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Happy New Year!

RFH GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY TEAM WINS NJSIAA MEET OF CHAMPIONS

 On Saturday, November 19 in Holmdel Park, the Rumson-Fair Haven High School girls' cross country team finished in first place to win the NJSIAA Meet of Champions. The girls scored 126 points to hold off defending champion and No. 3 Hillsborough and No. 8 Mount St. Dominic, both with 142 points. With this win, girls' cross country became the first team from RFH to win a state championship against all six groups in the state, including the non-public schools and prep schools.



Junior Rachel Christ led the team, finishing in ninth place in a PR of 18:35, breaking her own RFH school record. Senior Shannon McCarthy ran a PR of 19:33 to finish in 34th place and Michaela Irvine ran a PR of 19:38 to finish in 40th place. Freshman Hannah Anderson held on to give RFH a fourth runner under 20 minutes (19:48) and junior Isabella Maita sealed the deal as the fifth runner with a furious finish (20:28). Sophomore Courtney Howley (20:36 PR) and senior Molly Hellman (21:13) completed the team. The team finished for a combined average of 19:36.40, another RFH school record.

Following the awards ceremony, where the girls were presented with a large plaque, they boarded the team bus back to the high school. Accompanying the girls was a parade of cars containing family and friends,

as well as a fire truck, ambulance, and some police cars. When the team arrived at the school parking lot, Coach McLoone told the girls to "look at the school buildings and think of all the kids who have walked through those halls and the other teams that have represented RFH." He said proudly, "There have been other great ones: girls' hoops, track, football, tennis, golf, swimming, and many others. But none ever did what you did today: win a state championship!"

SHREWSBURY BOROUGH SCHOOL HOLIDAY CONCERT

By Lori Anne Oliwa

 A message of peace on earth was conveyed joyfully through smiles and song on the evening of December 15, as students of the Shrewsbury Borough School (SBS) presented their winter concert under the direction of music director Steve Clar. The tone of the evening was set by the special performance of the 'Peace Builders,' a group of students who pledge to promote peace in the school community, at home, and in the community-at-large. Many in the audience were moved to tears as the students gleefully sang the 'Peace Builders Pledge Song' under the direction of guidance counselor Ms. Shaheen. She explained that students who participate in the group recite a 'peace pledge' on a



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daily basis and then promote that positive message wherever they go.

While thoughts of Christmas and Santa were high on the list, the evening also included tributes to Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, as the SBS Band performed "All for Chanukah." The SBS Jazz Band performed a suite of songs entitled "A Charlie Brown Christmas" and delighted the audience with renditions of "Linus and Lucy," "O Tannenbaum," "Skating," and "Christmas Time is Here." Many applauded before the band even started playing and were thrilled as Mr. Clar took to the stage with the electric guitar. The SBS Chorus performed "Let It Snow," and undoubtedly, the youngest students in the school really stole the show with humorous interpretations of "Must Be Santa," "I'm Getting Nuttin' for Christmas," and "Nine Little Candles." Kindergarten students decked out in their finest holiday attire from the classes of Mrs. Yodice, Mrs. Kulovitz, and Ms. Epstein brought the songs to life with their innocence, smiles, and unbridled glee.

The concert concluded appropriately with the song "Let There Be Peace on Earth," which was performed by the kindergarten students as they held candles and invited the audience to sing along.

RBR'S CLARA OSMONT TO PLAY LACROSSE WITH HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY

Red Bank Regional senior and Little Silver resident Clara Osmont recently signed a letter of intent to play Lacrosse for High Point University (HPU) in North Carolina. She received a partial scholarship to attend the university, where she is one of 11 players recruited for the Panthers, who won their National Conference title in their inaugural season last year.

High Point coach Lyndsey Boswell stated on the HPU website, "I'm so excited to bring in another great recruiting class — our depth for the spring is already very good and will get even better when we add these 11 players. This group will give us amazing speed and help us play the fast-paced style of lacrosse that we've been building a foundation for."

Clara came to lacrosse late. She ran track in her freshman season and traded that for lacrosse when she was a sophomore. She credits her friend's dad, Craig Smith, with motivating her to play the sport and helping her realize her own potential. Clara expanded her depth in the sport by playing in T-3 and lacrosse clinics.

RBR teacher Kim Homefield coaches Clara at RBR and commented, "Clara is a determined and talented athlete who started at midfield last season. She is a quick and skilled player who excels in distribution and transition on the field. She ended last season with 17 goals and 12 assists. She will be a tremendous asset to High Point University."

Clara is a studio art major in RBR's Visual and Performing Arts Academy. She also runs cross country for RBR and is a member of the National English, French, and Art honor societies. She hopes to pursue a career in graphic communication, which further attracted her to HPU since it offers that major.

She is very excited to be one of only 11 recruits to the university's lacrosse team and stated, "I was very impressed with their ideology. I visited the campus overnight, met everyone on the team and got a really good feeling. They are a good, hardworking group of girls."



Red Bank Regional senior and Little Silver resident Clara Osmont recently signed a letter of intent to play Lacrosse for High Point University (HPU) in North Carolina. Pictured left to right are: (standing) RBR Athletic Director Del DalPra, Clara's father Ghylslain, her coach Kim Homefield, RBR principal Risa Clay; (seated) Macaire, Clara's mom, and Clara.

"BUBBLEMANIA" BRINGS THE MAGIC OF SCIENCE TO MIDDLE VILLAGE SCHOOL

By Laura Kolnoski

Students from kindergarten through fifth grade laughed, cheered, applauded, and managed to learn much about science in the process during a "Bubblemania!" program held in two sessions at Middletown Village School on Kings Highway on December 6. Part scientist and part artist, professional "bubble-ologist" Seth Bloom of New York City brought his "effervescent entertainment" to the school, courtesy of its Parent-Faculty Association.

As the students entered the auditorium, Mr. Bloom was already in full swing onstage, using a variety of shapes and implements to create bubbles of all types and sizes from a special solution he creates himself at home. A professional clown and entertainer with 15 years experience performing around the world, Mr. Bloom quickly had the students engaged, enthralled, entertained, and educated with his friendly, interactive program.



Professional entertainer, clown, and "bubble-ologist" Seth Bloom combined science with fun, to the delight of students of Middletown Village School in early December.

"Bubbles are trapped air, trapped in a thin layer of liquid," he told his new fans. "Go to the library, search the internet, and find a good bubble recipe to make at home, but always get permission first. Then you must practice, practice, practice." In addition to performing a bubble concert to music, he demonstrated bubble sculpture, created bubbles inside bubbles, made a bubble space ship, and used rubber bands and paper tubes to demonstrate how different types of bubbles can be created. For his grand finale, Mr. Bloom encased a student volunteer in a head-to-toe bubble.



For the Bubblemania! grand finale, Seth Bloom encased first grader Owen Durney in a giant bubble as his fellow students cheered and clapped wildly.

Mr. Bloom is one of three artist/entertainers who perform Casey Carle's Bubblemania!, which Mr. Carle, a graduate of Ringling Bros. Clown College, created in 1990. Mr. Carle has cast his scientific bubble magic with Cirque du Soliel, Lincoln Center, the Discovery Channel, for companies such as Fisher-Price and Pepsi, as well as museums, including the Liberty Science Center, the Smithsonian Institute, and the Lucille Ball Festival of New Comedy.

Mr. Bloom, a former Ringling Bros. circus clown who joined Bubblemania! in 2006, performs at international street festivals, in theatre, and develops social circus projects for children and adults. He is the co-creator of The Acrobuffos and the international artistic director for the Mobile Mini Circus for Children, headquartered in Kabul, Afghanistan. Educated at the London International School of Performing Arts, the Dell'Arte School of Physical Theatre, Wesleyan University, and the Ringling Bros. Clown College, he has performed in 28 countries.

"I really enjoy doing Bubblemania! in schools," Mr. Bloom said after the show. "It's a fun way to educate children about science. They remember better when they are having fun and laughing. You must become a scientist to become a bubble artist."