



Pictured right to left: Sophia Reynolds of Andover outsprints Anna O'Rielly of Hopkinton and Liza Corso of Portsmouth Christian for second place in the Division III Middle School State Cross Country Meet.

## Andover Middle School Competes in Division III State Championship

### Press release

The Andover Middle School Cross Country team wrapped up their season at the Division III State Championship Meet at Coe Brown Northwood Academy on Saturday, October 22nd.

The cross country team lucked out on weather, it seemed to be pouring everywhere else. We enjoyed a light mist all day until the awards ceremony.

The course was a true rolling cross country course with a mostly downhill

start, some single track, and an uphill finish. There were four races: Girls Non-Scoring, Boys Non-Scoring, Girls Championship, and Boys Championship. Andover had runners in each race.

Alexis Plante got things started with a fabulous run in the Girls Non-Scoring race. She started strong and was among the first down the hill and into the woods. She reaped the rewards of her strong start for the rest of the race on the

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Andover residents highlighted Proctor Academy's end-of-term art performances this fall, including Tori Braley '20 and Ryelle Jenifer's '20 debut for the dance team. Photo: Lindsey Allenby

## Andover Residents Shine in Proctor Arts Celebration

### Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

When Cope Makechnie '17 of Andover; Jay Pier '17 of South Freeport, Maine; Carl Hubbard '17 of Andover; and Cros Thoms '17 of Wakefield, Rhode Island began singing A Prayer for the Children during this fall's end-of-term vocal music ensemble recital, it felt as though someone pressed the Pause button on life. Their impassioned

voices carried the words off the page and into the hearts of the 75 parents and community members in attendance.

"Can you feel the hearts of the children?"

Aching for home, for something of their very own

Reaching hands, with nothing to hold on to,

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## MVHS Competes in the Division II State Championships

### Press release

Saturday, October 29, the Merrimack Valley High School Cross Country teams competed in the Division II State Championship Meet at Derryfield Park in Manchester. A little short-handed

finish as the fourth man and come close to the 19 minute barrier. He is destined for great things next year!

Raging River Lynch, Ryan Latorella, and Connor Butt all came agonizingly close to going sub-20, but unfortunately the course was just a tad too long. Connor did run yet another huge personal best despite heading up the start hill in practically last place. That's good, patient running!

In the end, the boys finished a very respectable 15th place to achieve their pre-season goal. With four of the top boys returning next year, plus Taylor returning from injury, top 10 looks like a good place to start with goals for next year.

The MV Girls were the story of the day. They ran a solid race all around, nothing too spectacular. Tristan Beyer was the only one with a PR (of 1 second), while Lauren Rouse tied hers and Kristie Schoffield ran her best time at Derryfield, but a

very solid run. Then it was time to wait.

On the New Hampshire XC Web site MV was picked to finish 8th or 9th, but only the top 6 qualify for the Meet



David Reynolds (201) finishes 33rd in 16:39 at the New Hampshire Cross Country Meet of Champions.

due to injury, the boys took to the line in good spirits.

Matthew Reynolds (535) runs a seasons best at the Division II State Cross Country Championships.

A tenth place finish was the modified goal (at pre-season camp it was 15th), but again, everything would have to work out perfectly. When the gun started, the boys were off to a great start, particularly Matt Reynolds, running right up alongside and even ahead of his brother David around 35th place.

As the race progressed, Matt slid up in the standings, then back a little, while David picked off runners all along the course. Despite having a slightly off day, David still managed to place 21st and continue his season for one more week by qualifying for the Meet of Champions.

Matt had a super sub-18 run, not enough to qualify for MOC's, but his best race of the year. Dylan Guinard turned in a 1-second personal best as MV's third runner, while Matt Lyle ran out of his head to



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of Champions. After Kristie picked up her 5th-place medal, the girls huddled for power and...6TH PLACE, MERRIMACK VALLEY  
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