



Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School

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Notes to Home: December 15, 2025

Greetings CCLCS Families,

Despite the mild inconvenience of a December snowfall, it really is nice to see a blanket of white covering the Lighthouse campus this morning. After a weekend filled with difficult news from both near and far, there's solace in a fresh blanket of white and 250 children excited to see the world anew in it. I grew up a few miles from Robert Frost's farm in Derry, NH and as a middle schooler was required to memorize a few of his poems for my ELA class. Although Dust of Snow wasn't one of them, it seems to suit the grief mixed with hope that I'm feeling this morning: "The way a crow/ Shook down on me/ The dust of snow/ From a hemlock tree/ Has given my heart/ A change of mood/ And saved some part/ Of a day I had rued." A profound sorrow for the communities affected by senseless violence will remain, but the sun sparkling off of a dusting of snow provides some much needed light. Wishing everyone a peaceful holiday season filled with light!


Warm regards,

Ben

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**This FRIDAY (Dec. 19th) is a HALF DAY! 11:45 am dismissal.**

**Report Cards** went home on Friday! Please take a minute to fill out a reflection with your student: <https://tinyurl.com/ms7ezu8e>

 **8th Grade Skating Party!** 🎉 On Friday, December 19th the 8th grade will be headed to the Charles Moore Arena for a grade level skating party! This trip happens during the school day and will be paid for by money raised for our student activities fund. Rental skates are included, but students are encouraged to bring their own skates if they have them.

A huge **THANK YOU** to **Wequassett Resort** for a wonderful experience for our 6th grade on Friday! Check out our social media (facebook <https://tinyurl.com/ycyh65pb> & instagram <https://tinyurl.com/4r348pfx>) for more photos!



After our first weather delay, please let technology coordinator Ken Merrill know if for any reason **you did not receive a text or phone call!!** ([Kmerrill@cclcs.info](mailto:Kmerrill@cclcs.info))

Please let us know if **your student will miss any days** before or after the upcoming vacations by emailing [Attendance@cclcs.info](mailto:Attendance@cclcs.info)



The poster for Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School features a collage of five photos: a student in a lab coat, a girls' sports team, a student working at a desk, a group of students on a field, and two students in a classroom. The text on the poster includes the school's name, admission dates, a description of the curriculum, a statement on diversity, enrollment details, a QR code, and contact information.

**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.cclighouseschool.org/admissions](http://www.cclighouseschool.org/admissions)  
Questions? Email [admissions@cclcs.info](mailto:admissions@cclcs.info)

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Our second **Admissions Open House** is right around the corner on Thursday, January 8th at 6pm. Please help us spread the word!! All 5th graders are encouraged to apply for our February 26th lottery, and any current 6th and 7th graders are encouraged to apply for a spot on our waitlist. As a reminder, siblings of current students are automatically accepted as per state law, but **ALL SIBLINGS MUST FILL OUT AN APPLICATION!!**

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Office of Public School Monitoring (PSM) will conduct an

**Integrated Monitoring Review of Cape**

**Cod Lighthouse Charter School** during the week of December 15, 2025. Each school district, charter school, vocational school, and virtual school undergoes an Integrated Monitoring Review every three years. To read more please see the following: English:

<https://tinyurl.com/5b4eybaw>

Portuguese: <https://tinyurl.com/jf5h55ft> Nepali: <https://tinyurl.com/47hu67k6>

**Skip Trip Ahead!!** Mr. Merrill is hoping to coordinate a ski trip for CCLCS students on January 20th to Pat's Peak in Henniker, NH. 8am departure from CCLCS, approx. 10pm return. If your student would be interested in attending, please email Ken Merrill at [kmerrill@cclcs.info](mailto:kmerrill@cclcs.info) . Cost will depend in part on the number of students interested.

**School Breakfast & Lunch is open Jan. 5th- Feb. 13th** Login to Ez School Apps to order! Please have a conversation with your student to make sure they will eat what is ordered. While all school meals are free, we want to be mindful of food waste!

**THANK YOU to the musicians from Falmouth Academy** for coming for an all school concert during the school day today!

As you consider any end-of-year giving, please consider our **Annual Fund Campaign**.

Without the generosity of current and former CCLCS parents, alumni, and friends of the school, we would not be able to fully support:

- Academic excellence through engaging, hands-on curriculum in science, math, humanities, and the arts
- Field trips and enrichment activities, including theater and athletics that broaden students' horizons
- Professional development for our incredible teachers and staff

Please consider making a contribution today to help ensure that CCLCS remains a place where middle schoolers learn and play for years to come. Your gift—no matter the size—makes a real and lasting difference. **Donations Can Be Made Here:** <https://tinyurl.com/4au5a46s> A huge THANK YOU to everyone who has donated already.

Speaking of Fundraising, please mark your calendar for our **Annual Auction!** the weekend of March 27th at Wequassett Resort in Harwich. Much more to come in the New Year (including sign ups for an auction committee for guardians interested in lending a hand!) - but our first ask is for families to consider any connections they might have to “large ticket items” for the live auction: Vacation homes, exclusive sports tickets, experiences & lessons, services (ex: handyman services), etc! Reach out to Hannah Kast ([hkast@cclcs.info](mailto:hkast@cclcs.info)) for anything auction related!

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Clubs & Seminars!

Roots and Shoots: Roots & Shoots will resume its meetings following the holiday break. On the horizon for the group is finalizing and sharing the school's sustainability plan, which aims to reduce the waste produced by our community. We then will be working to fill backpacks with age-appropriate school, art, and recreational reading supplies for middle-school-aged students in Jamaica. We will also be making a plan to collaborate with a local senior center to create items to be sold to raise funds for local animal shelters. We also will consider a field trip -- where and when to be agreed upon by the group.

Model UN Club! Model UN will meet this Wednesday from 3:15PM - 4PM. See you there!

ART SPARK: ART SPARK meets this Wednesday, 12/16, from 3-4:45 PM in the Art Studio.

Thank you to the family that has volunteered to provide 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. 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.

Rainbow Alliance: The Rainbow Alliance will meet Tuesday at lunch.

Lego Club: Will meet Tuesday at lunch!

Music!

Band: There will be no before-school Band rehearsals until January, but we will continue to have lessons during the school day.

CCLCS CHORUS: Thursday before school from 7:45-8:30. All students are welcome to join.

MUSICAL THEATER SHOW CHOIR: NO Musical Theatre Show Choir this Friday!

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC ENSEMBLE: Guitarists and Keyboardist meet with Mr. G on Thursday during 6th period

STRINGS! It's the last week before break and this is our schedule. Wednesday, December 17th at 7:45 is beginner violin for Olive and Ariana. Friday, December 19th is our last rehearsal for Ensemble at 7:45. Attendance has been very spotty so please try to be there this week. Sectionals that morning will be: first period, Anna and Aurora, and second period, Stella. See you all very soon! Mrs. Schultze

Awesome Scrooge Dramatic Reading last Friday!!!! Very memorable, emotional and dramatic performances by all!!!! It was great to collaborate with teachers, staff, students and a parent!!!

Sports!

BOYS BASKETBALL Mon - No Practice, Tue - Game vs Rising Tide 4:30 (HYCC 141 Bassett Ln Hyannis), Wed - Game vs DY 5:45 (HYCC 141 Bassett Ln Hyannis), Thurs - No Practice, Fri - No Practice

BOYS BASKETBALL Mon - No Practice, Tue - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Wed - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Thurs - No Practice, Fri - No Practice

GIRLS BASKETBALL Mon - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Tue - Game vs Rising Tide 5:45 (HYCC 141 Bassett Ln Hyannis), Wed - Game vs DY 4:30 (HYCC 141 Bassett Ln Hyannis), Thurs - No Practice, Fri - No Practice

WINTER TRACK Mon - No Practice, Tue - **NO PRACTICE**, Wed - No Practice, Thurs - Practice 3:15 - 4:30

Sports "Next" week (1/5 - 1/9)

BOYS BASKETBALL Mon - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Tue - Game SJP II 4:30 (Location TBD), Wed - Game vs Trinity Christian Academy 3:45 (**2736 Falmouth Rd**, Osterville), Thurs -Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Fri - No Practice

BOYS BASKETBALL Mon - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Tue - No Practice, Wed - No Practice, Thurs Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Fri - No Practice

GIRLS BASKETBALL Mon - No Practice, Tue - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Wed - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Thurs - Game vs Cape Cod Acad 4:00 (50 Osterville West Barnstable Rd, Osterville), Fri - Practice 3:30 - 5:00

WINTER TRACK Mon - No Practice, Tue - Practice 3:15 - 4:30, Wed - No Practice, Thurs - Practice 3:15 - 4:30

6th Grade

Week at a Glance: <https://tinyurl.com/5n7h8hp5>

Social Studies: Wonderful job to all on your Asia Landmark Projects and thank you to everyone who attended our gallery walk last Wednesday!

7th Grade

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

Math: Math will continue to work on Equations and Expressions with a quiz on Thursday before we take a holiday break.

ELA: As we move into Term 2, a reminder to seventh grader families that independent reading is a requirement. We will approach reading differently this term. Last term, some students embraced the challenge, reading dozens of books; others plugged along at their own personal best rates; still others chose to do relatively little, if any reading. Due to these different approaches, we need to pull in the guard rails and be more structured and a little less independent. Revised guidelines to come. That said, wishing you all a wonderful break filled with moments of joy.

8th Grade

Week at a Glance: <https://tinyurl.com/45um8xaw>

Science: Grade 8 Science will be studying solutes, solvents, and solutions by making holiday ornaments for our solstice tree this week! Small, glass jelly jar donations are needed if available.

Physical Change Quiz - Thursday, December 18

Water Treatment Plant in Chatham Trips:

Letter W to be rescheduled because of the snow delay.

Letter Z - Tuesday, December 16. Dress for the weather as we will be walking between buildings at the facility. Much of the field trip is outside, so proper footwear and cozy outerwear, please.

French: Winter Choice Board this week; Tues Quiz on Classroom Objects (m vs f) for Red, Yellow & Blue...Green after break...Yule Log Decoration on Thursday! Homework is due Jan 5th...photo story of classroom directions...Bonnes vacances!

Upcoming Events

- Friday, December 19th: 8th Grade to Charles Moore Arena (during school day)
- 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)
- Friday, March 27th: CCLCS Annual Auction at Wequassett Resort

Community Events

The Angels That Christmas
Children's Book Launch
The Christmas Story Retold



December 18, 2025 4pm - 6pm
Chatham Wayside Inn
512 Main St, Chatham, MA 02633
(508) 945-5550

Enjoy chocolate chip and macadamia nut cookies with hot chocolate. Cozy-up while listening to the story in different languages from Papa Bear, Mama Bear, and more; plus, live Christmas music and dancing.



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