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School News

New Representatives Elected to Student Council

By Max Ly, 7th Grade Student Council Press Secretary

CMS students elected new class officers to the 2022-23 Student Council. Congratulations to the 6th grade Student Council President Delaney Lafond, Press Secretary Claire Flaherty, Student Ambassador Christian Kondrat, Communications Officer Josie Pruitt, and Subcommittee Coordinator Ella Rinni. Congratulations to 7th grade President Quinn Kearney, Press Secretary Max Ly, Student Ambassador Stephanie Williams, Communications Officer Dominique Vecchiolla, and Subcommittee Coordinator Ashley Wagner. And for the 8th grade, congratulations to President Drew Karlovits, Press Secretary Wilson Nussbaum, Student Ambassador: Nicholas Askjaer, Communications Officer Charlotte Gallagher and Subcommittee Coordinator Grace Kiernan.



After the elections, we held our first meeting to talk about our goals and roles for this year. During our second meeting, we began to plan for our first school spirit day relating to Halloween! This year StuCo is excited to bring Spooky Spirit Day to CMS! Spirit colors students should wear for this spirit day will be black, orange, and purple. Students are encouraged to wear spooky colors, hats, and headbands (we are not allowing masks, costumes, or anything

that will cover the face). If students have any questions, comments, or concerns StuCo is all ears. So, please speak to the Student Ambassadors in your grade. (Photo above: Student Council Representatives decorate the CMS hallways for Spooky Spirit Day.)

Halloween Returns to Normal

By Gabby Madden

Due to COVID-19 and the pandemic, Cohasset students were unable to do Halloween the way we used to. Many students can recall the sadness of missing 2020 Halloween.

Sixth grader Calvin Gainey said, "I remember having to wear my



mask as I went up to each door in fourth grade."

But because we no longer have the virus looming over us, Halloween is back! This Halloween, in addition to trick-or-treating,

students took part in the Safe Harbor pumpkin decorating contest. The contest encouraged creativity and people's best effort, as well as celebrating the community of Cohasset. Each contestant received a free pumpkin as well as a goody bag. Pumpkins will be displayed in the downtown area until October 31st. Winners will be decided by the town of Cohasset and receive gift card prizes!

If you want to get a lot more candy than you usually do, come go to Halloween on the Harbor! Taking place in Scituate on October 31st, kids can come to small businesses on the harbor to get tons of candy! So bring your costumes and prepare yourself. Be sure to be there at 4:00-5:30 before the roads open!

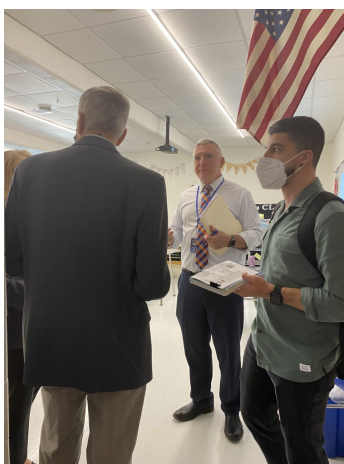
As you can see, Halloween is back and ready for you!

New School Building Discussion Progresses with Site Visit from MBSA

By Gabby Madden

On Wednesday, September 28, there was a senior study conducted by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MBSA) about the new Middle-High School. According to the MBSA website - a senior study is a visit to a school where architects and engineers with a lot of experience will examine the building.

At the senior study, there was a group of 12-15 adults consisting of Cohasset School Committee members, architects, engineers, Select Board members, school principals, and Superintendent Sullivan. As I followed the group on their tour of CMS and CHS, I overheard discussions about plans to revitalize the senior gym as well as replacing windows. These ideas are part of one of the three options the committee is considering, partial renovation.



After a senior study is completed, the MBSA will decide whether a school building will qualify for partial renovation, complete renovation, or a brand new building. Currently we do not know what they are leaning toward. However, according to the *Cohasset Anchor*, there have already been reports of “severe overcrowding,” as well as roof, windows, boilers, and heating system problems. There have also been reports about the safety and security of the building. So maybe in the next 5 years, we will have a new building after all!



High Five Friday

By Jasmine and
Kassidy Arocho

On Friday October 21, Cohasset Fire and Police Department joined CMS students for High Five Friday.

Cohasset Police Officers and Firefighters lined the entrance to the Middle School high fiving students. High Five Friday is important because it allows CMS students to meet Cohasset's first responders.

We asked CMS Principal Mr. Mills why he thinks High Five Friday is important.

Mr. Mills responded, "I think that it is important for students so they can meet the police and fire department when it isn't an emergency. I also think it is important for the fire department to meet the students. As well as, I think it is important for the fire and police departments to spend time with students to have a break from work."

CMS students would like to thank the men and women of the police and fire department for visiting us and keeping us safe every day.

Lego Robotics Teams Innovating Future Environmental Designs

By Brayden Bestick and Jay Naples

Photo by Brody Fitzgerald



Recently the Robotics Club began meeting three days per week after school under the direction of 8th grade science teacher, Mr. Erlandsen (Mr. E.) and 7th grade STEM teacher, Ms. Lantier. The club has 21 members from every grade, girls and boys alike.

The teams have already started working on “innovation” projects. What does that mean? Innovation projects are a group assignment where teams have to create an idea for sustainable energy sources such as solar energy, wind, and water.

But the true icing on the cake is the actual robots. Our teams have already completed, if not almost finished, building the Lego

robots. They are designed to complete the challenges on the competition board. The competition board is a board with many Lego structures, which are very easy to move, that are the challenges that you have to complete. You have to move some structures around the map, you have to open some Lego structures hatches, and many more diverse challenges that the Lego Robotics Team will face in this yearly First Lego League Casts competition!

(In photo above: 8th grader, Aidan Donnelly , works on his Lego Robotics project.)

Green Team Investigates Recycling and Sustainable Energy Options

By Gabby Madden

After their major contributions to our school last year, the CMS Green Team is back again this year! Their plans start with bringing in more sustainable methods of learning. For example, they plan to do more about single-use plastic, as well as doing public service and advocacy. They even have ideas to switch the method of electricity at our school to solar panels, as well as other huge investments. If you are interested, please meet on Day 3 of our schedule in the Learning Commons.

Diversity Club

By Gabby Madden

The first meeting of Diversity Club took place on October 6th with the new faculty coordinators, Mrs. Pierce and Ms. Gibbons. For those who do not know, Diversity Club is a student run club focusing on different cultures and providing support for fellow students. Each rotation, students gather together and discuss prominent figures who made an impact on society.

We asked members of the Diversity Club "Why is having a Diversity Club at school important?"

Finn Card replied, " All Students need a designated place for them to feel that they have the power to create change in whatever community they are in."

Frances Brice answered, "We need a diversity club because all people are different and we can learn about those differences."

Brendan Sullivan added, "Not everyone at school knows about your own individual self whether it is your sexuality or background. It is good to meet and learn with new people to share that."

When asked, "What are your goals for the club?" Brendan Sullivan replied, "To learn about different cultures and have fun."

On Tuesday, November 1, Diversity Club students will be attending an in-school field trip during periods 3 and 4. They will be joining a Zoom with the author of *This Book Is Anti-Racist*.

If you are interested, they are meeting every day during utility starting October 6th in Ms. Gibbon's room (room 113). All are welcome!

Rec Center is Perfect Hangout Spot

By Sari Reyes

The new school year has arrived and with school comes the need for a friendly hangout and place for rest and fun. The Cohasset Rec Center is the perfect place to hangout with your friends, play games, and get homework done.

With the new year, the Rec Center Committee has already made their goals for the year and plans for another year of success! The Committee has

already planned out the monthly events and yearly goals. Holiday events will occur once or every other month and smaller events will be held as well. Snacks will be served as well as entertainment!

Sign up is just like last year. Go to the Cohasset Recreation website and get your membership today! Recently, the Rec Center had their beginning of the year party. Pizza was served and laughter filled the air as everyone played games, virtual and in person!

With the arrival of the spooky season, the Rec Center has decided to host a Halloween Party! All members are allowed, and food, drinks and entertainment will be served!

Don't miss out on this year's fun, sign up soon!

Editorials

Any student can submit an editorial to *The Pond Street Press*. Please consider sharing your opinion about important school matters with our editor, Gabby Madden (gmadden26@cohassetk12.org) or Mrs. Melia (dmelia@cohassetk12.org).

CMS Arts

Middle School Theater Returns!

By Sari Reyes

After several years without a middle school theater program, we have finally come to a year where the theater kids can thrive. The CMS Theater Department has not had many theater productions and no musicals for that matter, but this year is different. The CMS theater department has now extended to musicals and will be putting on the junior production of *Moana*. Ms. Arenstram, along with the other music teachers of the middle and high school, has been working hard to block, choreograph and connect with the other



teachers and cast to form *Moana*.

The students of CMS have also formed a stage crew to take care of props, costumes, set designs, and tech.

Moana will be premiering on Friday, December 2nd and will continue till Saturday,

December 3rd. Make sure to get your tickets the week before to see the CMS students bring you through the story of Moana and her ancestors.

We can only hope for more musicals in the future, but for now let CMS take you on a cultural and musical journey. Make sure to buy your tickets and enjoy the ride. You never know how far you will go!

(Photo above: CMS students rehearse for the upcoming *Moana* production.)

School Sports News

Cross Country Meet Results

<p>October 6 vs. Norwell, Hanover, Abington</p> <p>Girls Anni Casieri (grade 6) - 3rd Molly Doherty (grade 6) - 5th Brynn Dwyer (grade 6) - 8th Josie Pruitt (grade 6) - 10th Elena Bennett (grade 6) - 23rd</p>	<p>Boys Brayden Bestick (grade 8) - 8th Ciaran Bergan (grade 7) - 9th Aidan Donnelly (grade 8) - 11th Andrew Askjaer (grade 6) - 18th Everett Harrell (grade 6) - 40th</p>
<p>October 12 vs. Hanover, Randolph</p> <p>Girls Anni Casieri -1st Molly Doherty - 2nd Brynn Dwyer - 5th Josie Pruitt - 9th Zoe Evans - 13th</p>	<p>Boys Ciaran Bergan - 10th Liam Baker - 11th Andrew Askjaer - 22nd Matt Blanchard - 25th Everett Harrell 0 36th</p>
<p>October 19th vs. Norwell, Whitman</p> <p>Girls Anni Casieri - 2nd Molly Doherty - 4th Brynn Dwyer - 5th Josie Pruitt - 6th Zoe Evans - 7th</p>	<p>Boys Ethan Fine - 1st Mikey Giglio - 2nd Ciaran Bergan -3rd Tavin Casey - 4th Liam Baker - 5th Aidan Donnelly - 6th Andrew Askjaer - 7th Brayden Bestick - 8th Matt Blanchard - 9th</p>



(Drone Photo above by Brody Fitzgerald shows CMS students lining up for a Cross Country meet versus Hanover. The Cross Country team has been practicing after school and have competed in three interscholastic meets. See results above.)

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