

# RAMPAGE

SHAWSHEEN TECH STUDENT NEWS



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## WELCOME CLASS OF 2025

by *Michaela Vittum*  
*Class of 2023 - Health Assisting*

Shawsheen was busy on Monday, August 30th as the school welcomed its new freshmen class. The day was filled with engaging and exciting activities. With the help and support of Ms. Caira and her upper-class student orientation leaders, the new freshmen were introduced to the school with a cheering-tunnel and introductions to some of their important faculty members. A mirror activity, done by the orientation leaders, gave the new class examples of resiliency that many of them could relate to, which hopefully eased some stress and made them feel welcome. The leaders expressed what it means to be a "Resilient Ram", which defines each and every Shawsheen student. Freshmen participated in outdoor activities on the football field, practiced their schedules, and received gift bags with

Shawsheen goodies and a "Resiliency" tee-shirt.

Freshmen also got to experience the incredible Rob Surette, back again, with his talent for speed painting. The inspiring artist shared many meaningful messages through his demonstration of speed painting. His talent is an exciting tradition of Freshmen orientation. The year's theme of resiliency was integrated throughout the entire day. In their homerooms, the ninth graders were able to perform their own mirror activity, guided by their orientation leaders. It was and is important for them to know that their experiences only make them stronger and that they are more resilient than they may know. The future is bright for the approximate 360 students, one of the largest freshmen classes, and it is so exciting to wonder and see what they will accomplish as Resilient Rams.

### HOMEcomings SPIRIT WEEK!

**M: (10/4) Hawaiian Day**  
**T: (10/5) Neon Day**  
**W: (10/6) Pajama Day**  
**Th (10/7) USA Day**  
**F: (10/8) Shawsheen Colors,  
Purple and White**

HOMEcomings DANCE  
Thursday, October 7 6pm - 9pm

TICKETS: \$5

Purchase from the school store

Minimum of 100 ticket sales in  
order for the event to take place.  
Open to Shawsheen  
students only.

#### JOIN NEWSPAPER CLUB!

Meetings every Thursday after school  
in DVC, room 505.

#### Newspaper Club Staff

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#### Newspaper Advisor

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#### Special Thanks

To Ms. Caira, Ms. Cook, Ms. Cedorchuk,  
Mr. Michaud, Ms. Cammarata,  
Mrs. Demarco, Mrs. Callahan



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# GET INVOLVED!

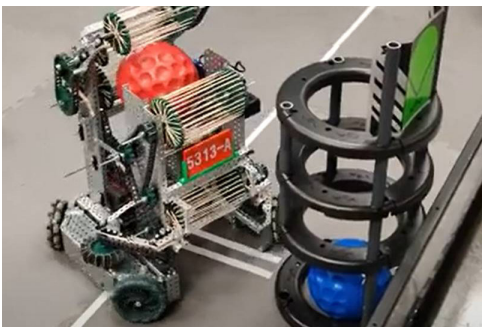
Get the most out of your high school experience. Here are **some** of the clubs/activities available to you!

### THE ROBOTICS CLUB

The Robotics Club participates in team-based robotics competitions throughout the year. The students design, program and build their robots to execute specific tasks and strategies as defined by the annual VEX Robotics Competitions. We have several teams made up of 4-6 students each. All students are challenged through teamwork, engineering design, programming, manufacturing techniques and project management.

We meet **Wednesdays after school in Engineering from 2:15-5:00** with additional days as needed. We travel to 3-5 competitions throughout the year on Saturdays at other schools throughout Massachusetts.

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### THE CHECKERS AND CHESS CLUB

The Checkers and Chess Club will meet the **last Friday of every month, 215-315**, in the **Rams Head Dining Room**. Boards and snacks will be provided for all players. Bring your friends for some fun and friendly competition. See Mr. Williams in Culinary Arts with any questions

### GSA (GENDER AND SEXUALITY ALLIANCE)

The mission of Shawsheen's GSA (Gender & Sexuality Alliance, formerly Gay-Straight Alliance) is to raise awareness, to help create a culture of tolerance and acceptance, and to inspire others to celebrate diversity. As a member of our club, you will have an opportunity to learn about and express ideas that help to actively support the LGBTQ population. The GSA takes part in many school fundraisers, and it also sponsors field trips and social events with other GSA Clubs from the Northeast Region. Our leaders have been trained by the Massachusetts Safe Schools Project, and we have weekly meetings, during homeroom, on **Wednesdays and Fridays, in room 108**. We will also have meetings bi-weekly, during senior academic week (Week 2) after school, from 2:05-3:05 in Room 108 (meeting locations may change, or become virtual, as safety protocols dictate).

For more information, please contact one of the GSA's faculty advisors, Ms. McNeal or Ms. LaBella.

Some GSA Activities Planned:  
*Bi-monthly Regional Meetings - students will meet other Northeast Regional GSA members for a day of*



*sharing, education, support and fun!*  
*Mama Mia! - Northshore Music Theater Field Trip*  
*Flatbread Pizza - Fundraiser & Pizza Night*  
*Woburn Gala - GSA Prom*  
*Boston Youth Pride - Parade March*  
*Billerica Community Clean-Up Day*  
*Burlington - Youth Pride Community Celebration*  
*\*and more activities to come!*

### STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council meets during **Week 2 as needed in room 511B at 7:30am**. Our first fundraiser will begin on October 1 and conclude on the 15th. We are selling 22 inch mixed evergreen wreaths for \$25. They will be delivered before Thanksgiving. Some upcoming events!

1. Wreath sales October 1-15 \$25 each
2. Savers collection donation
3. Catie's closet toiletries
4. Animal shelter drive
5. Annual holiday food drive

Advisor- Ms. Mountain  
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### RAMBLINGS ART & LITERARY MAGAZINE

Ramblings is Shawsheen Tech's awarding winning art and literary magazine. **Here's why you should submit:** Your work may be included in an award-winning magazine! You would be able to put on a college resume that you have been published! It is a wonderful creative opportunity to be a part of!

**For more information** on how to submit either artwork or writing, or if you would like to participate in the assembly of the magazine itself, contact:  
Ms. LaBella, Literary Editor (Writing)  
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Mr. Michaud, Creative Advisor (Art)  
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# SHOP SPOTLIGHT



picture from Arianna Walker

## CULINARY ARTS

by Arianna Walker

Class of 2024 - Culinary Arts

### What are you most excited for this year?

Mr. Williams: It's great to see that we have the largest freshmen class Shawsheen has had in a long time. It is great to see them go through the shop and learn how to cook, bake, and serve the public during the one week of shop.

Culinary Student- I am excited for them to learn all the techniques we have learned since being in this shop.

### What do you think the freshman should know about this shop?

Mr. Williams: Everything we prepare, the public will consume. So we heavily teach the board of health regulations rules and laws to maintain a healthy environment to keep the public safe. We provide a uniform that they must also wear for the week .

Culinary Student: The freshmen should know that this is a great shop with amazing teachers. And you get to cook, bake, and learned how prepare the food for others to eat.

## HOME COMING GAMES!

### CROSS COUNTRY

Wednesday,  
October 6 at 4:00pm  
vs. Greater Lowell/Nashoba

### VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, October 7  
vs. Mystic Calley  
(at the Marshall Middle  
School in Billerica)  
JV at 4:00pm  
Varsity at 5:30pm

### GOLF

Friday, October 8 at 3:30pm  
vs. Bedford  
(at Patriot Golf Course in  
Bedford)

### FOOTBALL

Friday, October 8 at 7:00pm  
vs. Northeast

### BOYS SOCCER

Saturday, October 9 at  
10:00am vs. Whittier

### GIRLS SOCCER

Saturday, October 9 at  
1:00pm vs. Dracut

## CULINARY ARTS STUDENTS FEATURED IN THE BILLERICA MINUETMAN

Click [HERE](#) to read the article about our Culinary Art's curbside pickup options!

Congrats to our students and teachers on their hard work!





# HIGHLIGHTS THIS MONTH



Bedford Day, Yankee Doodle Day Billerica pictures from Ms. Cammarata



Culinary Arts students busy in the kitchen pictures from Ms. Cammarata

Girls Soccer pictures from Mo Melanson