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Notes to Home: March 30, 2026

Greetings CCLCS Families,

What an event at the Wequassett Resort on Saturday night! From the stunning backdrop of Pleasant Bay at sunset, to the lively bidding in both silent and live auctions, to the fellowship shared by the nearly 200 in attendance, it will definitely go down as a night to remember! Thank you again to the generous sponsors who underwrote so many of the up-front costs associated with the event. Thank you to the countless parents, alumni, staff, and friends of the school who donated items large and small for the silent and live auctions. Thank you to Keb for regaling us with song, and to the many other alumni families who turned out to support our current students! Thank you to the parent and staff volunteers who manned their respective “stations” before, during and after the bidding, and a special thank you to Mr. Niles for serving as our auctioneer and to Ms. Kast for her tireless and meticulous preparation. Finally, thank you to all who bid on an item and contributed to preliminary net proceeds well north of our \$30,000 goal!

Saturday morning before the auction, members of the board of trustees and staff met to continue to refine the strategic direction that the school intends to take over the next three years. Although our Strategic Plan is still a draft away from completion, one of its major focuses will be on cultivating strong partnerships with families and the broader community to inspire engagement, shared responsibility, and student outcomes. This year’s auction reminds of the power of that strategic initiative, not just financially, but to build on a sense of belonging that drives this small but mighty community forward!

Warm regards,
 Ben



A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who sponsored, donated to, volunteered at, attended and bid on items at our annual auction. This event is our cornerstone social event and fundraiser for the CCLCS Community and a great time was had by all!

A special thank you to Natalia Bonifini and Keb Hutchings for providing music, and to Andy Murphy and the Lost Dog for donating beer and wine. A thank you to Wequassett Resorts for their continued friendship as well.

A few items left! Missed the auction? There are still a few items to still bid on! This online auction will be open through Thursday! <https://tinyurl.com/55bmev9b>

REPORT CARDS for term two are going home today. Please check your student's backpack today! We highly encourage you to take a minute to go over the comments with your student and fill out the following: <https://tinyurl.com/yy77zy45>

Next Year's School Calendar can be found on our website. Please note that the first day of school will be on Thursday, September 3rd. Similar to the past few years, there will be a full day on the first Thursday, a half day on Friday, and no school on Monday in observance of Labor Day.

MCAS started today! Please make note of the following schedule and avoid booking appointments that would take your child away from school on these dates! A reminder that a good night sleep and a healthy breakfast/ snack is appreciated.

6th Grade: ELA March 30-31, Math May 11-12

7th Grade: ELA April 1-2, Math May 13-14

8th Grade: ELA April 6-7, **SciTech May 4-5 (change!)**, Math May 18-19, Civics May 27-28

We are **in need** of paper towels, Lysol wipes, and boxes of tissues.

With **April vacation** on the horizon, please let the office know about any upcoming absences before or after break. Please email us now - attendance@cclcs.info Please also let us know if your child is planning on being absent for any religious holidays (Passover, Good Friday, etc). This is coded as an excused absence.

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

**ART SPARK:** ART SPARK, Session II begins this Wednesday, April 1st, in the Art Studio from 3-4:45 pm. A sign up form was emailed home to all families last week, and there is very limited space open! Please sign up ASAP if your student is interested.

**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 Tuesday! Any new members are welcome to join us.

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

**Roots and Shoots:** Will meet Thursday after school.

## **Seminars**

The Chatham Floatilla (Coast Guard Aux) has agreed to do a Boater Safety Class (required to operate a motorized vessel) during our term 3 seminar for interested students age 12 and up. Anyone taking the class must be registered before Seminars start May 1st. (this is a state requirement) We need a minimum of 12 students to run the class. The fee is \$50, and as long as students pass their exam the last day they will leave with their Boater Safety Card! Please email [Kberner@cclcs.info](mailto:Kberner@cclcs.info) with any questions. <https://tinyurl.com/yjhfc2uk>

## **Music!**

**CHORUS:** Thursday morning 7:45-8:30

**Contemporary Music Ensemble** Thursday last class (guitarists bring guitars)

**Musical Theater Show Choir** will NOT meet this week!

Please note that Chorus and Musical Theater Show Choir Students are preparing for a Festival on April 16 at DY during the school day.

**STRINGS!** This week's schedule will be as follows: Wednesday, April 1st at 7:45 will be for Olive. On Friday, April 3rd, we will have Ensemble for all at 7:45. First period sectional that day will be Aurora and Anna, and second period sectional will be for Stella and Piper. See you all very soon! Mrs. Schultze

**Band:** There will be no Band practice on Tuesday, before school or during the day. Some students will be having MCAS testing. We will pick up the following week.

## **Sports!**

### **Sports This Week (3/30 - 4/3)**

**BASEBALL** Mon - Practice 3:30 - 5:00 (Freeman's), Tue - Practice 3:30 - 5:00 (Freeman's), Wed - Practice 3:30 - 5:00 (Freeman's), Thu - Practice 3:30 - 5:00 (Freeman's)

**TENNIS** Mon - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Tue - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Wed - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Thu - Practice 3:30 - 5:00

**GOLF** Tue - Practice (at Captain's Course) 3:30 - 5:00, Fri - Practice (Captain's Driving Range) 3:30 - 4:30

**WINTER TRACK** Mon - Practice 3:15 - 4:30, Tue - Practice 3:15 - 4:30, Wed - Practice 3:15 - 4:30, Thurs - Practice 3:15 - 4:30

### **Sports Next Week (4/6 - 4/10)**

**BASEBALL** Mon - Practice 3:30 - 5:00 (Freeman's), Tue - vs Nauset (Freemans) 4pm, Wed - vs Mashpee (500 Old Barnstable Rd, Mashpee,), Thu - Practice 3:30 - 5:00 (Freeman's)

**TENNIS** Mon - vs CCA (Locarios) 4:00, Tue - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Wed - vs Falmouth Acad (Locarios) 3:30, Thu - Practice 3:30 - 5:00

**GOLF** Tue - Practice (at Captain's Course) 3:30 - 5:00, Fri - Practice (Captain's Driving Range) 3:30 - 4:30

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## **6th Grade**

**Week at a Glance:** <https://tinyurl.com/4m4t34hm>

**MCAS:** 6th graders will be taking the ELA MCAS on Monday and Tuesday. Please encourage your students to get a good night's rest and to try their best!

**Art:** The 6th grade is putting the finishing touches on a beautiful series of artworks inspired by Where the Mountain Meets the Moon. Using watercolor, black India ink, and collage, students have created imaginative pieces that reflect the magic and storytelling of the book. Each artwork showcases their creativity and growing confidence with a variety of artistic techniques.

## **7th Grade**

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

**Art:** The 7th grade is getting their hands dirty (in the best way!) working with red clay, also known as terracotta. Inspired by ancient Greek pottery, students are building their own vases using the coiling technique. As their forms take shape, they'll soon add handles, spouts, and meaningful symbols connected to the Greek gods and goddesses they've been studying, bringing history and art together in a hands-on way.

## **8th Grade**

**Week at a Glance:** <https://tinyurl.com/nhr9eesf>

**8th Grade Trip!:** With our recent snow days, the 8th grade end of year trip will now be SUNDAY, June 14-Thursday, June 18th. More information, including registration, to be released on APRIL FIRST.

**Work Permits:** If your 8th grader is planning to work this summer, getting a work permit is their crucial first step! Please remind your student to check in with Mr. Crash to pick up their permit paperwork before the busy summer season begins. Students must have the job already to get work permits filled out.

**Snack Donations!** Please be on the lookout for a SignUp Genius to be sent to 8th grade families in an effort to provide our students with healthy snacks on MCAS testing days. We will be asking for various donations - fruits, veggies, juice - to help fuel our students' brains! Thank you in advance for your support! (As a reminder, ELA MCAS testing days are Monday, April 6th and Tuesday, April 7th.)

**Art:** The 8th grade is wrapping up a sketchbook project that transformed into a storytelling adventure! Students created comic-style short stories inspired by their February break, whether they were relaxing at home, traveling, or braving the blizzard. These illustrated stories are full of humor, personality, and creativity, giving a glimpse into each student's unique experience.

## **Upcoming Events**

- March 30-31: 6th Grade ELA MCAS
- April 1-2: 7th Grade ELA MCAS
- April 6-7: 8th Grade ELA MCAS
- April 10th: 7th Grade Trip to Boston
- April 15th: 8th Grade to Gillette Stadium
- April 20-24th: April Vacation
- June 14-18: 8th Grade Trip
- June 1st: 8th Grade Dinner Dance
- June 24: 8th Grade Graduation
- June 25: Last School Day