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Notes to Home: December 8, 2025

Greetings CCLCS Families,

Our mission states that, “whenever possible, students learn through experience, allowing them to be engaged in the process of discovery and to see the practical applications of classroom lessons.” Over the course of the first two weeks of December, CCLCS’s teachers have taken this component of our mission to new heights. Last week, several seminars concluded “out and about” in the community, including Mrs. Mason’s calming seminar at the Orleans Salt Caves, Mr. Bates’ ghost hunters at the Barnstable Historical Society, and our skaters at Charles Moore Arena. I also had the good fortune of accompanying our teachers in training and Ms. Sims to the Laurel School, where I witnessed them practicing yoga and playing with their first grade “buddies.” This week, Ms. Haven’s 8th grade science classes will continue to tour the Chatham wastewater treatment facility to study chemistry and environment science, and the 6th graders will learn etiquette and good table manners at a luncheon at the Wequassett Resort on Friday. Through all of these experiences, our students have been wonderful ambassadors of the school and, undoubtedly, have discovered something about themselves and their world.

Warm regards,

Ben

This Wednesday (Dec. 10th) is a HALF DAY! 11:45 am dismissal.

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>

Winter is Approaching: Please take a minute to review our communication plan in the event of inclement weather that might necessitate a closure or delay.

As Winter Approaches!



CCLCS draws students from towns across Cape Cod. The decision to close or delay school due to inclement weather will be made as early as possible by consulting the forecasted models for Harwich and our surrounding towns.

Communication around school closures or delays will include:

- *An email & text message*
- *An automated phone call*
- *A post on our social media channels*

If school is in session, but you are unable to get your child here due to inclement weather, please call the main office or email attendance@cclcs.info

Giving Tuesday has come and gone, but our **Annual Fund Campaign** Continues. As the calendar year draws to a close, we're reaching out to ask for your support of this year's CCLCS Educational Foundation Annual Fund Campaign. To honor all those who have contributed to the school's 30 history, this year's campaign aims to raise \$30,000. 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!

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

Clubs & Seminars!

Lego Club: Will meet Tuesday at lunch!

Roots and Shoots: No Roots and Shoots until after the winter vacation. Great job with the fundraiser at the Heritage and Literacy night!

Model UN Club! There is NO Model UN this week due to the half day.

ART SPARK: There is NO Art Spark this week due to the half day. Art Spark will resume next Wednesday, December 17th.

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.

Music!

"SCROOGE" The Musical Theater Show Choir Class invites you to a very special Dramatic Reading of "Scrooge" at 3:30pm on Friday, December 12! Come join us for this performance! Families are welcome to watch, or participate!

Band: **There will be no before-school Band rehearsals until January, but we will continue to have lessons during the school day.** Congratulations to the CCLCS Band and their wonderful performance at the Literacy and Heritage Night. The clarity of sound and articulation your students demonstrated is a strong foundation for everything we will continue to build together. They worked hard, supported one another, and created a joyful musical moment for our community—well done!

CCLCS CHORUS: Thursday 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. All students are welcome to join.

STRINGS! This week's schedule will be as follows: Wednesday, December 10th at 7:45 is for Ariana and Olive in the Spanish room. Friday, December 12th at 7:45 is Ensemble for all. First period sectional will be for Piper and Alice, and second period sectional will be for Kelsey. See you all very soon. Mrs. Schultze

Sports!

Sports This week (12/8 - 12/12)

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

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

Sports Next week (12/15 - 12/19)

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

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6th Grade

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

Social Studies: Asia Landmark projects are due tomorrow. **The Landmark Project Gallery Walk will be this Wednesday from 9:15-10:30. Stop by anytime during this window to check out all the effort and creativity that went into making these amazing projects!**

Art: Students in 6th grade have finished glazing their imaginative clay creatures, each one unique and full of personality! They've now jumped into Neurographic Art, exploring abstract designs while practicing mindfulness. This week, they'll team up to create collaborative drawings.

Wequassett Lunch! The whole 6th grade will be attending Wequassett Resort on December 12 for a 3 course meal. This will be our 4th field trip to a different town on Cape Cod this year and this time it will be in our home town of Harwich. In coordination with Wequassett, we will be teaching manners and etiquette prior to attending the only 5 star resort on Cape Cod. There will be guest speakers during the lunch and the students will get a full tour of the resort after their lunch. **We ask that students put on some of their nicest clothes for the event but we don't want you to feel obligated to buy anything new for the event. Please no hats, pajamas, sweat shirts or shorts for lunch.** The Wequassett team has offered to do this free for our school and we couldn't be more excited to start a new holiday tradition. Please contact Mr. Bates if you have any questions.

7th Grade

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

Art: Our 7th graders are putting the finishing touches on their self-portraits! They started by sketching themselves using mirrors and their sketchbooks, then dove into a more detailed study using collage and mixed media. The results are expressive, creative, and all their own.

8th Grade

Week at a Glance: <https://tinyurl.com/2vckujfa>

 **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 during the half day! 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.

Art: 8th graders have been sharpening their observational drawing skills completing a series of still life exercises in their sketchbooks over the last few weeks. They moved on to drawing an antique chair and are now sketching 3–4 objects from a larger still life center of the classroom. Charcoal will be used to give their drawings the finishing touch, adding depth and drama.

French: Full Week of School Unit: identify differences of specific classroom objects from their US counterpart; indefinite vs definite articles; classroom direction vocabulary. HW due Friday: Write a story in franglais & images...see example on GC!

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, December 10th: Half Day, 11:45 dismissal
- Friday, December 12th: 6th Grade to Wequassett (during school day)
- Friday, December 12th: "Scrooge" Dramatic Reading, 3:30PM
- 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