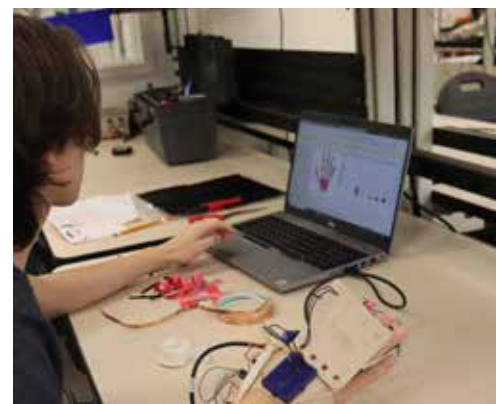




FRESHMAN UPDATE

by Milo Jones

Hello everybody, it's Milo and I'm here with another freshman update! By now everyone has received their shop placement. We here at Newspaper Club hope everyone had luck getting into their first choice shop! If you weren't able to get into your first choice shop, then maybe there will be an opportunity in the future to transfer so keep your fingers crossed. If not, try to make the best of the shop you got, maybe you will love it! Regardless of what shop you got it's time to settle in, because for the next 3 years you're going to be learning some amazing skills and tricks. It's time to absorb as much information as you can, because by junior year you'll be able to go on co-op and start making money! Don't forget, depending on your shop you could also get some side jobs before co-op too! Getting a trade-related job will allow you to maximize your experience with both academics and the working world. Just remember that balance is key, don't let your academics stress you out, it's also important to not let your shop cloud your mind too much as well. Shops are exciting but you've got to find a system that works for you!! Be prepared because next year as sophomores you'll get to have related period which brings on a lot more work on top of your academics. That being said, shop is a time to learn and hone your new found or already existing skills and allow yourself to pave the way for future opportunities... so be prepared to be busy. Hopefully everyone has an amazing time in their shops and gets to make wonderful memories with their classmates. Have a great next few years learning and growing in your chosen trade.



SKILLSUSA DISTRICTS

On March 16, the SkillsUSA District Competition took place at Shawsheen Tech, and it was a memorable occasion. Students had been studying everything they needed to know about the safety, employability, and trade-specific topics that would be covered on their exams. Their dedication to their field of study is what SkillsUSA is all about. The mission of SkillsUSA is to equip its members with the skills they need to excel as leaders, workers, and overall diligent people in the United States. When students arrived at the school cafeteria, where the competition took place, everyone was eager to get going. They soon found themselves taking tests and racking their brains for the right responses. When they were finished, they went to the gym, where they were met with refreshments, snacks, and cornhole. Later, it was revealed that 38% of participants earned medals and that there were 20 gold medalists, 20 silver medalists, and 27 bronze medalists. The winners of the silver and gold medals will proceed to the state competition in Marlborough

and Upton, where they will work hard to attempt to claim gold medals to advance to the national competition. The success of this event is so exciting because it demonstrates that the students at Shawsheen Tech have exceptional talents and will contend with those from across the state, and then hopefully, from across the country! Good luck to all competitors!



WHAT TO WATCH

by Brooklin Schena

Back in 2011, the show Once Upon a Time premiered. If you like fairytales with a twist, this show might be for you! In the show, there is a world called the Enchanted Forest, where fairytales come to life. Every classic fairytale you know and love come together to live in one magical world. In this world there are not only the heroes we love, but also the villains that are lurking in the shadows. So, have you ever heard of the Evil Queen? Well, she is worse than you remember. Now she's out to end everyone's happy endings, and she could end yours too. We quickly find out that the Evil Queen sent all our favorite fairytale characters to a world without magic. A world where they are ripped apart from their loved ones and forget all their memories of the life they once had. Come watch these classic heroes from our favorite fairytales battle the Evil Queen in this new world with a little bit of help from some new friends. You can stream this action-packed adventure on Disney+. There are seven seasons so it will be sure to entertain you for a while! So, if you need something to watch, I would highly recommend giving the show Once Upon a Time a chance.

ROBOTICS RECAP

by Mr. Natale

This year the robotics club had one of the most successful seasons at Shawsheen in many years. The level of dedication in such a well rounded group made it such an inspiring year. In the club, our teams compete in the annual VEX Robotics Competition at the regional level against hundreds of teams from some extremely talented public schools, private schools, and individually run robotics programs. The teams (typically 4-6 students) design a custom robot to complete several tasks, and document the entire process in an engineering notebook throughout the full year. At the events, they are tasked with collaborating with many other teams to pair up and try to succeed together.

This year, our most successful robot was team 5313A, made up of Adam San Clemente, Jared Gardner, Destinee Jeanty, and Mason Haines. They made it to the semifinal match at nearly every competition this year, and were just one win short of a trip to the

VEX World Championship. At the Southern New England Regional Championship (Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island), 5313A made it to the quarter final match, where they attempted to win a spot in the World Championship. They fought extremely hard but ultimately lost the battle to the eventual Regional Champions. They were also ranked 30th in Southern New England out of hundreds of teams for their individual ranking in autonomous and driver Skills. Skills is a challenge for each team to run a fully automated program as well as a driver run on a field without other robots around to score as many points as they can on their own.

While we are very proud of the success that 5313A saw this year, the other 3 Shawsheen teams had their own levels of success. 5313B had possibly our most complete team, with all 5 members showing the highest level of commitment among all of our teams. Not one of them settled for anything less than full effort, and they were

able to qualify for the regional championship. 5313C battled several personnel issues and even a complete robot redesign mid-season. Their level of grit and determination was top-notch. 5313D showed a great deal of perseverance and commitment to their robot design. By the end of the season, they had the highest accuracy level of any of the Shawsheen robots and were also able to qualify for the regional championship.

One key factor to this year's success came from a recent Shawsheen graduate, Collin Powers (2020), who volunteered his time to help coach our teams throughout the season. Collin was a graduate of the Electronics/Engineering program and a highly committed robotics club member while he was at Shawsheen. He did a fantastic job mentoring students and holding them accountable to help push them to fulfill their potential.



Team 5313A: (L to R) Destinee Jeanty, Mason Haines, Jared Gardner, Adam San Clemente



Team 5313B: (L to R) John Canadas, Jonathan Chisholm, Brenna Follett, Nick Gattineri, Brendan Ferrone



Team 5313D: (L to R) Nick Leite, Evan Uftring, JT DiPietropolo, Ryan Stevens, Nick DiPietropolo (Not pictured: Sophia Cannalonga, Kevin Dusablon)

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION

CONGRATULATIONS to the New Inductees

Sarah Johansen
Alice Bollinger
Christiana Poirier
Methun Thayaaparan
Adam San Clemente
Brienne Dillon
Logan Pyles
Reagan Bowden
Anna Doughty
Brenna Follett
Everett Healy
Gabriella Lentini
Mackenzie Ware
Allison Dinelli
Allie Oliver
Addison Dunham
Skyla Doyle
Gordon Noble
Finley Dunham
Camden Atwood
Adrianna Damiano
Jaycee Mitchell
John McLaughlin
Michaela Crowe
Patrick Tassone



SENIOR NHS Members

Caitlyn Aprile, Mihael Ashminov, Anthony Bastianelli, Eric Bellavia, Liam Benston, Kylee Bevis, Kerry Brown, Joshua Bullock, Ashley Cashell, Alyssa Cavanaugh, Leslie Cota, Raeanna Dallaire-Boogaard, Jonathan Dalton, Gabriella DiSalvo, Jayden Donaher, Tyler Francois, Lauren Frontain, Lindsey Frontain, Nicholas Gonzalez, Brooke Haley, Paige Lipski, Kaytlyn MacPherson, Carlie Malonson, Lindsay McCarthy, Kiley McFadden, Makayla Melanson, Taylor Mills, Sara O'Donnell, Ella Reardon, Evan Sarno, Sarah Simonds, Joseph Soly, Alexa Strong, Christina Tsoukalas, Francesca Varallo, Michaela Vittum, Alyssa Wallace, Marjorie Zimmer



RECYCLING AT SHAWSHEEN

by McKayla Cadden, interviewing Ms. Mountain

What tips can we keep in mind to help the people who are in recycling club?

We don't have an official "recycling club" most students are in student council, but a few people just volunteer which is always appreciated.

What advice would you give to make the recycling club more impactful?

Please recycle and do not put trash in your bin! We have approximately 12 minutes every morning to pick up as many bins as possible and trash only slows us down and limits the number of classrooms and shops we can visit.

How can people outside of recycling club help?

Volunteers are always welcome! Shawsheen is a very big school and we can always use help in the morning. Please check what students are placing in your bin- sorting through trash is not what we do! In addition, don't send students outside to empty your recyclables who do not know the difference between trash and recycling. We have to jump in and remove the undesirable items or risk our entire bin being thrown out. It's frustrating because we have a great group of dedicated students who try to make the world a better place every day. Lastly, remember to thank the crew when they enter your classroom, shop or office. It means so much to them!

How much does Shawsheen recycle each year?

We have a four and a six yard dumpster and they are emptied every other week during the year and every week in September and June.

Thank you to Ms. Mountain for answering our questions!

TONY HOFFMAN VISITS



THE UNOFFICIAL SPOTIFY OF THE RAMPAGE

Here's what Newspaper Club is listening to right now.

THE VERY FIRST NIGHT

by Taylor Swift

NEW YEARS DAY

by Taylor Swift

YOU'RE SO VAIN

by Carly Simon

LIFELESS STARS

by Palaye Royale

HOMETOWN SMILE

by Bahjat

BYE, BYE BIRDIE & BRAVO TO SHAWSHEEN 'S DRAMA CLUB!



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AM I READY FOR GRADUATION?

by Grace Melo

"Am I ready?" This is a frequent question that the majority of seniors have been asking themselves as June approaches. Though some of us feel more prepared than others for our impending transition into the big wide world, some of us can't help to feel overwhelmed by it. I know that I have personally felt this way. Some days I feel as though I'm fully ready, and then the next I feel as though I have no clue what I'm doing. I also reached out to a few other seniors from different shops to see how they feel about this big transition. Eli Ober from Culinary says, "I've been waiting to graduate ever since I knew what it meant. Now I barely want to leave". Graduating

is something we have all been preparing for since the first day of high school. It's like we've been in this crazy race, slowly making our way to the end. Now the finish line is within our sight, and we don't want the race to end. Although we are all excited to graduate, we are also sad to leave Shawsheen behind.

Senior Ash Cashel shared their thoughts, "I feel like I've been floating through the year and every time I remember I'm graduating, it feels like a guy just ran around the corner, baseball bat in hand, ready to swing. Except every time he misses ever so slightly and says 'Your day is coming, and I'll be there' and then I forget and carry on."

Although this may be a rather odd analogy for graduating, I understand it. Graduating can be nerve racking, so we push away the thought of it and we pray that the fear will just disappear, but it is not going to disappear. All we can do is mentally prepare for it the best we can.

So, to those of you who are a bit nervous crossing that stage in June, please know that you are not alone. These conflicting feelings of anxiousness, sadness, excitement and anticipation are not only happening to you, but to your peers as well.

So, know that you are not alone through this.

SECOND ANNUAL TIM FOLEY BURGER CHALLENGE



Shawsheen Tech's Culinary Arts program participated in the 2nd annual slider challenge against four other vocational programs in the area. Although Shawsheen didn't bring home the gold, they certainly served up an inspired and delicious Mac & Cheese Slider that was a huge crowd favorite.

Staff and community members enjoyed trying these creative sliders. We all can't wait until next year's competition!

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