

Mr. Howe's Fall Top Ten

This fall was amazing. I'm sure you'd all agree
What made these months so special to us all, including me?
Was it the sun and the warmth of the Indian summer season?
Or being with friends on teams that proved to be the reason.
No matter what team you were on or activity you did then

You stand a chance at making my Top **Ten**.

So let's begin as I mention these two men.
These are behind the scenes guys who help make games go smoothly again and again.

Mr. Ahbel and Dancer get the vote at number **10**.

Cabral gets my vote at post number **9**.
His four goals on Choate Day were simply divine!

You can never say never and you're never too late.
Girls soccer's win over Choate and the party that ensued puts them firmly at **8**.

Volleyball had players like Georgia and Amani who dominated at the net.
Their play and the team's attitude are best described as great.

Football and Field Hockey led the way on that wet Andover Day.
That was hours before the meadows into the Deerfield water way.
Both cross-country teams too had historic wins as they ran through the rains from heaven.

These memories from the day puts Andover Day at **7**.

At number **6** we recognize so many JV stars who play for the love of the games.
Sameer, Jared, Emily, Zev, Sofi, Donnie, Anna, and Tommy.
These wonderful seniors are just some of the names.

Did you go to the dance review, a concert or the spectacular fall play?
We have championship talent in these programs as well I'd have to say.
I'll give the **5** slot to all members of these casts, crew, and bands now.
They're just as committed and talented...Wow!

Number **4** goes to the fall captains of all the teams at the start of the year.
You represent Deerfield and the good sportsmanship we hold dear.
All of you deserve a big cheer.

Girls cross-country wins Class A New Englands, water polo goes to the post season, and football
is selected for a Bowl game.

The **3rd** spot goes to these teams who brought our school much acclaim.

At number **2** we come to the end of an era and say farewell to a legend.
Coach Harcourt has coached 84 seasons and will always be described as a friend.

Last but not least you won your **1st** Choate Day in many, many years
You did it with effort, talent and grit instead of reverting to jeers.
So as we move on to winter and close the books on the fall
Be thankful for good teammates and coaches, and remember them all.