



Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School

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Notes to Home: January 12, 2026

Greetings CCLCS Families,

Prior to winter vacation, our long-standing school nurse, Kate Smith, shared with us her intention to step away from her daily responsibilities here at CCLCS in order to spend more time with her wonderful family. Fortunately, one of our nurse substitutes, Danielle Germaine, worked closely with Kate over the course of the fall and was willing and able to transition into the fulltime position upon our return to campus last week. Ms. Germaine will ensure continuity of care for all of the students that met with Nurse Kate regularly, and she has already displayed an acuity and sensitivity to treating all of the nursing related issues that arise in the course of a typical day. She would like me to share the following message from her office: "I'm excited to join the CCLCS community as the new school nurse. Please feel free to reach out to me at dgermaine@cclcs.info with any questions or concerns. I'm happy to help! I'm so grateful to Nurse Smith for helping in this transition and I extend our thanks for her years of service! I look forward to taking care of your children!" Please join me in welcoming Ms. Germaine to the CCLCS community.

Warm regards,

Ben

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**CALENDAR REMINDERS: NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, JANUARY 19th (Dr. MLK JR Day) or TUESDAY, JANUARY 20th (Staff Professional Development)**

**The Auction is Coming!!** We are looking forward to celebrating 30 years of CCLCS at Wequassett Resort at our annual auction on Saturday, March 28th!! If you're interested in lending a hand in the organization and planning of this event, please register your interest HERE: <https://tinyurl.com/ac8cyakk>. This is our biggest social event & fundraiser of the year, and your support is appreciated!!



**Term Two Seminars!** Will be sent home on Wednesday, January 14th. Choices will be sent home via email and will be posted to our website. All students must make 5 choices by Friday, January 16th.

**Ski Trip Ahead!!** We are off to Pats Peak to ski and ride on January 20th. Mr. Merrill will be in touch with parents who have already emailed interest in the trip. Any additional signups will be put on a waitlist depending on the number of parents driving up to help. Questions can be sent to Ken Merrill at [kmerrill@cclcs.info](mailto:kmerrill@cclcs.info).

**Spread the Word!!** Know of a middle-school student who would be a good fit for CCLCS? Word of mouth is the best way we attract new families! We are currently taking applications from interested 5th, 6th or 7th graders who would like to attend CCLCS next year. Deadline: February 23, 2026. Current 5th graders will be applying for spots in our incoming 6th grade class, and current 6th and 7th graders will be applying for a spot on next year's waitlist. As a reminder, siblings of currently enrolled students are automatically accepted per Massachusetts State Law but MUST FILL OUT AN APPLICATION to be considered. More information can be found <https://www.cclighthouseschool.org/admissions>

**Charter School Advocacy!** In the coming weeks and months, lawmakers will develop proposals for the Commonwealth's Fiscal Year 2027 budget, determining how to allocate state tax revenue to meet the many needs of Massachusetts residents. Next month, we'll raise our voices to ask our lawmakers to prioritize fair funding for all students. **Massachusetts Charter Public Schools Fair Funding Week 2026 will take place from Monday, February 2nd to Friday, February 6th.**



Did you know that kids attending charter public schools receive less funding for their school buildings than kids attending traditional public schools? As lawmakers get ready to build our state's budget for the next year, we have an opportunity to change that – ensuring all of our kids and our schools are funded fairly!

Fair Funding Week 2026 kicks off on Monday, February 2nd at 6 p.m. with an inspirational virtual rally. The event will feature powerful stories from charter public school families,

alumni, and educators from across the state. Register today to join us!

<https://tinyurl.com/3u9k56vz>

**In Need of:** Lysol Wipes and individual hand sanitizer pumps! If you're shopping and can pick up an extra it's appreciated.

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Clubs & Seminars!

Roots and Shoots: As we begin the new year, current Roots & Shoots members extend an invitation to any and all students who'd like to join us in our adventures and work. Roots & Shoots meets Thursday afternoons, directly after school until 4 (with occasional scheduled later dismissal times). CCLCS R&S will continue working on projects begun this year, including the completion of the Dr. Jane Goodall memorial mural in the hallway; crafting with people at a local senior center then selling the crafts to raise funds for local animal shelters; and developing a sustainability plan for the school community. Come join us!

Model UN Club! Model UN will resume on January 14th. See you then!

ART SPARK: ART SPARK will meet this Wednesday from 3-4:45 in the Art Studio. Thank you to the families who have volunteered to bring juice and snacks 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!

STRINGS! The schedule for this week is as follows: WED. 1/14 at 7:45 is for Ariana and Olive in the Spanish classroom. FRI. 1/16 @ 7:45 is Ensemble for all. Please try to get your student to school in good time as we are having issues with slipping pegs and I need lots of time to tune! First period sectional that day is for Alexa and second period sectional is for Kiana and Rory. See you all very soon! Mrs. Schultze

CCLCS CHORUS: Thursday before school from 7:45-8:30

Band: Before School Band will continue to meet Tuesday mornings, lessons Tuesday during the school day.

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC ENSEMBLE: Guitarists, Percussionists and Keyboardist meet with Mr. G on Friday during last period

MUSICAL THEATER SHOW CHOIR: Friday after school from 3:00-4:00

Sports!

Sports This week (1/12 - 1/16)

BOYS BASKETBALL Mon - Game vs Cape Cod Acad 4:00 (50 Osterville West Barnstable Rd, Osterville), Tue - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Wed - Game vs Falmouth Academy 3:30 (7 Highfield Dr, Falmouth), Thurs - No Practice, Fri - NO Practice

BOYS BASKETBALL Mon - Game vs Cape Cod Acad 5:15 (50 Osterville West Barnstable Rd, Osterville), Tue - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Wed - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Thurs - Game at DY 4pm, Fri - No Practice

GIRLS BASKETBALL Mon - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Tue - Game Moved, no practice!, Wed - Game/ GOLD vs Falmouth Academy 3:30 (7 Highfield Dr, Falmouth), Thurs - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Fri - No Practice

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

Sports Next week (1/19 - 1/23)

BOYS BASKETBALL Mon - NO SCHOOL, Tue - NO SCHOOL, Wed - Game vs Trinity Christian Academy 3:45 (7 Highfield Dr, Falmouth), Thurs - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Fri - No Practice

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6th Grade

Week at a Glance: <https://tinyurl.com/4yr43zdd>

ELA: Please check with your student to ensure that they have completed their graphic organizer for the compare/contrast essay by Tuesday. Students worked on this graphic organizer on

Thursday, Friday, and Monday and need to have it completed by Tuesday to be ready to type their essay.

7th Grade

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

Spanish: This week, we will continue to explore verb conjugation as we begin our work with the verbs "estar" and "tener." We will also begin our "Familia y La Casa" (family and the home" unit where we learn tons of new vocabulary in preparation for this term's big project, "The Family Tree."

8th Grade

Week at a Glance: <https://tinyurl.com/4tw3z2f9>

French: Expressing opinions; explaining opinions with a reason about fav/least fav classes; review numbers up to 59...to prepare to tell time; Homework Due Friday 1/16: Favorite & Least Favorite Class Posters; Link to Family Agenda found in WaaG

High School Placement! We are entering a time of year where conversations around where to go to High School begin to become more real for our 8th grade. Please know that some anxiety around this is to be expected. We encourage families to continue to explore all options with an open mind!



Our Enrollment Period is Open

For grade 9 and 10 applicants for the

2026-2027 School Year

December 1/2025 - January 16/2025

[Apply Here!](#)

DISCOVER NAUSET REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL MAXIMIZING POTENTIAL

 **Thursday, January 15, 2026**

 **6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

 **Nauset Regional High School**

All current 8th graders and school choice students are invited!

Join us for an engaging evening to explore academic programs, meet our dedicated staff, learn about student life, and discover how Nauset helps every learner reach their full potential.

Upcoming Events

- Monday, January 19th: No School (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
- **Tuesday, January 20th: No School (staff professional development)**
- Tuesday, January 20th: Ski Trip (for those registered)
- February 16th- February 20th: February Vacation
- Monday, February 23rd: Admissions Deadline (Siblings MUST apply!!!)
- Thursday, February 26th: Lottery for 2026-2027 School Year
- Wednesday, March 4th: Half Day
- Saturday, March 28th: CCLCS Annual Auction at Wequassett Resort

Community Notes



Eastham Public Library

THE BIG CHILL

It may be cold outside, but most of us are not feeling very chill.
Join us for a chance to decompress from midterms, school, and
whatever else is weighing on you.

No registration, just come!

**Friday, January 23rd
5:00PM - 7:00 PM**

Wear your PJs or whatever is comfy

Enjoy:

- *Calming Art*
- *Comfort Food*
- *Sound Bathing*
- *Aroma Therapy...*
and Friends!

**For High School
and Middle School
Students**



CALLING ALL BUDDING SCIENTISTS AND
NATURE-ENTHUSIASTS:

JOIN THE CURIOSITY CLUB

In collaboration with CCLCS, Pleasant Bay Community Boating will offer a 10-week after-school program that features a range of hands-on activities like building projects, microscope work, outdoor adventures, and nature-themed creative projects!

Mondays until 5 PM

1/12/26 - 3/30/26 (skip 1/19 and 2/16)

CCLCS will provide van transit to PBCB:

2287 MA 28 in Harwich

\$200 per student for 10 weeks

Register here:



Questions? Email PBCB
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