

WARRIOR MONTHLY

*Coyle & Cassidy High School
2 Hamilton Street
Taunton, MA. 02780*

August, 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am honored and humbled to be writing you as the new principal of Coyle and Cassidy High School. This will be my thirty-seventh year in secondary education and my twenty-fourth year as a high school administrator. My family's history with Coyle and Cassidy High School goes back to the 1940's when my uncle and Godfather Bob attended Coyle High School. My daughter Kristin graduated from Coyle and Cassidy in 1998. I have great respect for the mission of our school that states, "Through an emphasis on spirituality, we seek to provide the students with the skills needed to make responsible decisions based on a Christian code of ethics. This goal is met by a partnership between parent and educator that fosters an environment where students learn to serve the community."

The summer heat has been significant, however, the staff has been busily preparing for a successful 2010-2011 school year. The upcoming school year will be an historic one as our school celebrates its 100th Anniversary. Coyle and Cassidy High School has the longest tradition of any Catholic High School in the Fall River Diocese. Also, the staff will be involved in the self-study required for accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). NEASC reviews every secondary school in New England once every ten years. We will be in preparation this year for their visit during the 2011-2012 school year. As a result, several early release days have been scheduled this year for the staff to prepare the self-study report. Please check our website frequently throughout the school year.

In this newsletter, you will also find all of the pertinent information for the opening of the school year. Tuesday, August 31st is the first official day of school with orientation for our freshmen and transfer students. All other students will report to school on Wednesday, September 1st. I truly look forward to meeting all of our students.

On Wednesday evening, September 1st at 6:00 p.m. the Coyle and Cassidy Athletic Association will host a social for the parents of all athletes. Parents will then have an opportunity to meet with the coaches and learn of their expectations.

CONTINUED FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Please note that the MIAA mandates that parents of all athletes (regardless of season – fall, winter and spring) attend a meeting wherein the rules, regulations, and expectations of the MIAA are addressed. This year, we will incorporate this requirement into our Back-to-School Nights for parents. Please be advised that failure to attend may render a student ineligible for participation.

Mandatory Back-to-School Night for Parents:

Wednesday, September 8, 2010 @ 6:15 p.m. – Freshman & Senior Parents

Wednesday, September 15, 2010 @ 6:15 p.m. – Sophomore & Junior Parents

Attendance at the Back-to-School Nights is required of all Coyle and Cassidy parents. I look forward to personally greeting you at your respective meeting.

In closing, please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any concerns or questions during the upcoming school year. I cannot guarantee that I'll always be able to satisfy your request. I do promise, however, that I will always look into the issue(s) you may raise. May God bless you and your families!

Robert J. Gay
Principal

FROM THE VICE-PRINCIPAL OF ACADEMICS AFFAIRS

We are excited to announce an organizational redesign that will better address the learning needs of our students and prepare them for the challenges of the 21st century. The focus of this design is an interdisciplinary curriculum that fosters a student centered learning environment.

Our Literacy team is comprised of four directors: Mrs. Donna Fournier-Reading, Mrs. Anne Molloy-Numeracy, Mrs. Susan Kiley-Technology, Ms. Carrie Lund-Writing. The literacy directors will work closely with the faculty and students to implement lessons that integrate the curriculum in all subject areas. Mrs. Kathleen St.Laurent, Vice-Principal of Academic Affairs will oversee the integration of Spirituality throughout the curriculum.

We are confident that this new model will best prepare our students to be successful both in their secondary education and in the future.



Schedule for 2010 - 2011

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Period 1 77 mins.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Break							
Period 2 60 mins.	B	C	D	E	F	G	A
Period 3 60 mins.	D	E	F	G	A	B	C
Period 4 75 mins. Lunch	E	F	G	A	B	C	D
Period 5 60 mins.	G	A	B	C	D	E	F

Period 1	7:45 - 9:02	77 minutes	(Includes time for announcements)
Break	9:02 - 9:12		
Period 2	9:15 - 10:15	60 minutes	
Period 3	10:19 - 11:19	60 minutes	
Period 4	1st Lunch	11:23 - 11:43 lunch 11:46 - 1:01 class	(All include 75 minutes of class time and lunch)
	2nd Lunch	11:23 - 11:48 class 11:48 - 12:08 lunch 12:11 - 1:01 class	
	3rd Lunch	11:23 - 12:13 class 12:13 - 12:33 lunch 12:36 - 1:01 class	
	4th Lunch	11:23 - 12:38 class 12:41 - 1:01 lunch	
Period 5	1:05 - 2:05	60 minutes	(Includes time for announcements)

OPENING OF SCHOOL August 31, 2010 - Tuesday

Freshmen: First full day of school for freshmen is Tuesday, August 31, 2010. School begins at 7:45 a.m. and ends at 2:05 p.m. Students should arrive prior to 7:45 a.m. Freshmen do not need to wear the uniform. They may wear jeans or other full length casual pants and a polo style shirt. No shorts, capri pants, sandals, flip flops, tank tops allowed. Freshmen orientation will include: administrator welcome and meeting, spirit building activities, tour, rotation through classes and a free lunch. Students should not bring their regular school books to school until Thursday, September 2, 2010. Students will need a notebook and a pen or pencil.

Transfer students: Orientation for transfer students is Tuesday, August 31, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please report to the school's foyer. Lunch will be provided. Students should not bring their regular school books to school until Thursday, September 2, 2010. Students will need a notebook and a pen or pencil.

SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 -WEDNESDAY

Freshmen: Freshmen should arrive at school for 7:45 a.m. and report to homeroom.

Sophomores: Sophomores should arrive at school for 7:45 a.m. and report to the gym and then homeroom.

Juniors: Juniors should arrive at school for 7:45 a.m. and report to the theater and then homeroom.

Seniors: Seniors should arrive at school for 7:45 a.m. and report to the cafeteria and then homeroom.

All Students: The school day will end at 2:05 p.m. All students are to be in full uniform (Refer to Dress Code Insert). Students should not bring their regular school books to school until Thursday, September 2, 2010. Students will need a notebook, and a pen or pencil.

SEPTEMBER 2, 2010 – THURSDAY

School begins at 7:45 a.m. for all students in all grades. Students should arrive prior to 7:45 a.m. so that they can stock their lockers with their regular school books. The opening school liturgy will be part of this day.

SEPTEMBER 3, 2010 – FRIDAY No School

BUSES

Bus transportation will be available from Plymouth/Middleboro beginning on the day of our freshman orientation (Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2010). Taunton buses will not be operating until Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2010. Please call the main office for Berkley bus information.

TEXTBOOKS

This is a reminder that textbooks may be purchased through eCampus books. A link to eCampus books is accessible from our school's homepage (www.coylecassidy.com). Students are expected to have all their textbooks for Thursday, Sept. 2, 2010.

SUMMER READING

All students must have their summer reading packet completed and ready to be submitted to their homeroom teacher on Wednesday, September 1, 2010. The package of material is available on our School's homepage (www.coylecassidy.com). Parents are encouraged to participate in discussion with their sons and daughters about the concept of Technology and Science in our Lives for Better or Worse. This interaction with text and the sharing of perspectives with parents are wonderful ways to help our students develop their capacity for reading comprehension.

PARKING

We cannot accommodate nor can we guarantee parking for all students who drive to school. Parking on the first week of school will be on a first come first served basis. During the first week of school, parking forms will be distributed to licensed students who drive to school. Tags will be issued to students who return their forms in the following manner: Seniors, followed by Juniors (as space allows), one tag allowed per family. Forms will be kept in the order received. As of Wednesday, September 8, 2010 parking in the lot is by special tag ONLY.

GUIDANCE

Seniors: Please note the deadlines for the October SAT and ACT are as follows:
SAT registration-September 10th, Test date October 9th.
ACT registration-September 17th, Test date October 23rd.

College Mini Fairs - September 21st and September 28th from 8:45 to 9:30 A.M. at Coyle and Cassidy High School.

ABSENTEEISM AND VACATION POLICIES

Please review the policies for academic year 2010-2011

Absenteeism: "Students are expected to be in school every scheduled school day. Because the school recognizes there are situations that may require a child to be absent from school without being ill, the school will allow (at the discretion of the Administration) up to two "pre-approved" excused absences for non-medical reasons. (Requests should be made in writing one week in advance of the date (s)).

Notification "in writing" will be sent if this limit is reached. Any absence beyond this for non-medical reasons will be unexcused. When a student is absent from school for illness and returns with a medical note, the absence will be recorded as a medical absence. Medical notes will not be accepted retroactively. A student will be allowed a maximum of 5 absences for minor illness (without medical documentation). After five non-medically documented sick absences, a medical note will be required for each subsequent absence in order for the absence to be excused (must be received within two days of the student's return to school). Notification "in writing" will be sent if this limit is reached. If the absence is unexcused, teachers will be notified and work missed can be made up for competence only (maximum grade of 65).

[Consecutive absences due to long-term illness or injury will be evaluated with regard to this policy.] Any student who exceeds 12 school absences for a given quarter will not receive a letter grade. Instead the course will be graded as Pass/Fail. The maximum numerical passing grade that could be achieved is a 75. Any student who exceeds 15 absences during the school year puts his/her academic status in jeopardy. This situation will result in a mandatory meeting of administrators to discuss the academic future of the student. Sporadic but excessive absenteeism, regardless of cause, minimizes the student's ability to fully participate in the communal as well as the personal benefits and requirements of the course offering. Parents whose children exceed the maximum number of allotted absences should expect an appropriate reduction in course grade or a reduction in applied credit. Absences due to documented bereavement days, documented court dates and approved, documented college visits are excused.

The purpose of the five "sick days" is to accommodate for minor medical concerns not for absences due to non-medical reasons. They will only be excused for illness." Handbook pages 11 and 12

If your child is absent, please call the school before 8 a.m. The phone system works 24 hrs./day.

EXPECTED LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The expected last day of school (if there are no snow days or cancellations) for academic year 2010-2011 is June 15, 2011. If there are snow days or cancellations, school would extend beyond the 15th of June. Families should expect the last week to involve final exams. Students who are not here for final exams risk losing credit for the entire year.

August/September 2010

15	16 5 p.m. - Fall Coaches mtg.	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Football begins	24	25	26 All other Fall Sports begin	27 8 a.m. Liturgy for Fall Athletes	28 9-11 a.m. Food Pantry
Band Camp 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.						
29	30	31 Full Day for Freshmen				

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thur Fri Sat

			1 Full Day All Students 6 p.m.-CCAA Social 7 p.m.-Fall Sport *	2 Full Day All Students	3 No School	4
		* Meet the Fall Coaches				
5	6 Labor Day No School	7	8 6:15 p.m. Back to School Night for Parents of Gr. 9 and 12 *	9	10	11 ACT off Campus
12	13	14 Food Pantry Volunteer Orientation	15 6:15 p.m. Back to School Night for Parent of Gr. 10-11 *	16	17 Rally for Fall Athletes	18
19	20	21 8:45-9:30 a.m. Mini-College Fair	22	23	24	25 9-11 a.m. Food Pantry
26	27 Half Day– Prof. Day. Dismissal at 11:20 a.m.	28 8:45-9:30 a.m. Mini-College Fair	29 Sr. Yrbk. Photo	30 No School Diocesan Prof. Day	* Includes Mandatory MIAA sport participation meeting for all athletes for all seasons	

DRESS CODE

1. Please refer to the insert for the Dress Code for 2010-2011. All freshmen, sophomores, and junior girls must wear the Donnelly's uniform skort. The skort may not be altered to remove or shorten the inside (shorts portion). Senior girls may wear the old style uniform skirt if they own an appropriate sized skirt that is in good repair.
2. Please note there are changes to the hair code for boys. Boys may have hair "a little longer" as long as it is within the parameters on the insert.
3. We will be strictly enforcing the dress code. Hair regulations, skort/skirt length, pants fastened at the waist with a belt, proper "tucking in" of shirts and blouses, ties knotted at the neck, footwear, as well as dress code exclusions (no big pocketbooks - only a small flat 5"x8" personal item holder is allowed, no wide wrist bands) are aspects of the dress that should be stressed with your son/daughter. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that their son/daughter come to school in compliance with the Dress Code.
4. Pay close attention to the regulations for Donnelly look alike items. To avoid disappointment and additional expense, parents are asked to ensure that clothing items purchased meet our standards for look alike items. (If clothing items do not meet our standards, students will not be allowed to wear the items to school.) To purchase items from Donnelly's Uniform Co., please contact the company ASAP at 1-800-498-0045.

VACATIONS

"The school strongly discourages alternative vacation periods for students. Students should not begin regular vacation periods early, nor extend such vacations beyond the date of resumption of classes. Families who choose to take vacation outside of school scheduled vacation times understand that it will have a negative impact on student grades. Class work missed cannot be made up. Tests and quizzes can be made up for competency only (maximum grade of 65). Do not expect teachers to provide assistance on missed material. Work may not be completed in advance of the days absent due to vacation." Handbook page 13

Parents who are going to be out of town for several days must send a note to the school designating the person responsible for the student during this time.

EMERGENCY AND PHYSICAL FORMS

Enclosed is the 2010-2011 Family and Emergency Information Form that must be filled out for each student. Please complete the form as soon as possible and return the form to the school. Forms may be brought to the main office or mailed to the school at 2 Hamilton Street, Taunton, MA 02780 (Attention Vice Principal's Office). Forms are due by Thursday, August 12, 2010.

Tylenol forms are included in this mailing. If you would like the nurses to be able to administer Tylenol to your son/daughter during the school day, please complete the form and return it with your Emergency Form.

Physical forms for athletes are available for download from the school website. Before any student can participate in any athletic try out, practice or contest, all medical forms must be submitted. Please return the physical form to the health office by Monday, August 9, 2010. Please check the Coyle and Cassidy Website for dates and times for athletic practices.

HANDBOOK AND MEDIA/TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Handbooks and Acceptable Use Policy forms will be distributed to students during the first week of school. Please read and review these materials with your son/daughter so that you may be familiar with our rules and regulations. The handbook agreement and hazing page (page 35) of the handbook and the Acceptable Use signature page of the Media/Technology policy are to be signed by the parent and student and returned to teacher by Wednesday, September 8, 2010. Failure to return forms will result in detention and possibly exclusion.

FIRST SEMESTER LISTING OF EVENTS

The first semester listing of important dates will be available in August for printing from the school website.

YEARBOOK

Reminder: Senior yearbook pictures must be taken by the school photographer, A Moment in Time Photography. If you have not had your picture taken, please contact the photographer at 1-800-729-1260 as soon as possible. We do not want seniors to miss the deadline and not be included in the yearbook. Young men must be clean shaven, no earrings or hats. A shirt and tie would be preferred but a nice polo or sweater would be appropriate. Young ladies should not wear excessive make-up and no low cut blouses/shirts. If a picture is submitted that does not comply with the restrictions, that picture will not be included in the yearbook.

ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS

Reserve your space and become part of this special section of your child's yearbook. Whether you're a parent, grandparent, sister or brother, there's no better way to express your feelings and show your appreciation to the student(s) in your life than with a "love, congrats, good luck" ad. Include your personal message and photograph to create a memory that will last a lifetime. Prices will range from \$50.00 and up. Look for more details in September. You may contact Ms. Macomber at mmacomber@coylecassidy.com if you have any questions.

FROM THE MATH DEPARTMENT

All Students are required to have a TI 83 or TI 84 Graphing Calculator. Please save the UPC label and return to your math teacher.

FROM THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

All incoming Freshmen must have a valid functioning library card from their local library.

The English Department will administer the Test of English Fundamentals to junior transfer students in September at a date to be announced. All junior transfer students are strongly encouraged to review the material and take the test at that time so that they can be ready for the PSAT's in October. "PowerPoint presentations on test material can be found on the "English Fundamentals" course page on Moodle."

POLO SHIRTS/USED UNIFORMS

Polo shirts that were ordered will be available for pick up on Tuesday, August 24th and Wednesday, August 25th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For those of you who are unable to pick them up, your child may do so on the first day of school. Polo shirts may be worn during the months of August, September, May and June. Used uniforms will be sold on Tuesday, August 24th and Wednesday, August 25th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for those of you who may be interested.

FALL SPORTS TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the following Fall Sports will take place as noted below. All student-athletes **MUST** have a copy of their most recent physical on file with the school nurse prior to tryouts. Tryout schedules will also be posted on the school's website.

Freshman and JV/Varsity Football: Mon., Aug. 23. Freshman at 3:00 and JV/Varsity at 5:00.

Freshman, JV and Varsity Boys Soccer: Thurs., Aug. 26, 9:00 to 11:00 AM and 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Bring cleats, running shoes, shin pads and water bottles.

Freshman, JV and Varsity Girls Soccer: Thurs., Aug. 26 from 7:00 to 9:00 AM and 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Bring cleats, running shoes, shin pads and water bottles.

Freshman, JV and Varsity Volleyball: Thurs., Aug. 26 at 9:00 AM in the Gymnasium. Bring water bottle.

Golf: Thurs., Aug. 26, at 10:00 AM at Parker Golf Course.

SPORT MEETINGS

Wednesday, September 1, 2010 at 6:00 PM the CCAA will host a social for the parents of all athletes. This will be followed by a 7:00 PM meet the Fall Coaches meeting.

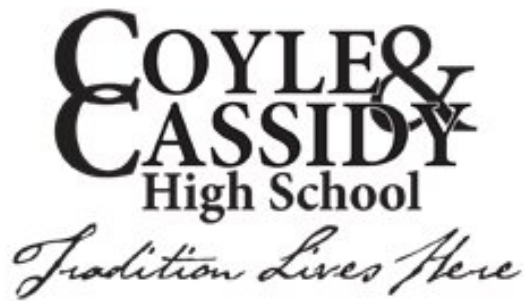
PARENT MEETINGS

Mandatory MIAA meeting for all seasons of sport participation will be included in the Parent Back to School Nights on Wednesday, September 8 (Gr. 9, 12) and Wednesday, September 15 (Gr.10, 11).

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Coyle and Cassidy Athletic Association is an organization open to any parent, faculty member, coach, alumni, or any person interested in making Coyle and Cassidy athletics a part of the total learning experience for our student-athletes. Monthly meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month in the school cafeteria. For additional information, please check out the CCAA page on the school's website.

The CCAA Board invites parents to join us at the Annual All Sports Night cookout on Wednesday, September 1st at 6:00 p.m. at the Hopewell Park pavilion. Immediately following the cookout, Mr. Pileski, the Athletic Director will hold a presentation in the theater and then parents will have an opportunity to meet the coaches. This is also a wonderful opportunity for parents to meet other parents of students participating in the same sports as their own child.



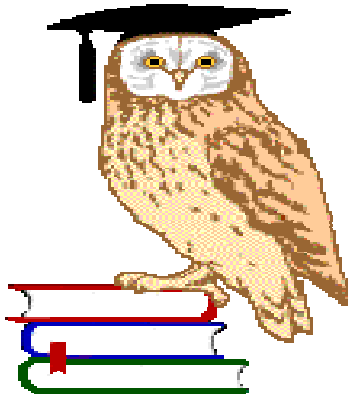
SAVE THE DATE
For this Exclusive Event!

Our Centennial 2010 Golf Classic
at
**Wannamoisett
Country Club**
96 Hoyt Avenue
Rumford, RI 02916

On
Monday, September 27, 2010

More detailed details to follow!
If you have any questions please call the
President's Office
at (508) 823-6164 Ext. 614

WELCOME BACK!



DATES TO REMEMBER

Football Begins
August 23rd

Band Camp
August 23rd - August 25th
from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All Other Fall Sports Begin
August 26th

First Full Day for Freshmen
Tuesday, August 31st
Transfers 11:00 to 1:00 p.m.

First Full Day for All Students
Wednesday, September 1st
School begins at 7:45 a.m. and ends at 2:05 p.m.

Summer Reading
Packets Due to Homeroom Teachers
Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2010

Polo Shirt Pick-Up
Used Uniforms for Sale
Tuesday, August 24th and Wednesday, August 25th
from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.