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Proctor's Fall Ocean Classroom program completed its nine-week voyage. Andover's River Turnbull '22 was one of 22 students who took part in the program. Caption: Scott Allenby. Photo: Holly Buresh.

## Proctor's Fall Ocean Classroom Completes Voyage

### Winter Ocean Classroom being planned

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

For nine weeks this fall, 22 Proctor Academy students voyaged aboard the schooner Harvey Gamage along the eastern seaboard of the United States. While unfortunate weather patterns prevented the voyage from heading to the Caribbean as originally planned, the student crew had a life-changing experience as they studied Marine Biology, Maritime Literature, and Navigation and learned to independently crew the 130-foot tall ship. A journal entry from Andover's River Turnbull '22 follows: "With my final logbook entry of the

trip, I thought it would be valuable to reflect on one of many memories that this trip has produced. I am very new to this, but the thrill one gets at sea in 'perfect conditions' is truly indescribable (but I will try my best).

"We are under full sail, the wind propelling the boat through the night. There is no sound but the swells and the creaking of the ship's wooden skeleton. Even with the inherent stress of a four-hour watch, there is a collective peace among the ship's company as we soar toward our next destination.

"The deck is fully illuminated by the tapestry of the night sky. As beautiful as the display is, the emergence of the See Ocean on page 29

## Proctor Teams Earn Places in New England Tournament

Scott Allenby  
Proctor Academy

Proctor's fall varsity athletic teams combined for a 32-16-5 record, with both varsity girls soccer and varsity field hockey earning berths in the New England Preparatory School Athletic Conference (NEPSAC) Class C Tournament. Varsity football and varsity boys soccer both narrowly missed bids to the tournament, as well, marking the first time in recent history that all four teams were in playoff contention in the same year.

Proctor's varsity girls soccer team earned the #7 seed in the NEPSAC tournament this fall. For the 12 seniors on the team, eight of whom have spent four years on the squad, including Andover's Brynne Makechnie '22, Sasha MacKenzie '22, and Lily Menard '22, this year's bid to the NEPSAC Tourna-



Andover's Brynne Makechnie '22, Sasha MacKenzie '22, Braeden MacKenzie '24, and Lily Menard '22 were key pieces to the varsity girls soccer team's success. Pictured here are Amy Makechnie, Lily, Sasha, Jeremy Menard, Annie MacKenzie, and Brynne.

Photo: Lindsey Allenby.

ment is the culmination of a remarkable Proctor career.

Closing the regular season out with a 1-1 draw versus Holderness School, Proctor carried an 8-5-3 record into the tournament, where they faced #3 Berwick Academy and ultimately fell 0-1

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## Proctor Acknowledges AE/MS's Work with \$5,000 Gift

### Strong show of support for Andover community

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Proctor is fortunate to have opportunities to contribute to the community in ways that advance and strengthen the relationship between Proctor and Andover Elementary/Middle School.

Proctor is excited to further that relationship with a gift of \$5,000 to AE/MS in support of the important work begun in 2017 providing middle school mental health counseling and drug prevention programming and education.

This gift is a reflection of both Proctor's appreciation of the fine work of AE/MS and of our relationship with this town and community.



Bria Tremblay (Dorothy) leads the munchkins in practice for The Wizard of Oz play, which will be shown on Friday, December 17 at AE/MS. Third and fourth grade students have been given the opportunity to be a part of this year's production, usually reserved for grades five through eight.

Caption: Kasey Schoch. Photo: Katie Dow

## The Wizard of Oz Goes On at AE/MS in December

### Rescheduled due to 2020 pandemic

Kasey Schoch, AE/MS

The Wizard of Oz will be performed at Andover Elementary/Middle School on Friday, December 17 at 6 PM, and on Saturday, December 18 at 1 PM. There are more than 35 students participating in the play this year. The 80th anniversary of the original movie, starring Judy Garland as Dorothy, was in 2019. The AE/MS production was originally slated to open in the spring of 2020.

Katie Dow is the director and Alex Ager is the musical director of the play. "Casting was extremely difficult. There is incredible talent in the drama club. We are very fortunate to have

Kyle Tremblay helping the cast members with the choreography this year. The musical numbers are outstanding," Dow said.

The main characters who have been recast are played by Bria Tremblay (Dorothy), Ryleigh Perry (Scarecrow), Ben Simard (Lion), Amelia Bryant (Tinman), and Briley Mudgett (The Wicked Witch of the West). The Andover Players is a drama club for any student in the fifth through eighth grades; however, third and fourth graders were invited to perform this year as Munchkins and Ozians.

Tickets will be available at the door only. Prices are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students, and kids under five are free.

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