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**S.T.A.R. Camp**  
**News**  
**Summer of 2016**

**Sharon Public Schools**

# Message from our Camp Director

Dear STAR Camp Families,

The welcome sign was hung, the bus started arriving, the campers were cheering at assembly, and just like that, the summer of 2016 was under way! Old friends were reunited, new friends were being made, and it sure felt good to be back at STAR Camp!

As the summer of 2016 begins, we immediately remembered why we all live 10 months for just 2. We couldn't wait to go to our first activities, to eat our first camp lunch and to run into the lake for the very first time. With all we have packed into the calendar for this summer we are already jumping off to an amazing start.

Please remember to send in a water bottle with your child's name printed on it. We will refill them at the end of each day and keep it cold in the walk-in. On Friday, we will send them home to be washed and returned for the following week. We also ask, if you know that your child will be out please call 781-793-9999 and let us know the name and group your child is in.

Here is too a Starrific Summer!

Erin McCabe  
Camp Director

## Important information for events next week!

**Monday:** No Camp – 4<sup>th</sup> of July

**Tuesday:** Field Trips: Legoland for grades K-3; Ecotarium for grades 4-8

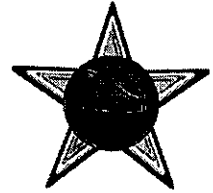
**Wednesday:** Robot Zone; Lake PM

**Thursday:** Volcano Eruption; Cookout for Lunch; Lake PM

**Friday:** Bake Off; Lake PM



# Celtics (Pre-K)



WELCOME TO STAR CAMP!



The Celtics have had a great start to the summer this week! They have had fun making friends and getting to know each other. They have had a blast during their specials, which include music, gym, drama, art, computer, sports, dance, as well as playing on the playground and doing activities during group time.

There are two counselors working with the Celtics this year. Drew Gallagher is back working in the program for his second year and Julie Johnson has joined us for her first year!

The Celtics were all very excited for their first week of camp! **Morgan, Aaron, Nathan, and Bella's** favorite part of the week was making stars and stripes art on the computers. **Kingsley** was excited about dance and had fun moving to the music. **Praneeth, Ryan, Nidhi, and Ekaa** enjoyed playing with friends and coloring pictures during group time. **Lilah, Mihir, and Yulin** were most excited about swimming at the lake and playing on the beach and in the field.

At the lake, the Celtics also have the choice of making art at the art table or taking part in the club for the day. Just a reminder that lake days are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Campers should bring towels, swim wear, and sunscreen with them. The Celtics also enjoyed making their Popsicle stick flags in art, playing bowling in sports, and acting out animals in drama.

Our first fieldtrip will be on Tuesday July 5<sup>th</sup>, and we will be going to Legoland! Please remember that the Celtics must wear their blue STAR Camp shirts on Field Trip days. They are all looking forward to the upcoming trips and we will have lots of fun!

It has been an exciting first week getting to know each one of the Celtics and we look forward to making their summer a great one!

- Camp Counselors Drew and Julie



# Breakers (K)



Happy summer to all!

The Breakers group consist of ten wonderful campers who have all had a great week participating and having fun at all the different stations we attend during the day as well as our time at the lake! This week they were able to make a lot of 4th of July crafts, learn different songs and dances, play all types of games, swim at the lake and spend time with new/old friends!

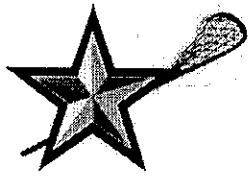
Next week is "Imagination Station" and we have a lot to look forward to! We do not have camp on Monday July 4th due to the holiday but we will be back on Tuesday the 5th for a field trip to Legoland! On Wednesday we will be attending stations and creating our own robots in the morning as well as going to the lake in the afternoon. Thursday will consist of stations in the morning and lake in the afternoon. The special activity on Thursday will be building a volcano with our group and in the afternoon we will erupt them. Don't forget Thursday is our cookout day! Friday will be another lake day in the afternoon, with stations in the morning as well as a bake off! We have a wonderful week to look forward to!

## About the Counselor:

**Kim Walsh:** My name is Kim and I am the counselor for the Kindergarten group the Breakers. I work at Heights Elementary School during the school year as an Instructional Assistant in the TBL program as well as the Aftercare program at Heights. It is my first year working S.T.A.R. Camp and I am thrilled to be a part of this wonderful program and working with kindergarten.

Happy 4th of July !

Kim Walsh



# Cannons (K)



The Kindergarten Cannons are off to a great start and wanted to welcome everyone else to STAR CAMP. This Summer we have a lot to look forward too. It's only week one but the Cannons already enjoy the morning specials like Sports, Music, Dance, Gym, Drama, Computers, Art and even playing on the playground. We have done a lot of activities to get to know each other during Group Time, and sharing stories with our other friends.

The Cannons were all excited about the lake this week. Just a quick reminder, Lake days will be Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Please remember to bring towels, swim wear, and sunscreen. At the lake campers have a choice to play on the beach in the sand, sit up at the Field, going swimming in the lake, making things at the art table, or taking part in the club for the day. We look forward to having many fun days at the lake.

We have done plenty of activities this week to celebrate the Fourth of July. Our first cookout was Thursday and campers got to choose between a hotdog, hamburger, or their own food from home for lunch. Cookouts will mostly be on every Thursday throughout camp.

Our First Field Trip will be on Tuesday, July 5th 2016 and we will be going to Legoland. Please remember to wear camp shirts on all Field Trip days. Most Trips will take place on Tuesdays of every week. We have a lot to do but most of all we will have a lot of fun!

## **ABOUT the COUNSELORS**

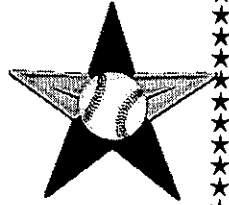
There are two counselors in this group this year:

**Samantha Vieira:** Samantha has joined us for her third year with the STAR CAMP. She studies Mathematics through Bridgewater State University.

**Kaitlyn Reardon:** Kaitlyn has joined us this year for her first year. During the school year she works at the Aftercare Program at the Cottage Street School.



# Red Sox (Grade 1)



Hello Campers and Families of Star Camp.

Welcome to STAR Camp and the Red Sox. We are very excited to have a great start to the camp season.

We have a great group of campers and they have already begun to show us what they can do. At the lake they have begun to learn many new swim skills. They also enjoy free swim time and games on the field.

The Red Sox are looking forward to all of the field trips, especially when we go to the Roger Williams Zoo. The Red Sox campers are already enjoying all of the different camp activities such as Dance, Art, Computers and Music. Outside they show us how much they like to run and play.

I am sure your children will have a wonderful summer at STAR Camp!

## About the Counselors:

**Jill Cosgrove:** My name is Jill Cosgrove and I am a counselor in the Red Sox. This is my sixteenth year as a counselor and Swim Instructor for the STAR Camp. I am so excited for this year and look forward to having a marvelous year with all the campers.

**Emily Perry:** My name is Emily Perry and I am one of the counselors for our first grade group, the Red Sox! This is my first year at STAR Camp. During the school year I work at East Elementary in the After-care program. It was great to see some familiar faces and I am so excited for what we have planned this summer! I can't wait to lead our group through Star Camps incredible activities and field trips. Let the fun begin!



# Bruins (Grade 2)



## About the Camp Counselors:

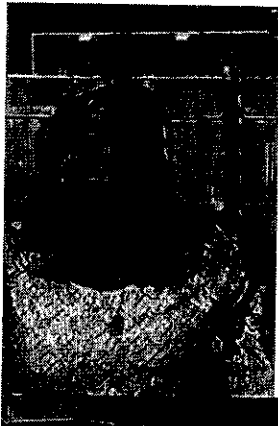
**Betsy Drougen-Keith:** It's great to be back at S.T.A.R. Camp for my second summer. During the school year I am an Instructional Assistant in kindergarten at East Elementary and also spend some time in the After Care program at East. Prior to my job at East, I taught at the Sharon Cooperative School. I did have a "previous career life" in Human Resources for many years. I am happy to say my career change has been most rewarding! We have a wonderful group of campers and I know we will have a lot of fun together this summer!

**Emily Kuhn:** This is my second summer working at S.T.A.R. Camp. During the school year, I work at After Care at East Elementary School. I am going into my senior year at Bridgewater State University studying elementary education. This summer is off to a great start and I am excited to see what the rest of S.T.A.R. Camp has in store!

# Patriots (Grade 3)



## About the Counselors...



### Brenna Milbier

Hi! Happy Summer. I am Brenna Milbier. During the year I am a Special Ed. TBL I.A. at East Elementary School. This is my third summer working at the S.T.A.R. camp. I love everything about the summer... beach... Fun in the Sun... laughing... Sports.... Cape Cod... dance class with Ms. Rachel... and much more. I look forward to this summer and getting to know each one of the campers.



### Kaylyn Allahyarian

Hello and happy first week of S.T.A.R. camp!! I am Kaylyn Allahyarian. I am from Norwell, MA. During the year I go to Bridgewater State University as an elementary education major and work at East Aftercare School program. This is my second summer working at the S.T.A.R. camp. I am so excited to be working with the rising fourth graders. I can already tell they are a great group of friends!

## Week of 7/5 Reminders:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>NO CAMP</b>	<b>Field Trip - LEGOLAND</b>	Lake P.M.	Cook out	Lake P.M.
	*please wear your S.T.A.R t-shirt	<i>Robot Zone</i>	*don't have to pack lunch	
			<i>Volcano Day</i>	<i>Bake off</i>





# Blazers (Grade 4)



The Blazers have gotten off to a fast start. They are active on the field in the Specialist areas. They have showed off their creative sides in Art, Drama, Music and Computers. In Dance, GYM and Out Door Sports they have shown that they know how to play and move.

Down at the Lake they love to show off their swimming skills. They love to play in the field as well. They are having an awesome time.

We are looking forward to seeing all they can do during the summer.

## ABOUT THE COUNSELORS

**Dan Santangelo:** Hi I'm Dan. I'm 20 years old and plan on going to Bridgewater State University this fall to study Secondary Education and History with plans to one day be a high school history teacher. This is my second year working at S.T.A.R Camp. I enjoy wrestling and going to the beach.

**Julianne Mariano:** Hi I'm Julianne. I'm 20 years old and I'm going into my senior year at James Madison University. I major in health sciences: pre-occupational therapy and minor in special education. In my free time I like going to the beach, hiking, and staying active. This is my first summer here and I'm really looking forward to all the fun activities we have planned!



# Renegades (Grade 5)



**Clara Armon** showed off her impressive skills during a game of Knock Out,  
her basketball talents make us all shout!

We cannot wait for **Vincent Chen** to complete our loop,  
he is a good friend of many and will be a great addition to the group!

**Jackson Kaye** is always unstoppable in the GaGa Pit,  
he has a great personality and a ton of wit!

**Isabel Tobey** has been nailing it when we play dodgeball,  
she's aggressive, athletic & shows great sportsmanship to all!

**David Belanger** had an absolute blast during a fun music game,  
he even won claiming his musical fame!

**Jeremy Wilbar** enjoys all of his time at camp,  
he is the king of computers & the playground champ!

**Evan Howe** concentrates and enjoys doing art,  
he shows off his talents and is extremely smart!

**Lili Taylor** got a hat trick while playing a gym handball game,  
she did so well she put the record for goals to shame!

**Olivia Germaine** danced beautifully and always has a ton of fun,  
she also showed how fast she was on our gym run!

**William Anderson** puts in 110% of effort with each activity we do,  
he was especially fantastic during Drama, that is very true!

**Hassi Kasat** has a positive attitude everywhere we go;  
her smile is one we recognize and know!

## About the Counselors:

**Samantha Kendall** is very excited to be here for her third summer at S.T.A.R. Camp! She has recently graduated from Westfield State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Communication and two internships under her belt. She is looking forward to being a counselor for the Renegades and doing her best to make this an incredible summer for all her campers and swimmers!

**Alex Narcotta** is so happy for his first summer at Star Camp! He recently graduated from Marymount Manhattan College with a Bachelor's in Fine Arts Degree for Acting. He is excited to be a counselor for the Renegades and knows he will have a great summer!

# Revolution (Grade 6)



The first week of camp has been a blast!

This past week, we have enjoyed many different activities, and we are so proud that each camper is willing to try each activity.

**Jordan** really enjoys playing the bongos in Music, and **Amanda** is huge fan of Gym and Outdoor Sports.

**Rachel** is loving Drama, both **Gavin** and **Ethan** enjoy playing GaGa out on the playground, and **Diana** had a blast playing Instrument Bingo.

As you can see the Revolution has gotten off to a great start. We are looking forward to having an amazing second week of camp!

## About the Counselors:

**Kari Kaye:** Hi! My name is Kari, I am a counselor for the Revolution. During the school year I work as a teacher at the Middle School, and the Lounge Program at After Care.

**Will Wright:** Hi! My name is Will, and I am a counselor for the Revolution. I currently study Secondary Education and Spanish at Bridgewater State University. I also work in the After Care Program at Cottage Elementary School.

We are both so excited about working with your campers this summer. We hope to have a fantastic summer.



# Militia (CIT's)



## ABOUT THE COUNSELOR...

**Samantha Doherty:** Hello! My name is Samantha and this is my first year here at S.T.A.R. Camp. I am approaching my last semester at Bridgewater State University where I study English and secondary education. During the school year I work at East Elementary as a school assistant as well as in the After Care program. I am looking forward to my first year as a camp counselor and cannot wait to see what the summer has in store!

## WHAT IS A S.T.A.R. ASSISTANT or CIT?

Our S.T.A.R. Assistants or CIT's help in all of the Specialist areas and with the campers of all age groups. One day they may be assigned to work with a specialist and another day they may be assigned to work with the counselors of certain group. They also help with the Cookouts and other special events throughout the camp season.

The don't work all of the time, they also have a schedule where the get to be campers and enjoy going to the lake, swimming, and all of the other specialist areas.

They are an essential part of the camp and they have as much fun as any other group of campers.

I am looking forward to working with each of the CIT's and having a wonderful summer!

Militia Poem  
Special Friends  
Under Water  
Militia  
Magic  
Excitement  
Run

Fun  
Unbelievable  
Not Boring

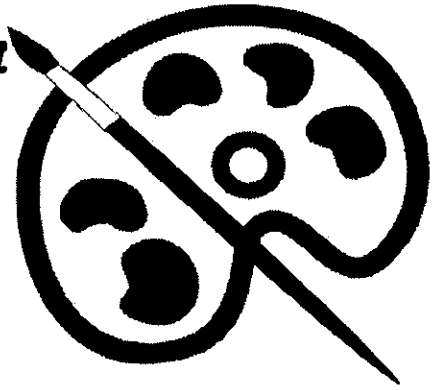
Acceptance  
Teamwork

Sunblock  
Tan  
Art  
Red White & Blue

Computers  
Awesome  
Marvelous  
Patriotic

*What's Happening In*

# **ART!**



Welcome to a new summer of adventures in the Art Room at STAR Camp! My name is Mallory Frers and I will be teaching art this summer. This is my second summer in the art room at STAR Camp. During the school year I am the art teacher at the Balch Elementary School in Norwood and the Lead Instructor at East Aftercare.

I am looking forward to a great summer filled with creative (and messy) projects! We have already had a great start this week creating Patriotic themed projects in honor of Independence Day.

Here are some things that have been created this week:

Popsicle stick flag magnets, firework prints and flag prints using recyclable materials

(Celtics, Breakers and Cannons)

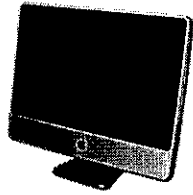
Firework resist Paintings  
(Red Sox and Bruins)

Firework Scratch art  
(Patriots)

Flag Optical Illusion Art  
(Revolution, Renegades and Blazers)

Book Making  
(Star Assistants)

I am looking forward to an exciting summer!



# COMPUTERS

## With MRS. SHULMAN (Mrs. S)

This is my second year at S.T.A.R. Camp and I am having a blast. Each time the campers come into the Computer Lab we start out with an movement activity using the website Go Noodle (<https://www.gonoodle.com/>).

Using the interactive white board, I show the campers what they will be doing for their project for that period. In most cases, the project, again, relates to the theme of the day. The younger campers in PreK-1 have used KidPix to create great summer pictures. The campers in grades 2-6 have combined their creativity to help create an acrostic poem to SUMMER FUN AT STAR CAMP (see below).

Once their projects are completed, they are allowed free time on the computer. Games they are allowed to play are those listed on the Community Education website under After Care Safe Computer Sites: (<https://sharoncommunityeducation.com/after-care-safe-computer-sites/>)

I would like to thank Marianna Melamud, my Star Assistant this week for helping in the lab. She helps the students log in, to print, and answers their questions. Great job!

It has been a great first week at S.T.A.R. Camp and I can't wait to see what the next five weeks have in store in the Computer Lab.

<b>Bruins Poem</b>	<b>Patriots Poem</b>	<b>Blazers Poem</b>	<b>Renegades Poem</b>	<b>Revolutions Poem</b>
Spectacular	Sports	Super	Super	Sunny
Umbrella	Umbrella	Unique	Unique	Umbrella
Marvelous	Many field trips	Moment	Marvelous	Money
Music	Movement	Marvelous	Music	Magic
Excellent	Exercise	Exciting	Excellent	Enthusiastic
Run	Rest	Resourceful	Radiant	Rainbows
Fun	Fan	Fantastic	Fun	Fantastic
Unique	Under the tree	Umbrella	Umbrella	Under the Sea
Nice	No school	Number one	Nutella	Nice
Art	Awesome	Awesome	Amazing	Awesome
Terrific	Terrific	Terrific	Terrific	Too Cool
Stars	Swimming	Stupendous	Safe	Social
Thoughtful	Talking	Terrribly terrific	Too Cool	Tiresome
Awesome	Active	Amazing	Awesome	Adventurous
Ridiculous	Ride	Rainbow	Renegades	Rad
Campers	Coming to camp	Computers	Creative	Camp
Amazing	A lot of fun	Art	Art	Amazing
Magical	Making new friends	Music	Massapoag	Magnificent
Party	Pride	Playing	Party	Photos



# DRAMA

with Lisa Grossmann



It's been wonderful to see so many familiar faces this summer at S.T.A.R. Drama! I'm Mrs. Grossmann, and this is my second year as the Drama Specialist, but many of the campers know me from working After Care at Cottage Street School, as well as from subbing the past few years.

In Drama, we explore elements of the 'actors' craft', such as physicality, body awareness, voice control, improvisation and ensemble work-- -- all through fun games and exercises.

This week, we've been primarily getting to know one another through introduction games such as Intro and Applause, w/ grades 1-3. The younger groups were given a character type, and told to greet each other 'in character', and were quite impressive.

Activities which develop focus and ensemble building include, 1-10 Count, (grades 2-6), One Word Story, (grades 4-6), and Categories, (K-3). Articulation and rhythm is developed through Tongue Twisters w/ the younger grades, (Pre-K, K and 1<sup>st</sup>).

We'll be revisiting many of the favorite activities from last summer, as well as introducing some new things this summer. The first week has gotten off to a fabulous start, and I'm looking forward to the rest of camp!

Till Next Time,

Lisa Grossmann



## ☆ GYM News ☆



Greetings Parents and Campers,

My name is Jonathon Bell and welcome to the Sharon Community Education's Summer 2016 STAR Camp. I am honored to be a part of this year's team with all the great things this program has to offer.

I bring 8 plus years experience working with students of this age range in both academics and athletics. Besides my tenure as an Instructional Aide, I have also coached ice hockey and baseball at the youth, high school, and junior levels. Originally I am from Vermont but have called Massachusetts home for the last 10 years.

My role over the summer will be working the Physical Education program located in the gym at Heights Elementary School. I have designed a creative program that will adhere to all age groups and learning styles that will emphasize the following 3 things:

- **Athletics.** Each day, the gym block will include a group stretch, followed by specific fitness exercises like jumping jacks, sit-ups, jogging, etc; before finishing with a group type activity (soccer, kickball, basketball, handball or volleyball.)
- **Confidence.** By having so many gym blocks each week, campers will maximize their repetition of the exercises and activities to be more confident in their physical fitness abilities.
- **Teamwork.** Each gym session will include and encourage camper leaders to lead in stretches and activity demonstrations to enhance the cooperative learning approach and help all students incorporate a fitness for life mindset.

I look forward to working this camp with all the awesome stuff we have in store.

Feel free to come up and introduce yourself at any time!

Sincerely,

Jonathon Bell





# DANCE

## With RACHEL SCHIFF

The first week has been absolutely amazing.

Each camper brings so much energy and fun to my dance class, and I am so lucky to be able to work with this group of kids. We have been practicing basic dance moves, as well as line dances. The campers love the Cha Cha Slide, Cotten Eye Joe, and the Macarena!

We have been starting morning assembly with a camp dance! So far we have done the Cha Cha Slide and Tooty Ta! The campers have all done a wonderful job participating and enjoying each dance class.

I am so excited for the rest of this summer! In the next 5 weeks groups will be learning dances, practicing their basic moves, and just having fun!

### ABOUT THE COUNSELOR

**Rachel Schiff:** My name is Rachel Schiff and I am the dance teacher at STAR camp! I am SO excited for another awesome summer. I grew up here in Sharon, and I danced for 10 years! I now attend the University of New Hampshire as a nursing major.





# Sports



Welcome to sports!!

. The first few days at Sports have been filled with hard work, sportsmanship, and intense game play. We are eager to get to know all the campers even more and make sure they continue to work hard and have an amazing summer at the same time!

## About the Counselors

**Colton Bader:** I am thrilled to be the one of the sports counselors. This is my second year at STAR Camp. I am 20 years old and currently an undergraduate at the University of New Hampshire in Durham. I am dual majoring in criminal justice and psychology. I grew up in Sharon and have lived here my entire life. I attended the Heights Elementary, Sharon Middle School and Sharon High School, where I played on the varsity golf team for all 4 years and the varsity baseball team for 3 years. I just recently moved out of Sharon but I'm very happy to still be working here for the summer. Last year was an amazing summer and I'm looking forward to nothing less this year

**Hannah Kates:** Hi everyone!! My names Hannah Kates and I am one of the sports counselor this summer! I recently graduated from Sharon High School and I will be attending Temple University in the fall where I will be studying nursing. I cannot wait to get to know all of the kids and play as many sports as possible with them! I want the campers to learn what it means to have good sportsmanship, to want to try new activities and to improve their skills. I cannot wait for an amazing summer!!!!



# MUSIC



Camp got off to a great start with some rhythm games and learning some new songs. The campers are so enthusiastic and it shows in their singing. I'm excited for a wonderful summer of music making!

## About the Counselor:

**Emily Cox:** My name is Emily Cox and I am the Music Specialist here at STAR Camp. During the school year I teach saxophone and clarinet in the After School lesson programs and work in After Care at the Heights Elementary School.



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