Hello Families,

I hope you all had a nice summer, boy did it fly by! We have some new faces here at St. Coletta, students and staff. We would like to introduce new students Clayton, Zachary, John, Emerson, Elise, Evonne and Jordan. New teachers, Sharon Rose Alterman, Katie Day, and Cynthia Gallagher, teaching assistants Dan Liff, Guirlene Beaubrun and Christina Lafontant- Tapage, and part time nurse Casey McDonough. We are happy to have you all join our team!

Teachers Amanda Estano and Tom Alexander have left the program to pursue other career opportunities. Though we are sad to see them go, we wish them all the best and much success in their futures.

Since our program keeps growing, we had to make room for an 8th classroom. Over the summer break we moved the wall back in the art room to widen and convert into our 8th class. A new student bathroom is also in the works to be installed. Art is now back up front near the office. You will get a chance to see the new layout at our Open House in October; more information will be sent home soon.

The culinary team in Hanover was very helpful in providing and delivering our student lunches all summer as well as catering events we held. Thank you!

In November, Lifetouch is coming to take school pictures for all the students; this time there will picture packages for purchase! Once the date is set in stone I will send home more information. We are very excited to be able to offer this to everyone.

The new school year is off to a good start! I hope to see many of you at the open house next month.

Best,
Melissa Hayes
Surf, Sail and Swim!

Many of our students enjoyed the sail, surf and swim programs this summer! Thank you to Dave Kelley for organizing all the programs for everyone, it was a blast! For more information on the sailing program, click here. For surfing, click here.
PAC Updates

Cindy Crimmins, parent of Allie, and our Braintree representative for the Cardinal Cushing Centers PAC, would like to invite all parents to take part in the upcoming Parent Advisory Council meetings. Meetings are held on the Hanover and Braintree campuses. Please Click here to visit the PAC page on the Cardinal Cushing Centers’ website to view the calendar of events and meetings, along with their locations.

If you have any questions regarding the PAC, Cindy has made herself available for questions. She can be reached at the email address below.

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Voc Updates

We have started a joint worksite venture with South Shore Industries, located in Braintree. Two students from St. Coletta who have graduated will be attending South Shore Industries and will continue to work at our Montilios, Brockton worksite. This is the first joint worksite venture of St. Coletta and Cardinal Cushing Centers adult programs!

The SNAP video below explains some benefits to businesses of hiring individuals with special needs. The video showcases successful programs, students and businesses on the South Shore. The video highlights our worksite at Montilios Brockton as well as some of the businesses on the Hanover Cardinal Cushing Centers campus where our students are also trained and employed. The video is informational for students, parents and businesses.

Karen Conway

Click here to view the SNAP video.
One of our long time students, Chris S., graduated this month after attending St. Coletta Day School for over 10 years! Chris is leaving quite the legacy behind as he grew up to be a great student, a dedicated worker and a caring friend. He will attend his adult program at South Shore Industries in Braintree, and continue to work at Roche Bros. and Montilios Bakery where he has become a respected employee.

Chris is a great example of how hard work, understanding and dedication can really change someone’s life. The staff who worked with Chris throughout the years knew he had potential. No matter how challenging or difficult the task, the staff pushed Chris to keep going and he never gave up. This level of support combined with Chris’ desire to learn and be the best he could be, helped mold him into the mature, funny, smart, loving, hard working man he has become.

St. Coletta will not be the same without Chris, but we thank him for letting us be a part of his life for so long, and for showing us that the work we all do really can make a remarkable difference. We thank him for being a great friend to his peers and a fun student to teach. We thank him for all the laughs, the amazing dance moves and for never forgetting a birthday. We also thank his family for trusting us and letting us work with Chris for so long, it has truly been an unforgettable experience!

Melissa Hayes
Molly, Zach, and Maddy had some goopy, slimy fun in art class! Our art instructor, Linda Santacroce, had the students make space mud. They got to mix the ingredients then get their hands in there for a sensory filled art project. You can see LJ and Gavin having fun making their autumn trees out of paper bags and tissue paper, and the students in Erik’s classroom are painting the paper we use to make bookmarks and greeting cards to sell at the Cushing Trader, located on the Hanover campus.
Below is an invitation for our upcoming Harvest Festival which will be held on October 14th at the Hanover Campus.

This event is free and welcome to all of our staff and their families. There will be Live Music, Clydesdales, Inflatable Games, Bubble Soccer, Face Painting and lots of fun activities for all ages!

We hope you will join us!!

(Click here for registration form)