

# Cohasset Middle-High School

SEPTEMBER 25 — OCTOBER 1

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**6th Grade  
Parent Coffee  
9:30 AM**

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**9th Grade  
Parent Coffee  
7:45 AM**

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**COASTSWEEP  
GRADE 9**

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## *from the desk of Carolyn Connolly...*

It was great to see so many parents at the recent Back to School Nights. Thank you very much for spending the time with us. On those evenings, I talked about needing some middle school parents for our School Council and five graciously came forward. Ballots were available for the HS night, but at the time of the MS night, we still did not have all of the nominees. So, if you are a parent/caregiver who has not cast a ballot, please use this link to do so: [VOTE](#) As advisors to the Principal, the School Council works best when it is representative of a large cross-section of the community and I greatly appreciate those who were willing to be nominated.

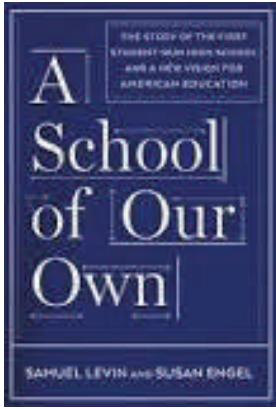
At School Committee Wednesday night we were excited to share the future plans for the **CMHS Library to become a “Learning Commons”** After several years of research and committee work spearheaded by our former and current librarians, we are hoping to transform our traditional (read: antiquated) school library into a vibrant and collaborative learning space considerate of current and future student needs and welcoming to ALL! Special thanks to Carolyn Coffey, Cindy Mathieson and CEF, and Kathy Ceruti, who continue to drive the project. We are very excited to support the CEF fundraising campaign in any way that we can!

As we approach the end of our first month, I can report with confidence that students and teachers are fully engaged in teaching and learning; that our sixth graders have settled in routines; and that our seniors have college applications well underway. I look forward to connecting with many of you at upcoming events, such as the CEF sponsored Senior Parent evening which will soon be announced.



**High School Student Agendas are still available for purchase in the Main Office for \$10.00.**

**As a reminder, all Middle School students received a Student Agenda on the first day of school. Please check to see if your student(s) are managing their agenda efficiently.**



*Sunday Author Talks*

*Paul Pratt Memorial Library*

*October 2, 2016 @ 4 pm*

Susan Engel and Samuel Levin

*A School of Our Own: The Story of the First Student-Run High School  
and a New Vision for American Education*

Engel and Levin will share the fascinating story of the Independent Project, the first student-run high school in America. Levin is the founder of the school and Engel is a noted developmental psychologist and founder and director of the Williams Program in Teaching at Williams College. She is also Samuel's mother. As a high school junior, Samuel had already achieved international fame for creating Project Sprout --- the first farm-to-school lunch program in the United States. Frustrated with his high school education, he lobbied for and developed a new school model based on a few simple ideas about what kids need from their high school experience. Since its inception in 2010, the Independent Project has been hailed as a remarkable success and has been featured in NPR, Newsweek and the Washington Post.

"This wonderfully written and inspiring book will make you laugh, cry and cheer. I predict most readers will also give copies to friends and acquaintances who care about children and their schooling, and I'm praying that at least one of them knows the President of the United States."

John Merrow, education correspondent for *PBS NewsHour*, president of Learning Matters, and author of *The Influence of Teachers* and *Choosing Excellence*.



## The Joseph Osgood Chapter of the National Honor Society



is accepting applications from CHS juniors or seniors through October 7. Requirements include: evidence of service, character and leadership, and a GPA of 3.8 or higher. Information and a printable application are available online on the NHS page of the high [school website](#). This year's induction ceremony is scheduled for November 17, 2016 so don't miss this chance to apply for NHS membership.

**Questions?** Check the school website, stop by room 256 to chat with NHS adviser, Mrs. Norton or students may contact her via email at [enorton@cohassetk12.org](mailto:enorton@cohassetk12.org).



**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:**

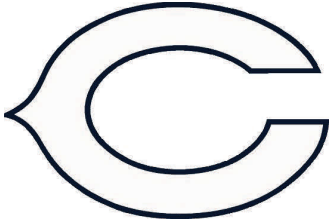
*Friends of Cohasset Library*

*35 Ripley Road*

*Cohasset, MA*



**UPCOMING EVENTS: PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING DATES**



**10/5-10/7**

**6th Graders to Camp Wing**

**10/7**

**Professional Development Early Release**

**10/10**

**Columbus Day — NO SCHOOL**

**10/17-21**

**High School Spirit Week**

**10/17**

**Picture Make-ups**

**10/19**

**PSAT Testing**

**10/21**

**PSO Meeting @ 9:30 AM**