedish, and Danish.

Heidi said her school in Nor-

way is very different than schools here. For one thing, in Norway students have the same class all the time, just different teachers. Also, students have ten minutes between classes to do whatever they want. There is also no cafeteria in her school; the kids all go home for lunch. Heidi said that sometimes a teacher will cancel a class for no reason and the kids can go home or go on a walk.

Heidi told me that she likes Somerset High, but it is very crowded compared to what she is used to. She said it is easier to make friends here because people are friendlier. When I asked her if she would like to come back to the U.S. someday, she said yes, but she wouldn't want to live here. Heidi said it still feels like vacation now, but after a year she will be ready to go home because she really misses her friends and family back in Norway.



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A view of Bounty's sail from the deck.
(photo by Jonathan Azevedo)



Around.....School

The Stage is Set for Drama

Beth Bailey

If you could describe a good coach some adjectives you might use would be: energetic, enthusiastic, inventive and experienced. It seems as if Somerset High School will be getting all these things with the most recent addition to its staff. The new drama coach, Mr. David Sullivan, is anticipated by some students to be just the boost the theater program needs.

A 1988 graduate of Somerset High School, Mr. Sullivan was involved in drama as a high school student. He pursued his interest in the performing arts at Providence College, where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Theater. The next step in his theater education was a Master's in Theater and Drama from Brown University. Mr. Sullivan also learned the art of performing by participating in numerous local productions, as well as spending time performing in summer stock in Killington, Vermont. While performing on stage in many shows, he has not missed out on the teaching aspect of the theater. Mr. Sullivan has also directed and taught in the Providence College Theater Department.

The 1996-7 school year will start with a new program for the Drama Club. Mr. Sullivan plans to offer a series of workshops on performing for anyone interested. He has also decided the first drama production for the year will be a theatrical adaptation of A Christmas Carol. Auditions will be held during the first week of October. A musical or another drama, possibly Shakespeare, is planned for the spring. Mr. Sullivan extends an open invitation to everyone with an interest in any aspect of the theater. From actually performing, to set crews, to costumes and makeup, even helping with publicity; any assistance is needed.

Music Notes

Amy Branco



As usual, the music department is already preparing for their busy fall season. On August 21, marching band camp began. Since then, the band has been working very hard on their shows for this year, including selections by the group Chicago and Olympic fanfares & songs.

Meanwhile, the other performing groups are all ready preparing for their first concert. For several of these groups, this concert will take place in October, during the 23rd Musictown Festival. The dates for the festival, along with some other important dates this month are listed below.

Please attend some of these events. You are guaranteed to enjoy them.

OCTOBER DATES FOR MUSIC DEPARTMENT:

- October 10, 1996 - Musictown Festival XXIII Ball - 6:00 p.m.
- October 12, 1996 - Kiddies Day - 9:00 a.m.
- October 16, 1996 - Concert Night - 7:00 p.m.
- October 17, 1996 - Pops Night - 7:00 p.m.
- October 20, 1996 - Grand Day Field Shows - 10:45 a.m., Parade - 2:00 p.m.

College Night '96

The guidance departments of Somerset High School and Case High School are sponsoring College Night '96 on Thursday October 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Somerset High School. This is the 21st fall college night sponsored by the two high schools. Admissions representatives from over 100 schools will be in attendance. They include New England state universities, colleges, junior and technical institutions. Admissions officers are seated at tables in the Somerset High School and cafeteria. Catalogues and applications from the various schools will be available for distribution, and representatives will be prepared to answer questions regarding programs, admissions and financial aid.

This event is open to parents and students who attend high schools in the area. All attending are asked to please use the Luther Avenue entrance.



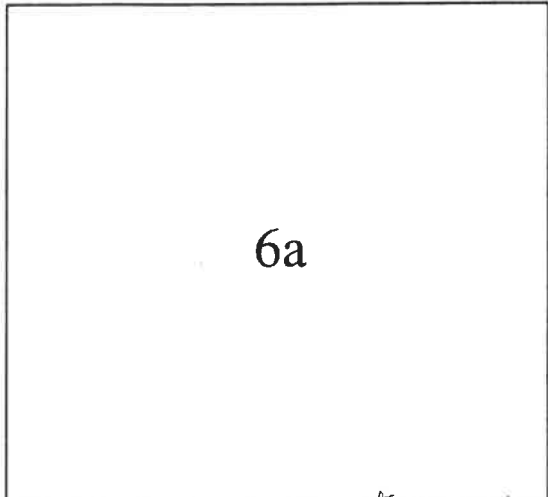
Peer Leadership: Join Now!

Valerie Costa

Do you like being an active member of your school and community? Does helping at a soup kitchen sound like an interesting experience? If so, join Peer Leadership. This group, which meets regularly on many new things. So far this year, the peer leaders assisted the freshmen at Freshmen Orientation Day. This annual event turned out to be a success, without too many freshmen getting lost.

Many other events are also being planned for this year. Right now, seniors Jessica Lagasse and Alison Parent are heading the get-well card committee every two weeks to student Jim Friar. Jim Friar was in a bad car crash and will need the school's support. The get-well card is in the school store for anyone who wishes to sign it.

Peer Leadership is always looking for new members. Just come on in and see what this group is all about.



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Freshmen prepare themselves for their first cafeteria experience. For more freshman orientation pictures, see p. 10.

(photo by Beth Bailey)



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Bustin Into the Olympics

Margaret Peachy

In 1985 Pam Bustin graduated from Somerset High School with the dream of one day playing on the U.S.A. Olympic field hockey team. This summer in Atlanta her dream was finally realized.

Bustin remembers that at age nine, while watching the 1976 Olympic Games on her family's new color television set, she told her father that one day she would play in the Olympics. At that time she did not know which sport would be her ticket but when Somerset's Sue Marcellus made the 1980 Olympic field hockey team Bustin knew. While playing field hockey at SHS, Bustin was dreaming of international play but worked on improving her game just for the love of the sport.

*Thanks for the interest!
Good luck and
No Raiders!
Pam Bustin*

Before she was introduced to field hockey, Bustin felt that softball was her strong point. But soon she fell in love with field hockey and saw the opportunities that lay ahead "like college scholarships and U.S.A. dreams."

Bustin shares many of the same experiences with Somerset students today. Some of her most

influential teachers were Mr. Crouch, Mr. McNamara, Ms. Fitz, Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Brezinski, Ms. Goodwin, Mrs. Reidy, Mr. Day, Mr. Peachy, Mr. Sullivan, and Ms. Curt. She was a member of National Honor Society and was on the yearbook staff. She also played field hockey, basketball and softball. Bustin has many fond memories of her days as a Blue Raider. Some of those memories are going to the Super Bowl her freshman year; playing in various state tournaments in field hockey, basketball and softball; the Case Rallies; the senior camping trip; and graduation.

The field hockey team followed a few traditions while Bustin was on the team and some of them are still followed. The team would wear their uniforms to school on game days. Also, they often had a team dinner on the night before a game and then sneak out to decorate the coach's house. Before every game the team would silently walk out of the locker room and onto the field in a single file line before going into its warm-up.

Bustin offers some advice for aspiring Olympians: "One becomes an Olympian, or a success, every day. Dedication, focus, perspective, determination and faith builds a better person once the games are over, or the goal is reached. Success is continuing to become a better person."

Blue Raider Football Kicks Off Season

Andrew Machado

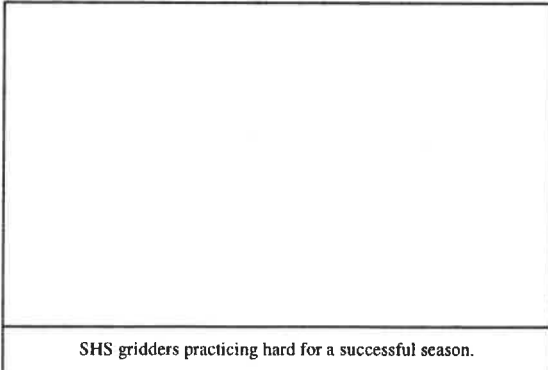
"Cautiously Optimistic." Those are the words Coach John Wright used to describe his outlook for the 1996-97 season of the Somerset Blue Raider football team. And by all indications, this could very well be a good year for Somerset's gridders. This year's team looks to be solid all around, with some strengths on both sides of the ball.

The Raiders return many of the skill positions, and, with any luck, may make a run at the E.A.C. title. Senior quarterback Matt Silva leads an explosive offense, as demonstrated by the 21-12 win over King Philip Regional. Silva and the Somerset coaches used the no-huddle offense to perfection and caught King Philip off-guard on the opening drive, capping it off with the first of three touchdown passes to senior Josh Plosker. Plosker, a standout at both tight-end and linebacker, is poised for a huge year, and senior Kevin Lopes returns at split-end, giving the team an effective, proven passing attack. On the ground, Somerset returns seniors Jay Vincelle and Eric Rocha, at tailback and fullback, respectively. Both backs ran wild in the victory, Vincelle gaining 95 yards on 14 carries, and Rocha gaining 62 on 11 carries. All told, the Raiders totaled 248 yards on the ground in their first game of the season. While the points

were not put up on the ground, it does not appear to be a concern because the pass was the early choice. However, look for Wright and his staff to use the run as their weapon of choice in the future.

On defense, the '96 Raiders look like a solid and deep unit. There's a strong group of veterans returning, and the defensive line looks to surprise some teams with the depth of their unit. The linebackers return Plosker and Paul Labao, and an inexperienced, but capable, secondary is led by Lopes. Despite two mental errors resulting in touchdowns, this group looks to develop as the season progresses, with the errors just being attributed to "first-game nerves."

These mental errors were two of many in the game, by both the offense and defense, which resulted in too many penalties for the dissatisfied Wright. Yet, one can't forget the fact that it was the first game of the season, and there's plenty of time to correct mistakes. All in all, it was not a bad showing for the first game of the year. As with any team, a winning season is a good season, and in the eyes of athletic trainer Michael Pomerteau, a reasonable, "safe" estimate for this year would be a record of 6-5. However, "Pom" and Wright both can't help but hope for more out of this year's impressive Raider team.



SHS gridders practicing hard for a successful season.

A Chance To Win It All

Jamie Norman

The 1996 boy's soccer team has as great a chance as any to be the best in their division and bring home the league championship this season. Coach Horton feels that this is one of the most talented teams he has ever coached. The team did not really feel the impact of last year's seniors graduating, although a few main players' absence will be felt greater than others. Many of the starters from last season returned to take over their positions once again this season.

Coach Horton has been put in an incredible predicament because of the outrageous number of players on the varsity team. With 28 players, it will be difficult to find equal playing time for each of them. The starting team is very skilled and experienced, but most players off the bench have more than enough skill to play at the varsity level. There should never be a problem finding someone to fill any of the positions on the field.

There are several differences between this year's soccer program and last year's. For one, Mr. Paul DeMello will be taking over as this year's junior varsity coach. Also, this year's varsity tri-captains are Kevin Faria, Jimmy Liakos, and Jamie Norman. This year also marked the largest number of players signing up in many years. The team is prospering and should have many winning seasons ahead.

Many things are expected from this year's team, and one of its main goals is making the post-season tournament. Last year was the first time in seven years that the team made it, and if the team plays at the level it is capable of, then making the tournament again should be no problem. The team is looking very strong in the early season and continue its success on through the season and into the post-season.

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A New Face on the Field

Kelly Arruda

There is a new varsity field hockey coach this year, and while she may be new to coaching, she is no stranger to Somerset High School or the game of field hockey.

Jen Dopart began playing field hockey in seventh grade at South Middle School. She then continued playing at Somerset High School. When she graduated in 1992 she went on to play field hockey at Providence College where she received her degree in health sciences and management. Even though this is Jen's first time coaching at the high school level, she has

coached field hockey at summer camps, and she has also coached Futures, the Massachusetts all-star

field hockey team.

Jen was offered the coaching position at SHS this summer when she received a phone call from the high school athletic department. Although she was nervous about becoming the head coach, she readily accepted the offer. Jen first met the team at physicals in early August, and practice began a few weeks later.

Jen hopes that everyone on the team has fun this year and enjoys playing field hockey. She also hopes to continue coaching at Somerset High School in the future.



Together!

Jodie Braz

The Somerset cross-country team is looking forward to its 32nd season. The first meet was held at home on September

11 against Attleboro High School.

Coach Bernardo and the captains started early getting the team ready for this season. Two weeks before classes reconvened at SHS, the cross-country team was hard at work, putting in the miles.

This year's cross-country team has six captains. Jon Azevedo, a senior, is a veteran runner, on the cross-country team for three years. Jon should be a very competitive runner for the boys' team. Jodie Braz, also a senior, has run cross-country for three years. Jodie is looking forward to another great and rewarding season. Leslie Crofton, our third captain, is an all-star in cross-country. Leslie is an excellent runner, and is a threat to every opposing team in the EAC conference. Joe Nunes, a captain this year, is a great runner. Joe is one of the top runners, and is a tough man to beat. Holly Sherman is also an all-star in cross-country. Holly may be little, but

she is a big competitor for the team. The cross-country team's last captain is Matt Smith. Matt is the only captain, or senior, that has been on the team for four years. Matt is expected to do very well this season, and to place for the team.

Other seniors on the team are Joe Donnelly, who is very dedicated, and will be a runner to watch. Mike McGee is in a league of his own and is a great addition to the team. Shawn Parent and Matt Silvia are also expected to win some points for the team.

The cross-country team only has three juniors, all of whom are

boys. Marc Davis is one of a kind, and may surprise a few people this season. Louis Ginsberg is a real hard worker. John Tomawski has not been with the team much because of band practice, but he will help the team when needed.

There are five sophomores returning to the team this season. Tarrah Parent, the only sophomore girl, is expected to be one of the best girls this season. Patrick Considine is a respected and accomplished runner. Greg Fontaine has not been to practice yet, but has done well in the past. Justin Kenney proved to be a great runner last year as a freshman, and is expected to do well again. Jared Walsh and Brain Worsley have proved their worth to the team and are hard workers.

The team has recruited six freshmen this season. Danny Auclair is the only freshman boy, and has already shown talent. Audrey Patten and Megan Mulligan are two freshmen girls who are showing signs of being great runners. Amy Melanson, Jocelyn Pasternak, and Jenn Tyrell are hard workers and will be tough runners to beat this season. The potential of this year's team justifies great expectations.

Hope

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jury early in the season, returning to the team with no definite position in hand, and serving to take up space on the bench. In turn, he has given away Shayne Bennett, a young Australian reliever with a fastball in the 90's, Ryan McGwire, a first baseman who hit in the .330's and was touted as one of the top five power prospects in the draft (look for him in Montreal someday soon), Glen Murray, who had speed and power in the Pawtucket outfield last year, and Frank Rodriguez, a 13-game winner for the Twins this year. While all of these trades, except for the Cordero deal (He has no position! He's probably best suited to a utility role, where he can play second, short, third and DH), made sense and were made to solve problems with the best of intentions, they really have not been effective deals.

My greatest fear of the wild card is that with it, Kevin Kennedy will gain respectability. While he is not an awful manager, he does not appear to be a good one either. Most of his decisions in the late innings backfire and he seems to lack the ability to motivate this Red Sox team. He believes that talking things out in sappy team meetings will help to win games, when really that has very little effect. The reality of the matter is that, for the better part of the season, Kennedy had his way and ran the team himself without success (take a look at the Sox record before the All-Star break sometime). Things turned around and the wins

started coming when Mike Greenwell returned from the DL. No one seems to notice that the wins coincided with Greenwell's return and that is why he will not have a job next year. All last year during the pennant-winning season, fellow teammates talked about "great chemistry" and all the credit was given to "Greenie," the team's leader and motivator. He kept them "loose," shaped them into a cohesive team while Kevin Kennedy stumbled into a great year. Now I'll be the first to admit he is not a great player by any means... when he's hot, he's HOT, and when he's cold, he's COLD. But he was never accused of tanking and is always out there doing his best, which his teammates respond to. He has never been great in the field by any means, but he's got a decent bat with a career .300 average. Unfortunately, that will all be lost after this year, when he is gone.

In my own perfect little world, Kevin Kennedy would be gone after this year, Greenwell would stay on as batting instructor (he has a nice, line-drive swing), and Buddy Bailey and Ken Macha, both of whom have done incredible jobs the past few years at Triple A and Double A respectively, would move up in the organization. All the while, the Red Sox would develop into the league's best young team, constantly tapping its farm system, and develop into a well-rounded unit, with speed, defense, pitching, and hitting. Hey... there's hope.





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Senior Shandel Raposa in action against Stang.

Bounty

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the ship, gave tours, and learned how to sail. The knowledge of sailing was put to use on the trips to ports throughout New England. The first major trip was to Boston during the Fourth of July celebration. We sailed during the annual turnaround of the Constitution in Boston harbor, and also went on instructional day sails. During these day sails and some later in the summer, we taught the crew members of the Constitution to sail a square rigged ship. We hope the Navy puts the knowledge the Bounty's crew has taught them to use next year when the Constitution plans to start sailing.

The Bounty also sailed to Connecticut, Maine, Long Island, and the Elizabethan Islands. On the first trip to Maine, as the fog lifted, we saw two humpback whales breaching for over a half hour. On the second trip to Maine, a large school of porpoises could be seen.

Everywhere the Bounty goes, she sails. Sailing requires a lot of work, especially team work. For every sail set, people must climb aloft to untie the sail (and of course to furl it after the sail is struck), and many lines must be either let go or hauled in. I started my summer barely being able to climb, but by the end, I climbed all the way to the Royal Yard, about 100 feet off of the water. Sailing long distances takes several days, and someone always had to be on watch. This always required you to be awake and up in the middle of the night for four hours in the freezing cold, pouring rain, fog, or crystal clear night.

It is because of these watches that I saw the most spectacular sunrise I have ever seen, and saw fireworks from practically every town along Cape Cod Bay. I am already looking forward to next summer when I can sail onboard the H.M.S. Bounty again.

This year's volunteer crew members were Eaman Murray and Beth & Merideth Jennings from Berkeley, Mary Kate Marchand and Dave & Lori Boulanger from Somerset, Katie O'Brien and Adam and Jess Perry from Swansea, Joe Furtado from Fall River, Tony Ward and Jon Azevedo from Westport, Steve Senay from New Bedford, Emily Carlson from Sandwich, Ben Blachley from Marion, Brook Azie and Dave Ober from Bristol, Rhode Island, and Marty Jones from Des Moines, Iowa.

The Bounty will be going into dry dock in late October to have some of the planking replaced. She will then sail to St. Petersburg, Florida, her winter port, in December. The Bounty will return to Fall River next spring. Since the Bounty is a nonprofit organization and not privately owned, donations are always appreciated. For future information or to make a donation please contact:

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Varsity Football:
9/12 Somerset 24, King Phillip 12
9/21 Somerset 20, Dartmouth 13

J.V. Football:
9/16 Somerset 0, King Phillip 21
9/23 Somerset 8, Dartmouth 14

Freshman Football:
9/14 Somerset 14, King Phillip 0
9/20 Somerset 20, Dartmouth 6

Varsity Field Hockey:
9/9 Somerset 0, Dighton-Rehoboth 3
9/10 Somerset 0, Stang 3
9/12 Somerset 0, West Bridgewater 2
9/19 Somerset 3, Attleboro 0
9/20 Somerset 0, Westport 1
9/24 Somerset 0, Dartmouth 3
9/26 Somerset 2, Durfee 0

J.V. Field Hockey:
9/9 Somerset 0, Dighton-Rehoboth 1
9/10 Somerset 1, Stang 2
9/12 Somerset 1, West Bridgewater 1
9/19 Somerset 2, Attleboro 0
9/20 Somerset 2, Westport 1
9/24 Somerset 0, Dartmouth 1
9/26 Somerset 1, Durfee 0



Varsity Volleyball:
9/9 Somerset 1, Dighton-Rehoboth 2
9/11 Somerset 2, Stang 0
9/12 Somerset 2, Connolly 0
9/18 Somerset 1, Durfee 2
9/20 Somerset 2, Attleboro 0
9/23 Somerset 1, Case 2
9/25 Somerset 0, Dartmouth 2

J.V. Volleyball:
9/9 Somerset 1, Dighton-Rehoboth 2
9/11 Somerset 2, Stang 0
9/12 Somerset 0, Connolly 2
9/18 Somerset 0, Durfee 2
9/20 Somerset 2, Attleboro 0
9/23 Somerset 0, Case 2
9/25 Somerset 0, Dartmouth 2

Girls' Soccer:
9/6 Somerset 0, Durfee 5
9/10 Somerset 1, Feehan 1
9/14 Somerset 3, Case 0
9/19 Somerset 0, Attleboro 1
9/23 Somerset 1, Connolly 4
9/26 Somerset 0, Coyle 4

Varsity Boys' Soccer:
9/6 Somerset 1, Durfee 2
9/10 Somerset 5, Feehan 2
9/14 Somerset 2, Case 0
9/16 Somerset 0, Dartmouth 2
9/19 Somerset 1, Attleboro 1
9/21 Somerset 3, Westport 2
9/23 Somerset 5, Connolly 0
9/26 Somerset 1, Coyle 3

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Mac, getting the latest score.

Web

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Beatle Mania swept across the U.S. in the 60's and seems to have come alive again. The Beatles Album offers info on the Beatles, sound clips, and much more.

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You didn't get tickets to the Red Sox versus Baltimore game? You can check out the Red Sox anyway at the new Boston Red Sox site.

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Search the internet for colleges and universities at Peterson's College and University site. It provides links to college home pages plus info on financial aid and admissions.

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Hats

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be banned for several reasons. One reason is that hats are just a style and "what was considered appropriate to a school environment has changed over the years." He also believes that "there is no correlation between the wearing of hats and performance or behavior in a classroom."

However, at the School Committee meeting other people spoke in favor of the hat ban. Many people agreed that the wearing of hats in the building is disrespectful and they should be taken off. Also, one person was concerned about students showing up at job interviews with a hat on. There are teachers who agree with Mr. Marchand's view and others who are against hats in the classroom. At the School Committee meeting last June, the members agreed with the School Advisory Council's decision to ban hats and coats in the school building. Now students arrive at school with hats on, but must remain hatless throughout the school day.

Lights

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The lights will not only be used for sports activities, but for other activities.

Activities such as music performances and nighttime graduations are promising possibilities.

With these lights, Somerset High has new and exciting activities planned for all students. So, if you're looking for something to do one Friday night, go and support Somerset athletic teams under the lights!

Privileges

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been issued a sacred pink senior privilege card), and will finish the school year significantly earlier than ninth, tenth, and eleventh graders (though later than the graduating class of 1996). So, seniors, it appears that you are all set, you've made it through just in time, there is nothing left to worry about (besides those lovely SAT's and college applications, of course).

Attention all ninth, tenth, and eleventh graders: you, however, may be in store for something entirely different (but don't panic, nothing's definite yet). The alarming rumor that has been circulating that all of your coveted senior privileges will be terminated without question is completely false. It is, however, a strong possibility. According to Mr. Pineault, it all hangs in the balance of the future scheduling situation. If

Somerset High School maintains its current method of scheduling, all senior privileges will remain intact, with one exception. The tradition of graduating seniors ending the school year early will come to an end, regardless. If it is successfully voted upon to change Somerset High's scheduling system to a more innovative method, such as the highly controversial block scheduling, senior privileges, such as free periods and leaving the school building prior to the official end of the school day, will cease.

Only time can tell what the eventual outcome will be, so there is no need to dwell any further upon the matter. To the graduating class of 1997: be grateful for your good fortune, you may have just slipped through the cracks with the honor of bearing the title of the last senior class of Somerset High School to enjoy the undeniable benefits of being a senior.

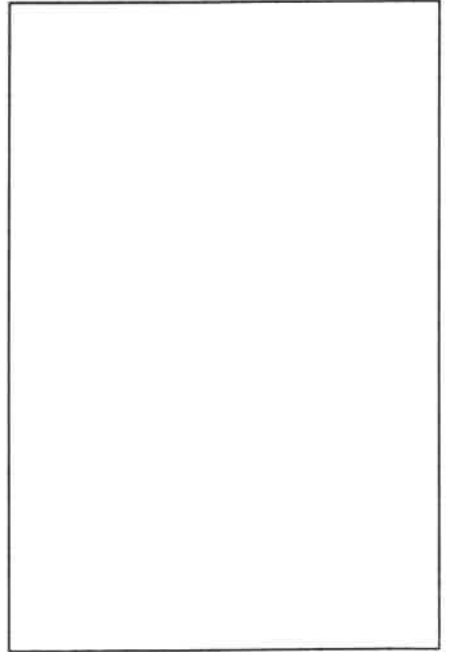
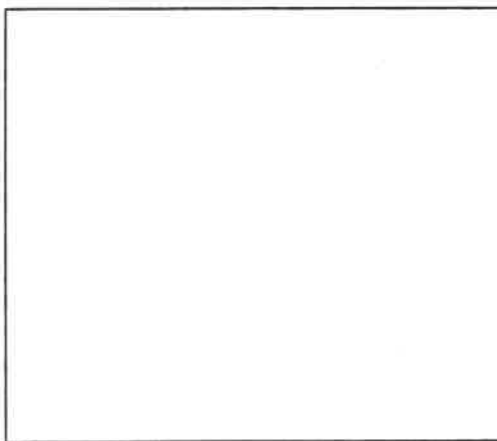
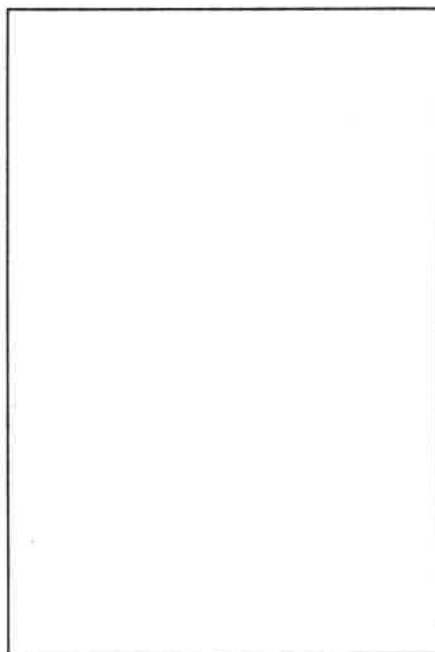


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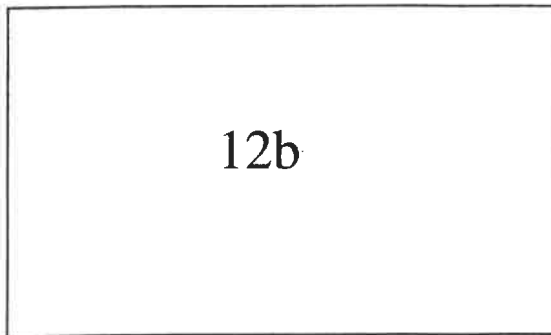
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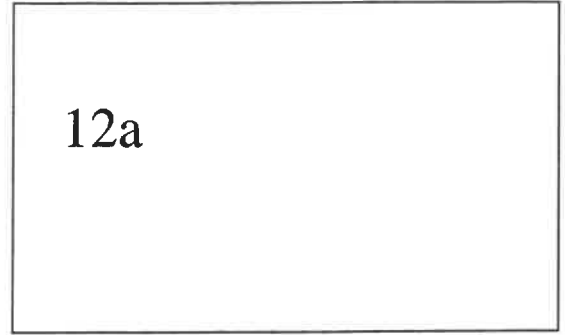
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Fall Sports Schedules



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Varsity Football:

- Oct. 12 vs. Holliston (A) 7:00
- Oct. 19 vs. Stang (A) 2:00
- Oct. 26 vs. Dighton Rehoboth (H) 1:30
- Nov. 2 vs. Coyle (A) 2:00

J. V. Football:

- Oct. 14 vs. Holliston (A) 10:30
- Oct. 21 vs. Stang (H) 3:30
- Oct. 28 vs. Dighton Rehoboth (A) 3:15
- Nov. 4 vs. Coyle (H) 3:30

Freshmen Football:

- Oct. 18 vs. Stang (H) 3:30
- Oct. 25 vs. Dighton Rehoboth (A) 7:00
- Nov. 1 vs. Coyle (H) 3:30

Varsity and J.V. Field Hockey:

- Oct. 8 vs. West Bridgewater (H) 3:30
- Oct. 10 vs. Westport (A) 3:30
- Oct. 15 vs. Attleboro (A) 3:30
- Oct. 17 vs. Dartmouth (H) 3:30
- Oct. 19 vs. Case (A) 2:00
- Oct. 22 vs. Durfee (A) 3:30

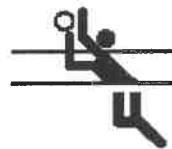


Varsity and J.V. Volleyball:

- Oct. 9 vs. Connolly (H) 5:30
- Oct. 11 vs. Durfee (A) 3:30
- Oct. 16 vs. Attleboro (A) 3:30
- Oct. 21 vs. Dighton Rehoboth (A) 3:30
- Oct. 23 vs. Feehan (H) 5:30
- Oct. 25 vs. Coyle (H) 5:30
- Oct. 28 vs. Case (H) 5:30

Boys' Varsity and J.V. Soccer:

- Oct. 8 vs. Dartmouth (H) 3:30
- Oct. 10 vs. Stang (H) 3:30
- Oct. 15 vs. Attleboro (A) 3:30
- Oct. 17 vs. Connolly (A) 3:30
- Oct. 22 vs. Coyle (H) 3:30
- Oct. 24 vs. Stang (A) 3:30
- Oct. 26 vs. Case (A) 10:00



Girls' Varsity and J.V. Soccer:

- Oct. 8 vs. Dartmouth (A) 3:30
- Oct. 10 vs. Stang (A) 3:30
- Oct. 12 vs. Dighton Rehoboth (A)
- Oct. 15 vs. Attleboro (H) 3:30
- Oct. 17 vs. Connolly (H) 3:30
- Oct. 22 vs. Coyle (A) 3:30
- Oct. 24 vs. Stang (H) 3:30
- Oct. 26 vs. Case (H) 10:00



Cross Country

- Oct. 9 vs. Dartmouth (H) 3:30
- Oct. 14 Wampanoag (Wheaton) TBA
- Oct. 16 vs. Stang (A) 3:30
- Oct. 22 vs. Connolly (H) 3:30
- Oct. 26 EAC Meet (Massasoit Park) 9:30



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