



Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School

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Notes to Home: October 14, 2025

Greetings CCLCS Families,

I will never forget my first CCLCS trip to the White Mountains! Standing atop Mt. Pierce with the snow-capped Presidential Range unfolding behind our hiking group last Thursday made me realize how lucky I am to be a part of a place that fosters friendship, resilience, and respect for the outdoors. To have a staff and students that value experiential education as much as I do makes it all the more special. My hope is that the 8th graders return to campus on this dreary Tuesday with a renewed sense of confidence and camaraderie, and that they recognize their leadership potential by sharing these ideals not only with each other, but with the 6th and 7th graders as well.

Warm regards,

Ben

CCLCS Merch!

The CCLCS School Store closes on October 19th! **ORDER NOW!!** The store won't open again until the spring, so now's the time to stock up to show your CCLCS pride!

<https://tinyurl.com/y7anw3z7>

TERM ONE SEMINAR MENU COMES

HOME WEDNESDAY! Keep an eye on your

email on Wednesday for the first seminar menu of the year! Students should read carefully and pick **five** different seminars that they'd be interested in taking. As explained on

our website, "Seminars are an integral part of the Lighthouse School philosophy and curriculum. Meeting once a week for 1 ¾ hours a session, the seminars are a way for students and teachers to explore in-depth subjects which might not be covered under the traditional parameters of a middle school curriculum. Each term the seminar offerings change to reflect both the instructional interests of the faculty as well as the learning interests of the students.

**ORDER YOUR
CCLCS MERCH!**

ITEMS SHIPPED DIRECTLY TO YOU
STORE OPEN THROUGH OCTOBER 19TH

The seminars also provide a window of opportunity for community members to act as resource partners and sharing in the education of our local students.”

Please remember that many factors go into determining a student’s placement, such as how many students a seminar can accommodate and what seminars a student has taken in the past. We aim to have our kids take a wide variety of seminars over their tenure at the school. These multi-graded classes are a great opportunity for students to stretch their comfort zone and get to know different members of our community.

If you have any questions regarding the seminar placement process, or your child’s seminar, feel free to contact Hannah Kast (hkast@cclcs.info). Thank you for your support in this wonderful part of our school program!

A HUGE THANK YOU! To our brave White Mountains parent chaperones: Kara Leeman, Birgit Weissshuhn, John Lanta, Jen Myette and Andrew Maker! Your willingness to take a few days away from normal life and hike up the trails with our 8th graders is much appreciated!!

 **Halloween Dance!**  There will be a Halloween Dance for CCLCS Students ONLY on Friday, October 24th! Stay tuned for the exact time. Adult chaperones needed - email hkast@cclcs.info if you can assist! THANK YOU to all who have volunteered already.

Students in 6th and 8th grade will have **Postural Screening** done during health class. 7th graders will have Postural, BMI, Vision and Hearing screening during health class. If you have any questions please contact the nurse KSmith@cclcs.info

Looking Way Ahead: **MCAS DATES!**

Please mark your calendars and avoid making appointments/ traveling during these dates.

Please remember in order to keep our community safe **We Are a Nut Free Facility.**

No nuts in snacks or lunches, including items like Nutella snacks and granola bars. Also, please refrain from bringing glass containers or perfume to school.

CCLCS MCAS Schedule for 25-26:

ELA:	<u>8th Grade Only</u>
6th: March 30, 31	STE:
7th: April 1, 2	8th: April 27, 28
make-ups: April 3	make-ups: April 29, 30
8th: April 6, 7	
make-ups: April 8, 9, 10	Civics:
	8th: May 27, 28
Math:	make-ups: May 29
6th: May 11, 12	
7th: May 13, 14	
make-ups: May 15	
8th: May 18, 19	
make-ups: May 20, 21, 22	



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During the week of October 14, 2025 the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's (DESE's) Office of Language Acquisition (OLA) will conduct a **Tiered Focused Monitoring Review** of Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School. More information can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/4fjws6s6> (Portuguese copy here: <https://tinyurl.com/57ryeskn>)

Clubs & Seminars!

Book Club!: Book Club starts this week!! Email Mrs. Barnhardt (mbarnhardt@cclcs.info)

6TH & 7TH GRADE AFTER SCHOOL BOOK CLUB

Fantasy and Science-Fiction Adventures!



We will pick the book together at our first meeting
When: Wednesday afternoons from 3:15-4
Where: 6th Grade Learning Lab
With Who: Mrs. Barnhardt
Open to all 6th & 7th grade students



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 and students may stay when needed. Please pick up promptly at 4:00 PM.

Rainbow Alliance: The Rainbow Alliance will meet on Tuesdays during lunch and recess starting tomorrow. The school's gender/sexuality club is open to everyone - members of the LGBTQ community AND their allies! Students in all grades are welcome to join to share ideas, read stories, talk about headlines, get to know each other, and have fun! Please contact Ms. Strakele (dstrakele@cclcs.info) or Ms. Hyora (jhyora@cclcs.info) with questions.

Model UN Club! Model UN - Just a reminder that there will be NO Model UN this week (10/15) or next week (10/22). See you on Wednesday, October 29th at 3:15PM! Questions, please contact Ms. O'Leary (coleary@cclcs.info)

Roots and Shoots! Roots & Shoots will meet Thursday afternoon. The group meets until 4.
Contact Ms. GP (sgrahampye@cclcs.info)

Student Government: Those interested in participating in student government should meet with Ms.GP Friday during lunch/recess. Listen to morning announcements for more details. Contact Ms. GP (sgrahampye@cclcs.info)

Music !

There will be **Band** lessons for band instruments during the day on Tuesday. Students who were invited to the before school band should continue to join us on Tuesdays from 7:45-8:30. This is just a start, more beginner musicians will be included when ready! Questions can be directed to msmith@cclcs.info

CCLCS STRINGS! The schedule for this week will be as follows: Wednesday, October 15 at 7:45 is for Olive and Ariana. Friday, October 17th at 7:45 is String Ensemble for all. First period sectional that day will be for Piper and Alice in Mrs. Wilkins room, and second period sectional will be for Kelsey in the Spanish classroom. See you all very soon! Mrs. Schultze

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

Contemporary Music Ensemble: Guitarists and keyboards meet with Mr. G on Thursday, October 9 during 6th period 2:03-2:50

Musical Theater Show Choir Fridays after school from 3:00-4:00. All students are welcome!

Sports!

Field Hockey: Please check your email for a message from coaches to plan an end-of-season celebration for our team!

Sports This week (10/13 - 10/18)

BOYS SOCCER Mon - NO SCHOOL, Tue - No Practice, Wed - Game at DY 4pm, Thurs - Game at Trinity 3:45

GIRLS SOCCER Mon - NO SCHOOL, Tue - Practice 3:15 - 4:30, Wed - Game vs Monomoy 5pm, Thurs - Game vs Nauset 4pm

FIELD HOCKEY Mon - NO SCHOOL, Tue - No Practice, Wed - Game at DY 3:45, Thurs - Game at Nauset 4pm, Fri - Practice 3:30 - 5:00 (CCLCS)

CROSS COUNTRY Mon - NO SCHOOL, Tue - No Practice, Wed - Practice 3:15 - 4:30, Thurs - Meet vs SJP 4pm

Sports Next week (10/20 - 10/25)

BOYS SOCCER Mon - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Tue -Game vs Monomoy 5pm, Wed - No Practice (Half Day), Thurs - Game at Cape Cod Acad 3:45 (Half Day, students meet at CCA 3:15)

GIRLS SOCCER Mon - Practice 3:15 - 4:30, Tue - Game @ Monomoy 4pm, Wed - Game vs DY 3:45 (Half Day, students meet back at CCLCS 3:15), Thurs - No Practice (Half Day)

FIELD HOCKEY Mon - Practice 3:30 - 5:00 (Brewster), Tue -Game at Monomoy 4pm, END OF SEASON

CROSS COUNTRY Mon - Meet at Monomoy 4pm, Tue - Practice 3:15 - 4:30, Wed - No Practice (Half Day), Thurs - No Practice (Half Day)

6th Grade

Week at a Glance: <https://tinyurl.com/398swyum>

Jupiter Grades: Jupiter - If you haven't checked Jupiter recently, please log in. But, don't panic because it is only midterm. Take this opportunity to talk with your student about how they can work with their teachers and use their tools (i.e. student agenda) to make up any missed assignments and improve their work habits. Please reference the flyer that was sent home last week by the social worker. We want to help build students' independence.

Upcoming Field Trips: 6th grade will be heading to Pilgrim Monument on Thursday, **October 16th** and will be headed to Camp Burgess for a day the week of October 27th. For Thursday's trip, please send your student with a water bottle, a nut-free snack and lunch, and no more than \$5 spending money. We're hoping all of our groups will ask great questions, show respect and represent CCLCS well out in the community - which would earn a trip to the Penny Patch!

ELA: Students in 6th grade ELA will need to pick an independent reading novel to be used for homework and an in class assignment. This should be a chapter book that will be able to cover topics like theme, setting, and character traits. Students will be creating a one pager project in class for their novel of choice.

Art: This week, our artists are bringing their figures to life! Students are diving into their final drafts using colored pencils (choosing warm, cool, or complementary colors), black charcoal, and drawing pencils. Get ready for some amazing creations!

7th Grade

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

Art: Last week, students practiced drawing their own eyes with pencils, black charcoal, and blending tools. This week, things get a little magical, they'll turn their eyes into Surrealist drawings, transforming the inside of each eye into something totally unexpected and imaginative!

Spanish: Students are continuing to work on their "Shoebox Ofrenda". Due Friday, October 31, the students explore people who mattered to them who have since passed on. They may be a family member, an athlete, a musician, an author, or anyone who may have been important to your student. They are working on the written portion of their projects in class, but depending on who they have chosen, they may have questions for you at home.

The "Ofrendas" will be assembled out of old shoeboxes. If your student does not have access to one, please have them reach out to me. I have collected quite a reserve!

All detailed instructions can be found on the course syllabus, hyperlinked under projects.

Thank you for your support as your students explore and honor the lives of people who mattered deeply to them!

8th Grade

Week at a Glance: <https://tinyurl.com/mrhb4epu>

French: Quebec & France License plates to be used for speaking section for upcoming quiz (Tues, Oct 21st); Class Number Line; Number Games; Whiteboard activities. On Wed, Guest speaker: Frau Lisa Wittemann, German citizen/French speaker. ***DON'T FORGET:*** number poster due Friday, Oct 17th!

Art: Students are wrapping up their Map of Life projects and then getting creative in their sketchbooks with a bunch of fun drawing prompts. Next week, we hopefully start glazing our Japanese Tea Bowls: stay tuned for some amazing pottery!

High School Showcase: 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

Science: Elements of the Periodic Table Chapter 3 work will be submitted on Thursday, 10/16.
Quiz on the 25 element names/matching symbols will be Thursday, 10/16.



St. John Paul II School
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Your Future Starts HERE!

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, October 29
GRADES 5-8 | 5:00-6:30 P.M.
33 CROSS STREET

GRADES 9-12 | 6:00-7:30
120 HIGH SCHOOL ROAD

REGISTER NOW >



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Falmouth Academy



FALMOUTH ACADEMY

Open House
Saturday, Nov. 1
1:00-3:00 p.m.

*Where students not only
fit in, but stand out.*

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, October 16th: 6th Grade to Provincetown
- Wednesday, October 22nd & Thursday, October 23rd: Half Days (11:45am dismissal)
Conferences. *Families will be notified in mid-October if a conference is requested!*
- Friday, October 24th: Halloween Dance! More info to come!
- Monday, October 27th: 6th Grade to Camp Burgess
- 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
- Tuesday, November 25th: Half Day
- Wednesday, November 26th- Friday, November 28th: No School (Thanksgiving).

Community Notes



Winter Coat DRIVE

Help keep a child warm this winter!
Please make your donation.
Every coat makes a difference!

Donations can be made at Macy's (located next to the Ten Pin Entrance) every Saturday and Sunday from 12-6 PM, until October 11th.

Community Partners:
Cradles to Crayons, Macy's, Hyattsville, Hyattsville Community Center

Space provided by: **HYCC**
Hyannis Youth & Community Center



Family Resource Centers
Cape Cod

Strengthening Bonds, Building Community.
Creating a safe space for Cape Cod families to grow together.

We offer a range of programs and services at the Cape Cod Family Resource Center to help families thrive:

- Resource / Referrals
- Community Engagement
- School Support (CRA, IEP, 504)
- Basic Needs
- Parenting Education Classes
- Food Pantry
- Support Groups
- Diaper Depot

Contact us for more information:
(508) 815-5100 (774) 822-0872
29 Bassett Ln, Hyannis, MA 02601
capecodfamilyresourcecenter.org

Advocates



Grades 5-12

Harwich Community Center

Teen Clothing Swap

Exchange your gently used clothes and accessories for new-to-you items!
Drop off your donations, then come back to shop the Swap on:

Drop off your donations between normal business hours on **Oct 1st - Oct 27th**

Sunday, Nov 2nd 9am-1pm

What can I donate?
Gently used, clean clothing free from rips, tears, or stains. Accessories in good condition such as backpacks, hats, jewelry, scarves, bags, hair accessories, sunglasses, belts, etc. are also acceptable. We are unable to accept shoes, socks, undergarments (including sports bras & tights), or swimwear. Donations are limited to a maximum of 10 items per person. No exceptions please!

Can I still come to the Swap if I didn't donate?
Yes! Every youth who visits the Swap will automatically receive 5 tickets to shop on, even if you didn't donate. Those who donated will receive bonus tickets for each item they donated to the swap, up to 10 bonus tickets.

For more information, call **508-430-7568** or email Reagan at: reagan.wilda@harwich-ma.gov



Family Resource Centers
Cape Cod

Brazilian Portuguese

Fortalecendo Vínculos, Construindo Comunidade.
Criando um espaço seguro para as famílias de Cape Cod crescerem juntas.

Oferecemos uma variedade de programas e serviços no Cape Cod Family Resource Center para ajudar as famílias a prosperar:

- Recursos / Encaminhamentos
- Envolvimento na Comunidade
- Suporte Escolar (CRA, IEP, 504)
- Necessidades Básicas
- Aulas de Educação Parental
- Dispensa Alimentar
- Grupos de Apoio
- Fraldas

Para mais informações, contate:
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Advocates

**Want to help make public education better
for all kids?**

Want to use your voice to push for change?

Join Our Communities SPEAK!

What is Our Communities SPEAK?

Our Communities SPEAK is an exciting training program aimed at helping parents, family members, and alumni from charter public schools across MA build the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to build relationships with elected officials, share the story of their family's educational journey, and join the fight to strengthen public education for all kids across MA.

Why should you join Our Communities SPEAK?



Embrace your voice and power as an advocate



Get to know the elected officials who are making decisions in your community.



Develop your skills to make an impact through your story and experience



Gain confidence in your ability to speak publicly



Meet other like-minded families from across the state and build your personal network



Join a statewide coalition of advocates pushing to ensure ALL children receive an equitable education



Families who complete all program requirements will graduate and earn a certificate

List of Training Topics

• Why advocacy? Why now? Why me?

- Understanding the educational and political landscape
- Understanding what we are up against and why there is a need to advocate
- The value proposition of advocacy: what's in it for me?!
- Learning how to effectively partner with your school

▪ **Wednesday, October 22, 2025 from 6pm-8pm**

• Leveraging your Superpower: Your Voice!

- The art of storytelling
- Engaging with elected officials in a variety of settings
- Leveraging your story for impact

▪ **Wednesday, November 19, 2025 from 6pm-8pm**

• Preparing for a Week of Impact through Advocacy Week

- What is Advocacy Week?
- How to make an impact through Advocacy Week
- Building skills specific to Advocacy Week participation

▪ **Wednesday, January 14, 2026 from 6pm-8pm**

• Bringing Innovation to Legislative Engagement

- How to use digital tools like social media, CRMs, and AI to bring innovation to legislative engagement

▪ **Wednesday, March 18, 2026 from 6pm-8pm**

• Building Bridges for Future Advocacy

- Extending advocacy efforts beyond the program
- Identifying areas of focus and taking action
- Building a coalition of advocates for the future

▪ **Wednesday, May 13, 2026 from 6pm-8pm**

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 today.

Email and call your state representative and state senator. Ask them to stop these bills.

Your voice will help make a difference!