

# OLD COLONY

REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL  
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## Trading Places and New Faces

A number of personnel changes have been made this year. The newly appointed personnel are competent in their fields, blend well into the Old Colony family, and ascribe to the philosophy of the school.

In July 2007, **Mr. Gary Brown** took over the duties as Superintendent-Director. Mr. Brown was formerly an English teacher and Assistant Superintendent/Principal at Old Colony. The new Principal, **Mrs. Patricia Foskett**, is also familiar to those associated with Old Colony. She served as our former Special Services Coordinator. Replacing Mrs. Foskett as the Special Services Coordinator is **Mrs. Sherry Krause-Mazza**. She previously served with the Dartmouth School District.

Two new positions have been added to aid in moving our District forward. **Mrs. Jacqueline Machamer** now serves as a part-time Technology Integration Specialist with the task of implementing the school's integrated computer technology plan. She also teaches computer programming in the Computer Information Technology Department. **Mr. David Lamontagne** will divide his time between teaching science and serving as the new part-time Academic Coordinator.

We are also pleased to announce several new staff members. **Mr. Al Amaral** has joined the Computer Aided Drafting Department. **Mr. Kevin Casmira** serves as a teacher in the Electrical Department. **Mr. K. Douglas Sims**, a former Old Colony student, teaches in the House & Mill Carpentry Department. Another former Old Colony student, **Mr. Scott Weigel**, teaches in the Automotive Technology Department. In January 2008, **Mrs. Michelle Humphrey** will join the Health Careers staff. Each of these new instructors replaced retiring teachers.

With the changes and additions to our administration and faculty, we anticipate continued vision of the Old Colony mission and philosophy, and continued growth for our students.

## Successful Seasons for OC Fall Sports Teams

Coach **Mary Anne Walker** and this year's **Boys' Soccer Team** are still celebrating their 16 win – 2 loss – 1 tie season. This excellent record helped Old Colony to a second-place finish in the Mayflower League Small School Division and qualified the team for a berth in the state tournament. Following a first-round bye, Old Colony was stopped by Hanover in the second-round of the tournament. However, the Cougars' great season was accentuated with a huge victory over Blue Hills, as Old Colony won the Massachusetts Vocational Technical Small School Soccer Championship for the second year in a row!

Team captains **Jonathan Delgado**, **Ryan Rodrigues**, **Shawn Ferreira**, and **Matthew Pacheco** (all from Acushnet) proved themselves to be leaders on and off the field. Delgado, Rodrigues, Ferreira, **Jazz Reis** (Freetown), and **Brandon Meninno** (Freetown) were elected to the Mayflower League Small School Soccer All-Star Team. Shawn Ferreira was named to the Eastern Massachusetts Soccer Coaches Association All-Star Team, earned an All-State award, and set a new Old Colony soccer record by scoring 38 goals. The entire team is commended for an outstanding year!

Old Colony's **Golf Team** continued its dominance by winning a third straight Mayflower League Golf Championship. Coach **John Abaray** led the team to a sparkling 17 win - 1 loss record. The Golf Team won the Mayflower League Golf Tournament and won first place in the State Vocational Golf Tournament, competing against twenty-one schools from throughout the state.

The team earned the right to participate in the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) South Sectional Tournament, where their second-place finish qualified the team to participate in the Finals of the State Tournament.

Golfers **Nicholas Abaray** (Acushnet), **Jordon Botelho** (Mattapoisett), **Andrew Corrigan** (Acushnet), and **John Romanelli** (Acushnet) were named to the Mayflower League Golf All-Star Team. Jordan Botelho was also named to the *New Bedford Standard-Times* Super Team for the second year in a row, while Nicholas Abaray was named as a member of the second team. Congratulations to the entire team for another fantastic season!

Old Colony's **Volleyball Team** also had a successful season, finishing with an 11 win - 7 loss record and qualifying for the MIAA South Sectional Tournament. Our **Cross Country Team** returned to competitive action after a six-year hiatus. Coached by **Craig Lincoln**, the runners consisted of 7 boys and 6 girls. They participated in eleven events. The school's **Football Team** and **Girls' Soccer Team** also had competitive seasons and look forward to successful 2008 fall seasons.

To Athletic Director **Matthew Trahan**, and Old Colony's coaches and student-athletes - Great job!

## Around the Colony

\* Senior **Brittany Fagan** (Lakeville) began her term as the student member of the District School Committee in September 2007. Brittany was elected as Chairperson of the Student Advisory Committee to the School Committee. The chairperson also serves as an ex-officio member of the District School Committee.

\* **Corey Beecher**, a resident of Lakeville and a senior in the Cosmetology Department, has been selected to receive a 2007-2008 Prudential Spirit of Community Service Award. This national award program is jointly sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the Prudential Insurance Company. Corey is a member of the Old Colony Chapter of the National Honor Society and was nominated for her work in the community and in school. Corey received a cash award and a framed certificate from the District School Committee in recognition of her nomination for this award.

\* Recently, eight Old Colony students participated in the **SkillsUSA** Fall State Leadership Conference in Marlborough, MA. The theme of the conference, "Brave Choices," focused on making sound vocational decisions and career choices, and exploring non-traditional shop opportunities. The students who attended were:

- **Samantha Lucas** (Lakeville)
- **Danielle Mahoney** (Carver)
- **Eli Reznikervitz** (Freetown)
- **Drew Bartlett** (Lakeville)
- **Melanie Cole** (Carver)
- **Ashley Lochard** (Freetown)
- **Brandy Beard** (Carver)
- **Nicolas Nelson** (Mattapoisett)

\* Carver resident **Robert Cost**, a senior in the Culinary Arts Department, received the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents' "Certificate of Academic Excellence." Robert has excelled in both his academic and vocational studies during his four years at Old Colony. A member of the Old Colony Chapter of the National Honor Society, Robert was selected for this award because he is ranked in the top five percent of the Class of 2008. Robert received a cash award and a plaque from the District School Committee.

\* The Old Colony Student Council, led by Advisor **David Harrison**, has elected the following students to lead the group for 2007-2008:

- **Brittany Fagan** (Lakeville) – President
- **Courtney Freire** (Acushnet) – Vice President
- **Chenice Branquinho** (Freetown) – Treasurer
- **Melissa Vieira** (Acushnet) – Secretary

\* Students in the **Computer Information Technology Department** participated in a workshop on digital photography recently. **Bill Chenaille**, from the Center of Digital Imaging Arts at Boston University, presented the informative workshop.

\* **Ms. Toni Weeden**, a member of the Old Colony faculty, was selected to participate in Bristol Community College's Teaching American History Project. This program allows Ms. Weeden to participate in various teaching workshops at BCC.

\* The Old Colony **Health Careers Department** has established clinical affiliations with Headstart of New Bedford, Southcoast Hospital Groups, Sassaquin Dental Associates of New Bedford, New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home, Inc., and CVS Pharmacy Tech Program for the 2007-2008 school year.

\* The Old Colony Chapter of the **National Honor Society** was awarded a national Outstanding Service Project Award as part of the National Honor Society Conference held in Atlanta, Georgia, from November 9-11, 2007. This is the eighth time (the only school in the United States to have done so!) and fifth year in a row that Old Colony has received this national award. This year's award was received for the service project *Beading the Odds*, which involved making beaded bracelets for adults and children (donated to a local women's shelter). The following Old Colony NHS members attended the conference:

- **Nicholas Abaray** (Acushnet)
- **Chad Crumley** (Acushnet)
- **Jonathan Ferreira** (Acushnet)
- **Tyler Guilbeault** (Acushnet)
- **Kendra Murray** (Acushnet)
- **Steven Verronneau** (Acushnet)
- **Joshua Lang** (Lakeville)
- **Samantha Lucas** (Lakeville)
- **Nicholas Rice** (Carver)
- **Melanie Cole** (Carver)
- **Dana Collins** (Rochester)
- **Christopher Faustino** (Rochester)
- **Nicolas Nelson** (Mattapoisett)

\* As always, Old Colony students have been helping in the community! Recently, **Electrical Department** students completed repair work and electrical improvements at the Acushnet Valley Golf Course's maintenance facility. In Rochester, **House & Mill Carpentry Department** students built baseball dugouts at the Dexter Lane Field.

\* The **Culinary Arts Department** has been given an Initial Grant of Certification by the American Culinary Federation Foundation Secondary Committee.

\* **Old Colony** has won the 2007 Innovative Vocational/Technical Program Award for our region from the Association for Career and Technical Education. The award was related to programs that our school was involved with in association with Bristol Community College and the Tech Prep program.

\* Four **National Honor Society** members attended the 6th Annual Massachusetts Fall NHS State Conference on October 30, 2007, at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. Students attending the event were **Joshua Lang** and **Michael Poland** of Lakeville, **Robert Cost** (Carver), and **Lane Tobiason** (Acushnet).