

Cohasset Middle-High School

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from the desk of Principal Connolly..

What a smooth and positive opening of school we had! Thank you to the students for showing up with winning attitudes and motivation to get the year off on the right foot, and HUGE thanks to the parents for observing the loveliest of traffic patterns! The eased congestion at drop off is truly appreciated, and we will continue to attempt to streamline those patterns while observing the fire lane restrictions out in front of the building. So, if you see cones in an area, please know they are there for a reason. There are also some student parking guidelines and concerns on the following page and I ask that you read them over and have a conversation if you have a student driver. Many neighbors have expressed concern as well.

Upcoming Back to School Nights for the Middle and High School will take place on 9/13 and 9/20 and **begin at 6:30 PM**. Now that we have open grade reporting in iPass, many parents may find they wish to know more about how to navigate their account. Parent information/training sessions will be offered to parents during each of the open houses. Student leaders will direct you as appropriate, and you can stop by any time on those evenings from 6:00—7:00 PM.

The Superintendent's Office has been reporting out to you on phone repair progress, but there are now two numbers you can dial directly to connect with us: **383-6100 and 383-6101** will both ring to the main office of the middle high school. Teacher and administrator extensions are still not active. We will continue to share information as it becomes available.

When I met with each of the grade levels on opening day, I shared with them my expectations for students at Cohasset Middle-High School. They heard that we expect respectful students who observe a modicum of civility no matter the situation. I have enlisted their aid in making certain that CMHS is a place where students are happy to come each day and where they feel safe and supported by the entire school community. Please help me to reinforce this at home: that we respect every person, every day!

Thank you for reading and HOORAY for another school year!

Parent/Caregivers Join our Council!

Are you interested in serving on the Cohasset Middle High School Council? Parents, students, teachers and administrators meet the 4th Tuesday of the month and work collaboratively on school improvement goals throughout the year.

Please email Denise Stenson (dstenson@cohassetk12.org) in the main office if you are interested in volunteering this year. If more than five parents are interested, the PSO will generate a ballot at our Back to School Nights coming up this week and next. Thanks as always for your support.



Please consider joining the Cohasset PSO and join the conversation and the chance to talk with other parents about our school. Please stay tuned for the announcement of the first meeting of the school year. **The 9/16 meeting as noted in the PSO calendar has been postponed.** All are welcome. The CMHS PSO contact for this year is Francesca Arnold.



JUST A REMINDER

**PICTURE DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016.**



The guidance department is excited to welcome back returning students and begin to get to know new faces! Below is some important information:

- **Senior Group meetings** begin today and continue through next week as we visit each English class for a full period. During this time, counselors review key aspects of the post secondary planning process and provide detailed logistics that are required as students move through the application process. Seniors should meet with their counselor as soon as they are ready (asap if they are planning to apply early).
- **SAT Score Conversion** – Naviance has not yet developed a way to plot new SAT scores in Naviance scattergrams. Students will need to convert new SAT scores to old scores using the score converter which can be accessed via the link below. Nearly all scores on the new SAT are higher than those on the old SAT. This means, the converted score you see will be lower. Converted scores must be used when determining chances of admission based on historical data. Counselors will have seniors convert scores during the workshop and help them understand how to consider new scores when determining chances of admission.
- **College Representatives will begin visiting the guidance office in the coming weeks!** These meetings are open to interested juniors and seniors. Registration is required via the Naviance program. We have done our best to schedule visits after school and during utility period, however, some do take place during class time. Students must be cognizant of missed class time and are responsible for completing makeup work in a timely manner
- **PSAT** – A correction to the PSO calendar as the PSAT is listed on two dates. ***The correct date for the PSAT is Thursday, October 19 and it will take place during the school day.*** Registration information will be communicated in the coming weeks. Both sophomores and juniors should be sitting for the test.

Don't forget to follow us on **Twitter** where you can find the most up to date guidance news and information. Included in our tweets will be important guidance event reminders, helpful college process tips, guidance related news articles, and much more. Follow us at: <https://twitter.com/CHSguidancenews>

Upcoming Standardized Test Dates

| SAT Date | Subject Tests Available | Registration Deadline | Late Registration Deadline (fee required) |
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| October 1 | Yes | N/A | September 20 |
| November 5 | Yes | October 7 | October 25 |
| December 3 | Yes | November 3 | November 22 |
| January 21 | Yes | December 21 | January 10 |
| March 11 | No | February 10 | February 28 |
| May 6 | Yes | April 7 | April 25 |
| June 3 | Yes | May 9 | May 24 |

ATTENTION STUDENT DRIVERS: THIS IS NOT WHAT YOU ARE DRIVING TO SCHOOL!!



Parents and Caregivers, please
those that drive and those that

help in trying to supervise student drivers, but they are less than cautious and I am very concerned. These are some of the procedures under which parking privileges are granted.

Please have a conversation with your student driver about the inconvenience of having that privilege suspended or taken away! Thank you for your help!

help us to keep students safe—
don't. The police have been help-

- **There are no assigned spaces. Parking is first come first served, and preference will be given based on seniority, beginning with seniors.**
- **Vehicles must be parked in the student lot ONLY. Students must park in an appropriate marked spaces unless directed not to do so. At no time are students permitted to park in the central office spaces, by the athletic fields, or in the spaces along the main driveway or by the middle school entrance.**
- **Students must exhibit safe driving habits. Student must adhere to the 5 MPH speed limit and avoid fast accelerations.**
- **Please note: A provisional license restricts a minor from transporting anyone under the age of 20 (without a licensed driver 25 years or older in the vehicle) during the first year they are licensed.**

Failure to adhere to the above conditions may result in the loss of parking privileges for the current school year and/or being towed at the owner's expense.



| ACT Test Date | Registration Deadline | Late Registration Deadline (fee required) |
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| October 22 | September 16 | September 30 |
| December 10 | November 4 | November 18 |
| February 11 | January 13 | January 20 |
| April 8 | March 3 | March 17 |
| June 10 | May 5 | May 19 |

***Students who have learning disabilities and wish to apply for extended time on either test should see their counselor right away.**

Do you need help with financial planning for college?

Check out www.mefa.org and attend an upcoming workshop or webinar. New events are added on a regular basis.



**The Paul Pratt Memorial Library's Homework Center (HC) meets on
Tuesday evenings beginning September 27 5:30-7:00**

The Homework Center offers tutoring services to Cohasset students seeking help with studies and homework. Tutors are recruited from the National Honor Society in fulfillment of community service hours. Students from CMHS and Deerhill are invited to attend. NHS tutors will work with students on homework, research papers, essays and MCAS prep. Some teachers are offering extra credit for students who attend!

***New to the Homework Center this year we will have a raffle each week with a gift certificate to a local Cohasset business!**

Students will sign in upon arrival and are required to have a parent come into the library at the end of the session. Parents are also required to complete a parental form and emergency contact information. Pizza and beverages are also provided. We look forward to meeting and serving the students of Cohasset!

Malorie Dwyer – Homework Center Coordinator

Eileen Norton – National Honor Society Coordinator

Brigid Lengyel – Young Adult and Reference Librarian, Paul Pratt Memorial Library

Jackie Rafferty, Library Director

The Homework Center is generously funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library. If you would like to make a contribution toward the Homework Center expenses or refreshments please contact us at:

Friends of Cohasset Library

35 Ripley Road

Cohasset, MA



Cohasset SEPAC

Welcome Coffee

Join us for coffee and conversation as we
discuss the year ahead with

Cohasset's Director of Student Services, Mary Buchanan and
Team Chairs, Laurie Dolan and Meredith Whalen.

The SEPAC board will share the monthly presentation schedule. It is a
not-to-be-missed year of great speakers and important topics!

Wednesday, September 14th at 10:00 am

Community Room, Lower Level Cohasset Middle High School

All parents and guardians are welcome

As always, the meeting is free and open to the public.

Cohasset Special Education Parent Advisory Council

www.cohassetsepac.org



MIDDLE SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM

The Middle School Robotics Team is now accepting registrations for the First Lego League 2016-2017 season *Animal Allies*. They are looking for collaborative, creative 6th-8th graders who are interested in problem solving, programming and engineering. Participants need to be available several afternoons a week from now through December. If interested, please submit the attached form, located on the next page, to Laura Humphrey via the main office or email at lhumphrey@cohassetk12.org

space is limited.



First Lego League Teams @ Cohasset Middle School

What is First Lego?

FIRST LEGO League is a robotics program for 10-14 year olds which is designed to get children excited about science and technology while teaching valuable employment and life skills. FIRST LEGO League both teaches and reinforces important math and science skills via an interactive, fun, purposeful, and innovative robotics program. Participants learn that friendly competition and mutual gain are not separate goals. FIRST LEGO League also instructs through trial and error, teaching students that making mistakes is an important part of reaching ones goals. The program further reinforces that helping one another is the foundation of teamwork.

About the Cohasset Middle School Program.

Our Program is open to interested 6th-8th grade students under the age of 14 who would like to participate. Teams of up to six children, supported by a faculty coach and a couple of high school student mentors, compete in a challenge set up by the First Lego group. Participants will attempt to conquer the challenge by building and programming an autonomous robot to score points on a themed playing field (Robot Game). They will also develop and present an innovative solution to a problem that has been identified (Project). Teams compete against other MA teams in early December.

When do we meet and what does it cost?

Meetings will be after school (exact days of the week tbd), usually from 2:15 – 3:15 in the early fall and extending from 2:15-4:30 from around Thanksgiving – the competition dates in December. Each team will have assigned meeting dates in September and early October and are welcome to attend the other team's meeting as well. In November, we will increase meetings to 3-4 times a week and may extend the meeting times as well. The MA competition schedule is not out yet but it is likely that we will compete in a qualifier on the first weekend of December and if qualified, the state competition will be held the weekend before Christmas.

There is a user fee for this program. The cost of the program is \$200. 00 per student. Families can request financial assistance if needed in order to participate.

Enrollment will be granted on a first come, first serve basis.

More information

For more information about the program, we invite you to check out the First Lego website at <http://www.firstlegoleague.org/>. You can also preview this year's challenge at <http://www.firstlegoleague.org/challenge>. Be sure to check out the videos!

If you have specific program questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Laura Humphrey at

lhumphrey@cohassetk12.org.



Registration-First Lego League - CMHS

Student Name _____

Grade _____ Birthdate _____ Age _____

Parent(s) Name(s) _____

Parent's Home Phone Number _____

Parent's Cell Phone Number _____

Parent's Email Address _____

Did you participate last year? _____

If yes, would you like to be on the same team as last year? _____

Date / Team Preference: Please check the days which the student is available from apx 2:15-4:15pm. Each team's meeting schedule will be determined after registration.

_____ Mon _____ Tues _____ Wed _____ Th _____ Fri

User fee: \$200.00. Please make checks payable to Cohasset Middle High School.

- Please return this registration form to the CMHS office
- I would like to request financial assistance

You may also submit electronically to lhumphrey@cohassetk12.org.

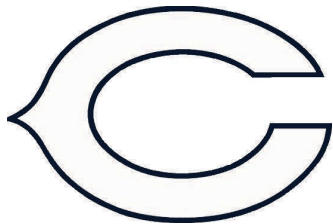
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Students and Families of the Class of 2017

Yearbook Information is located on the Cohasset High School website (www.cohassetk12.org) under the Tab entitled Students.

UPCOMING EVENTS: PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING DATES



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| 9/20 | High School Back to School Night @ 6:30 PM |
| 9/22 | 12th Grade Parent Coffee @ 7:45 AM |
| 9/27 | 6th Grade Parent Coffee @ 7:45 AM |
| 9/29 | 9th Grade Parent Coffee @ 7:45 AM |
| 9/30 | Freshman Coastsweep |
| 10/5-10/7 | 6th Grade Camp Wing |
| 10/7 | Professional Development Early Release @ 11:40 AM |
| 10/10 | Columbus Day No School |