

Cohasset Middle - High School

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from the desk of Carolyn Connolly...

Homecoming was a great success! Thank you to HS Student Council and Mrs. McAlarney for making the week so much fun and to the gridiron and senior class advisors Mrs. Moriarty and Ms. Berkowitz for helping with the court. Seniors also handed out their class superlatives this week, which means the Yearbook is well underway. Please note the inset below and go the Yearbook page of our website to access important forms and timelines.

Most of our 6th graders will head to Camp Wing on Wednesday morning and a separate note to 6th grade parents is being sent out with reminders for drop off and pick up times. I met with all 6th graders on Friday and answered many questions, so hopefully they are getting packed even as I write this! Students electing not to go on the trip will participate in an interdisciplinary project with the middle school teachers who are not part of the Camp Wing Team. Please root us in some great weather and watch for pictures to be posted to the MS website during the trip.

Thanks and have a great week!



CLASS OF 2016

**IMPORTANT YEARBOOK INFORMATION ON
COHASSET PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEBSITE**

Please go to Cohasset Public Schools website and select **Cohasset High School** under the **Select a School Tab**. Click on the **Students Tab** and select **Yearbook**. Here you will find documents regarding Yearbook Deadlines, Yearbook Grid, Senior Parent Dedication and Community Lifetouch Photo Website.



ATTENTION SOPHOMORE AND JUNIOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS: For the 2015-2016 school year, the PSAT can ONLY be given during the school day. Therefore, all students in grades 10 and 11 will take the PSAT in school on Wednesday, October 14th. Parents should have received a separate letter containing more detail. Any questions, please contact the Guidance Office.

This is the “new” SAT so both grades will benefit from this practice.

The **Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT)** is a standardized test administered by the College Board and cosponsored by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) in the United States. Approximately 3.5 million students take the PSAT/NMSQT each year. In 2013, 1.59 million high school sophomores and 1.55 million high school juniors took the PSAT. Younger students are also eligible to take the test. The scores from the PSAT/NMSQT are used to determine eligibility and qualification for the National Merit Scholarship Program.



The Homework Center (HC) will be open Tuesday evenings beginning October 6th from 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 are invited to attend as well as Deerhill students.

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!

Jackie Rafferty – Director Paul Pratt Memorial Library

Brigid Lengyel – Young Adult and Reference Librarian

Malorie Dwyer – Homework Center Coordinator

Eileen Norton – National Honor Society Coordinator

Trustees/friends of Paul Pratt Memorial Library



Please note a few highlights from the guidance office:

Individual senior meetings are taking place on an ongoing basis. If you would like to meet with your child's counselor regarding college planning, please contact the counseling office to set up an appointment as soon as possible

College Representatives continue to visit the guidance office on a regular basis! These meetings are open to interested juniors and seniors. Registration is required via the Naviance program. Visits will continue through the first week in November.

Guidance and Adjustment counselors have had the pleasure of conducting their workshop with Mr. Ford's term 1 freshman PE classes. This workshop focused on how to manage stress and anxiety in productive ways. We ended the session with a fun project that allowed the kids to create their own stress therapy ball!

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>

Attention Class of 2017:

Guidance counselors will be meeting with the junior class on October 15th to provide detailed information regarding the SAT redesign and how it may impact the class. Updated Information will be distributed and posted on the guidance website after that date. It will be important for juniors to work closely with guidance to develop the testing plan that is right for them as we move forward.



The guidance department is excited to welcome back returning students and begin to get to know new faces! Now that the hustle of the first few weeks of school is settling down, we would like to share some important information:

- **Senior Group meetings** are currently taking place as we visit each English class for a full class 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. Counselors have already begun to meet with seniors individually and will continue to do so in the coming weeks and months.
- It is an exciting time in the guidance office as **College Representatives are now visiting** on a regular basis! 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.
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Upcoming Standardized Test Dates

SAT Date	Subject Tests Available	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (fee required)
November 7	Yes	October 9	October 27
December 5	Yes	November 5	November 23
January 23	Yes	December 28	January 12
March 5	No	February 5	February 23
May 7	Yes	April 8	April 26
June 4	Yes	May 5	May 25

*March 5th is the start of the redesigned SAT. Additional details and information will be communicated in the coming weeks.



ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (fee required)
October 24	September 18	October 2
December 12	November 6	November 20
February 6	January 8	January 15
April 9	March 4	March 18
June 11	May 6	May 20

***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.

October 8th, Canton High School, 6:30 p.m.

October 19th, Noble and Greenough School, 7:00 p.m.

October 22nd, Norwell High School, 7:00 p.m.



We will be collecting Box Tops for Education this year. So please stop by the main office to drop off any Box Tops you may have. Thank you.



The Innisbrook Wrapping Paper Fundraiser is back! Stock up now on all your wrapping paper needs! All proceeds go to the Cohasset PSO which in turn goes directly back to our students and teachers! If you wish to receive a brochure, please email Sue Shepherd at stafrate@aol.com with your name and address, and one will be dropped off to you! Or you can order directly online at www.innisbrook.com/user/105257.

Please contact Sue Shepherd if you have any questions.

TRACES OF THE TRADE

A STORY FROM THE DEEP NORTH

AN EVENT FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY

screening & discussion
of the critically acclaimed &
award-winning documentary

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-A STORY FROM THE DEEP NORTH-

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS DAIN & CONSTANCE PERRY

“A far-reaching personal documentary examination of the slave trade...the implications of the film are devastating.” The New York Times

“Traces of the Trade” follows the steps of the largest slave traders in American history, the DeWolf family of Rhode Island. It traces the family’s journey through the dark past of the slave trade, which enriched their white New England family, and takes viewers through the trade triangle from Rhode Island to Ghana to Cuba.

Following the screening, Dain Perry – a descendant of the DeWolf family, and his wife Constance, a descendant of slaves, will facilitate a discussion.

St. Stephen’s Church, Cohasset
October 4th @ 11:00am
16 Highland Ave

-THIS EVENT IS FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-



Hidden in Plain Sight

October 22nd at 7: pm
Willcutt Commons
91 Sohier St.
Cohasset

Get Smart!

Guide for parents to identify the early warning signs of substance misuse!

The “Hidden in Plain Sight” initiative helps parents spot signs of at-risk behaviors. The initiative uses an educational display of a teenager’s bedroom to test parent’s knowledge of common household items that can be substance abuse warning signs. The program is designed to encourage honest and candid discussion of the topics of underage drinking and substance abuse.

“Basic Rights in Special Education”

Tuesday, October 6th
7pm

District Administrative Offices
Community Room

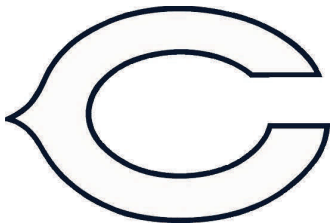
What are my child’s educational rights?

What is the process for evaluation and qualification for
your child to receive an Individual Education Plan?

The presentation will provide families with an introduction to their rights and responsibilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Massachusetts Special Education Law and No Child Left Behind (NCLB).

The presentation is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. For more information on this or other discussions on the South Shore, visit our Facebook page.

UPCOMING EVENTS: PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING DATES



10/6	High School Term I Progress Reports Visible
10/7-10/9	Camp Wing
10/9	Professional Development — NO SCHOOL
10/13	MS/HS Picture Retakes
10/14	PSAT’s
10/16	MS/HS PSO Meeting @ 9:30 AM
10/16	Middle School Progress Reports Visible