

Cohasset Middle-High School

JANUARY 31– FEBRUARY 6

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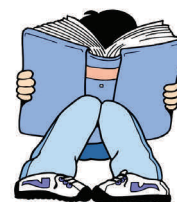
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Grade 10 Par-
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Middle School News...

CMS READS



Middle School Homerooms will be introduced to our new CMS Reads program on Monday, February 1. The program asks interested students to read three independent reading books from February 1 through April 1. Each student who participates in the program will receive a golden ticket to the CMS Reads Pizza Party/Ice Cream Social in April. Our goal is to motivate students to read more independently. After we introduce the program to our students Monday, we will post the powerpoint presentation and resources on our school website.

LET'S GET READING!

GRADE SIX MATH ASSESSMENTS

Students in grade six will take a series of assessments next week designed to give the teachers a full picture of students' math abilities as they consider placement for grade seven. Students will take a basic skills test and the APR test, which we use as an indicator of readiness for Algebra. This assessment data, along with curriculum-based assessments and teacher observations, will be used as teachers make their placement recommendations later in February. Notification of placement will be sent to families in March.

OTHER FUN THINGS

Please note the information posted inside the newsletter alerting students to time and date for middle school drama festival auditions. Also please note the candygram sale the student council is running. I applaud Mrs. Gordon for the research she did to find a nut-free product from the Vermont Candy Company! I am also delighted to announce that there will be a **middle school dance on Friday, February 26th!** So save the date and stay tuned for further details.

The high school Semi-Formal tonight at Town Hall ends at 10:30 PM! Students will NOT be allowed to leave before 10:15 unless an administrator speaks with a parent. This is to ensure student safety! Please seek out Ms. Connolly or Mr. Scott if needed.

The High School Schedule...

Yesterday, we held two assemblies during Utility periods at which Mr. Scott explained the scheduling timeline to high school students in grades 9-11 and to middle school students in grade 8. The information shared was similar to the letter families should have received in January and included the following:

- ⇒ Although next September seems far away, the choices that students will make between now and the end of March give them the best chances of receiving the schedules that they want. **Actual student interest (demonstrated by student course requests) drives the number of courses and the number of sections that we offer.** To that end, students were asked to be familiar with the Program of Studies located on the website under academics. Just because a course did not run this year does not necessarily mean that it cannot run next year.
- ⇒ Teachers are making leveling recommendations next week. Students were encouraged to speak with their *first semester* teachers if they had questions or concerns about their recommendations or to ask department heads if they needed advice about appropriate choices or long term course of study. Following the high school assembly, department heads situated themselves at tables near the cafeteria and answered questions.
- ⇒ Students are encouraged to explore the Program of Studies as posted online. It contains graduation requirements, course descriptions, and worksheets for planning out a schedule. Advice from older students or siblings can be helpful, but course expectations and teachers assigned to them **DO** change over time, so the program of studies is the most reliable source of information.
- ⇒ Students will meet individually with counselors or Mr. Scott to customize their schedules around their interests and abilities. Because there are roughly 450 initial conversations that need to happen, some students will be met with in February and some in March. **The scheduler is not run until all requests have been entered. Therefore, placement is not affected by when requests are entered or where the student appears in the alphabet.** Rather, requests are scheduled as core courses first, then electives.
- ⇒ Finally, there are no scheduling secrets. Being educated about the process and talking through possible options with multiple sources is the best vehicle for customizing a schedule that highlights student strengths. Your student will have ample opportunity to discuss courses with you, guidance counselors and administrators when appropriate.



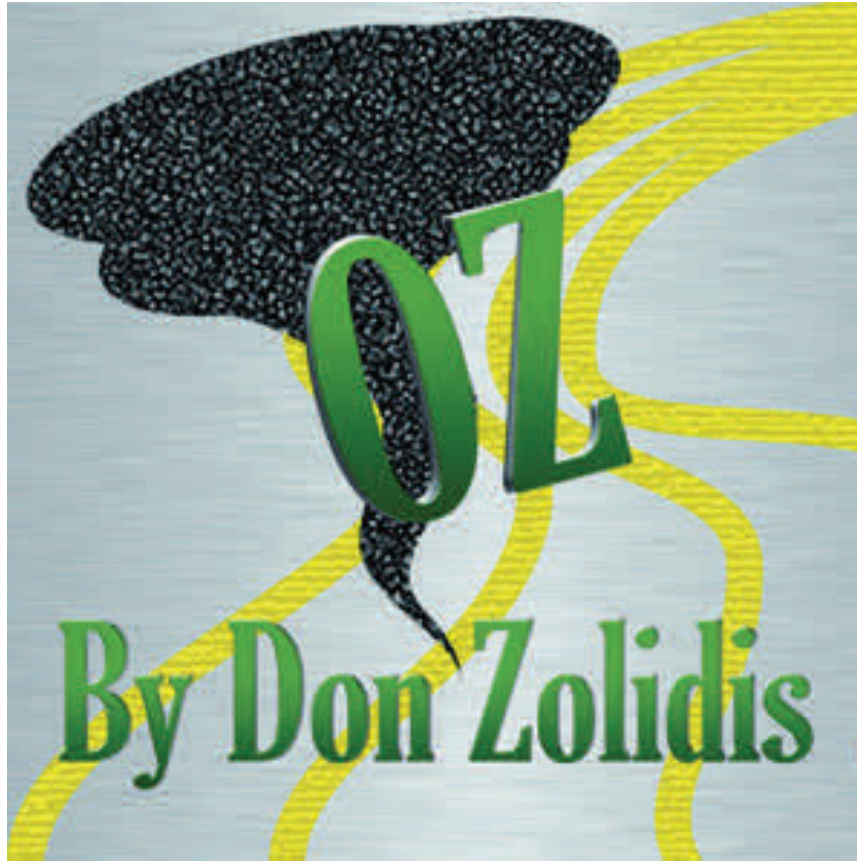
Attention Parents of SENIORS and Juniors....there will be an informational meeting for all parents to begin post-prom brainstorming, planning, etc.

WEDNESDAY, FEB 3RD @ 7 PM IN THE CMHS LIBRARY

If you have a student in the senior class, please come and get involved in helping to plan and execute this annual event.

Parents of *all classes* are most welcome to come and lend a hand!!

Middle School Drama Festival Auditions



- After school on Thursday 2/4, Monday 2/8, and Thursday 2/11. Students will need to sign up for a slot on the drama board ahead of time.
- Rehearsals are Mondays and Thursdays 2:20-4:15.
- A parent meeting will be held on Wednesday 2/3 at 6:30 for all interested participants.
- Festival is Saturday, April 30 at a location to be announced by Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild.
- Contact: acarmody@cohassetk12.org.

Candy Grams

For

Valentine's Day @ the Middle School



Send a nut free chocolate heart and special message to a friend or yourself - On sale during break and lunch beginning Monday, February 4th. Candy grams will be delivered at lunch on Feb. 12th.

\$2.50 each

Sponsored by: M.S. Student Council

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**BOSTON
THEATER
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HAMLET

When? **Wednesday, February 10th, 2016**

Where? **The Cohasset High School Auditorium**

Time? **3pm, the show is approximately 60 minutes**

It's free!

This unique production will feature a female actress in the starring role, in an adaptation carefully crafted to showcase powerful women while maintaining the show's original themes. There are six actors who play a total of 9 roles.

Any questions please see Ms. Foley, Rm. 225 or bfoley@cohasset12.org

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.

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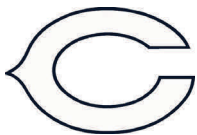
The application process for Osgood Chapter of the National Honor Society is currently underway. Students' first semester grades will be used in considering their candidacy, therefore students eligible to apply were notified in writing before the winter break. Eligible candidates must achieve a minimum Grade Point Average of 3.8000 and meet the required standards in the categories of service, character and leadership. The instructions, application and required forms are online. The deadline is 2/3/16. Students and parents can contact Mrs. Norton (enorton@cohassetk12.org) if they have any questions.

The Middle School Yearbook is now on sale for a June delivery. Orders can be placed with Ms. Gordon in room 109. Please make your \$30.00 check payable to Cohasset Middle School. There are a limited number of books so be sure to place your order early to secure your memories.



Seniors, and anyone wishing to purchase a Cohasset High School Yearbook 2016 can do so at: ybpay.lifetouch.com enter code 8485716.

The orders for yearbooks can be placed until April.



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| 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 |
| 2/26 | Middle School Dance |