Hello Everyone,

Since the fall we had a few staffing changes but are still standing strong and doing well as a program. Our BCBA, Kelly Foley, and our Counselor, Ashley Riker left to pursue other opportunities. Teacher Cheryl Nolan and Assistive Technology Tech Julie Campbell are no longer with us. Teaching Assistant Guirlene B. has stepped in as the substitute teacher and ATT Paul Bottom and BCBA Joy Burghardt from Easter Seals join us for the time being filling those roles. We welcome from our Hanover campus Linda Magee, Program Coordinator. Linda worked at St. Coletta many years ago and was excited to return in a new roll. We would also like to welcome new student Nina S. who transferred from the Hanover program to us this month.

Two of our students were able to attend the retirement game for Celtic Paul Peirce last month thanks to a very generous person who donated four tickets for the game. From Braintree, Zach G. and Derick P. were the lucky takers. They had a great time and were able to witness a legend say goodbye to his fans.

So far, we have had four snow days thanks to this winter that just won’t quit! Once the calendar is finalized with make up dates, physical copies will go home and be emailed to parents, districts and transportation companies.

Let’s hope spring hurries in! As always, if you have ideas or feedback for future newsletters please email me at any time.

Best,

Melissa Hayes
In February the production of Beauty and the Beast, Directed by Ali Howshall of the Hanover Campus, was a fantastic success! From St. Coletta the cast was; Hannah as Mrs. Pots, James as the Foot Stool and Andrew S. as the Coat Rack. All the students and staff were able to take a bus down to watch. Hannah stole the show with her solo performance of the song, Beauty and the Beast. You all did such a great job!
Front Desk Worker Recognition

Every day at 12:30 these super star students along with Linda Santacroce, Art and Pre Vocational Instructor, work at the front desk so I can take my lunch break. They assist with opening the doors for guest, receiving, sorting and delivering mail, the occasional phone call, and being a friendly face to represent our school. Linda has worked with Zach, Hannah, Samantha, Elizabeth, Molly and Elise to teach them how to do this job among many other tasks during their Pre- Vocational Training. I would like to thank these super stars and Linda for all they do for the school, thank you!
VOC and PAC Updates

The next scheduled PAC meeting will be held at the Braintree campus on Monday March 19th, 6:30-8 PM in the Art room. Guest speaker Holly Roberts from The Travel Center will be here to talk about traveling with special needs children. For the past 20 years Holly has booked and escorted our Disney Graduate trip and also had a child attend Cardinal Cushing Centers years ago. We are very excited to have her here with us and hope many of you will be able to attend!

Preparing for life at 22 and Beyond w/ Tara Jordan, Asst. VP of adult services series have been going well with a good attendance from families. The last two sessions will be held in the Florence Ed Building located on the Hanover Campus on May 21st and June 18th. For the PAC page on the CCC website, Click Here

Be on the lookout for staff appreciation week coming up soon!

Recently, there have been many students added to the Hanover work sites as well as community sites. We have added students to; Friends of the Unborn, Independence Manor, John Adams Health Care Center along with the Shredding Center in Hanover. We are very proud of how hard our students work and how dedicated our Job Coaches are to teaching them how to be the most productive and greatest versions of themselves. We can’t thank you all enough.
February Vacation Program

This year over our February vacation week we tried something new at St. Coletta: A school vacation program! The program ran from the 20th-23rd, 10-2. Activities included an outing to Shaw’s and Michael’s Craft Store, a cooking class, picnic lunch at Pond Meadow, bike riding and walking, making tie dye t-shirts that all wore to their trip to O’Lindy’s to go bowling and to Daddy’s Dairy for ice cream. We had 5 students attend the program and they all had a great time.

We would like to thank Mark Carey for the idea, along with Mindy Benoit and Kate Crowley for running the program. Discussion of doing this for April is in the works, stay tuned for more details!

Maddy enjoying cooking class and her picnic lunch at Pond Meadow Park!

Andrew making tie dye T-shirts. Allie getting ready to bowl!

Sam ready for that strike! George was a pro baking healthy cookies!
Once again, staff from St. Coletta Day School, along with former teacher, Claire Govatsos, jumped into the ocean at Nantasket Beach in Hull to raise money for the Special Olympics. This year Kacie McCarthy, Molly Sullivan and Haley Ciardelli took the plunge. Combined these crazy gals raised $1,210! Total raised by all who plunged was over $117,000!

Thank you for your dedication to our students and to the Special Olympics, you all rock!

Ready for Take off...

Go, Kacie, GO!!

Freezing for a reason!

Thank you, Ladies