



Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School

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Notes to Home: November 10, 2025

Greetings CCLCS Families,

This morning, I had the privilege of visiting Ms. Johnson's 8th grade art students as they sketched and painted images of remembrance inspired by John McCrae's famous WWI poem, In Flanders Fields. I shared with them that my grandmother, born on November 11, 1921, was given the middle name "Armistice" as a promise of peace following the devastation of the war. As we honor our nation's veterans tomorrow, I want to acknowledge anyone in our collective family that might be on active duty or a veteran of a foreign war. As we teach our students the importance of civic engagement and a life of service to others, I can think of no better lesson than that taught to us by the brave men and women who have served our country in defense of democracy and peace.

Warm regards,
Ben

NO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11th in HONOR OF VETERANS' DAY

A huge THANK YOU to the Veterans in our community!



CAPE COD LIGHTHOUSE CHARTER SCHOOL

Admissions Open Houses: Nov. 18, 2025 & Jan. 8, 2026. 6pm

CCLCS is a public charter school serving students in grades 6-8. Our students engage in a project-rich curriculum designed to challenge and excite, supporting the development of middle school minds, bodies & hearts

Admission is open to all Barnstable County residents regardless of race, color, national origin, housing status, creed, gender, gender identity, ethnicity, sexual orientation, mental or physical ability, age, ancestry, special need, proficiency in the English language or a foreign language, or prior academic achievement.

Students are selected for enrollment by lottery on February 26, 2026

Online application. Due February 23rd, 2026
www.cclighthousecharter.org/admissions
Questions? Email admissions@cclcs.info

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Admissions Open House is on the Horizon! If you have a 5th grade sibling at home, or know of anyone who would be a good fit for CCLCS next year, please help us spread the word!!!

Support our local and global community! CCLCS is gathering **non-perishable food items**. Supplies thus far have been sent to Jamaica through our friends at JT's Seafood Restaurant. Moving forward, we will continue to collect items to be donated to the Family Pantry in Harwich.

If you are one of the many families impacted by the freeze of **SNAP funds**, please see the following resources: <https://tinyurl.com/82upytap>

Additionally, CCLCS is partnering with **Cape Kid Meals**. If your family would benefit from receiving food to take home weekly or before vacation, please fill out the following confidential form: <https://tinyurl.com/5664f5es>

Follow our new Facebook page! Please note, there is a page where the last post was from 2022. This is no longer active! To follow our new page, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/2bebjh7u> Please help share this new page with our local community!

Save the Date for the **Scholastic Book Fair!!!** We need Volunteers 12/3, 12/4, and 12/5. <https://tinyurl.com/yn2v492f>



Week 2 of the **Read-A-Thon**: We're thrilled to announce that our Read-A-Thon is well underway. CCLCS students have read over 17,000 minutes and have made over \$5000 in ONE week! Thank you to everyone who has made this the best 1st week the school has ever seen.

If you haven't already, please take a moment to activate your child's personal reader page by clicking on the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/3xtxydpd>

The annual **High School Showcase for 8th graders** will take place at CCLCS on Wednesday, November 12, at 6pm. Even if your child thinks they know where they'll attend high school, this is a great opportunity to talk to representatives from local high schools to consider your stellar options in the area!

Questions can be directed to

Crsims@cclcs.info



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We are two weeks away from **The end of Term One!!** We encourage all students to review Jupiter Grades and touch base with their teachers as needed. Report cards are sent in December.

## **Clubs & Seminars!**

**Model UN Club!** Model UN will NOT meet this week EXCEPT for the delegates registered for the Nov. 15th conference. Registered delegates (students) should plan on attending on Wednesday from 3:15-4:00 PM.

The **Girl Power Seminar** is seeking donations for the CCLCS care closet. They are looking for personal hygiene items that students may need during their day (mini deodorant, hair brush, safety pins, hair ties, hair products, dry shampoo, etc). They are also seeking items that we can send home to families in need - like body wash, shampoo, conditioner and/or gift cards (CVS, Stop and Shop, Shaws). Please contact Mrs. Berner for a full list of needs or with any questions.

**Seminars!** If your student is in the Skating (\$45) or Cornhole Seminar (\$50), please be sure to send payment via cash, check or paypal. Paypal link can be found on our website:

<https://www.cclighthousechool.org/seminars>

**Lego Club:** Come build with us! Lego Club meets Tuesdays during lunch and recess in the 6th Grade Learning Lab. Students may sign up on the clipboard outside the office. Plan to bring your lunch, your imagination, team up with friends, and show off your best ideas — one brick at a time. For questions, please email Ms. Barnhardt at [mbarnhardt@cclcs.info](mailto:mbarnhardt@cclcs.info)

**ART SPARK:** ART SPARK meets this Wednesday, 11/12, from 3-4:45 PM in the Art Studio. Thank you to the families who have volunteered to provide snacks + and drinks this week!

**Homework Club:** Homework Club is open to all grades and meets on Mondays after school from 3:00-4:00. The purpose is to provide a quiet, structured space for kids to complete assignments. No sign up is necessary. Please pick up promptly at 4:00 PM.

**Roots and Shoots:** Roots and Shoots will meet Thursday afternoon for its regular meeting until 4:00 PM. Students started painting the Dr. Jane Goodall memorial mural and it's already looking beautiful! We'll continue working on the mural. Students are also developing a program to improve the school's reduce, reuse, recycle program. More to come on that. Approaching the holiday season, students will be collaborating with seniors to make crafts that can be sold to raise money for animal shelters. Students will also help host the book fair in December. In short, there's lots going on! Come join us!!

**Rainbow Alliance:** The Rainbow Alliance will not meet this week, no school on Tuesday!

## **Music!**

**CCLCS STRINGS!** This week's schedule will be: WED. November 12th at 7:45, Olive and Ariana. On FRI. November 14 at 7:45 we will have an Ensemble for all. First period sectional will be for Stella and 2nd period sectional will be for Anna and Aurora. See you all very soon!

Mrs. Schultze

**CCLCS Chorus:** Thursdays before school from 7:45-8:30. All students are welcome to join.

**Musical Theater Show Choir:** Fridays after school from 3:00-4:00. Very important rehearsal!!!!

No **Band** lessons this week as we do not have school on Tuesday!

## **Sports!**

**We are still looking for a Boys Basketball coach for the winter season.** Please reach

out to Mr. Crash

([crsims@cclcs.info](mailto:crsims@cclcs.info)) if you are interested.

**We're also looking for a practice gym** (one of the gyms we've used in the past is not available). Please let us know if you have any leads on a suitable space.



Congratulations to our Cross Country & Girls' Soccer teams for winning the Cape Cod Super Six Championships this year!

Winter sports will begin after the Thanksgiving break. Signups will be posted soon.

## **6th Grade**

**Week at a Glance:** <https://tinyurl.com/mtbmbam3>

Students in **6th grade ELA** need to be reading at least 30 minutes every night for homework. They need to have a chapter book completed by November 10th. for an in class project. Please see the directions on Google classroom for more information.

## **7th Grade**

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

**ELA:** Seventh Grade ELA has a busy week next week. Here are a few reminders: Monday we finish watching the Outsiders movie; Wednesday, Nov. 12, students have a "quest" (not quite a test, a little bigger than a quiz); Friday, Nov. 14, students' Outsiders project is due.

Friday, Nov. 14, is also **Outsiders Spirit Day!** Seventh-grade students are invited to dress as either a Soc or Greaser.

**Spanish:** Your students completed both parts of their Unit 1 Tests last week. We will be going over common mistakes, clarifying areas of confusion, and "closing the chapter" on Unit 1. We will not have any homework this week, but classwork will center around Noun/Adj Agreement.

**Math:** Math class will be working on interest and simple interest this week and hopefully will wrap up the chapter early next week to have the chapter test on Wednesday of next week. Information is being gathered for their upcoming project which will be announced soon.

## **8th Grade**

**Week at a Glance:** <https://tinyurl.com/d9tw3dnr>

**French:** Monday Make-Up Work Day; Weather & seasons...finish calendar unit-->Visual Flashcards share; Easy French videos and more! Devoirs/HW: French-speaking Countries Weather Log due Friday! Upcoming: Un-Birthday Party Nov 17; Quiz on Calendar: Nov 18

**Science** Periodic Table Re-Test Instructions:

1. Decide if you would like to sit for a re-test of the material.
2. If you will sit for a re-test, you need to start by correcting the first test, which you will need to submit to Mrs. Haven as the first step in committing to a re-test.
3. Once Mrs. Haven has confirmed that you are studying the correct material, she will return it to you to use for studying.
4. Plan a new way or improved way to study. Will you make flash cards, more flash cards, play the online games from Google classroom, or have others use the corrected test to quiz you?
5. Make an appointment to re-test with Mrs. Haven before school or after school.
6. The term ends before Thanksgiving break, so this must be done before the end of term

## **Upcoming Events**

- Tuesday, November 11th: No School (Veterans' Day)
- Wednesday, November 12th: High School Showcase (6pm) - 8th grade only!
- Tuesday, November 18th: Admissions Open House for Prospective Families (6pm)

- Tuesday, November 25th: Half Day/End of Term 1
- Wednesday, November 26th - Friday, November 28th: No School (Thanksgiving).
- Wednesday, December 10th: Half Day, 11:45 dismissal
- Friday, December 19th: Half Day, 11:45 dismissal
- Monday, December 22nd - Friday, January 2nd: Winter Break, no school
- Monday, January 5th: School Resumes
- Thursday, January 8th: Admissions Open House for Prospective Families (6pm)
- Monday, January 19th: No School (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
- Tuesday, January 20th: No School (staff professional development)

## Community Notes

# STAND UP FOR OUR SCHOOL

## Protect Our School & Valuable Public School Options

**Tell elected officials not to hurt charter public schools!**



**What's going on?**  
Elected officials have filed bills that, if adopted, would dramatically reduce funding for charter public schools, like ours. These bills would mean fewer kids could attend charter public schools in Massachusetts. Funding would be cut so much that some schools would even be forced to close.

**Will these bills become law? Can we stop them?**  
We can absolutely stop these bills! Bills must go through many steps before becoming a law, and many are stopped along the way. The first step is a vote that is happening soon. So, we need your help writing to elected officials and calling their offices to let them know that our school, and all charter public schools, offer important and valuable options for families that should not be cut.



**You know your child best, and you deserve the right to decide which public school is the right school for them.**

**How would these bills hurt our school?**  
If these bills became law, CCLCS could lose **over 25% of our funding**, and nearly **100 kids** would no longer be able to attend our school.  
**But we can make sure that doesn't happen!**



### How can I help?





**Visit [ma4charters.org/Fall25Action](http://ma4charters.org/Fall25Action) today.**  
**Email and call your state representative and state senator. Ask them to stop these bills.**  
**Your voice will help make a difference!**

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Caring Partners. Creative Solutions. Better Lives.

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Cape Cod

PEOPLE OF ACTION

# Winter Coat GIVEAWAY\*

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Donación de abrigos de invierno  
Doação de casacos de inverno

**November 15th, 2025**  
**From: 11am - 5pm**  
 At Hyannis Youth & Community Center (141 Bassett Ln, Hyannis MA)

**\*First Come, First Served**  
**\*For children aged 2 to 18 years.**  
**\*Important: \*\* The child must be present to collect the item.**

Community Partners:

Space provided by:

HYCC  
Hyannis Youth & Community Center

## November 2025

| sunday                                                                  | monday                                                                                         | tuesday                                                                                                     | wednesday                               | thursday                                                                                                           | friday                                                                  | saturday                                                                      |
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| Food Pantry and Diaper Depot<br>Hours:<br>Monday<br>Wednesday<br>Friday |                                                                                                |                                                                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                    |                                                                         | 1<br>                                                                         |
| 2<br>Daylight Saving Time Ends                                          | 3<br>WE THRIVE!<br>3:30-5:30PM<br>Nurturing Fathers Class<br>6-8pm                             | 4                                                                                                           | 5<br>AA 12-1PM                          | 6<br>Circle of Security Program<br>10-11:30am<br>Our Journey as Moms<br>4:30-5:30pm                                | 7<br>Parent & Child Craft Hour<br>10-11am                               | 8                                                                             |
| 9                                                                       | 10<br>WE THRIVE!<br>3:30-5:30PM<br>Nurturing Fathers Class<br>6-8pm                            | 11<br>Veterans Day<br>OFFICE OPEN UNTIL 6PM                                                                 | 12<br>AA 12-1PM                         | 13<br>Circle of Security Program<br>10-11:30am<br>Our Journey as Moms<br>4:30-5:30pm<br>Share the Kindness DIY KIT | 14<br>Parent & Child Craft Hour<br>10-11am                              | 15<br>Winter Coat Giveaway @HYCC<br>11am-5pm                                  |
| 16                                                                      | 17<br>WE THRIVE!<br>3:30-5:30PM<br>Nurturing Fathers Class<br>6-8pm<br>Thanksgiving DIY Kit    | 18<br>DAD'S TALK<br>6:30PM-7:30PM ZOOM<br>Grandparents Raising Grandchildren 5-7 pm<br>Thanksgiving DIY Kit | 19<br>AA 12-1PM<br>Thanksgiving DIY Kit | 20<br>Circle of Security Program<br>10-11:30am<br>Our Journey as Moms<br>4:30-5:30pm<br>Thanksgiving DIY Kit       | 21<br>Parent & Child Craft Hour<br>10-11am<br>Thanksgiving DIY Kit      | 22<br>Office Open 9am -12pm<br>Food Pantry Open<br>Thanksgiving Basket Pickup |
| 23                                                                      | 24<br>Thanksgiving Basket Pickup<br>WE THRIVE!<br>3:30-5:30PM<br>Nurturing Fathers Class 6-8pm | 25<br>Thanksgiving Basket Pickup<br>FRC Pop Up @ CCCP In Eastham<br>10AM-1PM                                | 26<br>AA 12-1PM                         | 27<br>OFFICE CLOSED<br>Happy Thanksgiving                                                                          | 28<br>Parent & Child Craft Hour 10-11am<br>NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY | 29                                                                            |



## **Mark Hayden Fineman Memorial Chess Tournament**

**Saturday, December 6, 2025**

Eldredge Public Library  
564 Main St.  
Chatham, MA 02633

Pre-high school students in the towns of Brewster, Chatham,  
Eastham, Harwich, Orleans, and Wellfleet are eligible.

**No Entry Fee!**

**Registration: 10:15 – 10:30am**

**First Round: 10:30am**

**Finish: 1:30 – 2:00pm**

### **Prizes**

#### **Section One: 6th, 7th, 8th Grade**

\$500.00, First Place; \$300.00, Second Place

#### **Section Two: 3rd, 4th, 5th Grade**

\$500.00, First Place; \$300.00, Second Place

#### **Section Three: K, 1st, 2nd Grade**

\$200.00, First Place; \$100.00, Second Place

*Students only compete in their grade sections.*

For more information, contact tournament director  
Mark Donlan at [info@chessedu.org](mailto:info@chessedu.org)