



# Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School

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## Notes to Home: April 13, 2026

Greetings CCLCS Families,

*On Friday night, the 7th grade traveled up to the Citizens Bank Opera House to see the Broadway in Boston musical, The Outsiders. The musical was a fitting bookend to a unit that the students started by reading S. E. Hinton’s classic novel in ELA this past fall. The performance was magnificent, and our students’ behavior was befitting of the spectacle. Before the curtain opened, I was leafing through the playbill and came across the following quote from then 19-year old Hinton, which speaks to the zeitgeist of 1967, but still rings true today: “All we hear is how teen-agers are rebelling against authority, against country, against parents. This is partly true...Teen-agers should not be written down to: anyone can tell when their intelligence is being underestimated...Teen-agers know a lot today. Not just things out of a textbook, but about living. They know their parents aren’t superhuman, they know that justice doesn’t always win out, and that sometimes bad guys win.” In her words, Hinton reminds us that adolescents have sophisticated powers of perception and often have something to say about what they see. This is what makes them so fun to teach, and so challenging at times. On this journey to adulthood, one thing is for certain: they deserve our respect and admiration. So, while the 7th graders should thank their teachers and chaperones for making The Outsiders trip happen, they, too, deserve to be thanked for being such awesome teenagers!*

Warm regards,  
Ben

**Donor’s Choose:** Wow! One week and we've raised 2/3 of our goal to fund some hiking/biking trail maintenance supplies for our Seminar program! Thank you to those who have donated and to any new donors who can help us cross the finish line. Huzzah! <https://tinyurl.com/dcbh8rad>

**SEPAC Meeting:** The CCLCS SEPAC will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, April 14th at 6PM for Supporting Executive Function Skills in Middle School Students presented by CCLCS School Social Worker, Liz Novak. If you have specific questions about Executive Functioning you'd like Mrs. Novak to address, please email her at [enovak@cclcs.info](mailto:enovak@cclcs.info) Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/cb5t9ckc>

CAPE COD LIGHTHOUSE CHARTER  
Special Education Parent Advisory Council

**SUPPORTING EXECUTIVE FUNCTION SKILLS**  
*in middle school*

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 6PM

PRESENTED BY CCLCS  
SOCIAL WORKER, LIZ NOVAK

Zoom Link  
<https://tinyurl.com/cb5t9ckc>

With **April vacation** on the horizon, please let the office know about any upcoming absences before or after break. Please email us now - [attendance@cclcs.info](mailto:attendance@cclcs.info)

We are **in need** of paper towels, Lysol wipes, and boxes of tissues.

**MCAS** continues in May! Please make note of the following schedule and avoid booking appointments that would take your child away from school on these dates! A reminder that a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast/ snack is appreciated.

6th Grade:, Math May 11-12

7th Grade: Math May 13-14

8th Grade: SciTech May 4-5, Math May 18-19, Civics May 27-28

**Although we never want to lose a student**, if your 6th or 7th grader is **not** planning on returning to CCLCS next year, please email Hannah Kast at [admissions@cclcs.info](mailto:admissions@cclcs.info). A reminder that if you give up your spot at CCLCS the only way to get it back is to re-enter the lottery for a space on the waitlist for the following school year.

It's time to order **8th Grade Year book** ads! A flyer is at the end of Notes to Home with more information. 6th and 7th graders, as well as 8th graders who just want a yearbook and not an ad, can order theirs later in May.

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### **Clubs & Seminars!**

**Garden Architects:** It's not too late for students in Grades 6-8 to join the fun with Garden Architects! We meet after school on Mondays from 3:00–4:15. Students will have opportunities to design, plant, and build—creating pathways, butterfly gardens, and maybe even a water feature. Come be part of it! Parents can email Dr. Smith ([msmith@cclcs.info](mailto:msmith@cclcs.info)) to sign up students.

**Model UN Club!** MODEL UN will resume after April Vacation on Wednesdays from 3:15PM - 4PM. See you there!

**ART SPARK:** ART SPARK meets this Wednesday, 4/8, from 3-4:45 pm in the art studio. Thank you to the families that have volunteered to bring snacks and juice this week!

**Homework Club:** Homework Club is open to all grades and meets on Mondays after school from 3:00-4:00.

**Rainbow Alliance:** Rainbow Alliance will meet Tuesday at lunch!

**Lego Club:** Lego Club this week is Tuesday at lunch!

**Roots and Shoots:** Will meet Thursday after school.

## **Seminars**

**Third Term Seminars** will begin on May 1st. The menu will be sent home mid-week and choices are due before April Vacation!

**The Chatham Floatilla (Coast Guard Aux)** has agreed to do a **Boater Safety Class** (required to operate a motorized vessel) during our term 3 seminar for interested students age 12 and up. Anyone taking the class must be registered before Seminars start May 1st. (this is a state requirement) We need a minimum of 12 students to run the class. The fee is \$50, and as long as students pass their exam the last day they will leave with their Boater Safety Card! Please email [Kberner@cclcs.info](mailto:Kberner@cclcs.info) with any questions. <https://tinyurl.com/yjhfc2uk>

## **Music!**

**CHORUS:** Thursday morning 7:45-8:30

**Band:** Band resumes this week!

**Musical Theater Show Choir** Chorus 7:45-8:30 Thursday morning, followed by Festival during school day.

**Contemporary Music Ensemble** last class Thursday afternoon Just guitars this week. Reminder-guitarists please bring guitars.

**No Musical Theater Show Choir** Friday afternoon this week.

## **Sports!**

### **Sports This Week (4/13 - 4/17)**

**BASEBALL** Mon - vs Nantucket (Freeman's) 4pm, Tue - at DY 4pm, Wed - Practice 3:30 - 5:00 (Freeman's), Thu - Practice 3:30 - 5:00 (Freeman's)

**TENNIS** Mon - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Tue - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Wed - vs DY (Locarios) 4:00, Thu - Practice 3:30 - 5:00

**GOLF** Tue - Practice (at Captain's Course) 3:30 - 5:00, Fri - Practice (Captain's Driving Range) 3:30 - 4:30

**WINTER TRACK** Mon - Practice 3:15 - 4:30, Tue - Practice 3:15 - 4:30, Wed - Meet at River View (vs RV and Nantucket) 3:30, Thurs - Practice 3:15 - 4:30

**Sports Next Week (4/20 - 4/24) VACATION - NO SPORTS**

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**BASEBALL** Mon - Practice 3:30 - 5:00 (Freeman's), Tue - Practice 3:30 - 5:00 (Freeman's), Wed - at Nauset 4pm, Thu - at Barnstable 3:30pm

**TENNIS** Mon - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Tue - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Wed - vs Falm Acad (Locarios) 4:00, Thu - vs SJP (Locarios) 3:30pm

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## **6th Grade**

**Week at a Glance:** <https://tinyurl.com/32ey3yc7>

**Math:** As we ease into the spring, I've been thinking about ways to keep families more informed of what is going on in the Grade 6 Math classroom. Starting today, I'll be sending notes to randomly selected families at the end of each school day. In these notes, you'll get updates on how your child is doing in class; both academically and socially. I'll also write a little bit about what we worked on that day in an effort to keep you all up to speed with our spring curriculum. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns. Mr. Hamilton

## **7th Grade**

**7th Grade Assessment Calendar:** <https://tinyurl.com/47ytyerr>

**Math:** Restaurant menu rough drafts are looking great. Can not wait to see there final menus. These menus will be due May 1st and must be done in English and a second language. Just remember your menu pricing spreadsheet is due this Friday. Share your document with me and print out the menu pricing sheet. We will be moving into Plane Geometry (Areas of shapes) in the coming days. MCAS is not far away in May so we will be preparing for that.

**Social Studies: Wednesday, April 17: Roman Emperor Biographical Poster due.**

This creative project is a deep dive into the leaders of Rome. Students have been given the requirements in class, and the final poster is due next Wednesday.

Rome wasn't built in a day, and neither is a great grade! Please encourage your child to start their review and project work early to avoid the "Ides of April" stress. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these assignments, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [sroberts@cclcs.info](mailto:sroberts@cclcs.info)

**Spanish:** Students have a closed-note test on Wednesday, April 15th on verb definitions of ER/IR verbs. The verb list and definitions have been posted to Google Classroom. Additionally, there is a Blooket available for students to use as a study tool. We are beginning work on our in-class "Game Share" project where students will be researching, presenting, AND (for extra credit) recreating a game that either originated in, or is commonly played in a Spanish-speaking country! There is no homework this week, aside from studying for Wednesday's test!

**8th Grade**

**Week at a Glance:** <https://tinyurl.com/4d897vaw>

**Patriots Place Trip:** Patriots Place Field Trip - The 8th grade will be traveling to Patriots Place on April 15th to study nutrition and the body. Students will need to arrive at school no later than 7:30AM so that the buses can leave at 7:40AM. The cost for this field trip is \$20, and families can pay by check OR through the school website. This is a great way to enjoy both sports and STEM together!

**French:** Hourra! Hooray! French students are starting to receive materials from their French-speaking country embassy letter campaigns. How exciting! We are also building our Eiffel Tower Models this week...stay tuned for lots of pics! Back to our study of VERBS after break!

**Science:** Genetic variation and mutation quiz on Tuesday, April 14 (moved from last Friday).

Our CCLCS milestone project, Body Bio, begins today! Students will have identified their topics and made plans for data collection with their "Body Bio Layout" due Friday so that data may begin being collected over April break. Students will need to collect at least 21 data points for the project and all Body Bio resources will be posted to Google Classroom.

GROUP LETTER W will finally be going to the water treatment plant in Chatham this Friday, April 17 for the last two class periods of the day. Students should dress for the weather as most of the trip is outside.

The week following April vacation will be for MCAS review and science MCAS will be on Monday, May 4 and Tuesday, May 5. Thank you to all families for your support of our learning!

**Work Permits:** If your 8th grader is planning to work this summer, getting a work permit is their crucial first step! Please remind your student to check in with Mr. Crash to pick up their permit paperwork before the busy summer season begins. Students must have the job already to get work permits filled out.

**8th Grade End of Year Trip!:** Registration is open for the 8th grade end of year trip!!

Information can be found here: <https://www.cclighthouseschool.org/8th-grade-info>

### **Upcoming Events**

- April 15th: 8th Grade to Gillette Stadium
- April 20-24th: April Vacation
- May 1st: Term 3 Seminars Start
- June 1st: 8th Grade Dinner Dance
- June 14-18: 8th Grade End of Year Trip
- June 24: 8th Grade Graduation
- June 25: Last School Day

April 13, 2026

Dear CCLCS Families,

It's hard to believe your child's time at CCLCS is almost at an end. It's time to start planning for the yearbook, including for the 8th grade ads for the 'almost' graduates! These ads help to cover the cost of printing the books and scholarships so that all students can receive a copy.

We offer one size (1/4 of a page) to each 8th grade family. This makes it equitable for all of the 8th grade families who want to say congratulations to their child. A quarter (1/4) is a horizontal space. The dimensions are 4.25" width x 5.5" height and pictures and messages must fit within the space. **We can only allow two pictures and a short message for each quarter space (1-2 sentences).**

You can order a yearbook for your child AND one quarter space (which is personalized by you) for \$45.

*For those that do NOT want an ad and just want to order a yearbook: Look for a link to order online later in the spring. Yearbooks are \$25.*

## **THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERING AN AD IS Friday, May 8th**

### **How to Send in a Yearbook Ad:**

#### **1. Creating yearbook pages is a process of uploading digital pictures, choosing a background and placing text.**

Each element is put together within the yearbook software.

**Unfortunately, we cannot allow guardians to create their own ad.**

The software is particular and ads that do not exactly meet the requirements for the software cannot be included.

#### **2. Email YEARBOOK EMAIL ([yearbook@cclcs.info](mailto:yearbook@cclcs.info)) with information about your ad. This is the ONLY account that you should email for yearbook related matters so that nothing gets lost!!**

- a. **Please put your student's name in the subject line of the email!!**
- b. Include in the body of the email the text you'd like to go into the ad.
- c. Attach to the email any photos you'd like to use. **Your pictures need to be digital (.jpg) so that we can upload them.**
- d. Tell us what color you would like for the background.
- e. Payment can be completed by sending a check to the office OR by paying via Paypal on the school website. Any incomplete orders will not be processed. Late payment or submission may jeopardize your ad.



