

Proctor Academy Hosts Full Athletic Schedule

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Proctor Academy's athletic department is excited to host a full schedule of fall athletic contests starting in mid-September. An updated schedule for all teams can be found on Proctor's athletic website at ProctorAcademy.org/on-campus/athletics. Scheduled home varsity games for the month of September are listed below. All games are open to the public free of charge.

Varsity Football

9/24 vs Berkshire School 5 PM

Varsity Field Hockey

9/10 vs Opening Jamboree 2:30 PM

9/21 vs Kimball Union Academy

2:30 PM

9/24 vs New Hampton School 2 PM

9/28 vs Groton School 4 PM

Varsity Boys' Soccer

9/28 vs Brewster Academy 2:30 PM

Varsity Girls' Soccer

9/23 vs New Hampton School 6 PM

9/26 vs St. Paul's School 5 PM

9/30 vs Kimball Union Academy

5:30 PM

Mountain Biking

9/21 Northern New England Mountain Biking Series at Proctor Ski Area

2 PM

Cross Country Running

9/28 Lakes Region Meet at 3:10 PM



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Speaking of reading, Holly Croteau, school librarian, and Kasey Schoch, middle school reading, have teamed up this year to introduce students to books that have been nominated for literary awards. Then they get to cast their vote for the award winners. Students in kindergarten through third grade will be reading nominees for the Ladybug Award during library time with Mrs. Croteau. Students in grades four and five will be doing the same with books that are nominated for a Great Stone Face Award, while the sixth graders will have access to those books for independent reading in Mrs. Schoch's class.

Students in grades seven and eight will get to vote on this year's Isinglass Award winner. Those books will be available in Mrs. Schoch's classroom for independent reading. Students all over New Hampshire will cast their votes in the spring, and participants will look forward to hearing if their school's favorite won the award. More information on these programs can be found at NHSLMA.wildapricot.org/NH-Book-Awards.

In middle school, there are a number of items that are being planned. The traditional school dances for grades six through eight will continue; an off-campus environmental activity is being organized for one of the middle school grades; and new teacher-to-parent communica-

tion tools are being developed to help keep parents informed about daily assignments and what is happening in each of the core classes on a monthly basis.

While it is always sad to see staff members leave, the team at AE/MS is excited for the former employees who have taken off for new homes far away and new career opportunities closer to home. This does allow AE/MS to bring new life into the hallways with a number of new staff members.

In addition to Stephanie Peters' return to kindergarten, veteran staffer Kristy LaRoche will be taking on a new role as the middle school math teacher. Ms. Laroche has connected well with the new math program that she used in the elementary school last year, and she wants to bring her passion for the program up to the middle school level.

The school will also be welcoming Kelly Napier as our new fourth grade teacher, as well as Lauren Manteau (PE/Health), Julianne Babel (Art), and Mikayla Coburn (Music).

All of these new opportunities and additions are sure to bring some excitement to our year. It is also good to know that the school will be bringing back some of its traditional events that we have been missing out on over the last couple of years, so parents and guardians should keep an eye out for them when receiving Principal Dobe's weekly email.



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while managing her staff and volunteers moving into a new, bigger facility to distribute used clothing, help with construction projects, and cook meals for those in need.

Undaunted by the scope of the mission's tasks, we began weeding garden beds, trimming grass, mowing around buffaloberry bushes, painting the facade, and organizing an overflowing tool shed. We filled up a dumpster, took countless water breaks, and joined a small, powerful team making opportunities for the Rosebud Reservation. Our group was super-productive and focused.

Sinte Gliske University Ranch

Mark White Hat '14 introduced us to the ranch's mission: to help school children deal with mental health issues through therapeutic work with horses. Mark explained how horses are intuitive and emotionally sensitive and are drawn to kids (the ranch calls them "relatives") struggling with problems.

Our project was to paint the ranch's barn, peeled and exposed to prairie wind and sun. Armed with brushes, scrapers, paint rollers, and ladders, we fought the gusting winds which often meant splattering anyone nearby.

Valentine, Nebraska

It had been a while since some of us had been in a big outdoor pool, but nobody balked at a 45-minute drive to Nebraska as temperatures climbed above 100 degrees in the early afternoon. We took shelter in Bomgaar's air conditioned agricultural supply store (think Agway meets Cabela's and Target) to buy anything salty (chips and pickles), try on cowboy hats, and escape the relentless mid-afternoon heat.

The sun-drenched pool was a chance to launch from the diving boards, get splashed by eight-year-olds, and one

English teacher may have improbably become stuck on the water slide, bringing hoots from the Proctor crowd.

Our convoy of three trucks stopped on a rise. Surrounded by endless grass and sky, the wind swept away our quiet conversations. Binoculars passed through our group as we hoped the buffalo herd would appear. Lakota songs started on a truck radio, and the drum and voices became our backdrop.

Two coyotes, in full flight across open ground, interrupted our wait. Then the huge brown animals, unmistakable with their humped backs and massive heads, came into sight, moving left to right through a gap. We watched bounding calves break from the stream of animals that once covered this land and sustained earlier Lakota people.

Evening meeting, held in the Mountain Classroom tradition and led by the day's leader, usually included our whole group sharing a rose, a bud, and a thorn of the day. There was lots to talk about after intense days coping with the heat, sustaining hours of hard volunteer work, and living so closely as a group. Happily, we enjoyed a steady dose of our group playlist, conversations about the world and Proctor, ice cream, and laughter.

The last day included sunrise in the Badlands, a stop at Wall Drug, a visit to the Crazy Horse Monument, and a last dinner together in Rapid City. Like life in our country today, we were changed by complicated contrasts and lessons.

This year's summer service trip participants included faculty leaders Peter Southworth, Lori Patriacca, and Patty Pond as well as Andover residents Jason Koziol '24, Annika Green '25, and Phoenix Verite '23, along with New London's Lauren Anzalone '23 and Wilmot's Natalie Sisemore '23.



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