

Dear Merrimack Families and District Staff~

Tonight I offer a reminder about the final step in a process I've shared with you all before concerning our Merrimack High School Granite State Challenge Team. Dr. Sarah Campbell, Coach of the Merrimack Tomahawks, reminds us that this Saturday, May 16th, NH PBS will air the Championship Game. The success of this team this year has been thrilling. Whatever happens Saturday night, our Tomahawks Team has made us incredibly proud. They have demonstrated what is best about our school district and our community. And the best part is that the members of this team are representative of so many more of our students. Merrimack students excel. They do so in many ways. This latest example of excelling Merrimack students proves the point: These students, and so many more like them, and the families and community from which they come, are among the very best in the state of New Hampshire. We wish our team the best on Saturday night and offer our thanks for a most exciting journey.

Please see Coach Sara Campbell's message, below.

Stay well.

Mark McLaughlin

Superintendent

This is it, the big game. The one we've all been waiting for. The showdown to see who is the champion: Merrimack High School vs Plymouth Regional High School. Here's a promo from NH PBS to get you hyped for the game:

https://youtu.be/OhsLxsfM_IU



This Week on GRANITE STATE CHALLENGE

It is the final CHAMPIONSHIP game!! Watch as Merrimack goes head to head against last year's champs, Plymouth. Who will bring home the gold? Watch Saturday 5...
[youtu.be](https://youtu.be/OhsLxsfM_IU)

These two teams are very familiar with each other. Last year, they met in the semifinals where Plymouth narrowly edged out Merrimack 610 to 580, and went on to take the championship. That was Plymouth's third title, the others coming in 1996 and 2013. Merrimack has never won the title, and this is only their third trip to the SuperChallenge (the other times being 1987 and 2016). This year is Plymouth's third trip to the championship match in the last three years.

From the beginning of the season, we suspected it was going to come down to this match up. After last year's loss in the semis in such a tightly contested match, we've been waiting for a chance to prove ourselves against them. Both teams are essentially returning from last year's match up, another indication that this should be a hard-fought battle between the two teams.

Tune in to watch on NH PBS this Saturday, May 16th at 6 pm, and cheer for your Merrimack Tomahawks.

All the previous matches can be watched here if you want to catch up or refresh your memory before the big game: <https://nhpbs.org/gsc/>



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