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## Wheelchair Basketball

By Jay Golon

The fourth annual Rutgers Prep Wheelchair Basketball game took place on Friday evening, November 3, at 7:00. The game pitted the New Jersey Wheelchair Association All-Stars against members of the Rutgers Prep faculty and student population. As in past years, the Rutgers Prep squad received an additional ten points at the beginning of each quarter, yet still managed to lose. However, the score, 81-78, was the closest ever in this event: could Prep finally take the crown next year?

The members of the Association were inspiring people. Not satisfied with just playing the game, they found ways to challenge themselves every time they took to the court, such as giving Prep ten points each quarter. The team, which has played all over the state, was grateful to have the opportunity to play at Prep for the fourth consecutive year.

Despite Coach O'Connell's urgings, not even the starting five from the Boy's Basketball team could extinguish the red-hot players of the Wheelchair Association. These skilled athletes con-

stantly impressed the audience with reverse lay-ups and no-look passes.

Prep, however, did not suffer the whole game without any highlights. Perhaps the most exciting moment of the evening was freshman Nakul Rao's last minute three-pointer, which brought Prep to one point behind the lead, and rose the crowd to its feet. This crowd pleaser was rivaled only by faculty members being hurled from their wheelchairs while stretching for loose balls. Mr. Forney led the pack by falling from his seat three times, a wheelchair basketball record.

Despite the fervid enthusiasm of those who did attend, the Upper School turnout was not what it had been in years past. SAT testing the following morning or a simple lack of interest might have accounted for this. Those who showed up witnessed a fine sporting event filled with some action and suspense, but mostly comedy. A wonderful feeling of goodwill and appreciation came over the field house that evening. Hopefully next year it will be shared by more.

## Juniors and Some Seniors Tour Manhattan

By Nicole Finner

On November 1, the junior class and a handful of seniors took part in a field trip. The purpose was to visit, as a group, places in Manhattan that accommodate thousands of people every day, and to develop an understanding of the planning and management needed to operate these places. Groups were chosen by homeroom and sent to visit two of the following locations: Madison Square Garden, Grand Central Station, and Lincoln Center.

At all three locations, students received a "behind the scenes" tour. For instance, at Grand Central Station, tour guides told the station's history while students were given a first hand look at how it operates.

Students who visited Lincoln Center were at first disappointed upon arrival at finding that the center's world famous water fountains had been turned off; however, this disappointment was soon made up for twice over. While visiting the concert hall of the

New York Philharmonic Orchestra, Prep students got a sneak peak at various members of the orchestra warming up. One student commented, "You could hear every sound made by every instrument regardless of its size. The acoustics were amazing." The Philharmonic plays to consistently sold out shows five nights a week and tours all over the world during the summer.

Later in the tour, students witnessed Cinderella dancing at the ball with Prince Charming during a rehearsal of the Rogers and Hammerstein version of *Cinderella* to be performed at the State Theater shortly. The State Theater's atmosphere was more like a cathedral than a place of entertainment. Students left Lincoln Center with an appreciation for its service to society as the world's largest performing arts center.

For many, the highlight of the day came at Madison Square Garden. Students first visited the Garden's private restaurants, reserved for

season ticket holders only. This was followed by an opportunity to sit in an expensive Luxury Box, which could be rented for the mere price of \$750,000 over three years. Next, the tour guide discussed how much seating costs and what happens to the hockey ice during basketball games. Perhaps the greatest thrill for most was entering the locker rooms of the New York Rangers and the New York Knicks. Aside from being unpredictably small, the locker rooms were filled with clothing and equipment belonging to many Prep students' favorite athletes. One tour guide was even nice enough to pass around Patrick Ewing's sneaker.

The junior and senior portion of the trip was generally greeted with good responses. Most enjoyed the privilege of an hour lunch in the city for themselves. Students returned to Prep at 3:15, hoping that the trip would become an annual tradition.

## Council Members Attend NJASC Conference

By Babi Das

On October 16, twelve RPS School Council members, along with advisors Mr. Avella and Mrs. Pink, traveled to Rider College in Lawrenceville to attend a convention held by the NJASC, the New Jersey Association of Student Councils. At Rider College, the Prep Council was joined by councils from many other New Jersey schools.

The convention began with a motivational speech given by Daryl Wagstaff, an internationally renowned stunt skier and public speaker, who encouraged students to believe in themselves. He shared times in his life when he overcame almost impossible obstacles. Wagstaff described how he is making a difference in his home state of Utah by setting up programs which help keep inner city kids away from gangs and off the streets. He ended his talk by orating verses from a poem entitled, "If I think I can, I can".

"I think he [Wagstaff]

really motivated students to believe in themselves. His speech told them that it is not impossible to go out and make a difference in their schools," said freshman representative Assad Akhter.

Council members had the opportunity to attend two of the many workshops offered at the convention. By going to these workshops, students hoped to gain fresh ideas to apply to their schools.

One of the workshops dealt with stereotypes and racism in our society. Everyday situations involving prejudice were portrayed through a series of skits presented by UPBEAT, a group of about fifteen actors from Parsippany High School dedicated to reducing stereotypes and racism.

"I found the UPBEAT skit to be very educational and attractive. As a member of MECA, I think it would be very

useful to invite them to our school," raved sophomore class vice-president Ali Naqvi. Naqvi collected information concerning the group at the convention and hopes to have them perform at Prep in the near future.

Other workshops presented topics which included getting organized for the future, sex education in schools, and school fund-raising. Overall, Council members believed the day was well spent and enjoyed the break from regular school activities.

Once back in school, Council was ready to get back to work. "I expect full commitment from all Council members," said School Council President Ria Rasalan at the first meeting.

After holding a successful Burger Blast, as well as a dress down day on October 27, Council is tackling its next project, the annual Thanksgiving Can Drive.

## Freshmen and Sophomores Visit NYC Places of Worship

By Whitney Case

On November 1, the freshman and sophomore classes visited places of worship in New York City. Two separate groups, determined by homeroom, visited two of four locations: a Hindu temple, an Islamic center, a Episcopal Cathedral, and a Jewish synagogue. Students attending were able to listen to various speakers who described their religions and explained their religions' differing customs and cultures.

Some students who wound up visiting their own places of worship found the experience to be somewhat wasteful. Others were disappointed that the juniors and seniors went on a different trip

which many members of the classes would have rather attended. One student said, "I was disappointed in the trip, and in retrospect wish I hadn't gone." However, another student remarked, "I did learn something about the religions and all of the buildings were very pretty."

Hence, the trip received mixed reviews from both classes. While the freshmen and sophomore half of the trip was certainly better attended than the other, the former might not have been as enjoyed.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 21	Parent Conferences
Nov 21	Thanksgiving Recess Begins
Nov 27	Classes Resume
Dec 14	Winter Concert
Dec 15	Winter Recess Begins
Jan 2	Classes Resume



## Extremists to Blame for Rabin's Death

By Heather Crossner

Yitzhak Rabin's funeral was Monday, November 6 and leaders from around the world left their posts to pay respects to one of the world's greatest leaders and seekers of peace. He was shot on Saturday, November 4 by a Jewish law student who was angry that Rabin had agreed to a peace plan relinquishing part of Israel to Palestinian control. The student felt that this gave him the right to murder the Prime Minister, but the student had no such right.

Rabin had received a Nobel Peace Prize in 1994 for his efforts in keeping peace in the Middle East. He was an intellectual, yet he joined the

Israeli army and finally became Prime Minister to help his country, and the world. We will all be worse off without him.

Rabin probably knew his life was in danger, but he might have been surprised that his killer was a Jew of Israel, a person whose rights he had been fighting for. The assassin's lineage shocked most, though some were relieved that he was a Jew. After all, if he had been an Arab, another cycle of retaliation could have undone the peace that Rabin had worked so hard for and died for.

But the murder was neither less horrible nor less

unforgivable because the killer was an Israeli. No one should forget this when expressing their "relief." The assassin was still fueled by hate, a hate that extremists fed with words, that, either intentionally or not, drove a man to murder. I think we should all remember the power of words and the unintended effects they can have on people. Everyone should think of the consequences of not only his actions, but also his speech, and he should take responsibility when he is to blame. The extremists are to blame for the death of Rabin, whether they were Jewish or Arab.

## Thefts Undermine School Community

By Allison Albino

According to Webster's dictionary, a community is defined as a group of people who are living together, having interests and work in common. As a community we live and learn together. Each individual's accomplishments ripple throughout our school and we all feel the glory of that accomplishment. Conversely, we also feel the same strength of emotion brought about by any individual's mistakes. Our actions, good or bad, affect us all. The recent wave of thefts that haunts the halls of our school undermines our ability to live together.

Large sums of money, a notebook computer (worth \$1200) and TI-82 calculators (\$90 each) have disappeared. Teachers are now locking their doors and students cannot leave their book bags out in the hallway without thinking twice. How does it feel to go to a classroom and find the door locked?

One junior who had Halloween-O-Grams stolen from her locker feels like she is being targeted. We all share that feeling of being violated. It's a personal violation to rummage through someone's belongings; it's a vicious crime to steal.

We cannot continue

like this. There is a feeling of

helplessness: we do not know who is or who is sabotaging our community and why. Something must be done and someone must take the blame. We must regain some sense of the trust we have lost. Trust is something that is earned through time and experience. Trust can be taken away in less time than it is earned. The trust that Prep has built its foundation upon can't crumble. Whoever is or are doing this, you need to find justice so the rest of us can find peace. As a community, we have been victimized together and hopefully, will trust each other again someday.

## Should Schedules have Changed for O.J.?

By Maureen Benitz

Tuesday October 3 marks a happy day in many of our lives. This was the last day television bombarded us with O.J. Simpson. That was the day the verdict was reached. The month that has passed has been wonderful. We are free of O.J.

Many people are glad that this is over, others never cared about it, so why did the school change our schedule to watch the verdict? Yes, the school can do what they deem proper with our schedules, but was this really necessary?

The lounge was transformed into a huge living room to see the verdict being read. If a student didn't want to be involved in the verdict,

where were they to go? If they went to the lounge they couldn't talk or they would be kicked out and sent somewhere else.

Many students were genuinely interested in the verdict, and they should have been excused from class in order to watch it. They should have left their classes a few minutes before 1:00 and returned at 1:15. Students who didn't care about the trial suddenly became excited when they found out that their lunch period was extended in order to see the verdict.

Another option the school had was to make an announcement over the loudspeakers telling us the results of the trial. This would have led to less disruptions for the teachers.

If the verdict passed anyone by during the day, they

could easily see it repeated on the nightly news. Every single station was playing the verdict over and over for hours. O.J. decorated our televisions and radios till late into the night. No one who owns a radio or television could have missed the verdict scene.

Granted, the rearrangement of our schedules didn't create a major disturbance, but it wasn't needed. We still had all of our classes, just in a different order that day. The Administration felt this momentous verdict needed to be witnessed first hand. This is understandable, but we shouldn't have been subjected to watching the verdict being read.

## Is Dressing Down A Bad Thing?

By Susan Slim

The sight was a refreshing one, a phenomena foreign to this Prep school environment. Students, usually decked out in skirts, khakis, and ties lounged about like normal teenagers in jeans and T-shirts. No one begrudges the Prep Community of enjoying such an infrequent luxury. However, not a single dress down day has passed without students hearing at least one faculty member profess how kids misbehave on dress down days, and how blue jeans turn angels into Satans.

Students so rarely get a chance to relax in this environment, that when the time comes, it is only natural for our attitudes to relax also. Blue jeans do not make us hyper, though. Instead, the low frequency at which we may wear them is to blame. If a dog is kept pent up in a cage, cramped in uncomfortable surroundings for two months, and is then let loose, it is obvious how that dog will react. By order of nature, the dog will run wild, allowing the sheer freedom to nourish him like food would. However, if that same dog was

pent up for a week at a time, and set free every seven days, his reaction would be less severe. Like the dog, Prep students are yearning for that freedom.

Prep's teachers are conditioned to seeing their students dressed in semi-formal attire for so long that when the dress code is relaxed, teachers go through shock. Students are not so out of control that they run wild, deliberately disobeying authority. With youth comes the natural desire to revel in being young. Prep faculty members need to remember how they, in their youthful splendor, undoubtedly fought their own Administrations on such issues as girls wearing pants. In their own generations, they too took a step towards change, defying authority to get their points across.

Prep students have the same desires that our faculty had when they were in school. All students want is for a few days each month to relax and let our true colors shine through. Then the faculty will realize that wearing jeans will not turn students into trouble makers.

## Roving Reporter

By Maureen Benitz

What do you think the Administration is doing in regard to the thefts? What do you think the Administration should be doing?

*The school should take more aggressive measures. It appears as if the Administration isn't doing anything. The cops should become involved.*  
- Justin Auciello '98

*The school should definitely investigate the matter further.*  
- Nakul Rao '99

*The Administration can't do a lot. They have to rely on the students to stop these thefts. They need the students to change.*  
- Jeremy Wang-Iverson '98

*It seems that the Administration isn't doing anything.*  
- Shrooti Singh '99

*The police can't be involved. That would make the school look bad. The Administration has to work harder.*  
- Nicole Fiumefreddo '97

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## Madrigal Group Sings its Way onto the Prep Scene

By Suhas Radhakrishna

Two years ago, at Anne Ackerman's '94 behest, Mrs. Szeles pulled together a small group of four, Anne, Erin Armstead '95, Rob Szeles, and Matt Scherb, to perform *Con Amores le mi Madre*, a Spanish madrigal, at the Creative Arts dinner.

This ad hoc ensemble redeveloped last year, performing at the Winter Concert at Kirkpatrick Chapel. The group's contained, yet moving sound came from the voices of now twelve talented singers, each chosen through selection. The ensemble last year had three basses, Philip Kennard '95, Frank Cesario, and Matthew Scherb, three tenors, Sudipta Mallik '95, Scott Vafai, and Robert Szeles, three altos, Ria Rasalan, Aliya Walker '95, and Nidhi Kumar '95, and three sopranos, Erin Armstead, Andowah Newton '95, and Melissa Stass. The group performed a difficult set of a *capella* madrigals in several foreign languages.

Unfortunately, much of the strength of last year's group lay heavily in the developed voices of graduating seniors. With this in mind, Mrs. Szeles held auditions earlier this school year to replace the lost talent.

Mrs. Szeles chose several newcomers, expanding the group from twelve to

thirteen members. New to the group were basses Jay Golon and Suhas Radhakrishna, tenor Scott Buchanan, altos Luba Reife, Jane Needleman, and Ria Rasalan, and sopranos Allison Albino, Elizabeth Smaldone, and Jennifer Conrad. The slightly larger group has remained balanced and is quite talented.

What are madrigals? Madrigals are songs from the Renaissance. In its strictest sense, the term refers to music that attempts to mimic word meanings with musical ideas. For example, "sky" would be sung on a high note, while "earth" would be sung on a low note. Madrigals feature equal voiced, imitative polyphony, meaning many equally weighted voices sing at one time, and each voice often mirrors the others. The "Madrigal Singers," as the group is usually called, do not sing only madrigals, but other complex arrangements as well.

This year's ensemble will face the same challenges encountered last year. Foremost among these problems is scarce rehearsal time. Due to the varied interests and obligations of its members, the group finds that the shortened 20 minute break is the only feasible time for regular rehearsal. Rehearsals often start late and are further shortened

by the necessity of warming up. Mrs. Szeles struggles to meet her goals for the group in the fleeting minutes allotted.

Another challenge for many of the singers is their lack of sight reading ability. As a result, they must rely solely on tonal memory and glean from the sheet music the direction of the melody. However, each member, no doubt, has excellent musical ability and can "dig in" to put a piece together efficiently.

The group has managed to learn its large repertoire with the aid of the recorded voices of the Szeles family. To establish a firm beginning and combat short rehearsal time, Mrs. Szeles has organized two meetings at her home: one during summer break and one in mid-October. The intimate setting emphasized the nature of singing as a group and gave the singers a chance to bond. For several hours, the group rehearsed under the sharp ear and hearty humor of Mrs. Szeles to refine the current pieces and delve into new music.

Currently, the group is working hard to perfect a set of songs that will be performed at Bridgewater Commons on December 13. Several songs will be performed for the both the Upper School, during Morning Assemblies in December, and the Middle School, at a concert on December 8. Of these songs, a few will be chosen for performance at the Winter Concert on December 14.



Mrs. Szeles conducts the Upper School Madrigal Singers during last year's Spring Concert

## Faculty Garage Sale

By Allison Albino

On October 14, the Upper School parking lot was wet with rain during the faculty's annual garage sale. This event was also an opportunity for school groups to raise funds. Juniors sold items brought in by classmates to

raise money for the prom, while the volleyball team sold homemade cakes and freshly brewed coffee in an effort to raise money to buy new equipment.

Beginning at 9:00

A.M. and ending at about 11:00, due to horrendous weather, the garage sale attracted people from all over. The rain, however, did not stop customers from coming or money from being collected.



## Beach Clean-Up: A Wave of a Success

By Leland Cogliani

On Saturday, October 14, a small group of Upper and Middle School students went to the fall Beach Clean-Up at Sandy Hook. This group, lead by Mr. Mazza, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Stephani, successfully cleaned the beach, giving it a more pleasant appearance. Despite prior trepidation, the weather cooperated nicely and made the day even more enjoyable.

During the three hour clean-up, the whole group worked diligently to make a real difference. They recovered and disposed of household items including beer bottles, soda cans, plastic bleach containers, and plastic utensils. If these items drifted into

the ocean, they could be a death trap for marine life. Furthermore, the group recovered dead seagulls and pelicans left by the past hurricane.

Besides improving the quality of the beach, the group also gained added awareness about the extent to which human carelessness can damage the environment. The group learned that keeping the environment clean is not that much of a burden, and that by working together people can make a big difference. As the group traveled back from the beach, they had a feeling of satisfaction, but they knew that the environment still needs more support.

## Thefts Stun Prep

By Susan Slim

Eight TI-82's, two leather jackets, a pair of sneakers, a cellular phone, four textbooks, a Nautica jacket, a notebook computer, and approximately \$500 in cash are among the items stolen from the Rutgers Prep Community this school year, and the Community is outraged. This string of thefts has bewildered the Prep Administration, leaving them with few leads and a criminal still at large.

On the week of October 23, Mrs. Szeles told the Prep Community during Morning Assembly that someone had robbed her of \$70. When she had left her room to teach in the Lower School, someone had entered her room, opened her purse, removed her wallet, and taken her money. Mrs. Szeles shared her disappointment that one or several individuals had ruined the integrity of the entire school; however, she will continue to trust the student body, as she always has, no matter how much the thief tries to destroy her deep-rooted trust.

Miss Hardin, new to the Science Department, became the next victim when someone

stole her notebook computer and \$200 cash. On the computer, Miss Hardin had saved her classes' Chemistry grades and a story she had been writing. Furthermore, she was saving the \$200 for a trip to Boston. After the theft, Miss Hardin said, "I'm really annoyed. I don't think the kids who are honest deserve to deal with this." In response to this crime, Mrs. Goen said, "We are concerned for the sense of well being of the community. We are also worried about whoever is doing it, they have a problem. We are angry and are trying to stop it."

The predominant response of the students has been disbelief. Students have grown accustomed to leaving their bags, containing their wallets and calculators, strewn about the building. Thriving in a community bound by mutual trust, students have previously taken this luxury for granted. Considering recent events, Prep has turned into a haven for distrust. On November 3, students were not allowed to stay in the locker area during activity period, and instead, they were forced to watch the Senior-Faculty Football Game. Teachers, who never before had any reason to distrust their students,

Mrs. Berrian, Dr. Loy, and Mrs. Herzberg play Jeopardy to promote the October 27 Lasagna Dinner



## Boy's Soccer Fights Through Tough Season

By Barry Hirsch

Although it was not lacking in spirit and sportsmanship, the Boy's Soccer team did not have much success this season, reflected by its mediocre 4-9-2 record. The team's record, on paper, is far from magnificent, but it certainly does not tell the whole story. Boy's Soccer enjoyed many successes, such as finishing second in the highly competitive Wardlaw-Hartridge tournament. Also, although the team lost 9 games, 6 of them were by a one goal margin. The most heartbreaking loss of the season occurred in the first round of the Prep State B championships against Princeton Day School. The team fought a tough battle, but lost 2-1. Many of these suc-

cesses are attributed to incredible senior leadership. Next year, seniors Bobby Roy, Manak Ahluwalia, Chris Pink, Robert Szeles and Brian Rose will be greatly missed. Without their enthusiasm, the team would have failed to overcome so many close defeats.

Boy's Soccer also benefited from its youth. For example, Alon Tabak performed well in goal, making some brilliant saves. This strong group of underclassmen must help lead the team next year. As Coach Marotto said, "Mr. Szeles and I were very pleased and proud of the way our players handled themselves on the field. We look forward to a fine '96-'97 campaign."

## Cross Country Successes

By Justin Auciello

Hard work yielded success for this year's Cross Country team. Led by Coaches Dougherty and Goldman, and Captain Scott Yelity, the team has come a long way from last season, finishing with an impressive record of 8-3. Winning the Conference Championships and placing second in the state race, the team proved to be one of the biggest powerhouses in the State. The team also housed an impressive girl's team which placed second in the state.

The Varsity team, consisting of Scott Yelity, Josh Rosen, Simon Messing, Dan Chelel, Jeremy Hollander, Mark Markowski, and Eric Danzeisen, proved to be a threat to many of the best teams. Markowski and Danzeisen, who

joined the team late in the season, were instrumental in every team victory.

The J.V. team was also strong, and its runners hoped to earn spots in the top seven next year.

The highlight of the team's season was definitely winning the Conference Championships. Scott Yelity, one of the finest runners ever at Rutgers Prep, placed second among the boys, while Liz Alexander, who joined the team in mid-season, placed first among the girls. Impressive times were also turned in by others in Prep's top seven.

The only two losses of the season came during a race at Blair, in the pouring rain, against Blair and Newark Academy. Blair is a Prep A team, and the rain had a major

effect on the runners' times. The biggest win of the season came against Morristown Beard Academy, in which the team won by 8 points.

This year's state race was held under harsh conditions at Blair Academy. Rutgers Prep had ample experience dealing with adverse weather, and thus the team put in a surprise performance against the other teams in the Prep B Division. Two Prep runners, Scott Yelity and Josh Rosen, placed in the top ten, over many other runners. Next year, watch out for Cross Country: they will surely be contenders for the 1996 Prep B Championship. The team will lose only two seniors, and it can rebuild by moving hardworking J.V. runners up to the seven starting positions.

## Girl's Soccer Brings Excitement Back to Prep

By David Papa

The Girl's Soccer team has been constantly improving. This season the team, under the tutelage of Coaches Nichols and Glantzow, had quite a successful 9-5-1 record. Unfortunately, their post-season was cut short by a tough loss in the first round of the Prep B State Championships. In a sport where goals do not come easy, the Girl's Soccer team had more than their share. Scoring was sparked by junior Daniella Metzger, with an astonishing 26 goals, and senior Co-Captain Alison Siegel, with 17 goals.

The team's goalie, Priya Radhakrishna, also had an excellent season. Although the Girl's Soccer team had an impressive record, the result was even better than it appeared at first. Their losses were all fairly close, including a 1-0 defeat at Pennington. Also, in a tough game, the girls tied Morristown Beard. Their season ended prematurely with a 4-0 loss in the state tournament to Hun. Although the score was lopsided, the team's fan had broken down on the way to the game, which

surely distracted everyone.

Given this year's success, the underclassman on the team are eagerly looking forward to next season. Although senior Co-Captains Alison Siegel and Stephanie Verb will be departing, the team still has a solid core. Daniella Metzger, Katie Somers, Nicole Fiumefreddo and Priya Radhakrishna will be the ones to watch on next year's team. Also, freshman Beth Gerninsky, who started many games this year, appears to have a great career ahead of her at Prep. Girl's Soccer was a very special team. Not only did players show talent, but they also had great sportsmanship and spirit. Their excitement helped to create a strong interest in Prep sports, which has been missing for quite a while.

Improving on last year's record with 4 victories, the Girl's Tennis team had quite a successful season. Their wins over Pennington, Ranney, Wardlaw-Hartridge, and Solomon Schecter proved the team's strength and flexibility.

Becca Caldwell, Natalie Mantell, and Aarti Patel moved up in the singles slating after two matches due to an unfortunate injury to Amanda Cruz's ankle. Becca showed her determination and stamina against Pennington and Ranney by staging incredible comebacks, reaching the third set (and third hour) of one match.

Playing both first and second singles, Natalie will be ready to lead next year's team. Her victories over Pennington, Ranney, Wardlaw-Hartridge, and Solomon Schecter demonstrate

## Girl's Tennis

By Amanda Cruz

both her physical and net game, they were perfectly matched, and they singles player. Aarti made it to the second round gained experience and of the tournament. Abby developed consistency in Santamaria and Heather her game. Next year will Driver not only beat their be even more challenging record from last year with for her, working as a 9 wins and 2 losses, they doubles player with J.V. also won the state tournament first singles player Angela ment, going in as the third Lin. seeded team. Through hard

Amanda came work and improvement, back from her injury to both doubles teams have win one more match, finishing with a record of 2-2.

2. She was also able to fill The J.V. team, consisting of 15 players, is at the state tournament. ready to work with Coach Becca and Natalie both Ackerman next year. J.V. made it to the second Coaches Tidd and Joyce round in that tournament. have helped the athletes

Two of the most advance to the Varsity level. successful records in Prep Competing for next year's tennis history were singles positions are Laurie achieved by both doubles Tashman, Allison Schecter, teams. At first doubles, Jenn Kovacs, Kim Brown Caroline Chang and Akta and Amanda Rabinowitz. Patel had an amazing Doubles players will be record of 8-3 and entered Maura Pritchard, the state tournament as Shela(Supriya) Srinidhi, the fifth seeded team. Jessica Belser, Janel Ley-With Caroline's power at den-Noels, Anjali Patel, the baseline, and Akta's Shrootti Singh, and Dori Petigrow.



Girls Tennis Players (Left to Right) Amanda Cruz, Abby Santamaria, Becca Caldwell, Akta Patel, and Caroline Chang

### Fall Scores

Boys Soccer	4-9-2
Girls Soccer	9-5-1
Girls Tennis	8-3
Cross Country	8-3

### Upcoming Home Games

11/28	Volleyball v. Lacordaire	4:00
11/30	Volleyball v. St. Elizabeth	4:00
12/2	Var. Boys Basketball v. Peddie	2:00
12/5	Var. Girls Basketball v. Solomon Schecter	5:00
12/6	Volleyball v. Kent Place	4:00
12/8	Var. Girls Basketball v. Lakewood Prep	4:00
	Var. Boys Basketball v. Lakewood Prep	5:30
12/11	Volleyball v. Lacordaire	4:15
12/13	Volleyball v. Peddie School	4:00

Prep Holiday Basketball Tournament — December 15-16