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Notes to Home: May 4, 2026

Greetings CCLCS Families,

Our teachers are doing so many cool projects all of the time, but some of the coolest involve connecting with local and global communities. For instance, just last week, the music department invited the Nauset High School chorus (featuring a couple of CCLCS alums!) to join us for a performance of folk songs from Sweden, Brazil, and elsewhere. On Friday, Ms. Johnson’s Seminar drove to the Centerville Public Library, where they worked with Tessa Clark, head of youth services, to update 13 signs in their youth collection area. Finally, Ms. Mason’s French class recently wrote letters to several francophone embassies and consulates and has already received responses from diplomats in Belgium, Ivory Coast, Morocco, and Switzerland!

At CCLCS, we teach academic content and study skills, but we also teach our students that they are part of a larger, interconnected web of people and ideas. By inviting guests into our building and by reaching out to local and global partners, we aim to expose our students to a vibrant multicultural, multilingual, and multidisciplinary world. If you or anyone you know has contacts that might further this aim, please don’t hesitate to let us know!

Warm regards,
 Ben

HALF DAY THIS WED! Just a reminder that this Wednesday, May 6th is a HALF DAY. 11:45 am dismissal.

It’s time to order **YEARBOOKS!!** Yearbooks will be available for students on the last day of school. There are 2 steps to register: 1) fill out the order form 2) Pay via cash or check to the office or by paypal. Both links can be found on our website:

<https://www.cclighthousechool.org/yearbook>

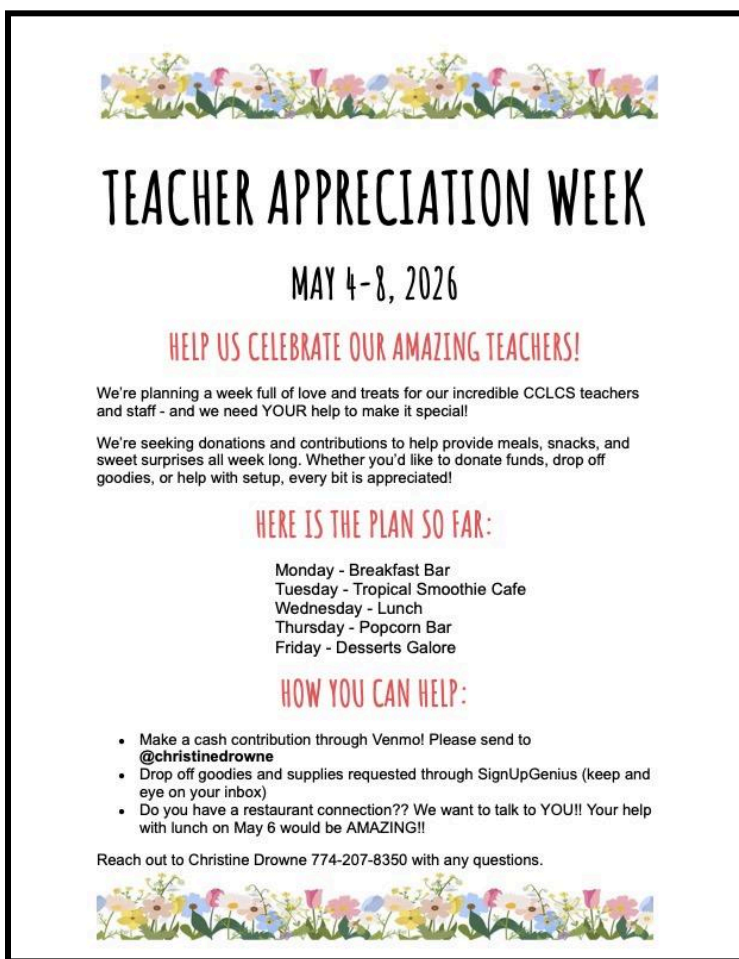
CCLCS YEARBOOKS ON SALE
 \$25. PLEASE ORDER BY FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026.
 TWO STEPS TO ORDER: 1) FILL OUT FORM
 2) PAY VIA CASH, CHECK OR PAYPAL

QUESTIONS? EMAIL [HKAST@CCLCS.INFO](mailto:hkast@cclcs.info)

8th grade families have the option of adding a yearbook ad to acknowledge their graduating student and ads MUST be ordered by this Friday (May 8th). Cost of yearbook and ad together is \$45. To place an ad, please email (yearbook@cclcs.info) with information about your ad.

This is the ONLY account that you should email for yearbook related matters so that nothing gets lost!!

- Please put your student's name in the subject line of the email!!
- Include in the body of the email the text you'd like to go into the ad.
- Attach to the email any photos you'd like to use. Your pictures need to be digital (.jpg) so that we can upload them.
- Tell us what color you would like for the background.
- Payment can be completed by sending a check to the office OR by paying via Paypal on the school website. Any incomplete orders will not be processed. Late payment or submission may jeopardize your ad.



The flyer features a decorative border of colorful flowers at the top and bottom. The main text is centered and reads: 'TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK' in large, bold, black letters, followed by 'MAY 4-8, 2026' in a smaller font. Below this is the heading 'HELP US CELEBRATE OUR AMAZING TEACHERS!' in red. The text continues: 'We're planning a week full of love and treats for our incredible CCLCS teachers and staff - and we need YOUR help to make it special!' and 'We're seeking donations and contributions to help provide meals, snacks, and sweet surprises all week long. Whether you'd like to donate funds, drop off goodies, or help with setup, every bit is appreciated!'. The next section is 'HERE IS THE PLAN SO FAR:' in red, listing: Monday - Breakfast Bar, Tuesday - Tropical Smoothie Cafe, Wednesday - Lunch, Thursday - Popcorn Bar, and Friday - Desserts Galore. This is followed by 'HOW YOU CAN HELP:' in red, with a bulleted list: 'Make a cash contribution through Venmo! Please send to @christinedrowne', 'Drop off goodies and supplies requested through SignUpGenius (keep and eye on your inbox)', and 'Do you have a restaurant connection?? We want to talk to YOU!! Your help with lunch on May 6 would be AMAZING!!'. At the bottom, it says 'Reach out to Christine Drowne 774-207-8350 with any questions.'

Teacher Appreciation Week is

THIS week! THANK YOU to all families who have donated - it is much appreciated! See the flyer about ways you can help!

MCAS continues in May! 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's sleep and a healthy breakfast/ snack is appreciated.

Upcoming MCAS Dates

8th Grade: SciTech May 4-5

6th Grade: Math May 11-12

7th Grade: Math May 13-14

8th Grade: Math May 18-19

8th Grade: Civics May 27-28

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.

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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 not meet this week due to half day!

**ART SPARK:** ART SPARK- There is NO Art Spark this Wednesday, 5/6, due to the half day. We will meet with all our artists again next week on 5/13!

**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 at lunch!

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

**Roots and Shoots:** Roots & Shoots will meet this week!

### **Seminars**

**Third Term Seminars** started on Friday! 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:** Thursday morning 7:45-8:30

**Band:** NO before school band tomorrow, May 5th, due to 8th grade MCAS. **Grade 6 Wind Players** will meet with **Grade 7 and 8 Wind Players** during period 3. **Percussionists** will meet during period 4.

**Musical Theater Show Choir:** Meets after school on Friday.

**Contemporary Music Ensemble:** Percussion meets Thursday last period, Guitars and keyboards meet Friday after lunch. Reminder-guitarists please bring guitars.

**Strings:** This is the schedule for this week. On Wednesday May 6th, I will teach Olive from 7:45 to 8:30. On Friday, May 8th we will have Ensemble for all at 7:45. Sectionals that day: first period, Alexa and second period is for Anna and Aurora. See you all very soon! Mrs. Schultze

## **Sports!**

### **Sports This Week (5/4 - 5/8)**

**BASEBALL** Mon - Practice 3:30 - 5:00 (Freeman's), Tue - vs DY 4pm (Freemans), Wed - at Nantucket 4pm, Thu - Practice 3:30 - 5:00 (Freeman's)

**TENNIS** Mon - at Cape Cod Acad 4:00, Tue - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Wed - at Nantucket 4:00, Thu - Practice 3:30 - 4:30

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

**TRACK** Mon - Practice 3:15 - 4:30, Tue - Practice 3:15 - 4:30, Wed - vs South Shore Charter (at Riverview) TBD, Thurs - at Nauset 4pm (Nauset **HIGH** School)

### **Sports Next Week (5/11 - 5/15)**

**BASEBALL** Mon - Practice 3:30 - 5:00 (Freeman's), Tue - at Monomoy 4pm (Monomoy MS), Wed - vs Barnstable (Freemans) 3:30, Thu - Practice 3:30 - 5:00 (Freeman's)

**TENNIS** Mon - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Tue - at Monomoy 4pm (Monomoy MS), Wed - vs Falmouth Academy (Locarios) 3:30, Thu - Practice 3:30 - 4:30

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

**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

**Baseball:** The Baseball team lost a hard fought game to Barnstable last week and looks to rebound against DY on Tuesday (home 4:00) and we travel to Nantucket on Wednesday. Please make sure you have read the announcement on SportsYou regarding Nantucket.

## **6th Grade**

**Week at a Glance:** <https://tinyurl.com/mtpvt438>

**Art:** 🎨 6th Grade artists have been busy drawing one of the most famous faces in art history, the Mona Lisa, who is over 500 years old! Students used the Renaissance-era grid method to help map out their drawings while exploring shading and value techniques. Now, they're stepping away from the grid to try drawing her on their own, and soon they'll transform their work into prints!

**Social Studies:** Sixth graders will be showcasing their 3-D Latin America maps and slideshows this Wednesday from 9:30-11. If you are free during this time, come stop by!

**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/47tyerr>

**Art:** 🐦 7th grade artists have taken to birding in art class! Each student selected three birds from a list curated by Mr. Crowell, the 7th grade Science teacher, and has been practicing sketching them while focusing on shading and value. They've also been experimenting with dip pens and black ink, exploring line and mark-making techniques. Up next: creating an accordion-style field guide featuring their birds!

**Math:** May "the fourth" be with you! We wrapped up the Menu part of our restaurant project this past week. We will be moving forward with monthly expenses and "opening" the restaurant after MCAS testing. We will be doing some practice questions this week in class and on google classroom. We will have a quiz on areas of different shapes mid-week and start to prepare for the upcoming test.

## **8th Grade**

**Week at a Glance:** <https://tinyurl.com/5n856jwy>

**Art:** 🐻🦉🐸 8th Grade artists are designing unique 2D totem poles inspired by animals that represent their identities, families, and experiences. This project connects to the novel Touching

Spirit Bear, read in ELA with Mrs. O'Leary. Students are currently creating foam printing plates, which they'll use to hand-print and collage together into their final totem pole designs.

**8th Grade End of Year Trip!** Registration for the 8th grade trip is **DUE THIS FRIDAY, MAY 8th!!!** Information can be found here: <https://www.cclighthouseschool.org/8th-grade-info> We are still in need of a nurse chaperone!! Please reach out to [hkast@cclcs.info](mailto:hkast@cclcs.info) if you are available.

**Science:** Grade 8 Science MCAS are today and tomorrow (Monday and Tuesday). Thank you for helping students to be well rested and coming to school with a snack!

The Grade 8 Body Bio projects are underway! You should see your students collecting data almost every day. The 21 points of data are due on May 22. Students are responsible for their own trifold. The research and production of the work to be glued to the trifold will be done both in school and at home. The anticipated due date for the entire project will be Friday, May 29 as we don't have seminars that day.

**Release of Records:** To ensure your student's official records reach the right destination for high school, we need a Release of Records form completed for every 8th grader. Please turn your forms into the front office ASAP.

*Keep these tips in mind:*

One School Only: Please list only one high school on the form. If you are still deciding between multiple schools, simply list your most likely choice for now.

Changed Your Mind? No problem! If your plans change before the end of the school year, just submit a new form with the updated information.

### **Upcoming Events**

- May 6th: Half Day
- May 29th: 6th Grade Step Up Day. *NO SCHOOL for CCLCS 6th graders.*
- June 1st: 8th Grade Dinner Dance. CCLCS 8th graders ONLY.
- June 14-18: 8th Grade End of Year Trip
- June 10: Night of Knowledge / End of Year Art Show/ Block Dance. ALL students and families invited!!
- June 11: End of Year Concert at CCLCS
- June 24: 8th Grade Graduation
- June 25: Last School Day

April 13, 2026

Dear CCLCS Families,

It's hard to believe your child's time at CCLCS is almost at an end. It's time to start planning for the yearbook, including for the 8th grade ads for the 'almost' graduates! These ads help to cover the cost of printing the books and scholarships so that all students can receive a copy.

We offer one size (1/4 of a page) to each 8th grade family. This makes it equitable for all of the 8th grade families who want to say congratulations to their child. A quarter (1/4) is a horizontal space. The dimensions are 4.25" width x 5.5" height and pictures and messages must fit within the space. **We can only allow two pictures and a short message for each quarter space (1-2 sentences).**

You can order a yearbook for your child AND one quarter space (which is personalized by you) for \$45.

*For those that do NOT want an ad and just want to order a yearbook: Look for a link to order online later in the spring. Yearbooks are \$25.*

## **THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERING AN AD IS Friday, May 8th**

### **How to Send in a Yearbook Ad:**

#### **1. Creating yearbook pages is a process of uploading digital pictures, choosing a background and placing text.**

Each element is put together within the yearbook software.

**Unfortunately, we cannot allow guardians to create their own ad.**

The software is particular and ads that do not exactly meet the requirements for the software cannot be included.

#### **2. Email YEARBOOK EMAIL ([yearbook@cclcs.info](mailto:yearbook@cclcs.info)) with information about your ad. This is the ONLY account that you should email for yearbook related matters so that nothing gets lost!!**

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# Keeping Kids Safe & Secure Online Presentation

<https://usao.webex.com/weblink/register/r3e7ec6dd39529e1d1509dc763f5668f8>

**Keeping Kids Safe & Secure Online:  
A Project Safe Childhood Presentation for Adults**






**Thursday, May 7, 2026 | 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm**  
**Registration required – Log in begins at 6:00 pm**

Please join members of the United States Attorney's Office, Homeland Security Investigations, Federal Bureau of Investigation and National Center for Missing and Exploited Children for a Webex webinar: *Keeping Kids Safe & Secure Online: A Project Safe Childhood Presentation for Adults*. The presentation will bring awareness to the dangers children face online today and educate adults on how to keep them safe.

**Topics covered:**

- Social Media 101 & Digital Footprint
- Protecting Against Online Predation
  - Gaming
  - Types of Sextortion – Sexually Motivated, Financially Motivated and Violence and Control Motivated
  - Generative Artificial Intelligence
- Victim Support & Resources

**Registration Details**

<https://usao.webex.com/weblink/register/r3e7ec6dd39529e1d1509dc763f5668f8>

Questions or difficulty registering?  
Please contact Karen Legace at [USAMA.PSCOutreach@usdoj.gov](mailto:USAMA.PSCOutreach@usdoj.gov)

**This presentation is for adults who wish to learn how to keep kids safe online.  
Content is inappropriate for young children.  
Please be aware of who can see your screen and hear your audio!**

Webex platform has a maximum capacity of 1000 attendees. If we have reached registration capacity, please email [USAMA.PSCOutreach@usdoj.gov](mailto:USAMA.PSCOutreach@usdoj.gov) to be put on a waitlist for the next presentation.



**Launch to College  
Workshop at  
Centerville Public Library**

**Thursday,  
May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm**

*Topics will Include:*  
Goal Setting  
Executive Functioning  
Time Management  
Academic Rigor  
Self Advocacy

**Who Should Attend:**

- Newly accepted college students
- Current college students looking for a refresh
- Families and parents of college students



**Facilitator: Erin Farrow**

Boston College Learning Center  
Associate Director

Compass Education Consulting Founder  
[compasseducationconsulting.com](http://compasseducationconsulting.com)

Please Register with Miss Tessa:  
[telark@clamsnet.org](mailto:telark@clamsnet.org)



## BEYOND GAMES

South Yarmouth Library  
Wednesday, May 6  
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
Ages 12+




**Join Ms. Rebecca for an evening of games of all varieties, from board games to cards to console games! Enjoy a casual atmosphere of friendly competition and maybe even learn a new game!**

Lower Cape Figure Skating Presents

# Twilight on Ice

Saturday, May 9 6:30pm  
Sunday, May 10 1:30pm  
2026



Guest Skater  
2026 Junior National Champion  
Patrick Blachwell

Charles Moore Arena, Orleans, Ma



Programming is sponsored by the Yarmouth Town Libraries and funded by the South Yarmouth Library Association and the West Yarmouth Library Association.

Featuring Soloist, 7th grader Krystin Santiago!

<https://tinyurl.com/543xvw9n>