

Cushing News

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HANOVER SCHOOL – October 2015



UPCOMING EVENTS

10/16

Cardinal
Cushing
Founders Day
Dance
6-8pm

10/17

Cushing vs St.
Mary's Soccer
game!
Noon

10/30

Halloween
Dance and
Haunted
Hallway

6-8pm

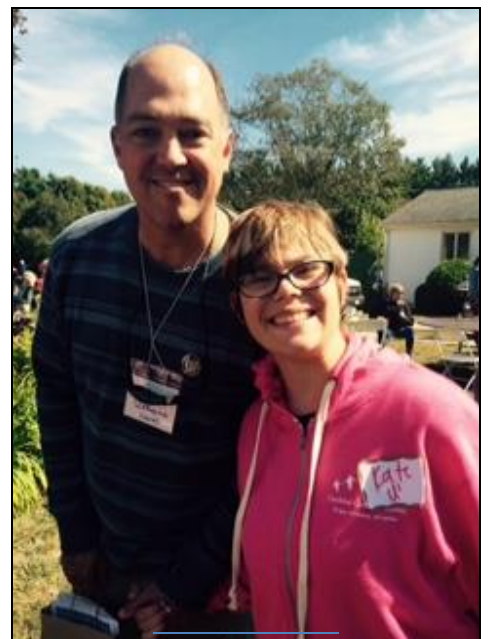
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Fall Family Weekend 2015!!



Fall Family Weekend was a great success!!! Students and families from our Hanover Campus and St. Coletta's in Braintree joined adults who participate in our Adult Services programs for a weekend of food, fun and family. The vast Cushing Community enjoyed a talent show, football game, cookout, games, prizes and a movie under the stars!

Jordyn Cook was a big fan of the face painting booth! Matthew Espailat and Maya Slywotzky pose for a picture and Kate Ukropina and her father enjoyed the festivities together.



To contribute to the newsletter or highlight your student please contact Katy Hamilton at KHamilton@CushingCenters.org

The Ropes Course

A Class in Confidence

“Cushing offers low, medium and high ropes courses. Students learn to trust themselves, trust each other and take chances as they face their fears. It is a challenge by choice program but we encourage students to go that one step further than they are comfortable. We encourage peers helping peers as they spot for each other keeping their classmates safe and to support each other when someone is afraid. The experienced students can learn to belay each other but we always have a trained staff as a backup belayer. There are endless rewards from this program as we see so much growth in such short periods of time. Students’ confidence levels, team work and support of each other are just a delight to watch. Last year we had a student who wanted so badly to climb but would scream and climb only very little before having to say it was enough. Recently, on her first climb of the season, she completed the low course without a sound. She felt so proud of herself as she grinned from ear to ear and told everyone how hard it was last year but how happy she was she did the whole thing this year! This is my favorite part of my job as you push students to their limits and help give them the confidence to push a little harder than they thought they could. Every climb is a success story as long as you try.” – **Anne Matheson, Assistant Recreation Director.**

Elizabeth Madden and Maddie Gardner bravely accepted the challenge and succeeded!



Happy Halloween for All

The web has lots of helpful tips and tools for assisting your children with Halloween!

<http://www.autismsocialstories.com/Halloween/>

http://www.positivelyautism.com/free/unit_halloween.html

What to Expect on Halloween

