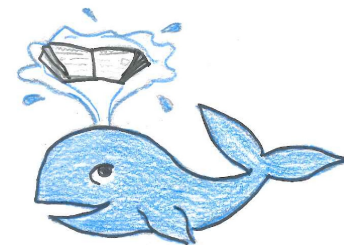


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"Fidget Spinners" Take Over CPS

By Audrey Harrington

As the new year began, so had many new trends, including the fidget spinner. The fidget spinner is a three pronged device, intended to be spun between fingertips, made for kids with ADHD, anxiety, and autism to help them focus and relieve stress, but now they have become a fad among all age groups.

According to the New York Times article "How Fidget Spinners Became a Hula Hoop for Generation Z," the fidget spinner was originally created by Catherine Hettinger, an inventor in Florida, and the toy has become very popular in schools world wide. The idea for the spinner started one day when Hettinger was trying to think of a way to bond with her daughter who had myasthenia gravis, a medical condition caused by a breakdown in



(Drew Angerer/Getty Images)

communication between nerves and muscles. Hettinger had tried to popularize her invention, but Hasbro declined to market it. Since then, small manufacturers have begun to release different variations of the spinner for kids with ADHD, anxiety, etc.

Since the toy has become more popular since it was created in 1997, many kids have invested in the toy not only for concentration, but as a form of

entertainment. Fidget spinners are sold on Amazon for anywhere from \$1-\$15, and in some malls they can be up to \$40.

The toy has caused lots of drama in schools around the country, and even in our own. In school, many teachers have seen this toy as a problem that distracts students from paying attention. Using the spinner every once in awhile can keep students focused, but our principal Dr. Cohen states that they "help some students, and they distract others."

As the school year has progressed Dr. Cohen, and some students, have noticed that fidget spinners have become more and more popular. Dr. Cohen believes it is because "as kids start seeing other kids with them they say 'Oh that looks good, and they're cool, I'm going to get one of those'. So I think it, just like with anything

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Schedule Changes Next Year

By Silas Moore

Next year, all middle school grades will experience a massive schedule change. The schedule changes features things such as no advisory in the morning, and a different daily rotation.

After students congregate in the lobby at 7:45, seventh and eighth graders will head straight to their first Encore. Sixth graders will go to their first Core class. Instead of advisory in the morning, there will be half hour blocks on Monday Wednesdays, and Fridays second to last block of the day. "During Advisory there will be activities planned by your advisory teacher. They will feature team building exercises and character development activities," explained Dr. Cohen.

There will also be WIN/WIN time on Tuesdays and Thursdays during last block. WIN/WIN stands for Who I Need/What I Need. "For the Tuesday and Thursday groupings, the grade levels teachers will meet as a team to decide if students need intervention or extension in the Core classes," Mrs. Hickman added.

There will be 27 different advisories. Similar to last year, each lighthouse team will be assigned advisories, nine for each. The difference next year is that each advisory will have kids from grade levels 6, 7, and 8. There will be four sixth graders, four seventh graders, and four eighth graders per teacher.

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We Are All On The Same Page CPS & NHS Summer Reading 2017

By Gillian Antonietti

It's almost summer...people are thinking about the beach, trips to the Juice Bar, barbecues, parties, and the warmer weather. Something that is not touching the minds of the middle school and soon-to-be high school students is summer reading. Most people don't enjoy summer reading, but it is a job that has to be done.

Research has shown that when students don't read over the summer their reading levels can drop. Not everyone enjoys reading over the summer, they mostly put it off and try to enjoy their time in the sun, but studies have shown that one out of every five people over the age of 15 are illiterate.

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Live to the Truth~ Cyrus Peirce

Fun in Costa ft. the Emack Squad! CPS Students Volunteer

By Aslyn Ray

Going to another country is really exciting, especially if it's your first time. This past April break, Mrs. Emack (CPS Spanish teacher), a few classmates and I went to Costa Rica on a volunteer trip. We went for a total of 8 days with a company called Cross Cultural Solutions. Cross Cultural Solutions (CCS) is an international volunteer program that has had over than 35,000 volunteers.

Last year, our Spanish class talked about going to Guatemala in 8th grade, but as the year went on Mrs. Emack changed our plans to Costa Rica. Mrs.Emack planned out all the details this year and organized a few meetings for our group to lay everything out.

"The experience exceeded my expectations; the students were very responsible, the company was impeccable, and I feel it was very meaningful for everyone," stated Mrs. Emack.

Even though we wished more people had attended, the group size was perfect. The staff at CCS said that we are (at times) more mature than the high school groups they have had. One big honor was that we were the first middle school group they had and that they think they will start promoting more middle schoolers to come.



From left to right: Christian Mack, Saorla Cawley, Caroline Wood, Camie Stronjy, and Aslyn Ray at the Basilica in Cartago, Costa Rica.

The experience was incredible! Out of the many things we did around Costa Rica, volunteering at the school was by far my favorite part. The school opened up a few years ago and CCS just started volunteering there. At the school, we painted these really pretty murals on their outside walls. Also, we played with the kids during recess and helped them during their classes.

In addition to volunteering at the school, we went to the Irazú Volcano National Park, Manos de Jesús Nursing Home, Charrarra Pura Vida Park and a arts and crafts fair. Everything was so incredible to see, as we were walking around and looking at everything it was such a cultural shock! To see all the old buildings, the churches, the houses, and even the stores was so cool. Pretty much every building had bright colors or a cool design on it to show its individuality.

Overall, going to Costa Rica this spring break was life changing. Seeing all those kids we helped and how happy they were to see us was one of the best things ever. Volunteering is such an amazing thing and I'm really glad I got to do it. I will most certainly volunteer again, and hopefully when I do I can go back to Costa Rica to see how much everything there has changed!

Upper photo: The group taking a rest at the Tapanti Rainforest National Park

Bottom photo: Posing for a photo op in the mountains. From left to right: Emack, Wood, Cawley, Stronjy, Mack and Ray.

Photos courtesy of Mrs. Emack

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that becomes popular, more and more people start getting them, and that lead to more people being interested in having their own."

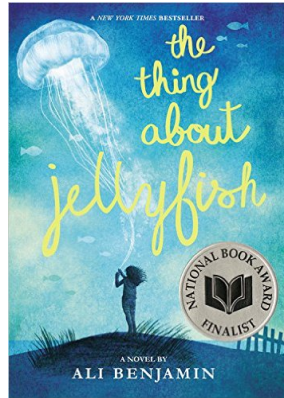
Having fidget spinners out during class can cause some students to become unfocused, but it can also affect the other people around them if they are not using them appropriately. 8th grade Oceanography teacher Mrs. Bardsley allows students to use fidget spinners in her class as long as "they are not a distraction and students know how to use them in a way that is effective to help them concentrate more." When people aren't using them for what they are intended for, or they are being distracting it can cause an issue.

From a student's perspective, fidget spinners can be seen very differently. 8th grader Conner Rice does think that they help with concentration, but at the same time they are fun to use. He says "I feel like it helps them (students). It helps them to be constantly moving but it's also very quiet." On the other hand, 8th grader Reese Burns has noticed that students with fidget spinners, including her brother, have been more distracted by the toy. "I personally think that while they are used to help students concentrate, they are more focused on the fidget spinner causing them to be distracted. I have noticed that by seeing how my brother uses his own, like he is in a whole other world just spinning and doing tricks over and over again."

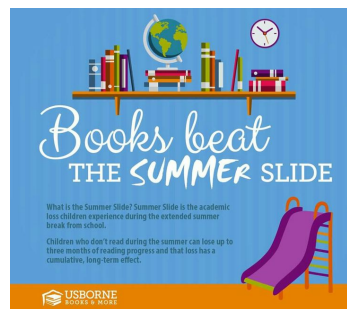
Even though the fidget spinner was originally intended to help people with ADHD, autism, and anxiety, concentrate, they have caused trouble throughout schools. Many schools have disagreed with them, and even in our own school not everyone agrees with them, but they have benefited people and are a fun, alternative way to help with concentration.



Luke Stringer shows his Fidget Spinner. Photo courtesy of Mrs. Hickman

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"On average, middle-income students experience slight gains in reading performance during summer vacation. Low-income students experience about a two month loss in reading achievement," according to the Bright Hub Education website. Bright Hub Education further explains, "When students miss out on reading over the summer, studies have shown that teachers spend about 4-6 weeks on re-teaching material that students had lost over summer....Low-income children, by the end of fifth grade, are about 2.5 years behind their more affluent peers. This is primarily due to summer learning loss." Although not everyone likes to read over the summer, there can be some consequences to missing out on picking up your book over summer vacation.



www.UsborneBookFairy.com

Cyrus Peirce Middle School (CPS) and Nantucket High School (NHS) are encouraging students to read over summer. Both schools have piggybacked on the Nantucket Atheneum's program *One Book, One Island*. This will be the third year CPS has taken part in the program. The high school has decided to follow suit this year. *On the Same Page @ CPS* and *One Book, One School* (NHS) is when the whole school reads the same book over the summer. When the students come back in September, they will meet with a teacher in small groups to discuss the books.

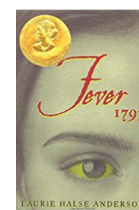
Cyrus Peirce has done the one book school-wide read for a few years. CPS students and faculty like to claim that we are all "On the Same Page at CPS." This year the whole middle school will be reading *The Thing About Jellyfish* by Ali Benjamin. The students will also be reading another book that they will choose from a list of over 50 titles. Ms. Sullivan, the CPS/NHS Librarian, has an important role with the summer reading. She organizes the summer reading program for both schools.

Once the students come back in fall there will be book groups. Mrs. Hickman, previous (soon to be returning) sixth grade English teacher explained, "Mr. Davis, Mrs. Lombardi, Mrs. Macvicar and I decided that we wanted to change the program. I think that Mrs. Lombardi had the idea of reading one book." Three years ago, the four teachers worked together, along with Ms. Sullivan, to change the summer reading program to what it is today.

"We wanted to create a program that really builds more of a community feel around reading, and we chose *Wonder* the first year because of its theme of kindness. We thought that the novel would lend itself nicely to school wide activities," continued Hickman.

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Laurie Halse Anderson will also meet with CPS students in the fall. Below are a few of her other titles that can be found on the CPS choice list for the second read.





"This summer, I'm going to hockey camps and soccer camps. I'm going to go to the beach a lot because that's fun, and I will eat ice cream."

Evelyn Fey, 7th grader



"I'm going to do soccer camps and Strong Wings biking camps. I'm also going to the beach a lot. I'm going camping with Emma in New Hampshire, but it's not really camping."

Macy Crowell, 7th grader



"For part of the summer I'm going to Maine, but for most of it I'm going to stay here."

Ms. McNamara, Substitute teacher

WORD ON THE STREET

*What are your summer plans?
What are you looking forward
fo?*

By Emerson Milne



"I'm going to play a lot of basketball and I'm going to hang out downtown with friends."

Brandon Falconer, 6th grader



"This summer I will be starting my Masters of Fine Arts at the Massachusetts College of Art and Design."

Ms. Wendelken, Art teacher

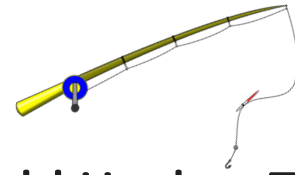


"This summer I am going to Bulgaria."

Kalinia Natcheva, 6th grader



Sports



Annual Nantucket Hockey "Island Cup" raises \$5,000 for Field Hockey Team

By Alex Freeman

On May 2, 2017, the annual Island Cup of Hockey tournament began. This is the 9th year that this tournament has been going on for. This year there were six teams with 13 players per team. The teams were Faregrounds, Sea Grille, Island Carpet, Police and Fire, NIR, and team ACKurate. Each team played three games, maybe four, if they qualified for the championship. All profits from the tournament went to the field hockey team.

Merrill Mason, one of the coaches of the field hockey team, helps organize and run this tournament. She has been coaching field hockey for 17 years from everything from varsity to JV to middle school. The money raised from the tournament all goes to the high school field hockey team, and is used for summer camps and team bonding trips.

The tournament raised \$5,000 after expenses. The event is a great way for the community to get together and have a great time playing hockey while also supporting a great cause at the same time, "Even though I didn't win one game, I had a lot of fun" stated Sam Freeman, player on team Sea Grille.

Team ACKurate won the tournament

in the final game against team Police/Fire. The tournament was super fun and everyone who played enjoyed it. "I can't wait to play next year!" said Marsh Hickman, of team Faregrounds.

Overall it was a huge success. The field hockey team gained profits for trips and all participants had a great time playing.

Gavin Pekarck faces off against CPS/NHS Latin teacher, Mr. Cothran. Pekarck played for Police/Fire; Cothran played for Team SeaGrille. Photo courtesy of Wendy Mills



Jack's Guide To Summer Fishing

By Jack Wilson

If you love to fish, now's the time to get out your rods and head to the beach. Striped Bass usually show up at the island mid April and stay throughout the summer and into early fall while the other species show up later in the season around July and August. Schoolies (smaller bass) come to island first and a few weeks later the bigger fish start to come. Most people see fishing as a way to relax and have fun. Here are some tips that are some real keepers.

The time in day that striped bass feed is at dawn or dusk, these are the best times to head out on the water. By mid July, they usually only hunt at night. There are many different types of rigs and lures you can use, but here are some of my personal favorites. One of my favorite lures is a 3-5 inch paddle tail shad or a curly tail with ¾ ounces jig

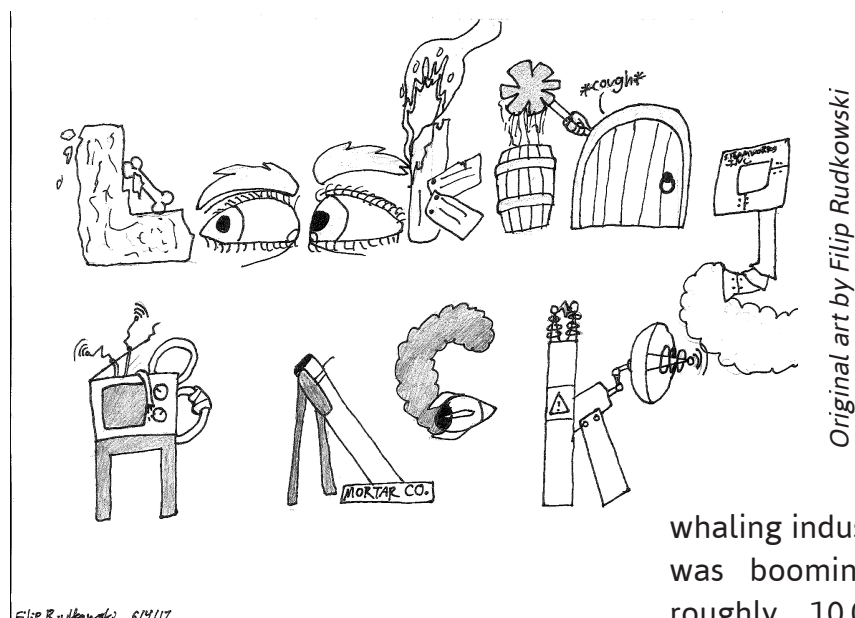
head. Another favorite are Slug-go's or shell bombers. Shell bomber lures are commonly topwater lures, while bait such as clams and other rigs are used for bottom/deeper waters. The best lures for early summer are soft baits such as paddle tails or Joppa jigs.

Some of my favorite spots for Striped Bass and other species consist of Eel Point, Madaket Harbor, Great Point, and Smith's Point. At Great Point, you would want to use deeper water lures such as Soft Rubber Jigs. Over in Eel Point and Madaket Harbor you would want to use topwater lures where the water is shallower. You would want to use something like a shell bomber or live bait, such as eels.

Benitas come to the island later in the season around the beginning of August. Now these fish have specific places they generally hang out, but you

can get them off the shore in other places. The Benita Bar is famous for the large amounts Benita that live there. The Benita Bar is about a half mile off the coast of Smith's Point (which is also a great place to catch many species). Unfortunately, the Benita Bar is not possible to get to shore casting, but your chances of catching a fish in Madaket are very high.

Bluefish are one of Nantucket's most common species which start to show up to the island in May and continue to stay until late October. Bluefish are like garbage disposals; they'll eat anything from live bait, hard plastic, swimbaits, or metals rigs. Out of the three most common species for summer time fishing (Striped Bass, Bluefish, and Benita), your odds of catching a Bluefish are the highest. I would suggest using a Big Shot lure.



Original art by Filip Rudkowski

The Great Fire of Nantucket

By Filip Rudkowski



A painting depicting the Great Fire - courtesy of Yesterdaysisland.com

Filip Rudkowski 6/14/17

The day is July 13, 1846, and as average as any other. With the smell of whale oil in the air, the townspeople gathering at the town center, the large fire in the distance growing larger by the second, the whale ships sailing off and returning to the island. Wait, fire?!

Yes, about 170 years ago on that day, The Great Fire of Nantucket Island had completely destroyed one-third of the whole town and set it down to nothing but ashes. This had been the worst disaster that had ever hit the island, in terms of material destruction, that is. The town was also considerably vulnerable to an economic disaster at this time as well.

During 1846, Nantucket was a very prosperous town due to its success in the

whaling industry at that time. The island was booming with a population of roughly 10,000 residents, numerous mansions lining Main Street, and the thousands of whaling ships leaving and returning to the harbor with hundreds of barrels filled with whale oil.

By the mid-1840's, however, overfishing had started to have a negative effect on whaling. With whale ships having to travel even farther out and stay in the same places for a bit longer in order to get more oil. Not to mention that a sandbar across the harbor had prevented the large and heavy-laden ships from entering, which meant that they needed to use ports in places like New Bedford.

Now, according to *Yesterday's Island*, fires have struck the island several times before 1846. Fires had caused events

such as, a kitchen fire killing 10 people when the Quaise Poor Farm Asylum burned down, blazes destroying one hotel and several stores along Main Street, as well as oil fires and violent winds destroying the Brant Point Lighthouse twice!

Yet, the town still relied on volunteer fire companies, hand-pumpers, and large underground cisterns of water for defense.

It all started in William Geary's hat shop at 11 o'clock at night from a defective stovepipe. And within an hour, the fire had started burning out of control. The next day, one third of the town had been reduced to nothing but ashes, ashes of buildings where the majority of which had been stores, markets, and houses. Thankfully, nobody was killed during the fire, but hundreds

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Recap of the 2016-2017 CPS School Year

As remembered by Mimi Belanger

Now that it is in the end of the school year, let's recap on some of the great times that we've had and will have. All the following recaps are taken from my point of view.

Flashback 9 months ago: September 6, 2016, the first day of school. I walked in and immediately felt my heart drop as I heard the door close - there was no turning back. However, I was excited about seeing my friends that I didn't see over the summer. I walked down to the lobby and saw my friends and went over to them. We all talked about our great summers and where we went. Then, at the bell's ring we went to our advisories. The day went alright, we only had to worry about meeting new teachers and not doing any work.

Flashback 7 months ago: November 26, 2016, the Island Cup. We brought home the win! I was very lucky and got to go over to the Vineyard and watch the Island Cup game. The Whalers had a really good game, and won 42-0!!! The celebration after we got back to Nantucket was probably the loudest thing I have ever heard. The screaming and the cheering down the street, everybody was so happy.

Flashback 6 months ago: December 15-17, *Elf Jr. the Musical*. I was able to help backstage by moving the props. I got to see how Mrs. Byrne puts on such a big production, and see how the little things can really make a difference. Seeing the difference from the first day of practicing to the last day of the play

was amazing.

Flashback 4 months ago: February 5, 2017, the Super Bowl. If you are a Patriot's fan then this was a great Super Bowl for you. The final score was 34-28. The Patriots were losing, then tied with the Falcons at the end of the fourth quarter. The game went into overtime, the first time in Super Bowl history to happen.

Flashback 2 months ago: April 11 and 12, 2017, MCAS. We took the English MCAS, and it was nice how everyone took the test on the same day. 7th and 6th graders were halfway done with MCAS, while 8th graders still needed to take math, and also science. The next round of MCAS was May 9 and 11.

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Summer Fun!



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Summer Fun!



Grey Lady Movie Review

By Maclaine Willett

Lights, camera, action! If you are a movie lover, and you would like to see a new, entertaining movie, there is a great movie now playing that is based on our small town of Nantucket.

Grey Lady, which premiered April 28, is an incredibly fascinating film. The thriller includes the very popular Grey's Anatomy star, Eric Dane. Dane plays the main character, James Doyle, a Boston cop, who is investigating the homicide of his partner, Maggie. He is also trying to solve the mystery of the earlier homicide of his sister. He comes to our island to get space for his work on the case, but also to hopefully meet up with his aunt living there.

This film was directed by Nantucket's very own, John Shea. By directing this movie, Shea fulfilled his dream to produce a movie on Nantucket. He says, that the support of, "the town, the Board of Selectmen, the Conservation Foundation, the Land Bank, everybody that I went to on the island was the key to the making of this movie." Within the movie, he and his family appear frequently, some even starring in their own scenes. While watching, you will definitely see some familiar faces in front of the camera also.

Shea was driven to include "natural actors." His favorite filmmakers were the Italians because, "They always mixed professional actors with I would say natural actors. People who have never acted before but have the ability to act in a movie."

The movie was a great experience, especially to witness a film that describes our island so authentically.

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Photo taken from Zimbio.com

Get the Scoop!

By Emma Davis

A major tourist attraction, and the most popular ice cream parlor on island, is open for the season once again. From just plain vanilla, to their Green Monster, the Juice Bar always serves a great scoop of ice cream. You can't resist the fresh taste of summer, one that sends chills down your spine. There are also plenty of toppings to choose from like hot fudge, whipped cream, sprinkles, and just about every candy you can imagine. If this isn't enough, this locally owned Nantucket staple also whips up homemade waffle cones and bowls.



Photo by Emma Davis

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Beaches of Nantucket

By Magaret Culkins

School's letting out and summer is starting! The water is getting warmer and the lifeguards are settling to their thrones! Do you prefer waves or flat beaches? How about renting water sport gear or making sure you're safe with the lifeguards? The beach is the way to go on Nantucket during the summer. Earlier this month, I sent out a quick survey to everyone in the school to get their opinion on their favorite beaches and why. The people of CPS have spoken, here are the top five beaches.

#5 - Fisherman's

"Great fishing and boogie boarding."- Garner Ray

Fisherman's beach is tucked right in between Surfside and Nobadeer. There are usually great waves for boogie boarding. Do you like to fish? At night, before dark, and after most beach-goers have left, is a great time to get the rod out and head to Fisherman's. Around dinner time, you can stop right before the steps and have sandwiches looking out at the water and the sun. There is a great bench where everyone eats that you can take in all of the beach from this vantage point. Fisherman's beach may not have the best waves, but it does attract those wanting to throw a few casts, and enjoy a picnic.

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#5 - A normal beach day at Fisherman's with shore crashing waves. Photo taken by Margaret Culkins

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In my opinion, the movie was an excellent film. Although some people may not agree, I surely recommend this as a movie choice. A factor that contributes to this film's success is also the story it tells the viewer. The plot line is like a rollercoaster, it has many twists and turns, and the viewers get to be along for the ride. Shea claims, "There is a twist and a turn, and it's almost mathematical in its structure." Containing surprises, emotions, and lots of action, *Grey Lady* is an overall excellent film to witness. The action at the end of the movie keeps you on the edge of your seat. Another huge part of the movie that contributes to its enjoyability was the exceptional acting in it. Dane, Natalie Zea, and Carolyn Stotesbery play some of the main characters in *Grey Lady*. Overall, I would definitely recommend the movie as a great opportunity to sit back, relax, grab some popcorn, and enjoy.

For Nantucketers, it is an interesting film to watch, considering that so many places we know as home today appear in the movie. The island

gave the film the "the touch of poetry" Shea and the producers wanted to include. The places islanders go to regularly are emphasized and are described as the beautiful places we know them to be. Some being Sconset, Children's Beach, Main Street, and several more. For example, the name "Grey Lady" is what people call Nantucket because of the continuous heavy fog. This is even described in the film. In a specific scene, Doyle and some other police officers, one being played by Shea, are on Main Street. There, the fog is represented by one of the two remaining fog machines existing in America.

Grey Lady also shows how close the community on the island is, especially in a specific scene where Doyle goes to a local cookout over the weekend. The description of Nantucket within the script was very impressive because of how authentic and true it is. Shea says that, "In the end it had to come down to the collective force of the island." This proves that the island is a peaceful place to stay.

For Nantucketers, the movie is special because it is based on our little community. On this note, Shea described his thoughts and feelings about his decision to shoot the movie on Nantucket, "What would happen if he came to the island, and it transformed this guy's experience? What if instead of just helping him solve the murder mystery, it helped him solve the greater mystery of his being, of his whole life? What if it lead him toward a path, maybe toward love, toward peace, or toward redemption, that would allow him to go beyond Nantucket?"

Interesting and action-packed, the movie *Grey Lady* is an amazing film. Anyone who wishes to watch it can enjoy the thriller. The film is an outstanding story of a man solving a mystery on the small island 30 miles out to sea. Overall, the movie describes one's experience when travelling to the small island of Nantucket. If you decide to watch a movie, I encourage you to watch the movie, *Grey Lady*, based on Nantucket.

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When you walk in, you can see them making the delicious cones and bowls in the back. As soon as you step through the swinging screen doors, you immediately smell the ice cream and cones. You almost feel overwhelmed by all of the people in line, the hundreds of flavors written all across the walls, the music blasting, and the customers and servers singing along.

The Juice Bar opened for the 2017 season during Daffodil Weekend, and it is about their fortieth year being open. The Juice Bar is located at 12 Broad Street, and has always been there. The Juice Bar opened in the late 70s, when the name "Juice Bar" was created. Originally owned by two men (names not known), it was a literal "bar" where you could go and get fresh juices.

Then, Craig (Boris) Pilsnaker and Sally Dukes bought the Juice Bar from the two men, and introduced their home-



Photo of a typical line at night during the summer. Taken from ackchewally.com

made ice cream. In 1999, the current owners, Ron and Jackie Lefebvre, bought the ice cream parlor, and continued with the homemade ice cream.

The Lefebvre's have considered changing the name of the Juice Bar so that they would no longer have to continue with juices. But, as Mr. Lefebvre stated, "Everyone knows it as the 'Juice Bar.'" Therefore, it wouldn't make sense to change the name, it would only be confusing.

The Juice Bar makes their own ice cream. They have one machine in the back to help make the ice cream, but the rest is done by hand. Mr. Lefebvre stated that four to five employees each year help make the ice cream. Many employees that work behind the counter also work as an ice cream maker one to two times a week. Lefebvre says that they do this so that the employees behind the counter know what is in the ice cream, and can answer any questions regarding the ice cream. Some will even come up with new flavors.

This year, the Juice Bar has around 35 employees. Lefebvre says that the requirements of being an employee at the local Juice Bar are "being friendly, being able to work in a fast-paced environment, being friendly, and being consistent with scoop sizes." Many local Nantucket High Schoolers work at the Juice Bar as their summer job, and it is definitely a "sweet" career choice.

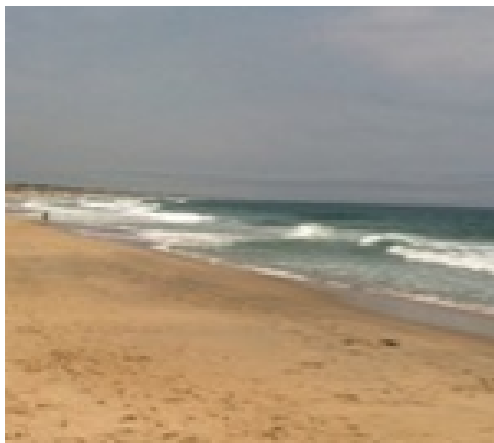
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#4 - Ladies Beach

"I like the big waves." -Hayley Lamb

It has the waves, the currents, and the locals. The beach is filled with locals, up and down. On occasion, you'll see a few tourists. The waves aren't for surfing, but there are nice shore breaks. The rip currents aren't bad but are still present. At Ladies, there are no lifeguards to keep watch. There is very limited parking so just warning you when you stop there, there may be not parking spots. The beach is located at the end of Bartlett Farm Road, so stop and grab a snack at Bartlett's before hitting the beach. .



#2- Surfside

"The food and the waves." -Emerson Milne

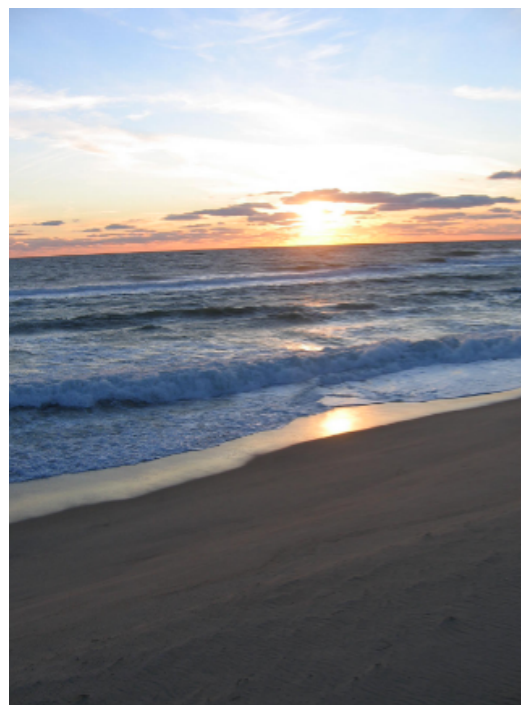
Do you like burgers and dogs? Lucky for you, number two Surfside Beach and the Snack Shack is just the place to go. You can get everything from a burger to ice cream. Take a walk down the long path from the parking lot and Snack Shack, and before you know it, you're stepping on the sand of Surfside Beach. The beach is located just a few minutes away from Nobadeer, and right next to Fisherman's. Surfside has big waves, and sometimes you can even find a sandbar. Lifeguards are always on duty from 10-5 everyday. From town, the Wave bus leaves Town every 15 minutes and drops you there, but if you'd prefer to drive there is lots of parking. The only downside is you have to walk a few yards until you hit the sand. If you like waves and burgers, check out Surfside beach.

#4 - Left photo - A wavy day at Ladies Beach. Photo taken by Margaret Culkins

#3 - Cisco

"It has food and waves." - Camie Strojny.

Do you want a beach with a little bit of everything? Well, Cisco may be the place for you! Cisco beach has lots of parking, but if get there too late all the spots may be taken. If you are coming in on a bike, be sure to take the Hummock Pond Road bike path and secure your bike on one of the many bike racks found there. Depending on the day, you can catch a wave or you can walk through knee or waist high waters at the sandbar. If you want to catch a wave, rent a surfboard or take some lessons. As the day goes on, you may get hungry. Try the hot dogs, ice cream, and more at one of the food carts at the top of the beach before hitting the sand. It has everything, so what is not to love about Cisco?



#3 - Photo above - Cisco Beach sunset. Photo taken by Margaret Culkins

#2 Right photo - Path to Surfside Beach. Photo taken by Margaret Culkins



AND THE #1 FAVORITE OF CPS IS.....

#1 - Nobadeer

"Fun with friends" -Ms. Madden.

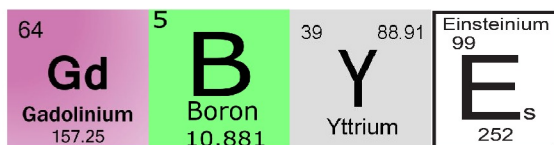
In a few steps your feet are in the sand, you can now see and hear the waves crashing. In a few more steps, you realize you are surrounded by all your friends and many other locals. On your way down to the beach, you pass the new Bartlett's Farm food truck. As you look across the beach, you see many tourists who drove on and are getting their first taste. When you are doing that, you look right past the life guards. Typically, there are always waves at Nobadeer and you will always see tons of boogie boarders and surfers. On occasion there are no waves at Nobadeer, but that doesn't mean you can't have fun! Rent a paddleboard, or if the beach gets rougher as the day goes on, splurge on some surf lessons. How could tourists and locals not love this ACK hotspot?



#1 -Photo above - Looking down to Fisherman's from Nobadeer. (Nobadeer) Photo taken by Margaret Culkins

It seems to be that going to a beach with waves is more popular than not. Nobadeer, Cisco, Ladies, Surfside, and Fisherman's beaches all have waves. Some may have food or lifeguards, and some just may be a great wave hot spot. If you are looking for a new beach for the summer, or want to better your Nantucket beach knowledge, check out the above as most people recommend them. There are many more beaches to choose from, but evidence from the voices at Cyrus Peirce Middle School (both students AND teachers) shows that more people will choose wave beaches over flat beaches. Check out these beaches this summer!

Saying Goodbye to CPS...



By Bella Cutone

Imagine having a teacher who lets you make "roller coasters" in the hallways and swing a bowling ball inches away from a classmates face to test potential and kinetic energy, or a teacher who lets the whole class play bingo that coordinates with the unit we are learning, or is cracking periodic element puns every 2 seconds. Well, this has been a reality for the eighth graders for the past 20 years. Science became a class people wished they were in, and the eighth grade class is sad to say that you will be (arrrrr)gon next year.

Ms. Davidson has been teaching at Cyrus Peirce Middle School for 21 years - 20 teaching and 1 as a teaching assistant. It began with a simple teaching assistant job at CPS in 1997. She did a phenomenal job in this position, and enjoyed it so much she was thrilled when she was asked to stay another year as a full time teacher. Sadly, after her 21 years of teaching 8th

Ms. Davidson



Photo courtesy of Mrs. Crowley

grade science at CPS, Ms. Davidson is retiring. Her retirement will have a major impact on the school. From her first year to now, she has been a favorite teacher among many students in their school careers. Maybe it's Ms. Davidson's creative foldables which drew their attention, or her exuberant attitude toward her students and class. What she loves to see in her students is the "aha moment....when kids finally get something, that's what I'm always hoping for while teaching, when the light bulb goes off." She also enjoys watching the kids grow from immature middle schoolers into successful high schoolers. Throughout her journey she

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Farewell
Ms. Egan

By Alex Johnson



Photo courtesy of Mrs. Crowley

If you are moving into the 7th grade and were hoping to have a teacher who uses a microphone to talk, wears wacky glasses and tiaras, or has some pretty cool vests, or a teacher who jams out to 20th century music. Then, I'm sorry to say, but you have missed your chance. I'm not saying that next year's life science teacher isn't going to be good, but Mrs. Egan was a big part of the 7th grade, as well as the whole middle school for the past 28 years. Sadly, Mrs. Egan is retiring this year.



Photo courtesy of Mrs. Lombardi

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Curtain Call at CPS

Mrs. Byrne Heads to the Stage at the Dreamland

By Jahlani Immanuel-I

Our beloved Theatre/Chorus Teacher, Laura Byrne, will no longer be teaching at CPS. Byrne is moving on to the Dreamland Theatre, where she will be Director of Education, a brand new position. Even though Mrs. Byrne will be working at the local theatre, she will still keep in touch with the school.

"I am going to create a whole season of programming, and have an outreach with the school to provide shows that CPS kids can see, and there are going to be a lot of performances for kids and with kids," explains Byrne.

Mrs. Byrne became fascinated with theatre when she was only five years

old. She says, "my family lived outside the city so we went to a lot of Broadway shows and I remember sitting there and thinking this is what I want to do when I grow up. It is my love and my passion and I never veered away from that."

Byrne's first professional performance was You're a Good Man Charlie Brown, and her role in that play was the adorable Lucy. It was a big deal to Mrs. Byrne because it was at a professional theatre. Since then she hasn't stopped doing theatre. Her first job outside of school was Lissel in The Sound of Music. After that, Mrs. Byrne started to tour around and did a lot of



Staff photo

shows around the East Coast. It was during this time that she decided to move to New York City where found out how difficult acting could be.

Mrs. Byrne, originally from Connecticut, earned her Master's degree from Emerson College. She has been a teacher here for 12 years in total.

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...Saying Hello to New Adventures

The Viking Sets Sail

By Abby Jones

One of our most experienced teachers, Mr. Steve Sortevik, is on his way of saying good-bye and starting a new journey. Mr. Sortevik has been teaching at Nantucket Public Schools for 24 years. He has been a huge impact on many students' lives.

Mr. Steve Sortevik was born and raised in Norwood, Massachusetts. He attended a school in Norwood, a small, middle class, suburban town. Sortevik was raised with his one sibling in his small townhouse. Sortevik graduated from high school and set off to Bowdoin College in Maine to get his undergraduate degree. After receiving his BA from Bowdoin, he pursued a Master's degree at Antioch University, and continued his studies at Suffolk University Law School earning his Juris Doctorate. "After college, my first job was teaching first grade and ever since then I have taught," Sortevik explains.

Mr. Sortevik has taught many different grades in many different places. He taught 2nd grade in Mapleton, Maine, 3rd grade in Stavanger, Norway, 5th grade in Pemaquid, Maine, 3rd grade in Borrego Pass, New Mexico, and 6th and 7th grade in Townsend, Massachusetts. He is ending his long career on Nantucket, teaching social studies to 7th graders. He also spent a year teaching technology, as well as serving as the Technology Specialist, where his role was to assist teachers.

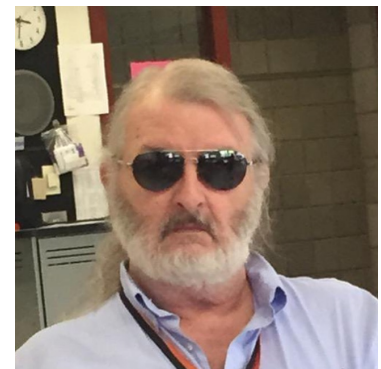
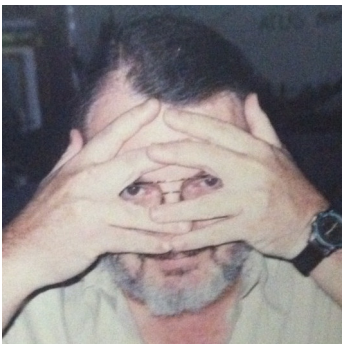
Mr. Sortevik is a well known teacher at Cyrus Peirce Middle School. Evelyn Fey, a 7th grader at Cyrus Peirce Middle School recalls fondly, "My favorite memory of Mr. Sortevik is when he let me hug him!" Sortevik states, "I moved to Nantucket in 1993 to teach," and he has been here ever since.

In addition to his love of history, he also has many interests. For many years

he has been the vice president of the Nantucket Teachers Association and CPS School Council.

Many students and teachers have funny and interesting memories of him. Ms. Molly Madden, the sixth grade English teacher recalls, "He hasn't changed a bit!" Garner Ray, a 7th grader at CPS expressed, "I will miss Mr. Sortevik telling JJ to wake up." Cam Jones, a Junior at St. Georges expressed, "I will miss when Mr. Sortevik used to call me Indiana Jones." Camden Willett, a sophomore at NHS remembers, "Mr. Sortevik used to talk Norwegian to me!"

Mr. Sortevik now is ending his teaching career as a history teacher at Cyrus Peirce Middle School. He is a very knowledgeable seventh grade teacher who loves to share stories with his students. "I am going to miss everyone here at CPS but I'm most(ly) going to miss the students," Sortevik sadly states.



Moving On - The Next Chapter in Her Career!

By Emerson Milne



Photo taken by Emerson Milne

Need a good book? Need help with research? Well, for the past six years we have been lucky enough to have Ms. Sullivan as our librarian to help with these things! Unfortunately, she has decided to leave the Nantucket Public Schools to move to Norwood, where she will be working as a librarian at another school. I was able to talk to her about leaving CPS and her journey to CPS.

Ms. Sullivan decided to be a librarian when she was in her 20's. She earned her undergraduate degree from Mount

Holyoke, and furthered her education by getting her Masters in Library and Information Studies from University of Rhode Island.

Sullivan's first librarian job was actually an audio librarian in Michigan. In this role, she helped people find recordings and audio books instead of helping people find paper books. I loved listening to her talk about what it was like and what an audio librarian was. "There would be tables of tapes and different things you could use to listen to audiobooks or recordings," she explained. She later decided to move to Nantucket in 2004. See *Sullivan*, page 13

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Throughout her journey she has made many memories, and will hopefully make many more as she goes on to her next adventure.

When asked recall some of her favorite memories or moments as a teacher she had a hard time, but eventually was able to pick some out. One being, "When we used to go to Sargent camp. We would go away for a week with the eighth graders. Seeing how kids could work together to overcome obstacles and staying there overnight for a week you got to create much stronger relationships and bonds with the kids."

Another memory that holds a special place with Ms. Davidson is the incredible eighth grade team, who have always supported each other no matter what.

Mrs. Hayford, a TA, at CPS, has been working alongside Ms. Davidson for many years. According to Mrs. Hayford, she has apparently been marked as "one of the two most brilliant teachers," she has had the pleasure to work with. She also said that she has taken two college level science classes, and has still learned more with Ms. Davidson than in the classes combined.



Ms. Davidson participating in a Spirit Day! Photo courtesy of Mrs. Crowley

Another memory that will always stay with Ms. Davidson is, of course, the go karts with the students every year. Even though she is leaving, the memories will stay with her forever.

Ms. Davidson has always had a special connection with science. Before getting the job at CPS she had the opportunity to work for the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) and for Ocean Spray Cranberry in researching and the development labs. When she arrived at CPS, she already had a pretty cool background in science. With these jobs in the past she learned techniques and skills that your everyday science teacher doesn't acquire. This is just another reason she is a favorite teacher

among many.

Once retired, Ms. Davidson hopes to travel, work more on her art work, and spend time with her soon to be 7 grandchildren! Traveling has been a passion for Ms. Davidson ever since she was old enough. She has been around the world several times whether she was visiting Australia, England, Europe, or Asia, and has lived in seven different places. Take it from Ms. Davidson, "Traveling is the best!" She has already rented and made plans to stay in a house in Vieques, Puerto Rico, and is extremely excited about the trip.

Artwork is also one of Ms. Davidson's passions. Through her way of teaching you can always tell she definitely adds a creative touch to many things. She says anytime she has spare time throughout the years she is always doing artwork, and is excited to have much more time to do more of what she loves.

Even though Ms. Davidson is leaving, she will leave us with a lasting impression on the school, and will remain a favorite among many. Have fun on your next adventure!

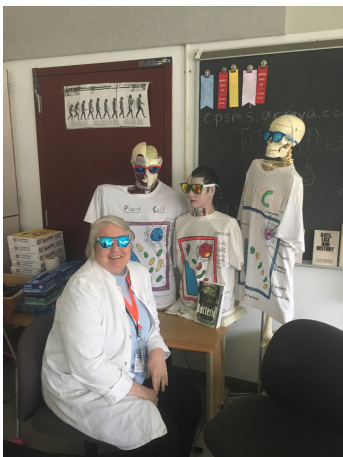
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Photo taken by Alex Johnson

We have had many good memories like dissecting the frog and the cow eye, the cool lessons we have went through, and the many memories of watching all of the gross surgeries. I have to say from my experience that Mrs. Egan was one of the best teachers I've had.

This year the 7th grade student body, as well as the rest of the middle school,

is sad to see Mrs. Egan retiring this year. Mrs. Egan has been a science teacher for the majority of her career and has had an amazing time teaching, and has created unforgettable experiences for her students.

Egan's teaching career began at Cyrus Peirce. Her plans before CPS were not originally to become a teacher. At first Mrs. Egan wanted to become a doctor in the field of medical services, but she had a family and "my goals changed a little bit, and then I just decided to go into teaching science." Mrs. Egan says "I have never taught anywhere else." Mrs. Egan said that before teaching 7th grade Life Science, she did a year in eighth grade and a year in sixth. She professes that 7th grade has been her favorite to teach. She was not just a teacher, she was a scientist who liked dissections, and had some pretty cool glasses.

Mrs. Egan says that her favorite unit to teach is the dissections. The students'

favorite unit was definitely the dissections because the experiences were super cool and fun. For many of us, that was the first time that we have ever done anything like that before. Personally, my favorite dissection had to be the cow eye. It was the cow eye because it did not only teach us about the eyeballs it was also super fun and a little gross. Out of personal experience I have to say that the surgeries were the grossest. They were not just gross, they were also funny to watch because the reactions of my classmates was just too funny

Mrs. Egan is very sad to leave her rewarding job behind, but she is looking forward to her retirement.

Although Mrs. Egan's class had some less than pleasant memories, her class had some pretty fantastic ones too. To those who are going to be in 7th grade next year, you have missed one of the best science teachers in the world.

All About Those Books!

By Yvie Scarlett

You're sitting on your couch. It's a hot summer day. You are so bored - it's unbearable - what's better to do than read a good book? There's only one problem... what should you read...there are so many great books out there?! That's why you're here now, to get good ideas for what to read over the summer! Start reading before you get to that unbearably bored state.

In the 7th and 8th grade PBL class, students read personal journeys. A favorite read among many in this class this year was *I Am Malala*. *I Am Malala* is a true story about a young woman who stood up for education in Pakistan. She was shot in the head by a group of terrorist called the Taliban. She persevered and made a mark on the world. She taught women that education is important and inspired people all over the world. You can find this novel at Bookworks for a current price of \$16 (hardcover).

Pax is a novel about a boy and his pet fox. The boy's father forces him to leave his fox in the wild because the boy is going to live with his grandfather. The boy realizes he can't live without his fox, Pax. Every other chapter is told from either the point of view of the boy or the point of view of Pax. This fantastic book is at local bookstores for a current price of \$16.99 (hardcover).

You may remember this book from elementary school because *The Lions of Little Rock* was a Newbery Medal nominee, although most students didn't read it because it was recommended for 10+ and dealt with some "mature" themes. *The Lions of Little Rock* is about a 12 year old girl who starts middle school in 1958. She feels like her life is falling apart, but she meets a girl named Liz at school. Liz becomes her best friend. Liz mysteriously disappears from school, the rumored reason being that she was caught passing for white. To keep their friendship, Marlee and Liz fight segregation. This book is \$7.99.

If you enjoy football, you may enjoy the book *Left Out*. It is about a boy named Landon Dorch who is deaf and has a strange way of talking. He has only ever wanted to be like the other kids. He decides to take advantage of the fact that he is taller and larger than the other 7th graders in his new school. In Bronxville, football is a big sport and playing it would be a great way for him to make friends. When football is harder than he originally thought the coaches suggest that Landon should take up the role of waterboy. A star player, Brett Bell, becomes his unlikely friend. Can he fight through the bullies who thrive on seeing him be left out? This inspirational book can be found at Bookworks for \$16.99 (hardcover).

If you liked *Isle of the Lost* you will surely like the sequel *Return to the Isle of the Lost*. *Return to the Isle of the Lost* is a novel about Mal, Evie, Jay and Carlos. The four find notes demanding them to go back to their home, the Isle of the Lost. They soon find out Mal's mother Maleficent is behind the notes. Even as a tiny lizard, due to her last finger wag with Mal, Maleficent manages to escape the glass container she was stuck in. Mal, Evie, Carlos, and Jay know they have to find out what's going on. Will the four be able to resist the evil temptations of the Isle of the Lost or will the plan to destroy Auradon succeed? This book can be found at Bookworks for \$17.99 (hardcover).

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Before coming to CPS, Sullivan worked at the Nantucket Atheneum for seven years. In 2011, Ms.Sullivan was hired as the librarian for Cyrus Peirce Middle School and the high school. "I loved working with all the students and teachers at CPS and NHS. I will miss it!"

Ms. Sullivan helped kids find great books to read, and also helped many teachers. I asked her what the highlights of working with the students and teachers here at CPS, "I love the kids energy and their interest, and I love the teachers dedication to their job." As you can tell Ms.Sullivan loved working here, she loved working with the kids and helping them find a great book to read. Her goal is to inspire kids to read.

Her final words of wisdom for the students at CPS and NHS are, "Don't forget to read this summer! As much and as many books that you can!" Thank you, Ms. Sullivan for you six years of dedication. You will definitely be missed by the whole school!

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She will officially be working for the Dreamland by the end of this school year. Mrs. Byrne explains that leaving CPS will be bittersweet, however, "leaving here gives [her] the opportunity, as an artist, to give back to the community in a different way than I did as a teacher, and I'm really excited about that. I think that it will help me keep an eye on CPS."

The plays in the high school that she has directed are *The Drowsy Chaperone*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, *The King and I*, *Brigadoon*, and *The Pajama Games*. She always loves to share her interest with theatre to children because she wants to kids to have an opportunity to see how wonderful it is.

Dr.Cohen has already hired Amanda Harrington, and she has already been in Byrne's class to see how things run. Mrs. Byrne expresses that while she is sad to leave, she believes that Ms. Harrington will be a great replacement. We wish Mrs. Byrne nothing but the best, and hope to see her at the theater!



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Get Psyched for Summer!

By Arielle Holmes

Have you ever been bored out of your mind in summer? A day where you have just nothing to do? Well, not this year! This article is going to open up your mind and grant you with some fun things to do this summer!

I personally think that going to the beach is the most amazing thing to do in the summer. There are around ten amazing beaches on Nantucket. Check out Margaret's article for more details on beaches. You have no excuse on why you can not try them all! On a hot summer day, the cold, refreshing water feels exhilarating. It is also very relaxing. While in the water you can play a number of fun games, such as tag, throw an unsinkable water ball, and race your friends and family in and out of the water. When you are not in the water, you can play even more games. Such as paddle ball (one of my favorites) volleyball, and you can walk and run up and down the beach. Laying on your towel while the sun is glaring down on



you is 110% relaxing. You can read a book or take a nap, kind of like a DIY spa! Plus, you could be reading the summer reading book, *The Thing About Jellyfish*. You are probably going to get hungry, so grab a snack! Lots of beaches, including Surfside and Jetties, have small shacks or restaurants that serve delicious food. All at an affordable price. So hit the beach!

On the topic of food, everyone's favorite topic, there are close to 90 restaurants and take-out places on Nantucket. As a Nantucketer, you should know all of these restaurants! If a tourist wants to have brunch, a Nantucketer thing to do would be to suggest a restaurant to them, so get creative! I definitely don't know all 90, so I have some work to do, and I know you do too! So start eating! Invite friends and family for breakfast or brunch, lunch or dinner. New restaurants are opening up quickly so try them. Trust me - it will be a blast, and simply delicious. Plus, you never know when a food you used to despise will become your all time favorite. Our classmates favorites are Lola Burger and The Rose and Crown, as well as Fusaro's. You might see Mrs. Hickman there!

My next suggestion is not exactly a plan, rather more of a brainstorm, and is very personal to you. It is just to naturally hang out with your friends. Now, not to get too sappy, but hanging

See *Get Psyched*, page 15

Summer, Sand and Snacks!

By Sonia Dhar

During the summer, there are numerous different foods to try and restaurants to go to. In the middle of every fun activity is food. Whether it's sweet, savory, spicy, or sour, food always brightens the mood.

For example, going to the beach. Sure it's fun to go to the beach and swim all day, or just sit in the sun, but bringing snacks makes everything better. Before you head off for the beach you might want to pick up a few sandwiches at Something Natural, which is close to Jetties or Steps beach. Or there is Henry Jr.'s, which is more in the middle of Nantucket, on the way to Surfside Beach. Watermelon and other fruit are also the best thing to eat at the beach. You could even bring a fruit smoothie (See smoothie recipe >>>) and other juices along with you in a cooler if you are going to spend the whole day at the beach.

If you have younger siblings or

relatives you might want to go to Children's Beach. You could pack a fun picnic with many yummy snacks including cheese straws (see recipe on page 15) and a few coconut macaroons. Then you could sit out on the huge grass field and have a picnic with your family while your younger relatives run around or play on the playground. You could even go in the water and look for interesting sea creatures on their small beach.

Or maybe you just want to hang out with your friends this summer. You or one of your friends might have a big yard that you can run around. It would be fun to have an epic water balloon fight or water gun fight. Afterward, you and your friends could enjoy some icy, homemade popsicles that you made the day before. The cold, fruity popsicles would be perfect to cool you down after you played all day in the sun. All you have to do is pick out your favorite juice and pour it into a popsicle mold or plastic container. You will also need a

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SUNRISE SMOOTHIES FROM BAREFOOT CONTESSA BACK TO BASICS BY INA GARTEN

SERVES TWO

1 CUP CHOPPED STRAWBERRIES (5
STRAWBERRIES)
1 CUP CHOPPED SEEDED WATERMELON
1 CUP CHOPPED FRESH PEACH
1 CUP (½ PINT) RASPBERRY SORBET
¼ CUP FRESHLY SQUEEZED ORANGE JUICE
WATERMELON SPEARS, FOR GARNISH

PLACE STRAWBERRIES, WATERMELON,
PEACH, SORBET, AND ORANGE JUICE IN A
BLENDER AND PURÉE UNTIL SMOOTH AND
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YOU'D LIKE IT A LITTLE LESS THICK. SERVE
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By Maddie Iller

CHEESE STRAWS
 FROM BAREFOOT IN PARIS
 INA GARTEN, THE BAREFOOT CONTESSA
 MAKES AROUND 2 DOZEN STRAWS

2 SHEETS (1 BOX) FROZEN PUFF PASTRY,
 DEFROSTED OVERNIGHT IN THE REFRIGERATOR
 1 EXTRA-LARGE EGG
 ½ CUP FRESHLY GRATED PARMESAN CHEESE
 1 CUP FINELY GRATED GRUYÈRE CHEESE
 1 TEASPOON MINCED FRESH THYME LEAVES
 1 TEASPOON SALT
 FRESHLY GROUND BLACK PEPPER

PREHEAT THE OVEN TO 375°.
 ROLL OUT EACH SHEET OF PUFF PASTRY ON A LIGHTLY
 FLOURED BOARD UNTIL IT'S 10 X 12 INCHES. BEAT EGG
 WITH 1 TABLESPOON OF WATER AND BRUSH THE SURFACE
 OF THE PASTRY. SPRINKLE EACH SHEET EVENLY WITH 1/4
 CUP OF THE PARMESAN, 1/2 CUP OF THE GRUYÈRE, 1/2
 TEASPOON OF THE THYME, 1/2 TEASPOON OF THE SALT,
 AND SOME PEPPER. WITH THE ROLLING PIN, LIGHTLY PRESS
 THE FLAVORINGS INTO THE PUFF PASTRY. CUT EACH SHEET
 CROSSWISE WITH A FLOURED KNIFE OR PIZZA WHEEL INTO
 11 OR 12 STRIPS. TWIST EACH STRIP AND LAY ON BAKING
 SHEETS LINED WITH PARCHMENT PAPER. BAKE FOR 10 TO
 15 MINUTES, UNTIL LIGHTLY BROWNED AND PUFFED. TURN
 EACH STRAW AND BAKE FOR ANOTHER 2 MINUTES. DON'T
 OVER BAKE OR THE CHEESE WILL BURN. COOL AND
 SERVE AT ROOM TEMPERATURE.

Even if you wake up in the morning and it is pouring rain outside there are still so many fun things to do. Maybe you just want to have a relaxing day and try out some cool new recipes or prepare for your next adventure. It's so fun to try different recipes and you can do them with either your friends or your family.

Whatever you end up doing this summer, food will be at the heart of it. Without food, none of us would be alive and healthy. With the help of yummy food, this year, your summer is sure to be awesome.

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with friends is very fun and can lift your mood. One thing that I am excited to do this summer is host a water balloon fight. Obviously equipped with water guns and a hose that is ready to fire! Or meet your friends in town and swing by the Juice Bar (be sure to read Emma Davis' article on page 7), it can't hurt! You can ride the Wave to your favorite beach (sea, what I did there), or walk the Nantucket State Forest and have a picnic with your favored food. Your classmates love going to the beach with their friends. Start thinking and start planning!

Now here is an idea I am sure one of your parents has suggested. Summer camps! Trust me, they can be lots of fun. Plus, don't fret on not being able to find one you like, there is a wide selection of camps and clubs all over the island supporting all types of hobbies. Here are a couple, the Maria Mitchell Association, ACKventure camp (community school), the Artists Association. Wow, that is quite the mouthful. OK, just a few more. Strong Wings and Nantucket Community Sailing. Sign up soon, spots are filling! Last three, here we go. Seafari Girls (I love that name), Nantucket Ice, and Cheryl Fudge, a fashion camp for all you creative girls and boys. All of these sound very enjoyable and amusing, so try them out and meet some new friends.

If you do find yourself bored in the summer, think of this article, and get busy!

Skating on the Mainland

By Lily Hunter

Waking up at 5am every Saturday isn't how every student at CPS typically starts their weekend. However, this is normal for Carley Hinson and me. Traveling off Nantucket for a hobby, sport, or just in general is very common. Going off the island every week for the sport of figure skating has become a regular routine for us.

When traveling off the island where we go to train varies from Hyannis all the way to Boston. Having to travel every weekend does come with a cost.

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type of popsicle stick to be able to hold your popsicle. If you do not have a popsicle mold that comes with special handles, I would first cover your plastic container with aluminum foil and then poke your popsicle stick through so it is more stable. Then all you have to do is pop them in the freezer and wait. Once they are completely frozen, you can carefully take it out of the mold or container. Now you have delicious, icy popsicles to share with your friends on a warm day!

If you don't like being drenched in water or going to the beach, you and your friends could venture through town. You could browse all of the new shops and all of the usual shops that you have waited all year for them to open. If you have family or friends coming off of the boat, you can stop near there to get some pizza at the small pizza place, Oath. If you and your friends have many different tastes, the best option would be to go down to Broad Street. Broad Street has many different shops and eateries including Young's Bicycle Shop, Nativ Made, and the world-renowned Juice Bar. (Be sure to read Emma Davis' article on page 7!)

Start off the Summer Right! Hacks to help you survive!

By Quinn LeBrecht

Let's face it, everyone wants school to be out so you can go to the beach or hang out with your friends all day in the summer. With summer right around the corner, we are all getting anxious to be free. So, to start off your summer right, here are a few hacks to make your carefree days go a little smoother.

First off, this one is kind of a given, and most people have heard of it. Put your phone in a plastic bag when you go to the beach! This is a super cheap alternative to buying a waterproof case. I don't know if fully submerging your device is best thing to do, but your phone is at least water and sand proof!

Keeping up with the beach theme, listening to music is must! This means you need a homemade speaker! If you don't feel like shelling out some money to buy a speaker, or you can't find yours, make one! You only need a few things: two plastic cups, scissors, and an empty paper towel roll. Cut a slot big enough in the paper towel roll, big enough for the phone to fit but small enough for the phone to not fall through. Next cut two holes in the side of the cups about the

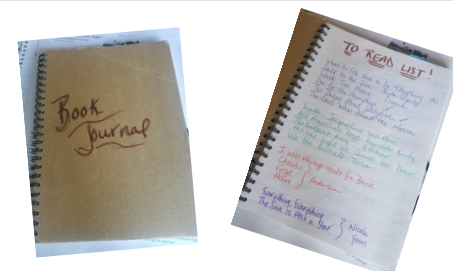


diameter of the paper towel roll. Finally stick the paper towel roll into the cups and play your music! Another super simple solution is just to put your phone in a cup. This sounds a little weird, but it amplifies your music instantly. So this trick is better than super quiet music that no one can hear.

The next hack is definitely a lifesaver if you can't stand the feeling of sand on you, or you are leaving the beach and you don't want it in the car or in your house. Simply use baby powder to dust off the dry sand. Just put the baby powder wherever the sand is and brush it off. Easier done than said!

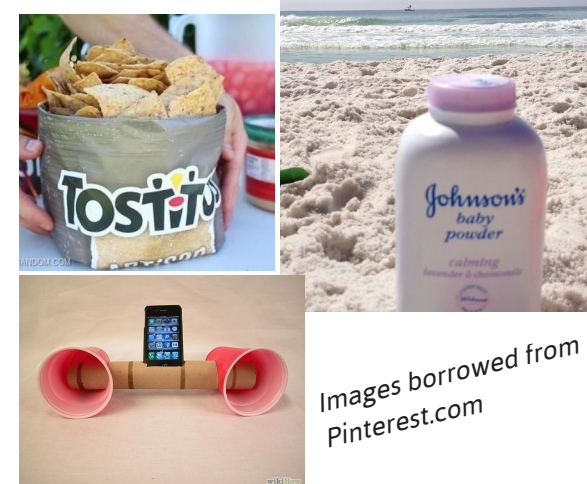
Now for the most important topic in life, food. If you have a bag of chips (preferably the larger chip bags) fold the bottom of the bag in on itself (towards the top) to push all the chips up. This creates an instant bowl and no more digging through the bag to find a chip. Presto!

The final tip is from the fantastic Mrs Hickman. She highly recommends to



keep a "Book Journal." She says that you should separate the notebook into two sections: books you want to read and books you've read. Mark off a section of papers in the notebook and write books you want to read, and mark another section of books you have read. Show this to Mrs Hickman on the first day, and she will be a happy teacher.

Try any one of these and instantly make your life easier. Summer should be relaxing and stress free. So try a hack and make your life just that much easier! Have fun and enjoy your summer!



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Carley's mother, Dr. Amy Hinson states, "It's moderately expensive for boat tickets, car rentals, and hotels every week, but it is worth it for the coaching." When Carley and I travel on the weekends, we train around 3 hours with off ice training afterwards. When there is a week of vacation, we take advantage of it to get as much practice as possible by staying off for several days.

The reasoning for leaving the island for this sport so often is because on Nantucket there is not enough ice time as we would like. The on-island coaching is also limited. Usually one of my parents, or Carley's parents, will travel with us to train.

There are some advantages to traveling off island as much as we do. The great things about going off island that I enjoy are that I get to see new

places and get to know more about Boston as a city, and Cape Cod itself. "Doing fun things such as getting our nails done, or going shopping, and the great training the girls get," are a few of Dr. Hinson's favorite parts about going off so often. Carley enjoys, "Getting to know skating better as a sport, and having more knowledge about it."

On the other hand, with the good comes bad. Both mother and daughter do not enjoy the weekly traveling part, but states that there is a lot of improvement with the off island coaches. My least favorite part about traveling off on the weekends is that we have to wake up at 5am for practice, and start skating at 6! As we try to not miss a lot of school, it still does occur due to competitions and skating tests.

Carley and I both agree that missing school due to skating is stressful

because we usually have to make up lost time on tests or quizzes. The positive outcome of being able to venture out to other places and train with other coaches has made us improve mentally, and physically in the sport of Figure Skating.

Overall, being able to travel every weekend is definitely a privilege for Carley and me. Doing this every weekend is worth the dedication and the time. We are currently fixing old habits from coaches earlier on in our skating careers, and are learning new techniques that will help with our jumps, spins, and stamina.

As of now, we will continue to travel as much as possible without missing school, until the end of the school year. Then Carley and I will both go to a skating camp in Delaware for five weeks during the summer!

Summer Blockbusters By Maddie Iller

Most summer days are spent at the beach, with friends, enjoying vacation. On rainy days, you're stuck with old board games and electronic devices. After a while, it does seem to get boring. Why don't you call up a friend and head to the movies? With over 50 films coming out this year across the nation, there is a lot to choose from. Whether you like sci-fi or comedy, or maybe a little drama, there is a movie out there you will love!

After new high tech cars are beating world records and a terrifying crash, Lightning McQueen questions whether or not he should retire from racing. McQueen meets with a race technician, Cruz Ramirez, and attempts to leave an exceptional legacy and incredible comeback for the Florida 500. **Cars 3** starts playing June 16th and is a must see!

Gru is back with his family and minions for a 3rd time with **Despicable Me 3** on June 30. Gru and his wife Lucy are fired from AVL (anti-villain league) after they let Balthazar Bratt get away with a priceless diamond. Gru reunited with his long-lost brother, Dru and plot a plan for one last heist to redeem himself and his job.

Starting on May 26, the 5th Pirates of the Caribbean, **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales**, will be in theaters. One of Jack Sparrow's many nemesis, Armando Salazar and his ghost ship, plots a plan to kill every pirate. Jack must find the Trident of Poseidon, for the only chance of survival. Along the way, he allies with an astronomer, Carina and Henry Turner, who is trying to break a curse and reunite his parents, Will Turner and Elizabeth Swan.

By June 2nd, **Wonder Woman** will have gone from comic books to movie theaters. Rated PG-13, Gal Gadot plays Diana Prince (a.k.a Wonder Woman, an Amazon Princess) who hears about a war (World War I) from an American Pilot who washed ashore in the Amazons. Steve and Diana travel to London to put an early stop to the war and bring peace to the human race.

Without Optimus Prime, the humans

and transformers are at war in **The Last Knight**. Cade Yeager forms an alliance with Bumblebee, an English lord and Oxford professor to discover why the transformers keep coming back to Earth and to end the battle. **Transformers, The Last Knight** is rated PG-13 and plans to be released by June 21st.

The Book of Henry is about a single mother raising two kids as a waitress. Her older son, Henry, supports his mother, protects his brother and looks after his crush, Christina, next door. When Christina is harmed by her stepfather, the police commissioner, Henry and his mom do everything in their power to stop him and find a better life for Christina. This family drama film comes out on June 16 and is rated PG-13.

There are dozens of more movies coming out this summer, not just the ones listed above. **The Nantucket Film Festival** will take place between June 21-26 this year. It will be kicking off with live music and a silent film at 7pm. The festival will continue with morning coffee, special guests, new films and kid shorts. The Dreamland hosts this popular events for locals and tourists of all ages.

Many new films will be screenings and are must see events. For more information about movies, times, dates and the Film Festival go to the Dreamland website or search "Nantucket Film Festival 2017." Whether you prefer comedy, drama, action or horror movies, every genre of films will be in theaters this summer. So, grab a friend or two and head to the movie theatre. Enjoy your summer!



Homeless on Nantucket?

By Teddy Bradley

Imagine waking up in a parked van realizing that all housing options are gone. This may be common in other parts of the country, but on Nantucket? Unfortunately, due to skyrocketing real estate costs, this is a reality for many year-round islanders. Local residents are the backbone of the community, yet they are the victims of Nantucket's exploding summer population.

The Nantucket housing shuffle (the seasonal relocation of year round residents) has always been a problem, and according to Tucker Holland, a housing consultant working for ReMain Nantucket, it has been a huge problem in the last three years. He also says the selectmen have not been giving this problem the attention it deserves. Historically, housing on Nantucket has not always been such a concern.

However, it is now one of Nantucket's major problems, especially during the summer season. Many of Nantucket's residents must rent on 10-month basis making homelessness over the summer inevitable. There have even been cases of parents sending their children to live off island during the summer recess due to the lack of affordable housing. Moreover, Holland points out that many construction workers commute from Cape Cod because the real estate is too expensive on the island.

According to Housing Nantucket, the island now has a median home price of \$1.2 million, which has left 90% of Nantucket's year round population without a permanent home. Furthermore, to qualify for affordable housing individuals can make up to \$141,000. The median household income on Nantucket is \$86,641 per year.

The crux of Nantucket's housing shortage is two-fold. First of all, Nantucket has become a magnet for mass amounts of wealth. While this is good for the economy it raises real estate prices through the roof. Secondly, conservation organizations have been buying up mass pieces of land to protect

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Matt Reinemo, owner of Nantucket Tackle Center, reaffirmed my thinking. "I completely agree with some of your lure choices and tactics." He went to say how eels and soft rubber jigs seem to be the most popular throughout the spring and into late summer for Stripers. "The Nantucket Harbor is also a great place for Stripers in late summer because of the deep pockets where the water is cooler," he added.

Chris Cothran, Latin teacher and fellow fishing enthusiast, believes fishing is a great way to relax and get away. "I started to fish really ever since I was old enough to hold a fishing pole. I grew up on a lake and very close to a river. I would say I was probably 3 or 4 when I caught my first fish." explains Cothran. He continued, "I like to fish because it gets me out in nature. I've seen some pretty incredible and beautiful places. It's also a way to tune everything else out: when I go fishing I don't really think about anything else." I also inquired as to what his personal favorite lures are. "When I moved to Nantucket, I had to change to slug-go's and Joppa Jigs to tempt the Striped Bass. But when I was younger and lived

in Hudson I would use crankbaits." Chris Cothran has been fishing the waters around Nantucket from the start and has loved it ever since.

These three species are the most commonly known and are almost anywhere on the island. By mid June, Stripers will be all over the places as well as Bluefish. I have had my best bets for Bonito around the Madaket area.

The best tide to go fishing is high tide which differs around island. The best time to be out fishing is dawn and dusk.

These are just some basic and helpful tips and now you know more than enough information to get out on the water and reel in those fish.



Capt. Matt Reinemo holding his catch.
Photo courtesy of Stripersforever.org

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Nantucket's vegetation but have also put many housing options to rest.

In conclusion there are not many solutions but there are a couple that could make a big difference. Number 1: there could be a housing bank that would work like a land bank. For example, they would collect one percent of the cost on every home purchase to go towards new affordable housing developments. Number 2: there could be tiny house complexes where people could live with their tiny homes. Holland is one for the idea as long as it's under control, and the home owners make sure the properties are maintained so it does not get the vibe of a trailer park. Number 3: there could be deals or special offers on 12 month leases giving year-rounders a chance and reasonable housing. Recently the community has been seeing the serious effect that this problem has been creating but if it is addressed in the right way this problem can be in our rear view mirror.

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All students currently on a lighthouse team will remain on the same team. For example, Brant Point students will stay on the Brant Point team. A student's advisor will stay his/her advisor for their whole middle school career.

Dr. Cohen explained that "Older kids can turn into mentors for younger kids, help 6th graders learn the ropes." Dr. Cohen added, "This allows kids from all grades to interact with each other." The schedule rotation will also change. The schedule will rotate from Monday to Friday, rather than Days 1-6. This is because the elementary and high schools run on a 5 day schedule. In previous years, scheduling has been difficult for teachers that teach

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upon hundreds of people and families were left homeless. Over \$1,000,000 was lost in damage (approximately \$24,000,000 today).

Within days, the island's selectmen had issued out an appeal for aid. After the appeal was sent out, donations had poured in. A steamboat was sent over from Fall River's residents with cash and several thousands of dollars' worth of food and clothing, as well as the citizens of Boston sending over about \$15,000 for the island's aid.

Now, according to *MassMoments*, while no lives were lost after the whole ordeal, there was one major casualty. During the raging inferno, the flames had made their way over to the Atheneum Library and Museum. The Atheneum had been a very prominent symbol of prosperity and sophistication that was brought to the island during their days in the whaling industry. The Atheneum had also stored old documents, as well as the tools and materials that the whalers had carried back home after their voyages. But as the fire made its way through the Atheneum, it had destroyed these items.

While the fire greatly affected Nantucket's town, the residents were able to rebuild from the ashes.

throughout the elementary and high schools.

Encore classes will be 50 minute blocks. While all core classes will be 55 minutes. The only class that will be longer is the one after lunch, it has an additional five minutes to allow passing time in the hallways.

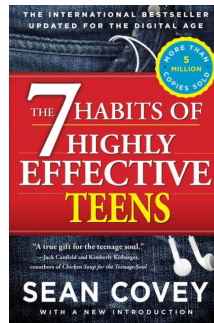
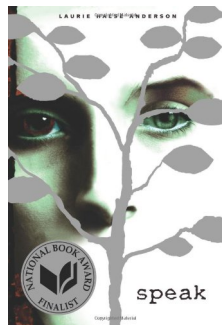
All students will learn the same subjects as the year before. Although some teachers will be teaching different grades, as well as different classes. Dr. Cohen stated that, "Technology will become an Encore and some Encores will become after school clubs."

These changes might be really fun to have, although they may take some time to adjust to. Many teachers and students think it's a change for the better.

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This is the first year the Nantucket High School has gone with the *One Book, One School* plan. The incoming sophomores, juniors and seniors will be reading *Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson. In the fall, Laurie Halse Anderson will be visiting the high school. The upcoming ninth graders will be reading *7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* by Sean Covey. Each high schooler is expected to read the one book. For Honors and AP English students, there is another selection of books from which to choose a second, required book. This program may come as a shock to NHS students, as they previously were able to pick their summer reading books.

Although not everyone looks forward to summer reading, when you head to the beach to tan, pull out your book! CPS and NHS encourage students to read over the summer to avoid the "summer slide," and help them jump back into the school year.



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Flashback 1 month ago: May 2017, a very busy month. On May 9th and 11th we had Math MCAS throughout the grades, then a week later 8th grade had to take science. On May 26, the 7th graders got the chance to watch *In the Heart of the Sea*, the movie, based on the books *In the Heart of the Sea* and *Revenge of the Whale*, by Nathaniel Philbrick. This was after most of the 7th grade read the book for English class.

Flashforward this month: June 2017. As the school year starts to end it seems more and more things start to happen. On June 12, 2017, the 7th grade will get to meet our pen pals from Quincy, MA. On June 15, 2017, the 7th graders are traveling to New Bedford to see the whaling museum there, since we've been working on a whaling project.

As the school days are winding down, we should all think back to all the great times we've had this year, and look forward to the fun we will have this summer. Then, it's time to think about the beginning of the next school year!

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Bud Not Buddy is a novel about Bud Caldwell, a ten year old boy who is motherless and on the run. While this situation is not ideal, Bud has a few good things going on. First, he has a suitcase full of special things, second, he wrote Bud Caldwell's Rules and Things for Having a Funner Life and Making a Better Liar Out of Yourself. Lastly, his mother left him a clue of who his father is. With flyers advertising Herman E. Calloway and the Dusky Devastators of Depression, the famous band, Bud may no longer be considered an orphan. Bud thinks those flyers will lead him to his father. Once he starts his journey to find this mystery man, nothing can stop him. This book is \$16.99 for hardcover and \$6.99 for paperback at Bookworks.

These are just some of the many wonderful books you can find in the local bookstores. If you are interested in finding more great books, make your way down to Bookworks at 25 Broad Street!

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The Juice Bar has hundreds of flavors, but they run about 40 to 50 at a time. During the summer especially, they will go through thousands of different flavors. Lefebvre says, "We try to come up with different flavors to incorporate, mostly with something new and fun."

Lefebvre says that swirling the ice cream is especially hard because everything has to be hand made. He says that the process of swirling is extremely difficult. For one batch of ice cream, it takes 15 minutes which yields 3 boxes of ice cream. This delicious ice cream is being made about 8 hours a day. There is never a dull moment in the Juice Bar.

Everyone loves the Juice Bar, and the big question on every local's mind is, "Why doesn't it stay open year round?" Mr. Lefebvre stated that, "As much as people say that they want to eat ice cream in the fall when it's cold, they really don't." He said that they have stayed open later in the season and made soups, but there wasn't enough business to consider staying open year round. Mr. Lefebvre also says that it's very exhausting after being open all summer, "I need time to recuperate. I don't take many days off in the summer, and I work 3 or 4 months in a row without any days off. As the weather cools, business slows right down."

The ice cream always leaves you with a full stomach, and a craving for the delicious confection every time. The Juice Bar has been serving their scrumptious scoops for an estimated 40 years, and hope to have yet another successful season this year.



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Good luck at Belmont!





Amy's Declassified School Survival Guide

Part 3: Last Year of Junior High



By Amy McAveety

Welcome back! For this edition of "Amy's Declassified School Survival Guide", we are going to be discussing how to make the best of your last year of middle school, and how to conquer your fears for high school! The last year of middle school is one of the best, and is definitely something to look forward to. There are great teachers, projects and events.

Some well known moments of the 8th grade year are semi, cardboard boat racing, graduation, and go cart racing!

As for high school, it can be a very scary and dreadful thought to some, and I don't blame you. I am going to be talking you through some ways to make it a little easier, and give you some great pieces of advice that may be helpful to you. Let's get started!

Before we get to the survival tips of high school, I'll be giving you some guidelines on how to make the best of your last few weeks of middle school. Even though you may be thinking "it's the last few weeks, the grades won't matter," they still do! Don't slack off just because it's the end of the year. Some may say this might be the most important time for your grades, since next year they will be extremely important. So stay on task, organize your time, and **DO NOT PROCRASTINATE!** If you're not satisfied with your grades, or don't fully understand the subject, you can always turn to a teacher or friend for help.

Staying after for extra help, or studying a little more always makes a huge difference and goes a long way. Don't be afraid to get help!

Once you have your academic goals and achievements out of the way, you can focus on having fun! The last few weeks of school are always the best. Remember, events like semi and go carts are meant to be fun and privileges

so don't take advantage of them or stress! Just have a good time and go with the flow. These weeks will fly by before you know it so don't over think and enjoy the fun while you can.

Now, it's time for the scary part. High school. Some may think it will be the most dreadful four years of their lives, but it may not be all that bad. Yes, it will get very stressful and it's when your grades matter most. But, if you keep up with the work and manage your time correctly, it won't be as bad as you think.

Nantucket High School offers a great selection for sports, clubs, and extracurricular activities to keep you busy throughout the years, and it will look good on your college resumes!

My 18 year old sister Katie McAveety, who survived four years and graduated from Nantucket High School claims, "It was a great experience and I made a lot of friends and learned many important life lessons along the way. Always make the right decisions and focus on your schoolwork!" Some great words to live by.

One of the well known fears of high school is peer pressure. Many kids struggle with doing the right thing and making the right decisions because of the possibility of not fitting in or being "cool enough." If you are ever stuck in a situation you don't feel comfortable in, just leave. I know it may be hard at the time, but you'll thank yourself later. Any friends that force you into something you don't want to do, or judge you for doing what's best for you, are not your true friends. Be friends with people who support you and love you for who you are.

In summary, high school isn't too bad and the years will fly by so stay on the right track, stay focused, and have fun!



Cyrus Peirce Middle School lobby
Photo taken by Amy McAveety



Nantucket High School - Hall of the Whale

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