



Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School
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Notes to Home: September 29, 2025

Greetings CCLCS Families,

As some may have read, a Falmouth teenager was recently arrested (and then released) on charges related to making threats about a school shooting. While this incident did not involve our school, I understand that it naturally raises questions and concerns about safety.

I want to reassure you that at CCLCS, the safety and well-being of our students is always our highest priority. Our safeguards include a written security protocol, ongoing faculty training, locked doors during the school day, an adult presence at the front desk, and a close relationship with the Harwich Police and Fire Departments, who conduct safety drills with students and staff each year.

At the same time, our approach to safety emphasizes not only being safe but also feeling safe. Barry Svigals, an architect who led the redesign of the Sandy Hook school, reminds us that schools must balance visible security with emotional well-being. Too much focus on guards, security monitors, or metal detectors can unintentionally create fear instead of reassurance. At CCLCS, our sight lines and entrance cameras provide excellent visibility of entrances and most surrounding spaces. Perhaps our greatest asset, though, is our close-knit community: students, administrators, teachers, our support staff, and families all play a role in noticing and reporting anything unusual on campus. We believe our job is to foster a community that feels welcoming and secure, where students can focus on learning, growth, and joy, even as we remain vigilant and prepared.

We will continue to evaluate and strengthen our practices, guided by our twin commitments to safety and to the nurturing environment that makes CCLCS special. Thank you for your trust in us.

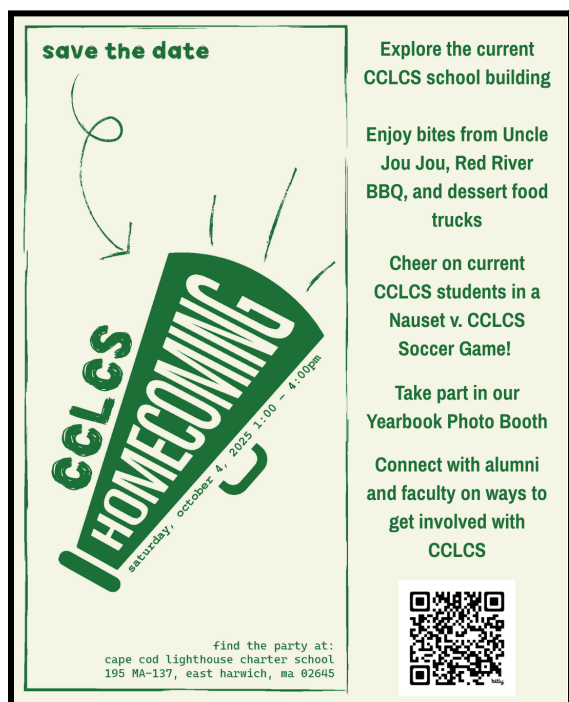
Warm regards,
Ben

Fall Fest!

THIS Friday is CCLCS' FALL FEST!! A huge thank you to ALL who jumped in to donate supplies!!!!

Students do not need a backpack, but they should pack a nut free snack and a reusable water bottle. Everyone is encouraged to wear flannel or other festive fall outfits. Pizza will be provided for all students at lunch. If your student does not like pizza, please pack a lunch.





Oct. 4th: CCLCS Homecoming!

The fall fun continues on Saturday! Join CCLCS alumni, faculty, parents, current students, and community members at a Homecoming celebration Saturday, October 4, from 1pm - 4pm at CCLCS.

Celebrating our CCLCS Alumni Association, Homecoming will feature friends, food, and festivities for those who know the school well and those looking to take a walk down memory lane. Reach out to alumni@cclcs.info with questions!

Other Announcements....

This Wednesday (**October 1st**) is a FULL day of school. Apologies for the typo in the sports section last week.

We are in need of **paper towels** if you are able to donate a roll or two. Thank you!!

We'd like to extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU to the Wentworth family** for once again stepping in to help with projects around our school. Your continued generosity and support make a lasting impact on our school community. We're so grateful for all you do!

The **CCLCS Care Closet** could use a refresh, especially before the White Mountains trip. We are looking for donations of travel sized products including deodorant, body wipes, hair ties, body wash, shampoo and conditioner. Questions can be directed to Ms. Berner at kberner@cclcs.info

Lost and Found: Please have your student check Lost and Found located by the front door. We will be donating any unclaimed items Friday October 11th.

Musical Theater: There will be a musical theater meeting this Wednesday, Oct 1st, in the Art Studio at lunch/recess time for any student interested in learning more about this year's school musical. All students with any interest in theater are encouraged to attend the meeting- no prior experience necessary!

During the week of October 14, 2025 the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's (DESE's) Office of Language Acquisition (OLA) will conduct a **Tiered Focused Monitoring Review** of Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School. More information can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/4fjws6s6> (Portuguese copy here: <https://tinyurl.com/57ryeskn>)

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## STUDENT HANDBOOK/ RESPONSIBLE USE POLICY

### **We still do not have a response from every family!!!!**

If you haven't yet, please carve out a few minutes to review our Student Handbook and the Responsible Use Policy. **Please complete the acknowledgement form for BOTH documents!!**

[Student Handbook](#) & [Acknowledgement Form](#) (Student Handbook)

[Responsible Use Policy](#) & [Acknowledgement Form](#) (Responsible Use Policy)

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Clubs & Seminars!

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 and students may stay when needed. Please pick up promptly at 4:00 PM.

Rainbow Alliance: The Rainbow Alliance will meet on Tuesdays during lunch and recess starting tomorrow. The school's gender/sexuality club is open to everyone - members of the LGBTQ community AND their allies! Students in all grades are welcome to join to talk, share ideas, read stories, talk about headlines, get to know each other, and have fun! Please contact Ms. Strakele (dstrakele@cclcs.info) or Ms. Hyora (jhyora@cclcs.info) with questions.

Model UN Club! Model UN will meet this Wednesday, October 1st from 3:15PM-4PM in Ms. O'Leary's room. See you there!

PLEASE NOTE: Model UN will NOT meet Oct. 8th (8th grade will be in the White Mtns), Oct. 15th (Ms. O'Leary is out that day), or October 22nd (half day for guardian/teacher conferences).

Roots and Shoots! Roots & Shoots will meet Thursday afternoon. The group meets until 4. Contact Ms. GP (sgrahampye@cclcs.info)

Student Government: Those interested in participating in student government should meet with Ms.GP Friday during lunch/recess. Listen to morning announcements for more details. Contact Ms. GP (sgrahampye@cclcs.info)

Music !

There will be **Band** lessons for band instruments during the day on Tuesday. **Students who were invited to the before school band should join us tomorrow from 7:45-8:30. This is just a start, more beginner musicians will be included when ready!** Questions can be directed to msmith@cclcs.info

CCLCS Chorus Thursdays 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!

Contemporary Music Ensemble: The percussionists will meet with Mr. G on Thursday, October 2 during 6th period 2:03-2:50.

CCLCS STRINGS! STRINGS! The schedule for this week is as follows: On WED. October 1st at 7:45 I will meet up with Olive and Ariana in the Spanish classroom. On Friday, October 3rd at 7:45. We will have Ensemble for all of the others until 8:30. Please note that we will NOT have sectionals on Friday the 3rd as it is your Fall Festival Day. Sectionals during 1st and 2nd periods on Fridays will be regular from October 10th onwards. See you all very soon! Mrs. Schultze

Sports!

Once again, I'm sorry for the mistake in last week's schedule. WE HAVE A FULL DAY OF SCHOOL ON WED, 10/1. Soccer is opting out of practice that day because there are 3 games this week. Field Hockey will practice at CCLCS Tue & Wed this week. - Mr. Crash

Sports this week (9/29 - 10/4)

BOYS SOCCER Mon - Game vs Cape Cod Acad 4:00 (CCLCS), Tue - Game at SJP 3:45 (SJP), Wed - No Practice, Thurs - Game at Rising Tide 3:45 (RT), SAT - Game vs Nauset 1pm

GIRLS SOCCER Mon - Game at Cape Cod Acad 4:00 (CCA), Tue - Game vs SJP 3:45 (CCLCS), Wed - No Practice, Thurs - Game at Rising Tide 5:00 (RT)

FIELD HOCKEY Mon - Game at Nauset 4pm, Tue - Practice 3:30 - 5:00 (CCLCS), Wed - Practice 3:30 - 5:00 (CCLCS), Fri - NO PRACTICE

CROSS COUNTRY Mon - Practice 3:15 - 4:30, Tue - Meet at Nauset MS 4pm, Wed - Practice 3:15 - 4:30, Thurs - Practice 3:15 - 4:30

Sports Next week (10/6 - 10/11)

BOYS SOCCER Mon - Game vs St John Paul 3:45, Tue - Game at Falmouth Acad 3:30, Wed - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Thurs - NO Practice, Fri - Game vs Trinity 3:45

GIRLS SOCCER Mon - Game at St John Paul 3:45, Tue - Game vs Falmouth Acad 3:30, Wed - Practice 3:15 - 4:30, Thurs - Game vs Cape Cod Acad 4:00

FIELD HOCKEY Mon - Game at Monomoy 4pm, Tue - Game at DY 4:00, Wed - NO Practice, Fri - NO Practice

CROSS COUNTRY Mon - Meet vs Nauset 4pm, Tue - Meet vs DY 4pm, Wed - Practice 3:15 - 4:30, Thurs - Practice 3:15 - 4:30

On Thursday, 10/2, we need parents to carpool players to Rising Tide for boys and girls soccer. Boys will leave at 2:15, Girls will leave at 3:15. Please reach out right away if you're available (crsims@cclcs.info).

Cross Country Meet Updates! Read all about races at [DY](#) and against [Riverview](#)

6th Grade

Week at a Glance: <https://tinyurl.com/3az29exm>

Art: Sixth grade artists are wrapping up their clay projects inspired by gargoyle drawings they created in their sketchbooks earlier this year. Next, they'll begin a colorful oil pastel project exploring complementary and contrasting colors.

All About Your Child: If you haven't yet, please help us get to know your child better by completing the "All About My Child" form. <https://tinyurl.com/bdhmfuhr>

7th Grade

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

Spanish: We will begin learning about Día de los Muertos. Students will begin brainstorming for their Ofrenda Project. QUIZ on days of the week, numbers 0-31, and months of the year.

Art: Seventh grade artists are putting the finishing touches on their drawing project in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. This project is a special collaboration with Spanish teacher Caroline Metz.

8th Grade

Week at a Glance: <https://tinyurl.com/3pxery86>

Science: Science: Elements Chapter 2 due tomorrow, Tuesday 9/30; Elements Chapter 3 due Monday 10/6 and Chapter 3 Quiz on Tuesday, 10/7. Also, Mrs. Haven is looking for a chest freezer for her classroom! Email ahaven@cclcs.info if you have any leads on a free fridge!

French: En classe: We will finalize our acrostic poems about the French-speaking world. We continue to practice our French alphabet including accent marks. We will practice using our classmates' names and our 4 prepared questions (French name, class name, teacher name & school name). We will begin to look for patterns and connections as we learn numbers 0-31. Chez toi: Bring in 2 actual items: one item that has French written on it for our Class Museum AND one item that represents you as a person (for our future upcoming class project)

Art: Eighth grade artists are starting a new project called Map of Life. They are designing abstract symbols to represent important people, places, and experiences from their lives. These symbols will be used to create black-and-white Sharpie drawings filled with unique patterns and shapes. In the weeks ahead, students will also glaze their Japanese Tea Bowls, which are drying in the kiln room!

BOOT DAY: In preparation for the White Mountains field trip, 8th graders will be participating in practice hikes during the school day on Thursday, October 2nd. All 8th graders are encouraged to wear the hiking boots/ hiking sneakers they plan to wear on the White Mountains field trip to help break them in.

White Mountains: All paperwork should be in, including medical paperwork!! We are just over one week away from our trip!! Stay tuned for an additional email with information about packing, departure time and last minute reminders!

Upcoming Events

- Friday, October 3rd: Fall Fest! *Community Building during school day!* (Students only)
- Saturday, October 4th: CCLCS Homecoming for current and alumni families!!
- Wednesday, October 8th - Friday, October 10th: 8th Grade White Mountains Trip
- Monday, October 13th: No School (Indigenous Peoples' Day)
- Thursday, October 16th: 6th Grade to Provincetown (*more information to come*)
- Wednesday, October 22nd & Thursday, October 23rd: Half Days (11:45am dismissal)
Conferences. *Families will be notified in mid-October if a conference is requested!*
- Friday, October 24th: Halloween Dance! More info to come!
- Tuesday, November 11th: No School (Veterans' Day)
- Wednesday, November 12th: High School Showcase (6pm) - 8th grade only!
- Tuesday, November 18th: Admissions Open House for Prospective Families

- Tuesday, November 25th: Half Day
- Wednesday, November 26th- Friday, November 28th: No School (Thanksgiving).

Community Notes

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FOOD PANTRY IS NOW

OPEN

- Monday 8am-1pm
- Tuesday 12-6pm
- Thursday 12-6pm
- Every 4th Saturday 9am-12pm

YOUR KINDNESS RESTORES HOPE

29 BASSETT LANE, HYANNIS MA 02601
508-815-5100

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BRAZILIAN PORTUGUESE

DISPENSA ALIMENTAR ESTÁ

ABERTA

- Segunda: 8h - 13h
- Terça: 12h - 18h
- Quinta: 12h - 18h
- Todo 4º sábado das 9h às 12h

SUA BONDADE RESTAURA A ESPERANÇA

29 BASSETT LANE, HYANNIS MA 02601
508-815-5100

Free Community
FILM & FRIGHT Night

BOO. OHAY.

**October 22
5PM - 8 PM**

FREE community Film and Fright Night featuring
"Hocus Pocus 1 and 2" starting at 5:30pm.
Outside projector and screen so dress warm,
bring blankets and enjoy a spooky evening!

Popcorn
Cotton Candy
Dress Up
Trunk-or-Treat

Cape Cod
Pier Acute Care

383 S Orleans Road
Brewster, MA 02631

RSVP
MMckay@CapeCodRehabHC.com

Harwich Community Center

Teen Clothing Swap

Exchange your gently used clothes and accessories for new-to-you items!
Drop off your donations, then come back to shop the Swap on:

**Sunday, Nov 2nd
9am-1pm**

Drop off your donations between normal business hours on
Oct 1st - Oct 27th

What can I donate?
Gently used, clean clothing free from rips, tears, or stains. Accessories in good condition such as backpacks, hats, jewelry, scarves, bags, hair accessories, sunglasses, belts, etc. are also acceptable. We are unable to accept shoes, socks, undergarments (including sports bras & tights), or swimwear. Donations are limited to a maximum of 10 items per person. No exceptions please!

Can I still come to the Swap if I didn't donate?
Yes! Every youth who visits the Swap will automatically receive 5 tickets to shop on, even if you didn't donate. Those who donated will receive bonus tickets for each item they donated to the swap, up to 10 bonus tickets.

For more information, call
508-430-7568
or email Reagan at:
reagan.wilda@harwich-ma.gov

Grades 5-12



**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 dissections, building projects, microscope work, outdoor adventure, and nature-themed creative projects!

All CCLCS students welcome!

Mondays until 5 PM

10/6/25 - 12/15/25 (skip 10/13)

CCLCS will provide van transit to PBCB:

2287 MA 28 in Harwich

\$200 per student for 10 weeks

Register here:



**Questions? Email
PBCB Science
Coordinator Jeanna
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(santanaj@pbcab.cc)**

