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Principal's Newsletter

Somers High School



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We made it! Thank you for all your hard work in helping to make SHS successful. Graduation was wonderful. We wish all of our seniors the very best in their post-secondary plans. I have included pictures from many of our end of the year events. I hope you enjoy this newsletter.

On a very positive note, U.S. News and World Report ranked SHS as a Best High School for 2019. Although we will always strive to do better, the recognition is nice to receive. Please review the attached information.

In early August, I will be sending out an update on a few more changes coming our way. Some are State imposed, others are building based. Stay tuned.

Sincerely,

Gary M. Cotzin
Principal
Somers High School

Honors Art

"This year's Honors Art class was small but mighty! The annual Honors Art Show opened in conjunction with the Celebration of the Arts on May 22. Samantha Barile, Alex Delesio, Hannah Olesky and Heather Thompson curated and hung their artwork in four large showcases. This exhibit was judged by an independent juror and the winner of this show will receive the Faith Ferguson Award on Senior Awards night."





Class of 2021 Fundraiser

The class of 2021 ran a successful clothing drive fundraiser for the last two weeks of May. The fundraiser brought in a total of \$546 in profit for the class.





Team Thunderbird Takes 1st & 3rd place and “Best in Show” at CT Electrathon

The Research and Development class had a great day at Lime Rock on Friday May 31st. The weather was fantastic, the team was ready to perform and the parent support was great. The Thunderbird's vehicle, driven by Hayden Barrett and Kyle Beebe with crew chief Andrew Brewer ran smoothly to a first place finish with 51 laps (a Somers High School record - beating the previous lap count of 50). The vehicle also was judged and identified to receive “Best in Show” honors against ten vehicles that were eligible. Last year's Team Goldrush's vehicle came in third place with 48 laps under crew chief Trevor Parks and drivers Evan LaBrie and Garrett Pruden. The teams overall successful performance was further supported by lap directors Jacob Ellis, Trevor LaMontagne with Zachary Boucher and Zachary Petersen rounding out the overall team effort.

The day also showcased great food, with breakfast and lunch provided by the parents. The R&D class wishes to recognize and thank our Gold sponsors; Somers Rotary, Parks Superior Sales and Beebe Landscape Services along with our Bronze sponsors; Plasma Technology and Canto Colburn.



End of the Year News!



May 22nd we ended our year with the Celebration of the Arts Extravaganza, including the Music Department, Visual Art Department, Drama Club and Culinary Department!



ITS Awards





Watermelon Contest:



Cabaret and Dinner Theatre:



Art Show



Chamber Groups





A heartfelt congratulations to all the students whose hard work made this event such a tremendous success! We are so proud of them, and are looking forward to seeing what they will accomplish in the years to come.

Drama Club Announcement:

The SHS Drama Club is excited to announce next year's production...



2019!!

2020!!

BETA Club

May was a rewarding month for the Beta Club! The Somers High School Beta Club Chapter was recently honored with The National Beta School of Merit Award. This award honors the Chapter's dedication and commitment to academic excellence exhibited by its members in grades nine through twelve. The club members are also recognized for their participation in leadership development and service involvement to strengthen and build character. A prime example is the recently completed beautification project. Every spring, Mrs. Joan Rivard and other Somers Beautification volunteers help organize a time to clean up the areas in front of the school and plant flowers in preparation for graduation. On May 23rd, the new inductees of the Beta Club combined their efforts to complete their first service project. The Beta Club members, along with their advisor, Chris Mangini, and the Somers Beautification volunteers, worked hard to beautify the school grounds by pulling weeds, adding new mulch, and planting flowers. This year, the students who planted flowers decided to create an "S" with red and white flowers, which came out wonderfully. The entire group did a great job and worked well with one another. A big thank you to the new members and to all those who helped organize and accomplish the project, especially the custodial staff at Somers High School and the volunteers of Somers Beautification.

SENIORS:





SOFTBALL: Class S State Champions



SHS Sports

Softball: Spring sports concluded this week with the softball team winning the school's first ever Softball state championship with a 3-2 come-from-behind victory over Coginchaug in the Class S finals. Senior Alyssa Milliken drove in the tying then winning runs in the 7th inning and earned Most Valuable Player. Alyssa, Gabrielle Tullock and Katryna Dukehart earned ALL NCCC with Katryna also earning Class S All State for the 3rd year in a row.

Track and field finished up their post-season meets, where Olivia Suter led the girl's team in winning the Class S 300 hurdles state championship at Willowbrook Park. Olivia, Kyle Raymond (3200 m) and Emily Renzoni (discus) also earned All NCCC with all qualifying for the state open, where Emily finished 6th and qualified for the New England Championships. Delani Raina (pole vault), Bryan Bushey (100 hurdles), and Brandon Nguyen (javelin) also earned All NCCC.

Boys Lacrosse won their 4th NCCC championship and playoff tournament in a row, and qualified for the state tournament for the 26th year in a row while placing (4) athletes on the All State Team: Riley Burgmyer, Tim Lynch, Christopher Skalski, Andrew Golden. William Heller, Dimitri Sanchez, and Peyton Emrick also earned ALL NCCC.

Girls Lacrosse: Brianna Bernier earned All NCCC and Class S all state honors for the girl's lacrosse team, and Ethan Speilman earned All NCCC honors for the baseball team. Jonathan Kelly of co-op boys tennis team with Enfield qualified for the LL state championships.

The Golf Team finished 4th in the NCCC and set a school record of 151 in their win over Rockville this spring, with Dominic Manning and Vincent Mazza earning All NCCC. Dominic also earned All State honors in the DIV state championship meet for the 2nd year in a row.

In May, seniors Emily Renzoni and Hayden Barrett were both honored at the Aqua Turf for representing Somers High School as the recipients of the 2019 CIAC Scholar Athletes of the Year.

For the year, Somers had (41) All NCCC athletes, (14) All State athletes, (7) individual NCCC champions, (2) individual Class S state champions, (1) NCCC league champion (Boys Lacrosse), (2) Class S semi-finalist teams (Football and Boys Basketball) and (1) state champion with our Softball Team. Congratulations to all student athletes for a wonderful 2019-20 sports year!

Shoprite Act of Kindness Award:

AJ Brewer, Kilee Nutbrown, Cadence Bidwell, Dominic Zuccalo, Wula Cham, Trevor Parks, Emily Reynolds, Delani Raina, Ian Arnone

Student of the Month:

<u>Freshmen</u>	<u>Sophomores</u>	<u>Juniors</u>	<u>Seniors</u>
Cooper Barrett	Kallie Mayer	Andy Skowronek	Ian Arnone
Patrick Connors	Olivia Suter	Alexis Brown	Emma Archambault
Luke Boudreau	Aiden Devine-Baillargeon	Nancy Strever	Kylie Thompson
Jack Denehy	Halla Raina	Summer Nadler	Alyssa Albano
Katiya Zawronty	Maddie Mancuso	Kylie Raymond	Luke Phillips
Rachel St. Germain	Shawn Gentilcore	Matthew Grandpre	Tori Augeri
Kaede Wood	Miguel Rodriguez	Quinn Welch	Kyle Beebe
Dana Gall	Dominic Zuccalo	Tori Reid	Bryan Bushey

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