



Threes for...

“Healing Through Sports”

Saddle River Day School Hosts Newtown HS, CT

Eighth Annual Threes for Sandy Hook Benefit Games

Newtown High School, Ct., vs. Saddle River Day, NJ (December 15, 2018) – Through the years, sports have provided a safe haven for kids to just be kids during very difficult times. On Wednesday, December 19, 2012, the Newtown CT High School Varsity Girls Basketball team, the Nighthawks, took to the court in a game against the Saddle River Day School Lady Rebels as a return to normalcy and respite, even for just an hour or two, to a town shattered by tragedy. The schools joined forces to raise money for Newtown, CT in the aftermath of the Sandy Hook Elementary tragedy. Both teams shared a passion for basketball, equaled only by their passion to help. Through sports, the teams were able to focus a positive energy toward helping Newtown, and anyone affected by this tragedy heal. This initial game kicked off a fundraising program called “Threes for Sandy Hook.” Since then, for every three-pointer hit during a varsity, junior varsity or freshman game, \$3 is donated to the fund for Newtown, CT.

In July of 2016, officials unveiled the new Sandy Hook Elementary School. Thanks to the thousands of generous donations to the Threes for Sandy Hook Foundation, the school has new basketball courts as well.

The New Jersey based Saddle River Day School Girls Basketball program continues to lend its strength and support to this effort six years later. The tragedy in Newtown has touched so many in so many ways. The bond that has formed between Danny Brown (SRDS Rebels) and Jeremy O’Connell (a.k.a. “O.C.”, Newtown Nighthawks) is unbreakable as these two head coaches strive to set an example for their teams and be positive forces for change in the world, with the common goal of showing others what it means to give back.

This year, there will be a full weekend of games, including the main event double header at Saddle River Day School:

- Newtown JV vs SRD Jv at 3:30 pm
- Newtown Varsity vs SRD Varsity at 5:00 pm

In addition, Newtown HS will be hosting middle school games for participating Upper Saddle River travel teams all day Saturday and Sunday at Saddle River Day School. For a complete game schedule and for further information regarding the Threes for Sandy Hook Foundation and how to get involved:

[Threes for Sandy Hook website](#)

Saddle River Day School is a coeducational, college preparatory day school enrolling students in grades PreK-12. A low student-to-teacher ratio provides personal attention in a rigorous academic setting. The school boasts an award-winning performing/visual arts program and outstanding athletics recognition in Northern Bergen County, NJ. Graduates are prepared for college, having grown from students into scholars, and are coveted by some of the nation's most selective colleges and universities in the country. Students from the Class of 2016 are thriving at top colleges such as Georgetown, Northeastern and Stanford. www.lovelearning.saddleriverday.org

Saturday, December 15th at Saddle River Day

9:00 am--> Newtown Ct. 5th Grade Girls vs USR Girls 5th
10:00 am--> Newtown Ct. 5th Grade Boys vs USR Boys 5th
11:00 am--> Newtown Ct. 6th Grade Girls vs USR Girls 6th
12:00 pm--> Newtown Ct. 7th Grade Girls vs USR Girls 7th
1:00 pm--> Newtown Ct. 7th Grade Boys vs USR Boys 7th
2:00 pm--> Newtown Ct. 8th Grade Girls vs USR Girls 8th

3:30 pm-->SRD Jv Girls vs Newtown HS

5:00 pm-->SRD Var Girls vs Newtown HS

Sunday, December 16th at Saddle River Day

9:00 am--> Newtown Ct. 5th Grade Girls vs West Milford
10:00 am--> Newtown Ct. 5th Grade Boys vs Ramsey Storm
11:00 am--> Newtown Ct. 6th Grade Girls vs Wyckoff Storm
12:00 pm--> Newtown Ct. 7th Grade Girls vs SRDS MS Team
1:00 pm--> Newtown Ct. 7th Grade Boys vs West Milford
2:00 pm--> Newtown Ct. 8th Grade Girls vs Ramsey Storm

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