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Notes to Home: May 26, 2026

Greetings CCLCS Families,

Last week, we received a commendation from the Commissioner of Education for being one of 55 districts in Massachusetts that decreased chronic absenteeism by at least 5 percentage points from March 2025 to March 2026. I am particularly proud of this recognition because reducing chronic absenteeism (10% or more days absent) is a priority of our new Accountability Plan. My strong sense is that our progress on this metric is attributable to a holistic, community-wide effort that puts students first.






According to the research, students are more likely to attend school if they feel a sense of belonging: they see a direct connection between their coursework and their future goals or personal interests; they develop strong, supportive relationships with teachers, peers, and school staff that foster a safe, inclusive environment; and they participate in sports, clubs, and after-school programs that connect them to their school community. Lighthouse’s teachers know how to harness the power of a project-rich curriculum and our intentionally small school setting to nurture a sense of belonging through engagement and participation. When students encounter challenges, they are more inclined to come to school to find support if they have access to on-site counseling and mental health services. We value these supports deeply, and bolster our professional capital with a strong SEL curriculum. Finally, all the research suggests that if guardians prioritize good sleep habits, nutrition, and regular transportation, their children will arrive at school ready to learn. Together, let’s celebrate our commendation from the Commissioner while continuing to nurture an environment that supports student attendance.

Warm regards,
 Ben

Reminder: This Friday (May 29th) is **Step Up Day** for the incoming 6th Grade. **NO SCHOOL FOR OUR CURRENT 6TH GRADERS ONLY THIS FRIDAY!** There will be no seminar on Friday for 7th and 8th graders

Next week is SPIRIT WEEK! Let’s kick off our last month of school with some FUN! More Info here: <https://tinyurl.com/yc4w75zc>
 Thank you to our student government for organizing!

CCLCS Spirit Week

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Monday, 6/1:
Cowboy Day
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Tuesday, 6/2:
Historical figure day
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Wednesday, 6/3:
Homeroom Rep
(Each homeroom will pick a color)
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Thursday, 6/4:
Pop culture day
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Friday, 6/5:
Neon day

8th Grade Dinner Dance is Monday, June 1st. This is for current 8th graders only (no plus ones). The cost is \$30 in advance - cash or check to the office or payment can be done online. This is a "dress up" dance, but not a prom. NO LIMOS! The dance takes place at the Orleans Yacht Club (39 Cove Rd, Orleans) which has a tiny parking lot.

Here is the timing:

5:30 arrive for outside pictures (parents welcome)

6:00 dance starts (parents leave)

8:00 dance ends

If any parents are available to help set up before (4pm) or clean up after (8-9pm), please reach out to Mr. Crash; we'd love the help!

LAST MCAS this week!! Upcoming MCAS Dates: 8th Grade: Civics May 27-28

Reminder: Director's Evaluation: A reminder to complete the Director's Evaluation for Dr. Parsons. This is read and processed by our board chair, Tracy Murphy. As Dr. parsons described in his note last week, " n this first year as the leader of CCLCS, I strive to continuously assess our programs and practices to ensure they align with our mission and values. Your feedback on my evaluation as the school's Executive Director provides me with a greater understanding of areas that may need improvement, ultimately guiding CCLCS towards greater success. By seeking your input, I aim to strengthen our partnership and create a school culture where every voice is heard and valued. *Thank you in advance for taking a few moments to reflect and share your thoughts by completing this form: <https://tinyurl.com/5c6t4hwn>"*

Looking for organizations for Community Service Day! 8th Grade Community Service Day is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23rd. We are looking for a few local organizations that would benefit from some 8th grade manpower and would be willing to host students (10-15 kids) and a staff member that morning (roughly 9:30-11:30)! Think gardening jobs, painting jobs, clean up/organization, etc! Email hkast@cclcs.info if interested!

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. 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.

The Walk for Water! Clean, empty gallon jugs are needed for the Walk for Water. Please save those gallon jugs (with tops), wash them out, and drop them off with Ms. Wilkinson.

Thanks!

Save the Date! A few important end of year events on the radar!!

✨**Wednesday, June 10th:** Night of Knowledge & Block Dance. This is for ALL CCLCS FAMILIES! Join us for an open house showcasing student work, an art show and more followed by our Pass on the Light Ceremony and a dance on the blacktop for CCLCS students. This is an evening event (6pm start)

✨**Thursday, June 11th:** End of Year Concert! Again, an evening event at CCLCS showcasing our talented musicians! (7pm start)

Join Us for the **Lower Cape Pride Parade!** 🏳️‍🌈 Calling all families! We're hoping to participate in the Lower Cape Pride Parade on Saturday, June 13 at 10:00 AM in Orleans — and we hope you'll march with us! To help us plan, please let us know if you can join by RSVPing to Jen Hyora at jhyora@cclcs.info For more details about the parade, visit:

<https://www.lowercapepride.org/parade>

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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 meet on Wednesday from 3:15PM - 4PM. See you there!

**ART SPARK:** ART SPARK meets in the Art Studio on Wednesday for the final session of the year. Thank you to the families who have volunteered to bring snacks and juice this week, and thank you to all the families of our Art Spark participants for your support of the Arts all year! We hope to see you at Night of Knowledge to enjoy the end of year Art Show!

**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 today!

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

**Roots and Shoots:** Roots & Shoots meeting time will be extended on Thursday this week with a 5 p.m. pick-up time. Students will be visiting a member's family farm. More details will be sent to club members' parents via an email. If you have questions email Ms. GP at

[sgrahampye@cclcs.info](mailto:sgrahampye@cclcs.info)

## **Seminars**

**Third Term Seminars:** If your student was placed in a seminar with a fee, please pay via cash or check to the office or online via Paypal. Boater safety is paid directly through the Coast Guard, link on our website. (<https://www.cclighthouseschool.org/seminars>)

## **Music!**

**CHORUS:** CCLCS Chorus meets before school from 7:45-8:30. (Concert on June 11)

**Band:** Band met this morning. We have just three weeks left of Band at CCLCS, so let's make good use of our remaining time together. Please try to attend as many rehearsals as possible and spend a little extra time practicing on your own so you feel prepared and confident for our concerts. We will have both an in-school concert and an evening concert on **June 11th**.

**Musical Theater Show Choir:** Musical Theater Show Choir meets on Friday after school from 3:00-4:00. (Concert on June 11)

**Contemporary Music Ensemble:** Contemporary Music Ensemble meets during school as a pullout from classes - this week 6th period on Thursday and class before Seminar on Friday (Guitarists, Percussionists and Keyboard players will be accompanying the Chorus and Musical Theater Show Choir in concert on June 11.)

**Strings:** Looking forward to another good week before our concerts on June 11th. The schedule for this week will be: Wednesday, May 27th at 7:45, Olive. On Friday, May 29th we will have Ensemble for all at 7:45. First period sectional that day will be for Rory and Kiana. There will be no second period sectional that day. See you all very soon!  
Mrs. Schultze

## **Sports!**

### **Sports This Week (5/26 - 5/29)**

**BASEBALL** Mon - NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day), Tue - vs Nauset (Freeman's) 4:00, Wed - Practice 3:30 - 5:00 (Freeman's), Thu - at Nantucket 4:00pm (Nantucket MS)

**TENNIS** Mon - NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day), Tue - vs SJP 4:00 (Locarios), Wed - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Thu - Super Six Tournament 3:30 (Cape Cod Academy)

**GOLF** Tue - MATCH (at Captain's Golf Course) 3:40

**TRACK** Mon - NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day), Tue - Practice 3:15 - 4:30, Wed - Practice 3:15 - 4:30, Thurs - Practice 3:15 - 4:30

### **Sports Next Week (6/1 - 6/5)**

**BASEBALL** SEASON OVER

**TENNIS** SEASON OVER

**GOLF** SEASON OVER

**TRACK** Mon - All Cape Track Meet (Monomoy High School) 3:30

### **6th Grade**

**Week at a Glance:** <https://tinyurl.com/y2k8z373>

**Chatham Field Trip on Wednesday:** Please bring a snack, lunch, and drink. Students should wear good shoes and clothes to be walking around outside. Optional: Bring money for movie snacks and drinks

**Save the Date:** NO SCHOOL for 6th grade only on Friday, May 29th. Our incoming 6th graders will be at CCLCS for Step Up Day!

### **7th Grade**

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

**Spanish:** This week, your students will continue working on their final project, "Un Viaje a América," where they will complete oral and written presentations from the perspective of an immigrant who passed through Ellis Island. Their presentations will be exclusively in Spanish.

A "museum walkthrough" component is also included. Students will fill a shoebox made to represent their immigrant's suitcase with important items their immigrant may have brought with them on their journey to America.

IF YOU HAVE ANY SHOEBOXES YOU ARE ABOUT TO THROW OUT, WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO DONATE THEM TOWARDS THIS PROJECT INSTEAD! Thank you!

### **8th Grade**

**Week at a Glance:** <https://tinyurl.com/ms25snbj>

**Science:** Genetics Unit Test Friday, 5/29. Study guide and vocabulary practice on Google Classroom.

Trifold for Body Bio due by Friday, 5/29 with your name and letter group in bold marker on the back. Bring your trifold in anytime this week! Body Bio project should be assembled by Friday, 6/5 and ready to practice presentations 6/8 and 6/9. Student projects will be displayed for Night of Knowledge on 6/10 with preparation to present to 6th and 7th grade students on 6/11 and 6/12. Please expect flexibility as there are many special events in the next two weeks.

**French:** From the French Room: For our current project, the Franco-American Experience at Ellis Island, French students are looking for small boxes/shoeboxes & magazines, preferably clothing.

**Mark Your Calendars:** Due to the Sunday commitment for the 8th grade trip this year, there will be NO SCHOOL for 8th grade only on Monday, June 22.

### **Upcoming Events**

- May 29th: 6th Grade Step Up Day. *NO SCHOOL for CCLCS 6th graders.*
- June 1st: 8th Grade Dinner Dance. CCLCS 8th graders ONLY.
- June 10: Night of Knowledge / End of Year Art Show/ Block Dance. 6pm
- June 11: End of Year Concert at CCLCS. 7pm
- June 14-18: 8th Grade End of Year Trip
- June 22: *NO SCHOOL for CCLCS 8th graders.*
- June 24: 8th Grade Graduation. Students report at 5pm, graduation begins 5:30pm.
- June 25: Last School Day (½ day)