



Notes from Superintendent Holcomb & the School Committee
2.8.26 Parent & Staff Newsletter

Crown a Cardinal

This past week, Samantha Carchi, a second grade student at Hoyle Elementary School, was crowned a Cardinal. Samantha consistently demonstrates what it means to be a Cardinal through her kindness, politeness, and willingness to help others. She brings a positive attitude to school each day and has an uplifting spirit that makes a difference in our community. We are incredibly proud of Samantha and all that she does to make Hoyle such a special place. Pictured below are Principal Bill Courville and Samantha Carchi. Congratulations, Samantha!



Professional Development Day - March 17, 2026

On Tuesday, March 17, 2026, Swansea Public Schools will hold a districtwide Professional Development Day. There will be no school for students on this day as our educators engage in meaningful learning designed to strengthen teaching and learning across the district.

The primary focus of the day will be collaboration, as staff work together to explore and refine rubrics that will help maximize the effectiveness of collaborative time and ensure it directly supports student learning. In addition, we are pleased to welcome representatives from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH),

who will be working with select teachers to provide targeted training aimed at deepening instructional practices and maximizing student understanding in reading and there will be other options this day as well.

These professional learning opportunities are an important part of our continued commitment to high-quality instruction and ongoing growth for both staff and students. We appreciate your support as our educators engage in this valuable work to better serve the students of Swansea Public Schools.

Last Call for Volunteers: Public Relations Committee

This is the “last call for volunteers” for our public relations committee. If you are interested make sure you read below and send a note to Superintendent Holcomb. A communication to all interested parties will be sent out by the middle of this week with further details. Thanks for the consideration.

Swansea Public Schools has a powerful story to tell, one rooted in student success, dedicated educators, and a strong partnership with our community. To better share that story and strengthen communication with families and residents, the district is forming a Public Relations Committee, and we are seeking volunteers to participate.

The purpose of this committee is to support clear, consistent, and positive communication about our schools. Members will help highlight the many successes happening across the district, provide feedback on how we communicate with the community, and assist in strengthening public understanding of our schools’ programs, needs, and goals. This work is especially important as we continue to navigate changing educational, financial, and community priorities.

We are looking for parents, staff, community members, and stakeholders who are interested in supporting Swansea Public Schools through collaboration, outreach, and advocacy. No prior experience in public relations is required, just an interest in our great schools and a willingness to contribute ideas and perspectives.

By working together, we can ensure that our community remains informed, engaged, and connected to the important work happening in our classrooms and in our district every day. If you are interested in serving on the Public Relations Committee or have any questions, please contact Superintendent Holcomb at scott.holcomb@swanseaschools.org. Meetings will be held once a month and can be done virtually and/or hybrid (in person and virtual).

We look forward to partnering with you to help tell the story of Swansea Public Schools.

School Committee Meeting

The next School Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 9th, at 6:00 PM in the School Committee Conference Room located in the Central Administration Building. The meeting will also be broadcast live on the Swansea Community Network Channel via their Facebook page.

School Department Budget for 2026-2027 School Year

The School Department will present its proposed FY 2026–2027 budget to the Advisory and Finance (A&F) Board on Wednesday, February 25. Following this presentation, the anticipated next step is for A&F to vote to advance the budget to Town Meeting for consideration in May. Additional information will be shared as the date approaches.