

# Cohasset Middle-High School

JANUARY 24– JANUARY 30

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Early Release  
@11:40

Middle  
School HW  
Club 2:15-3 in  
the CMHS  
library

HS Semi-Formal  
8-10:30  
Town Hall

## *Middle School News...*

There is still time to sign up for winter intramurals! Without enough demonstrated interest, programs can not run. If your student is interested in any of the enrichment activities described in the attached brochure, please have him/her return the registration to Ms. Carmody (Rm. 113) on Monday.

Ms. Carmody also invites parents of middle school drama students to come to an informational meeting on February 3rd after school to learn more about middle school drama festival: what it is, what kind of commitment it requires, and what the dates for rehearsal and performance are for this year. If you have a budding thespian in your midst, please mark your calendars to come and learn more about this exciting opportunity.

## *High School News ...*

In response to student need, all freshmen and sophomores were issued weekly planners for use on finals and during second semester. While some students have demonstrated excellent organizational strategies and most can articulate the plan for the day, we felt that all students would benefit from being able to plan out longer assignments. Teachers will begin to use the planners to stress that all assignments and commitments are written down, but that students can backwards plan major assignments and identify what they need to do on at least a weekly basis in order to ensure that proper time has been allotted to preparing for those assignments. So, for example, if an English essay is due on a Friday, but the student wants to schedule time to meet with the teacher during utility period on Thursday, then a draft should be completed Wednesday night. If Wednesday night the student also has a wrestling match, then perhaps the draft should be completed Tuesday. This planning, coupled with the students' obligations in other classes and with after school commitments, should allow students to allot enough time to complete the assignments to the best of their ability and to identify areas where several assignments are due simultaneously. If a student has a system that works, the intention is not to replace it, and so while the planners are not mandatory, we do want students to be able to develop and be able to demonstrate good time management.

By now all families of students in grades 8-11 should have received notices that outline the scheduling process for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year. Students will be introduced to the process on Thursday, 1/28. Please encourage students to speak directly with teachers about taking courses that best allow for them to be challenged and successful next year. Beginning in February, guidance counselors and Mr. Scott will begin having conversations with students about looking at those choices in the context of a four year transcript and will begin drafting schedules that consider post-graduation plans.

*The High School Winter Semi-Formal  
is January 29th from 8-10:30 PM @ Town Hall  
Tickets will be sold @ lunch on 1/26 and 1/28 for \$15*

*Tickets are not sold at the door.*

*Students must be arrive by 8:30*

*(basketball players /wrestlers will be allowed in late because of athletic contests)*

**The Middle School is starting a GSA club for students! GSA stands for Gender Sexuality Alliance. All students are welcome to attend during Lunches and/or TST. The group will focus on issues of social justice.**

**Please direct any questions to the GSA staff facilitator, Emily Manewal.**

**[emanewal@cohassetk12.org](mailto:emanewal@cohassetk12.org)**



**LGBTQA**



The application process for Osgood Chapter of the National Honor Society is currently underway. Students' first semester grades will be used in considering their candidacy. Students eligible to apply (GPA of 3.7 or better) were notified in writing before the winter break. The instructions, application and required forms are online.

The deadline is 2/3/16. Students and parents can contact Mrs. Norton ([enorton@cohassetk12.org](mailto:enorton@cohassetk12.org)) if they have any questions.



**REMINDER for Model UN**

If your student will require ANY medication during the Model UN trip, that medication must be brought to the nurse's office by a parent/guardian by 2PM Wed. Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>. If it is prescription medication it must be in the pharmacy container with the pharmacy label. All over-the-counter medication must be unopened and in the manufacturer's container.

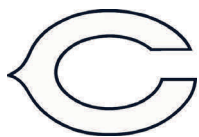
Students are ONLY allowed to carry their epipens and or rescue inhalers, with Mrs. Collins knowledge. STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE ANY OTHER MEDICATION WITH THEM DURING THE SCHOOL TRIP.

Please e-mail or call Mrs. Collins R.N. with any questions at [jcollins@cohassetk12.org](mailto:jcollins@cohassetk12.org) or (781) 383-0853.

**IN THE VERY UNLIKELY EVENT THAT SCHOOL WAS CANCELLED FOR SOME REASON ON MONDAY....**

the high school FINAL EXAMS scheduled for 1/25 WOULD BE ADMINISTERED ON 1/26. We would resume school with the same 2345 schedule that was planned for Monday. The first day of second semester would begin on the day after we returned.

Better to have provided a plan than have folks wondering...



- 2/4                    Grade 10 Parent Coffee @ 7:45
- 2/10                  Early Release Day @ 11:40 (PD for staff)
- 2/11                  "Cabaret Night" for HS Music in the Cafeteria
- 2/12                  February Vacation starts at close of school