



## Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School

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### Notes to Home: May 18, 2026

Greetings CCLCS Families,

*After a lifetime without social media, I caved and joined Facebook last year to take advantage of buying and selling a few items on Marketplace. Since then, it's been fascinating to see how my Facebook feed evolves. Now, it regularly features posts related to bucket list travel destinations of mine, college admissions tips, skiing videos, soccer highlights, personal finance advice, and, most interestingly, plenty of education-related memes and stories. A glimpse into my preoccupations at the moment! The education-related posts are some of the most intriguing, often commenting on the current state of the teaching profession through mock-heroic personalities engaging with kids in their respective schools. Often, these posts use a healthy dose of irony and sarcasm to bemoan "kids these days" or the state of parenting in 2026. For instance, I came across one this weekend that featured a soundbyte of the late Robin Williams equating "school during the 4th quarter" of the year as "a thing you've only seen in your nightmares." Although perhaps true in some places, Williams' sarcasm has no teeth at CCLCS. On Friday, for instance, we had over 100 kids outside playing flag football, mountain biking, birding, and exploring vernal pools. Those inside were training to become licensed boaters, baking treats, playing volleyball, and creating podcasts. We have concerts and performances scheduled, trips galore, and plenty of engaging learning to come. As other schools wind down after MCAS, we're winding up for a phenomenal 4th quarter. Hardly nightmarish!*

*As we hurtle into this 4th quarter, it is essential to also pause and evaluate our collective efforts. **In 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>*

*Many thanks,*

*Ben*

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**LAST WEEK 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>

### 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](mailto:hkast@cclcs.info) if interested!



**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)

The poster features three photographs of students: one sitting at a desk, one in a green and yellow jersey, and three girls in red shirts. It includes white star icons on a green background.

**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](mailto: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.

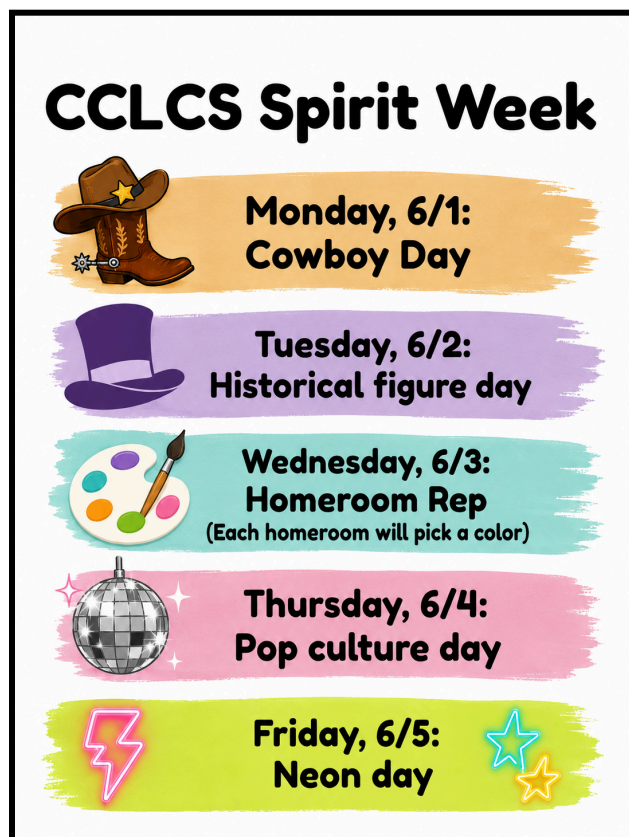
**The Walk for Water is coming!!** Clean, empty gallon jugs are needed for the Walk for Water. Please save those gallon jugs (with tops), wash them out, and drop them off with Ms. Wilkinson. Thanks!

**Spirit Week** is coming the first week of June!! Mark your calendars and plan your outfits!!







**MCAS** continues for 8th grade! A reminder that a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast/snack is appreciated.

#### Upcoming MCAS Dates

8th Grade: Math May 18-19  
8th Grade: Civics May 27-28



**CCLCS Spirit Week**

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

The poster has a white background with colorful brushstroke borders for each day's theme.

**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

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

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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. We will have two more meetings this year - 5/27 and 6/3. Be sure to bring a few dollars on 6/3 so we can go to Dunkin' Donuts and celebrate!

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

**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 NOT meet again this week -

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

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

**Music!**

**CHORUS:** Chorus this Thursday morning, 7:45-8:30

**Band:** NO before school band again tomorrow, May 19th, due to 8th grade MCAS. No music lessons during the day as well.

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

**Contemporary Music Ensemble:** Ensemble will meet Thursday last period and Friday after lunch before seminar.

**Strings:** We are one week closer to our end of the year concert on June 11th. Hope it is in your datebook! The schedule this week will be: Wednesday, 5/20 at 7:45, Olive. On Friday, May 22 at 7:45 we will have Ensemble for ALL! First period sectional will be for Anna and Aurora and second period sectional will be for Piper and Stella. See you all very soon!

## **Sports!**

### **Sports This Week (5/18 - 5/22)**

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

**TENNIS** Mon - at Monomoy 3:45pm (Monomoy MS), Tue - Practice 3:30 - 4:30, Wed - vs DY(Locarios) 4:00, Thu - Practice 3:30 - 4:30

**GOLF** Tue - MATCH (at Captain's Course) 3:30 - 6:30, Fri - Practice (Captain's Driving Range) 3:30 - 4:30

**TRACK** Mon - vs Monomoy (@ CCLCS) 4:00, Tue - Practice 3:15 - 4:30, Wed - vs DY (@ CCLCS) 4:15, Thurs - Practice 3:15 - 4:30

### **Sports Next Week (5/25 - 5/29)**

**BASEBALL** Mon - NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day), Tue - Practice 3:30 - 5:00 (Freeman's), 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 Hyannis Golf Course) TBD

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

## **6th Grade**

**Week at a Glance:** <https://tinyurl.com/bdd33283>

**English:** Students in 6th grade ELA have a project that is due on May 26th. They have each been given a copy of the instructions and they can also be found on the ELA Google Classroom. The project relates to the theme of hope and perseverance we are learning about in "Shooting Kabul."

**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>

**Math:** We will have our unit test for Area on Tuesday then we will conclude the geometry units will Surface Area and Volume over the next two weeks.

## **8th Grade**

**Week at a Glance:** <https://tinyurl.com/373bs5vs>

**Science:** Keep collecting that Body Bio data!!! Data Checks are every Friday and 21 pieces of data are due on Friday, May 22. The expected project due date is Friday, May 29.

**8th Grade End of Year Trip!:** Registration for the 8th grade trip is **NOW PAST DUE!!** We assume anyone not registered is not planning to attend. Please reach out to [hkast@cclcs.info](mailto:hkast@cclcs.info) if that's not the case.

**French:** After Math MCAS, we are reading the story of La Statue de la Liberté which will kick off our in class project about Ellis Island and French Immigration. Students will also receive their Language Museum Project description this week...topics are due by Friday, May 22nd.

**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.

**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.

## Upcoming Events

- May 25th: No School Memorial 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

## Community Notes

A colorful poster for Yarmouth Recreation's summer programs. The background is light pink with illustrations of a smiling sun, yellow tulips, and green leaves. The text is in orange and black. It lists various activities and provides contact information for registration.

**Yarmouth  
Rec**

**SUMMER PROGRAMS  
AVAILABLE**

- Tai Chi by the Sea
- Beach Soccer
- Rollerskating
- Multi-sport  
Activities
- Swim Lessons
- Tennis Lessons
- and Many More!!

Sign up using this Website Link or  
Scan the QR Code!

[HTTPS://YARMOUTH.ACTIVITYREG.COM/](https://YARMOUTH.ACTIVITYREG.COM/)



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