



SADDLE RIVER

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FIDELITY

DAY SCHOOL



# Dr. Kristen Walsh Hall of Science and Entrepreneurship



**21st Century spaces  
and learning tools to  
support innovative  
new programming  
and an expanded  
curriculum.**





# Curriculum Highlights: New US Courses since 2023

## Math

- Post AP Math Courses (full year)
  - Multivariable Calculus
  - Linear Algebra
  - Differential Equations
  - Discrete Math
  - Actuarial Financial Mathematics
  - Introduction to Mathematical Proofs

## Business and Economics

- Closing Bell Class
- AP Business Principles
- Honors Business Law
- Business Marketing Track
- Bloomberg Principles (2028)
- Honors Marketing Management
- Social Media Marketing (2028)

## Science

- Post AP Bio - Columbia Research Program
- AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
- Post AP Chemistry: Advanced Topics in Chemistry
- Bioethics

## Computer Science

- Post AP - Natural Language Processing
- Post AP - Honors Artificial Intelligence
- Post AP - Honors Computer Graphics and Game Dev
- Post AP - Honors Robotics

## Languages

- AP Spanish Literature
- Post-AP Spanish Intro to Hispanic Culture
- Post-AP French Seminar

## Enhanced Wellness Program for 9-12

## Art

- AP Art History
- VR City

## History

- AP Comparative Government
- Semester Electives (seniors-2026)
  - Cold War
  - 1968

## English

- AP Seminar for 9th Grade
- AP Research for 10th Grade
- Semester Electives (11th & 12th grade CP and Honors)\*
  - Madness and Mayhem
  - Murder Mysteries
  - Sports Literature
  - Fantasy
  - Humor
  - Love in the West

\*\*\*New for 25-26

\*\*\*New for 26-27

\*\*\*New for 27-28



# Congratulations seniors!



## Class of 2026

- 65 students
- 648 applications
- 155 unique colleges
- 33% of class enrolled Early Decision or Early Action
- 98% of students applied to a school ED or EA





# 2024-2026 College Offers



- Brown
- Cornell
- Columbia
- Duke
- Georgetown
- Johns Hopkins
- MIT
- NYU
- UPenn
- Princeton
- Tufts
- USC
- Vanderbilt
- Vassar
- Villanova
- Wash U of St. Louis, and many more





# New Family Page



ABOUT SRDS BUILDING THE FUTURE CAMPAIGN ADMISSIONS ACADEMICS ARTS ATHLETICS OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORT SRDS

Information for New Families

Visit SRDS  
Request Information  
Admissions Process

Tuition & Affordability  
International Students  
Information for New Families



Welcome to Saddle River Day School!

Congratulations and welcome! On behalf of the entire school community, I want to assure you that we will work hard to prepare your child for success at SRDS and beyond.

Our goal is to make your transition to SRDS as seamless as possible. Please feel free to contact the Office of Admissions if we can be of assistance.

Thanks, and welcome again to the Rebel Family!

2026-2027 Significant Dates

<https://www.saddleriverday.org/newfamilypage>

- **No login required** (portal information comes out in August)
- Under the 'Admissions' Tab
  - Information for New Families
- Forms for Business Office and School Nurse
- Information regarding dress code, textbooks, supply lists, course listings and summer reading
- Important dates and calendar
- Uniform and athletics information - now live
- Occasional informational text messages

Updated throughout the summer



# BYOD and Academic Planning



Below are a basic system options for the BYOD Program:



Microsoft Surface or Laptop operating ver. 10 of Windows



Apple Laptop OS 11 (Big Sur or higher)

Please meet these minimum Hardware Requirements:

- Intel I5 or better
- 8 GB RAM
- At least 250GB HD space
- Antivirus of some type (Avast! Is a good free option)

\*IPads do not currently meet our requirements

\* Graphics Arts students may require different requirements

SRDS Provides access to the entire Google Apps for Education suite (Docs, Sheets, Drive, etc.) through our school email platform.

## Academic Planning Meetings

- Individual planning meetings with Mr. Bowman for all new students
  - Discuss placement tests
  - Review 9th grade courses
  - Discuss electives and arts options
  - Review a student's 4-year plan
- After courses are approved, Mr. Bowman sends the list to Deirdre Angrick, Academic Dean
- Summer: review courses with Mrs. Angrick

### Potential Course Sequence

#### 9th Grade

- CP/Hon English 9 or AP Seminar
  - Research and Writing Course
- CP/Hon History 9 or AP Human Geography
- Geometry - AP Precalculus
- CP or Honors Biology
- Language Requirement -
- Arts Requirement -
- Elective -
- Freshman Wellness Course
  - Executive Functioning
  - Phys Ed
  - Health

#### 10th Grade

- CP/Hon English 10 or AP Research
- CP/Hon World History 10 or AP History
- Algebra II - AP Calc AB/BC
- CP or Honors Chemistry
- Language Requirement -
- Arts -
- Elective -
- Phys Ed (2 additional semesters between 10th-12th grade)
  - Numerous courses to choose from



# School Nurse and Medical Forms



## Forms to Complete and Submit Prior to August 21st:

- Medical Records Form
- Student Emergency Form
- Physical (renewed annually)
  - **Fall Athletes must submit by August 1st**
- Complete Immunization records
- Individual health care plans/medication forms (renewed annually)
  - Drop off emergency medications at orientation or the 1st day of school

Health Services information and forms for download:

<https://www.saddleriverday.org/our-community/health-services>

Contact: Lei Ann McChesney, RN, CSN-NJ

(201) 327 - 4050 ext. 1111

[lmcchesney@saddleriverday.org](mailto:lmcchesney@saddleriverday.org)

Optional Steps

Student Emergency Form [Complete Form](#)

MEDICAL AND HEALTH FORMS

Questions? Email Lei Ann McChesney, School Nurse, [lmcchesney@saddleriverday.org](mailto:lmcchesney@saddleriverday.org)

[Medical Records Request Form](#)

[Student Emergency Form](#)

[Medication Administration Authorization Form](#)

[Physical Form \(Lower School\)](#)

[Physical Form \(Middle/Upper\)](#)



# Business Office - Payment Plans



SRDS Tuition billing system; accounts must be in Finals site from an audit perspective. **When you submit a contract into Finals site, you will be directed to Billing, where you will pay your deposit. Your payment plan will be set up according to your contract choice.**

Options for paying:

1. **Payment plans:**
  - a. **annual plan** due July 1
  - b. **semi annual** plan due July 1 and Dec 1
  - c. **10 month** payment plan July 1 through April 1; since April 1st is the last payment, the number of payment months are reduced if you enroll after July 1 (e.g., if you enroll in August, your payment plan could be 8 or 9 months)
2. You can set up automatic payments from your checking or savings account with a flat \$2.50 charge for each payment, or you can pay by credit card with a 3.05% fee.
3. Also, payments by check (written to Saddle River Day School) can be sent to my attention (Gina Brinkman) at SRDS.
4. The deposit and full amount for tuition insurance are due with your contract signing; the full amount for bus transportation will be due with the first payment, and all other charges (Tuition, Meals and Technology) are spread throughout the number of payments you choose on your contract.

**Finals site enrollment link** [https://saddleriverday.fsenrollment.com/users/sign\\_in](https://saddleriverday.fsenrollment.com/users/sign_in)

**Finals site Family help Portal** <https://www.finalsite.com/schooladmin-parent-portal-help>

**SRDS Business Office Contact:** Gina Brinkman, Accountant, Office 551-579-6703 or email [gbrinkman@saddleriverday.org](mailto:gbrinkman@saddleriverday.org)



# Business Office - Transportation and Textbooks



## Transportation Information

- Private transportation rates have not been finalized. Once they are, a note with rates will go out with a request for confirmation that transportation is still needed. Then, the amounts will be added to your Finals site account.
- **NJ Residents** are eligible for transportation aid from their district if you drive your student or use our private transportation. You must fill out a **B6T form** (sent via email and on website). Conditions apply. Not all districts participate.
- **NY Residents** should check with their district to see if they are eligible for district busing. Conditions apply. Deadline was April 1.

## TextBooks

For **New Jersey students**, the school has access to state funds to supply textbooks to the school for in school use (not to replace textbooks needed for home use). Please fill out and return the form (sent via email and on webpage). **New York residents** should check with their district to see if they are eligible for textbooks.

### BILLING AND BUSINESS OFFICE

Email completed forms to Gina Brinkman in the Business Office: [gbrinkman@saddleriverday.org](mailto:gbrinkman@saddleriverday.org)



NJ Textbook Loan Program



NJ State BT6 Transportation Form



Suffern NY Transportation Form



Dewar Tuition Refund Plan



# Upper School Head, Dr. Shai Zacaraev



- Ed.D. in Education from The University of Pennsylvania
  - Educational and Organizational Leadership
- Masters in Education from the Teachers College, Columbia University, Klingenstein Center in Independent School Leadership.
- M.A. and B.S. in Computer and Information Science with a minor in Business Management, Brooklyn College, City University of New York (CUNY)
- Upper School Dean, Dwight Englewood School.
  - Class of 2023 Advisor and helped in planning of grade level and schoolwide activities, scheduling, discipline and day to day activities in the Upper School.
  - Introduced new courses into the curriculum including *Introduction to Quantum Algorithms* and *Web Security and Bug Bounty Programs*.
- Upper School Academic Technology Chair, St. Francis Episcopal School in Houston, TX
- Technology Leadership Team, The Packer Collegiate Institute in Brooklyn, NY
- Wall Street Account Executive, Trade Floor Manager, and Recruiter





# Welcome to Upper School!

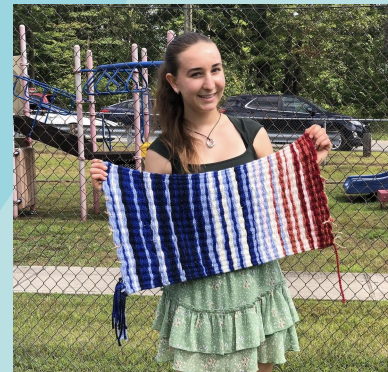


- Summer Meetings
- Advisory Program and Deans
- Schedule Review
- Dress Code
- Fall Sports begin - Aug. 17
- Orientation & Buddy BBQ
  - August 31
- Overnight & Class trips - September



# About me

- 12th grade student at SRDS
- In school I'm the Student Body president, founder of the Chemistry Club, and member of the TEDx Club
- Outside of school I'm involved in Rockland 4-H, Beyond Plastics, and Rockland Youth Symphony



# My Classes

## Sophomore

- AP European History
- AP Precalculus
- Honors Chemistry
- Honors Applied Physics and Engineering
- English 10 Honors
- Art Major
- Spanish III Honors

## Junior

- AP Chemistry
- AP Calculus
- AP Literature
- AP American History
- Honors Physics
- Portfolio Art
- Spanish IV Honors

## Senior

- AP Biology
- AP Comparative Government
- AP English Language and Composition
- AP Spanish
- Differential Equations (Post AP)
- Advanced Topics in Chemistry (Post AP)



# **Museum Walk-Up Experience and Website Lesson Plan to Teach the Public About How Scientists Conduct Whale Research Using Drones**

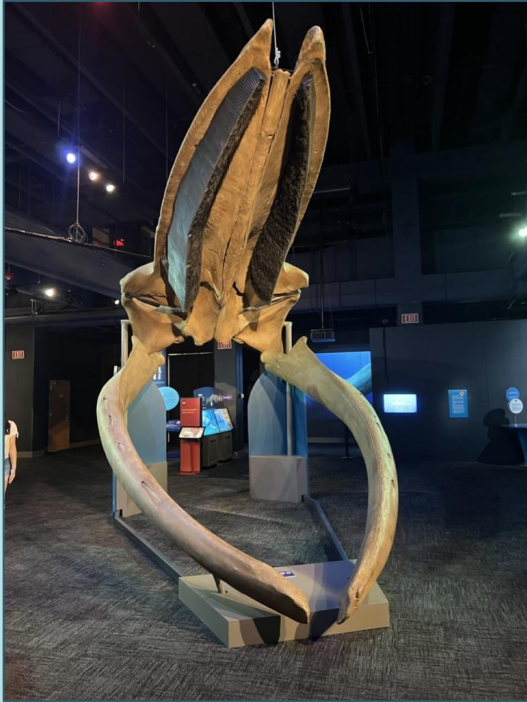
Josephine Brooks  
Stem Track



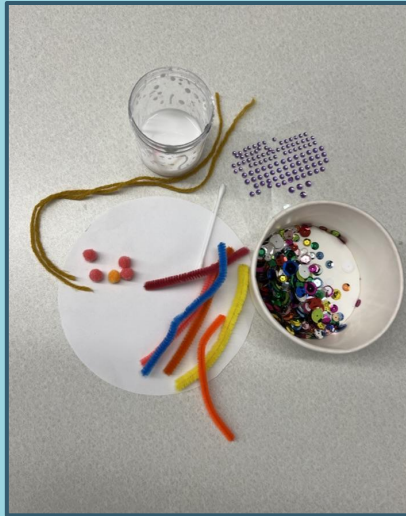
# **“How Can Scientists Effectively Disseminate Research to the Public?”**



# Topic for Experience: How Scientists Conduct Whale Research Using Drones

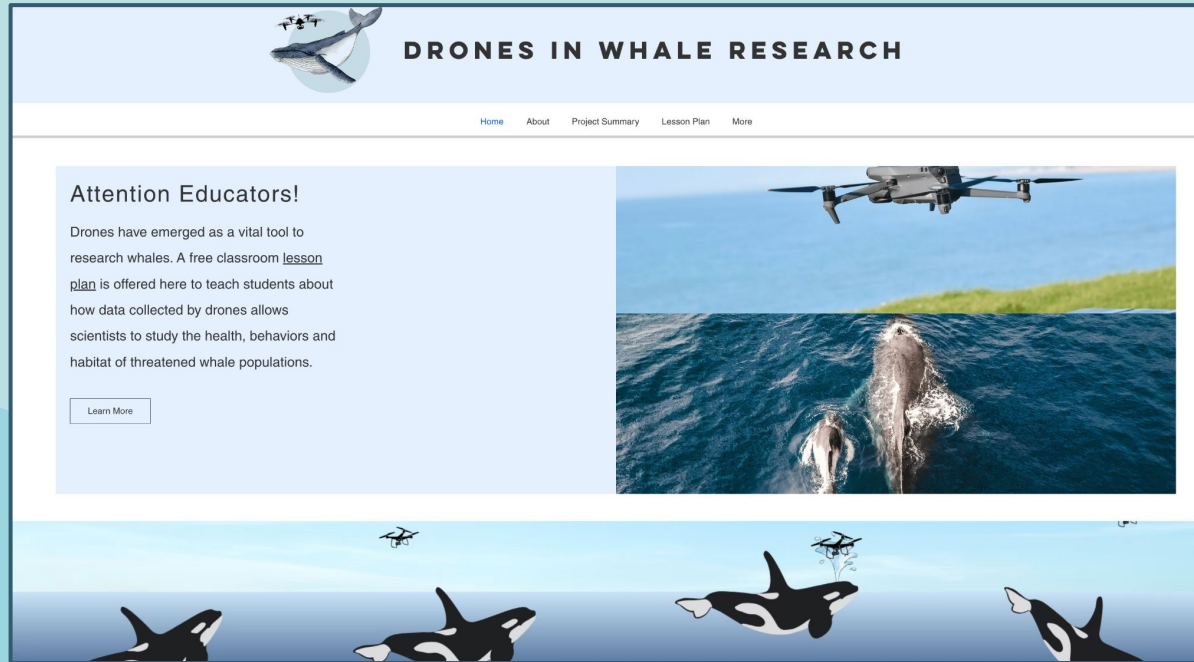


**Aim:** Translate current research data and methods in a way that is accessible, engaging and fun for non-scientists.



# My Website

<http://www.dronesinwhaleresearch.org>





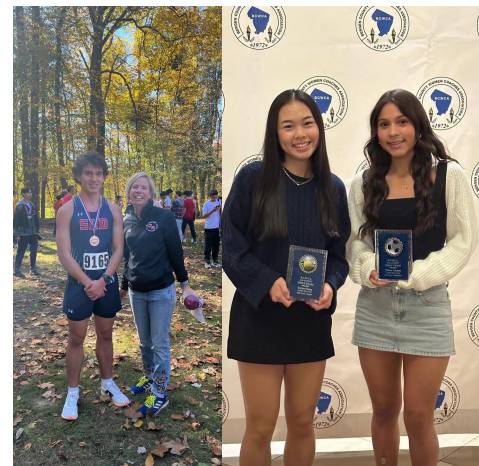
# Fall Athletics



- *Vantage* for registration (new this yr)
- Fall Sports
  - Boys Soccer (JV and Varsity)
  - Girls Soccer (Varsity)
  - Coed Cross Country (Varsity)
  - Girls Tennis (JV and Varsity)
  - Girls Volleyball (Fr., JV and Varsity)
  - Equestrian
- US starts Aug. 17 - Mandatory Preseason
- Sports Recruits - college platform

Athletic Director  
PJ Petrow

[ppetrow@saddleriverday.org](mailto:ppetrow@saddleriverday.org)





# Rebels Athletic Club



## Rebels Athletic Club on GroupSpot

### Joining Your Group:

1. Scan the QR Code below and download GroupSpot.
2. Open GroupSpot and create a new account.
3. Tap 'Join with Invite Code' and enter the code below.

Invite Code:

**RVu1J**



### Building Community

- Communications: Calendars, Notifications, Chat, Posts, and Comments.
- Media: Photos, Albums, Files, and Videos.
- Organization: Attendance, RSVPs, Signups, Payments, Polls, Forms, and more!



# Theater and the Arts



SADDLE RIVER DAY SCHOOL

## Footloose the musical

March 5, 6, & 7  
Performing Arts Center  
7pm

**DIRECTOR**  
Jeffrey Kringer

**SET DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION**  
Danielle Van Kampen  
Adam Brown  
Fred D'Onofrio

**PRODUCER**  
Amanda Bieglecki

**CHOREGRAPHER & ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**  
Chris Nicolosi

**PRODUCER & MUSIC DIRECTOR**  
Tyler Capa

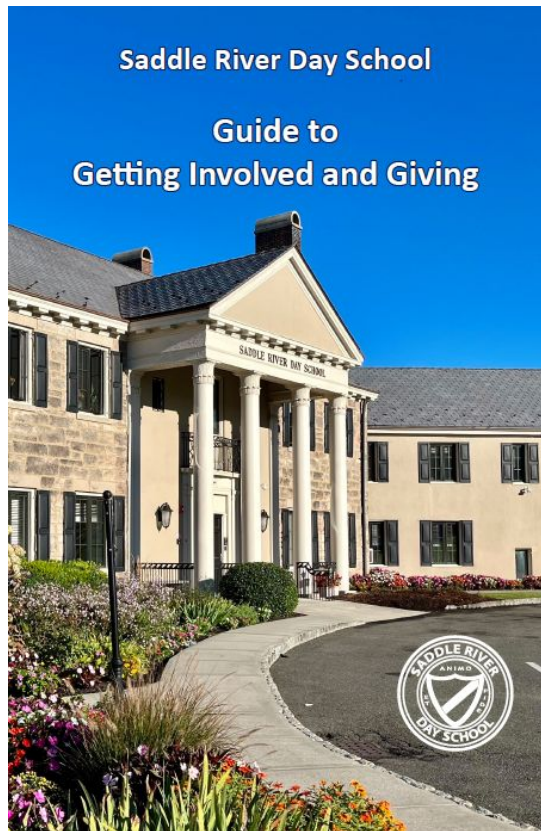
Written by Dean Pitchford (Lyrics and Book) and Tom Snow (Music)

tickets available at [srd.sbooktix.com](http://srd.sbooktix.com)





# Office of Development and Annual Giving



## Annual giving at SRDS...

- Through the ***Building the Future*** capital campaign we are building the new Hall of Science and Entrepreneurship & more
- The **SRDS Fund** provides immediate impact and equips our teachers and students with the tools and resources they need to excel
- The annual **PG Gala** supports a specific initiative or project.





# Parents Guild - 1st Thursday of the Month





# Looking Ahead



## Before July 1

- Vantage sports registration
- Summer reading/assignments posted on new family page
- Booklist Information

## July

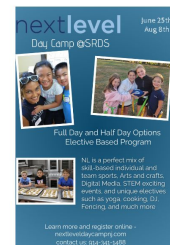
- Summer Academy classes

## August

- Schedules
  - Mid-late August
- Orientation info - August email
- August 17th - Fall sports preseason starts
- August 31st - Upper School Buddy BBQ
- Last week - Transportation information

## September

- Sept. 1 - First Day
- Sept. 10-11th : Class trips



Contact Erica Cohen  
summeracademy@saddleriverday.org