

School Chronology

SEPTEMBER

- 10 The Council convenes a week early at Rye Beach.
- 13 Forty Football players relinquish the last few days of summer for early practice.
- 14 Twenty-seven soccer players invited back early for the first time.
- 16 Masters' Meeting — New Masters are: Mr. D. S. Barry, Classics; Mr. E. S. Ligon, Classics; Mr. R. B. Bowen, Classics; Mr. R. Degevey, French; Mr. A. Maffry, French; Mr. J. C. Mancuso, English; Mr. J. B. Valente, English; Rev. A. W. White, Sacred Studies; Rev. R. W. Ingersoll, Sacred Studies; Mr. P. A. Tukey, Math.
- 17 Sixth Form returns early for case studies.
- 19 112 New Boys register.
- 20 Old Boys return.
- 21 Classes. Physical Fitness tests. All sports begin.
- 23 President Richard King addresses the School in Memorial Hall.
- 24 Hargate, the new art center, is officially opened to boys.
- 27 Rector's 60th Birthday celebrated on Chapel terrace. Food for all.
- 30 Football takes opener over Groton 18-7 while soccer beats Groton 4-0.

OCTOBER

- 4 Soccer defeats KUA 3-1.
- 5 Beautiful Cricket Holiday. New boys depart for Hampton Beach and a chilly swim.
- 6-7 Mr. August Heckscher, New York City Park Commissioner, visits School as first Conroy fellow.
- 7 SPS sports shine. Football over Milton 16-8. Soccer over Mount Hermon 1-0 and Cross Country over Milton 18-53.
- 11 Soccer downed by Exeter 2-0; Cross Country overwhelmed by Tilton.
- 14 Soccer over B&N 3-1; Cross Country bows to Vermont Academy 18-41; Football takes the day off.
- 18 Soccer over GD 3-0 and SPS Cross Country beat Governor Dummer 21-40.
- 20 Dr. Barrie Greiff of Harvard Health Staff talked to School and faculty about use of drugs.
- 21 Soccer beaten by New Hampton 4-0. BUT — SPS Football clobbers B&N 40-0 — greatest SPS score ever.
- 25 Soccer pulls off first victory in many years over Andover — 2-1 in overtime. Harriers go down to Andover 16-41.

- 27 Parents' Weekend begins with the premiere of the fall play "King Richard II."
- 28 Parents cheer on varsity wins — Soccer over Brooks 1-0 and Football over Winchendon 26-6 (fourth straight). Cross Country pulls second in triangular meet by overcoming New Hampton but bowing to Proctor.
- 29 Busy weekend ends with second Conroy Fellow, Ogden Nash, reading some of his finest work.
- 30 Ogden Nash continues to enhance School with his work.

NOVEMBER

- 1 Soccer outshoots Tilton but can only tie 1-1.
- 3 Dance weekend opens with small spirited group. Trustee weekend.
- 4 Football continues its drive with fifth straight over Lawrence 29-6. First time football has ever won on dance weekend. Soccer walks away from Dublin 6-0 for the girls.
- 5 Girls depart and School recovers.
- 8 Dartmouth Frosh too much for SPS as we bow 2-1. Finishes season with good 8-3-1 year.
- 11 SPS Football down Brooks 29-6 for perfect season — (6-0).
- 13 Due to the No. one Football team, SPS receives holiday.
- 14 School Cross Country race won by Delphians as Fred Pope takes the honors.
- 15 Snow falls as temperature drops. Eleven inches start what may be an incredible winter.
- 16 Dr. Richard Curtin, a surgeon at Exeter hospital in New Hampshire, speaks to the School on smoking and its effects.
- 18 Rev. Warren Jackson dies in Rome. Funeral to be held at School on Nov. 27.
- 19 Andover beats novice SPS debating team in 2-1 decision. Curtis string Quartet plays in library.
- 21 New Boston Percussion Ensemble play in Memorial Hall.
- 22 School departs for Thanksgiving vacation.
- 26 School returns reluctantly.

DECEMBER

- 2 College Boards for 6th Form.
- 9 SPS pucksters open season with a hard fought 5-2 win over Concord High.
- 10 SPS band puts on surprisingly good concert in Memorial Hall.
- 12 Examinations begin.

- 17 Christmas Play "Kings of Judea" performed to replace ceremonious Pageant.
- 18 Christmas Pageant in form of new carol service.
- 19 Last night service.
- 20 SPS bows to Middlesex 5-1 in Garden as School departs for vacation.

Winter Term

JANUARY

- 8 School returns and all prepare for a long term.
- 9 Hockey practice begins on all rinks.
- 10 SPS Hockey opens regular season with 4-1 loss to Deerfield. Squash overcomes Harvard Frosh B team 3-2 while underpracticed Basketball team drops to Winchendon.
- 13 Hockey stung by a good Nobles team 6-1. Squash plays well but bows to Milton 3-2. Basketball drops tight one to Milton 56-52.
- 14 The Brink-Pinkham Duo plays at Hargate.
- 17 SPS Hockey plays much improved game but still bows to St. Mark's 6-2. Squash is overcome by Dartmouth 6-1 while Basketball rolls over Lawrence in fine 77-46 showing.
- 18 William Evans, a Republican peace candidate addresses a standing-room-only crowd at Hargate.
- 19-21 Arthur Schlesinger visits School as first Conroy Fellow of the term.
- 20 Hockey picks up a convincing 3-0 win over Milton. Squash comes back with 3-2 win over Brooks. Basketball raises record to 2-3 as it upsets St. Mark's 63-51. In first wrestling match at School SPS comes close to Berwick 25-21.
- 24 Squash loses to Andover; Skiing beats both Holderness and Tilton; B-Ball squeaks past Brooks 59-53 while Hockey rolls by Dartmouth Frosh 19-2.
- 25 St. Paul's Day as all settle back and relax.
- 26 George Romney addresses 3rd-6th Forms as Republican Presidential candidate in Mem. Hall.
- 27 Sports have off day — Squash downed by Groton 4-1; Hockey downed by Groton 5-1; Skiing places 5th of 6 at Kimball Union winter carnival; B-Ball downed by Groton 50-46, and Wrestling, lacking experience, is downed by Nobles.
- 31 Skiing overcomes Dublin, B-Ball pulls past Rivers 52-49, Squash downed again by Brooks and Hockey slips again 3-2.

FEBRUARY

- 3 Squash bows again 3-2 to Middlesex. Skiers beat Andover and Proctor; B-Ball just squeaks past Nobles 58-56, Hockey subdued

9-1 by Belmont Hill and Lower School All-Stars bow to Concord Bantams in overtime 5-4.

- 4 Jim Gibbons '65 talks to Mish on North Dakota Indians and his work with them last summer.
- 7 In close one, Hockey is downed by B&N 3-2. Squash loses to Exeter while B-Ball overpowers Belmont Hill. Eugene McCarthy speaks to School about upcoming N.H. primary.
- 9 Dance Weekend starts with good dance in Hargate. Birkhead lecturer Mr. Ewell Gibbons tells us how to live off the ground.
- 10 Mish talent show and raffle are enjoyed by all. Best hockey of the year against Yale Frosh but still bow 3-1.
- 11 Girls depart but scene quickly changes as Richard Nixon talks to School on upcoming New Hampshire primary.
- 14 Hockey hot as it overcomes Governor Dummer 7-1, and B-Ball overturns them 58-57 in overtime. Squash bows to Andover and Wrestling loses close one to Berwick 35-33.
- 17 Strong Andover hockey team easily downs Paulies 6-1, Squash downed by Deerfield 4-1, B-Ball downed by B&N 65-47.
- 18 Music recital in Mem. Hall given by boys and is well done.
- 20 Mr. Tran Van Dinh, former Ambassador to the U.S. from South Viet Nam speaks to School.
- 21 KUA outshoots SPS and wins 5-0 in hockey. SPS loses Basketball to Middlesex 69-46; Ski team beats Holderness but loses to Tilton.
- 24 SPS smashes Brooks 8-2 in Hockey; B-Ball loses to Roxbury 65-45 — Final season record 7-7; SPS Ski team finishes 5th out of 16 in Interscholastic — Final record impressive — 9-4.
- 25 Fiske Cup preliminaries start with Lower School Plays.
- 27 National Merit Scholarship Test.
- 28 Hockey downed by Middlesex 6-1.
- 29 Winter Holiday surprises few as all depart to go skiing.

MARCH

- 1 Fiske Cup Plays End.
- 2 College Boards for 5th form; Sixth form show, State Alcohol Commission speaks to 6th form on alcohol.
- 6 Masters—SPS hockey game; Masters dominate 3-1.
- 8 SPS Dramatic Club sweeps N.H. Play competition.
- 9 State Alcohol specialists speak to 5th form.
- 12 N.H. State Primary — McCarthy takes 44%. P.A. department rejoices.
- 13 Fiske Cup Finals take place in Mem. Hall between Corner, Twenty and Simpson. Simpson House wins the honors.
- 14 School leaves for Spring Vacation.

APRIL

- 2 School returns on hot summer-like day.
- 3 Block classes; all sports start outside.
- 4 Martin Luther King is assassinated.
- 7 SPS walks into town in memory of Martin Luther King. Andrew Capanigno holds superb guitar concert in Hargate.
- 12 Good Friday Service long but peaceful.
- 14 Mish holds panel discussion concerning the Student Left proposal of more Negro students and faculty. EASTER SUNDAY.
- 17 SPS Lacrosse opens season by beating Tufts 8-5.
- 18 Annual Cadmean-Concordian debate is won by the Concordians.
- 19-21 Mr. S. Dillon Ripley, secretary of Smithsonian Institute, visits School as Conroy Fellow through Sunday.
- 20 Lax wins major game over Exeter 5-4 in double overtime. Baseball outhits Belmont handily 11-2. Tennis blanks KUA 9-0. Track downed 87-44 by Milton. A good day on the whole.
- 21 Mr. William Stevens, world renowned pianist, holds varied concert in Hargate — popular enough for three encores. SPS debating teams defeat both Brooks teams in debates.
- 24 SPS Lax shells Lawrence 20-4. All other sports rained out. Rector addresses School on subject of admissions — in particular, Negro admission.
- 27 Lax beats New Hampton 10-1, Track downed by Milton. Other sports can't brave the rain. SPS Dramatic Club presents a play — "The Morning After" in the New England Drama Festival and is awarded first place.
- 28 New Hampshire Philharmonic plays in Mem. Hall. Fifth Form officer elections held: President, Resor; Vice President, Bradshaw; Secretary, Bronson; Treasurer, Reath.
- 29 The committee of 100 starts first plans of Negro recruitment at St. Paul's.

MAY

- 1 SPS Lax swamps Deerfield 9-1; Baseball beaten by KUA in semi-hurricane conditions 5-0; Tennis swamped by Andover 9-0.
- 2 Fourth former Peter Culver awarded coveted Hugh Camp Cup for excellence in public speaking.
- 3 Lax easily over Winchendon 8-2; Baseball shines as it overcomes Berwick 7-5. Tennis out plays Deerfield 5-4. Track places second in triangular meet — KUA first and Hampton 3rd.

- 4 Fifth form takes college boards.
- 5 Vietnam Panel discusses state department film "Why Vietnam." Concord Academy girls and SPS men have co-ed sex talks.
- 8 Lax takes Proctor 7-1; Tennis crushes Exeter 5-2; B-Ball succumbs to Nobles and Greenough 12-1 while first and second SPS Crews fight valiantly against Harvard but are overcome.
- 10-11 Dramatic Club presents excellent comedy — "Ring Around the Moon" by Jean Anouilh.
- 11 New England History Teachers' Association meet at School. Lax beats undefeated Holderness 9-5; SPS Crew takes clean sweep 4-0 at Mt. Hermon. Tennis is able to swamp Milton 13-5 and even Track is able to win close one over Concord. B-Ball loses close one to New Hampton 6-3.
- 12 Mother's Day; most call home.
- 13-17 A.P. exams fail to arrive due to strike and are thus postponed a week.
- 15 Lax overcomes KUA 5-0; B-Ball outscores Tilton 7-4; and Crew outstrokes Andover in all four races. Sixth form "letter" is presented and the School becomes tense.
- 16 John M. Moore addresses science buffs on aero-space.
- 17-19 Dance Weekend starts with dance in Gates Room. Players Theater of Manchester presents comedy "The Pranks of Scapin."
- 18 Lower School holds fair for Dr. Martin Luther King Fund. Lax dumps Governor Dummer 14-7 for the girls but B-Ball overcome by Middlesex 5-0; Tennis loses to Groton 7-4. Crew beats Dartmouth lights but falters to Heavies. Track has no chance against Vermont Academy.
- 19 Girls leave as School falls into brief despair.
- 20-23 A.P. exams finally start.
- 22 Lax loses championship game to Andover 6-3. Baseball upsets Groton 3-2.
- 24 Tennis rolls over New Hampton 9-0.
- 25 Lax outshoots Mount Hermon 14-5. B-Ball pitches 1-0 shutout over G.D. Crew comes very close at Worcester but that's all — Kent wins by half a length. Tennis loses close one to Dartmouth 6-4 while Track loses again — this time to Dummer.
- 26 Mish auction held with best success coming through sale of snow cones.
- 29 Lax ends season with handy 16-1 win for near perfect season (12-1), B-Ball and Tennis rained out. Lower School race day — Shattuck takes a majority while Halcyon takes first crew.
- 31 Exams begin. Anniversary Weekend starts with Latin play Plautus' "Captivi" given with great success. B-Ball loses to Belmont Hill in five innings due to rain.

JUNE

- 1 Anniversary activities continue. Trustees meet at the School. Old Hundred easily takes track meet. Shattuck takes every race but the second. Jim Colby is awarded Gordon Medal.
- 2 Masters with a little help from the clubs edge out SPS in softball 7-6.
- 3-7 Exams continue until the seventh.
- 8 VI Form Communion. Presentation of Dickey prizes and testimonials for Forms I through V takes place in Hall. Last Night Service and hand shaking complete first day of commencement activities.
- 9 School watches handsome Sixth Form graduate.
- 9-11 Several Upper Schoolers stay over voluntarily until Tuesday to discuss new curriculum possibilities for coming years.

Summer Vacation