

Notes from Superintendent Holcomb & the School Committee
12.21.25 Parent Newsletter

School Committee Meeting

The next School Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 5, 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.

South Coast Educational Collaborative Award



Case senior Nicholas Silva was recognized last Friday by the South Coast Educational Collaborative's Superintendents, and awarded a Francis W. Gallishaw Memorial Scholarship for 2025-2026, at UMASS-Dartmouth.

The Gallishaw Scholarship recognizes senior students who have selected and succeeded in the most rigorous course of study in their high schools. Because of hard work and the support of their teachers and families, these students have distinguished themselves in the pursuit of excellence during their secondary school careers.

Nick is a member of the National Honor Society, has earned Highest Honors each year, has received the Rensselaer Medal Award, is an AP Scholar with Distinction, and earned the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship.

Nick's extracurricular participation includes team captain and coach at Vitality Obstacle Fitness. He actively competes in and teaches the sport of Ninja Warrior, being a four time World Finalist and Northeast Ninja Association team champion. He is also a member of our Unified Track team. Beyond athletics, he serves as Class Treasurer, helping organize major school events including the pep rally, prom, and homecoming.

We extend our congratulations to Nick for being selected as a Francis W. Gallishaw Award and Scholarship recipient. Pictured with Nick above are his mother and father, Jennifer and David.

School Building Committee Update

The School Building Committee met on Thursday, December 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Junior High Auditorium. During the meeting, the Committee took two important votes regarding the new Joseph Case Junior High School: whether the building would include an auditorium and whether it would utilize ground source heat pumps for heating and cooling.

Both measures passed. Approval of the ground source heat pumps means the project will qualify for additional incentives and rebates from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, as well as other state and federal energy programs.

Regarding the auditorium, the MSBA will not provide funding for this portion of the project. As a result, the full cost of constructing the auditorium will need to be funded by the Town of Swansea.

Budget for the School Department

The School Department presented the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) budget, which covers the 2026–2027 school year, to the School Committee on Monday, December 15, 2025. This initial presentation focused exclusively on personnel costs. Additional budget components, including other recurring expenses and capital expenditures, will be presented Monday, January 5, 2026.

As a reminder, the majority of the School Department's budget is dedicated to staff salaries. At this time, the Department is requesting a total increase of $1,962,000 in the salary line. This increase largely reflects the absence of a one-time $900,000 allocation that was available in the current school year but will not be available in FY27.

When the School Committee meets on Monday, January 5, the discussion will expand to include projected increases in non-personnel costs. Overall, the School Department anticipates the need for slightly more than a $2 million increase to maintain current programs and services into the next school year.

We will continue to keep the community informed as the budget process moves forward.

Coach Alex Monteiro Stepping Down as Head Football Coach



Joseph Case High School Head Football Coach Alex Monteiro, back row, second from left, has announced he will step down following the 2025 season.

Please see the full article by clicking here.

Polar Plunge - Parks and Recreation

Start your year off with a Polar Plunge brought to you by Swansea's Parks and Recreation Department. This is a free, fun event for the entire community. See the flyer below for details.


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into
2026
Jan. 1, 2026 @ 10 :30 a.m.
Free community polar plunge at
the Swansea Town Beach
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