Hello Families,
Summer is on the horizon and we are all ready for long sunny days and the warm weather! [click here](#) and [here](#) for links to some fun summer activities around Massachusetts. Students not working will swim in Hanover starting July 11th. If your child will be swimming you will be notified before hand.

Summer affords us the time and opportunity to get the students out and about and in the community via field trips and outdoor activities. Your child’s teacher will send updates and permission slips for any trips they have planned and what your child will need for the day.

Our snow make up days this year will be June 20th and 21st, with the 21st being a full day. Students return from the break on July 5th. The summer session ends on August 22nd which is also a full day. Students return for the new school year on September 6th.

The graduation ceremony for Lindsay, Chris and Alicia will be held on Saturday, June 17th at 11 am on the Hanover campus. Families and friends of the graduates are encouraged to attend as well as staff. Seating is first come first served, followed by lunch provided by Gerry Fanning and his great team from the culinary department. Congrats to the grads and good luck! We will miss you.

The staff would like to send a big thank you to all the parents who showed their appreciation during Teacher Appreciation Week. Your kind words and special treats meant a lot to everyone.

I hope everyone has a great summer, see you in the fall!

Best,
Melissa Hayes
Memorials for William and Jean

In May, the weather started to turn for the better. After an incredibly hard winter where we suffered the loss of our student, William Powers, and our co-worker, Jean Rozenas we took the opportunity in May to honor their memories and celebrate the roles that they each played within our school community.

On May first, we gathered with William’s family. Students spoke about their memories of William and sang songs in tribute to him. William was a student at St. Coletta for nearly 13 years, in which he touched all of our lives. Each staff member and student were able to bury seeded paper containing messages or well wishes to William on our school grounds. We are hopeful that some of these seeds will take root and we will be able to see the beauty that grows from our love for William and his memory.

On May seventeenth, we gathered again, this time to honor Jean. Jean’s husband and daughter attended as students and co-workers shared stories and thanked Jean for the role that she played at St. Coletta Day School over the past 20 years. The students and staff then made their way outside to hang homemade pinecone bird feeders and painted cups containing birdseed. Jean’s love for birds and nature were honored by our students finding the perfect places to hang the feeders where they can continue to care for them.

While these losses have been devastating to our school community, having an opportunity to come together as a community and remember our friends has been a huge comfort. We are so grateful to be a part of a school that is so closely knit. We will continue to keep the memory of Jean and William alive through all that we do.

Leah Salloway
Vocational Successes!

When our students turn 16 years old, they start working on pre vocational training. Once 18, they begin exploring jobs in the community based on the skills learned and recognized the two years prior. Sometimes, a student will find their niche and succeed further than ever expected. Lindsay is a great example of this.

Lindsay’s work at the South Shore Science Center’s Pre School was recently recognized in a local newspaper. Please [Click here](#) to read the article and share in her success!

We would also like to recognize Rosemary Quinn, our Vocational Job Developer, for securing this placement for Lindsay and so many other community job sites that have helped our students blossom into the respected and valued adults they are.

Congrats, Lindsay, and good luck to you and your bright future!

Family Fun Run

For the second year in a row, Hannah has sung the national anthem for the MHMS Family Fun Run! You did a great job, Hannah. Thank you for being part of the day and representing St. Coletta Day School!
Students and staff have been working hard getting the garden ready. We have planted flowers and many vegetables including tomatoes, squash, zucchini, peppers, and pumpkins!

Getting Summer Ready!

With summer approaching and the temps going up, students are getting outside more for outdoor gym, yoga and music classes, field trips, walks, and working in the garden as you can see above. Please dress your child to be comfortable outside as well as inside the building. If you would like your child to have bug spray, you can apply it in the mornings before they come to school as we do not provide bug spray at this time. Things that could be helpful are hats or visors, sunglasses and extra water or refillable water bottles. Everyone should have received a sunscreen permission slip to sign and send back to school. If you did not, please let me know and I will send one home with your child.