



Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School

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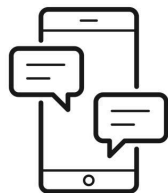
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Notes to Home: September 2, 2025

Greetings CCLCS Families!

With Labor Day in the rearview mirror, the vibe in the building today is joyful but definitely a bit more purposeful than it was last week. We gathered as a school community this morning for our first All School Meeting of the year. It was an opportunity to build school culture and for the students to be formally introduced to our fall athletics coaches and our new music teacher, Dr. Smith, who plugged in his keyboard and sang a beautiful song about togetherness and belonging. What an inspiring way to kick off the week!

Ben



Opting in to Texts from CCLCS

On Tuesday, September 2nd we will send a text to all guardians that will come from the number 79041. You will likely be asked if you'd like to opt in to text messages. **Please say YES!** We use this platform to text families important reminders, cancellations, updates and more.

School Picture Day is Friday, September 5th!

School picture day is this Friday, September 5th. Every student will get their picture taken. The form can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/27b8u56a>

Save the Date!! Oct. 4th: CCLCS Homecoming!

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 and let us know!

save the date



find the party at:
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Explore the current CCLCS school building

Enjoy bites from Uncle Jou Jou, Red River BBQ, and dessert food trucks

Cheer on current CCLCS students in a Nauset v. CCLCS Soccer Game!

Take part in our Yearbook Photo Booth

Connect with alumni and faculty on ways to get involved with CCLCS



IMPORTANT BEGINNING OF YEAR REMINDERS!

Student Handbook/ Responsible Use Policy!

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)

Beginning of Year Form Reminder!!

If you haven't yet returned the following, please do so ASAP!

- Emergency Contact Information
- Student Medical Forms (including medication policy, authorization to administer Tylenol, etc, etc)
- Blanket Permission Slip

Students can give their completed forms to their homeroom teacher.

Additional Online Forms

These forms are OPTIONAL! If interested, please complete or print these from the website and return to school no later than 9/12/2025.

- 1.) [Do not photo form](#)
- 2.) [Free & reduced lunch application](#) Please note that per Massachusetts State Law, all breakfast and lunches are free for all students at CCLCS. Applying for "free" or "reduced" lunch status might help low income families qualify for other benefits (ex: field trip scholarships).
- 3.) [Accident Insurance Protection for Students](#)
- 4.) [Guardian Volunteer Survey of Interest](#)
- 5.) [Family Directory Opt Out Form](#)

Device Registration

Reminder! We are a personal device free school. This policy applies to all cell phones & smart watches. CCLCS led the way in implementing this policy years ago, and we have found it makes a very positive impact on our school culture and our students' ability to learn!

ALL guardians must complete the following form for each of their students! [Cell Phone Policy & Registration](#) ***Please complete for each student, even if they do not own a device at this time!*** If your child gets a device during the school year, please update. Thank you!

Reminders From the Health Office

Here are a few reminders from the health office that help keep our community safe!

- Please send your student in with a water bottle. They should put their name on it. You would be surprised at how many water bottles go missing.
- Students are outside for PE & Recess. Please wear appropriate footwear!
- If your student needs sunscreen please have them apply it at home. They may bring some into school but it cannot be of the spray variety.
- Continue to do tick checks at home, they are still out there!
- Remember we are a Nut Free facility. No Nutella, No Uncrustables. We have many allergies in the building.
- Please don't let students bring high sugar, high caffeine snacks or beverages onto school property. Example: Dunkin's Fruit Refreshers are made with tea and lots of sugar!
- Food and drink should not come in glass containers.
- Students should not bring in perfume and never spray it on someone else!
- Please send in all updated physicals.
- If your student needs a medication or has an inhaler or Epi pen, please send in the Doctor's order, and fill out the parent consent form asap.

Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe and healthy!

Clubs & Seminars!

Model UN Club! The Model UN Club will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, September 17th from 3:15-4PM in Ms. O'Leary's room. This meeting is for both students who have joined Model UN before AND new, interested students who would like to know more! What is Model UN? Model UN brings students together to simulate the meetings of the United Nations. Students represent different countries and debate global issues, as well as negotiate solutions. It's a hands-on way for students to learn about international relations, diplomacy, and the UN system while developing public speaking, critical thinking, research, and leadership skills. (It is also a great opportunity to make new friends!) Come join!

Art & Music !

All of our amazing 6th, 7th, and 8th grade artists are kicking off the year by creating their very **own sketchbooks!** These will be our go-to spot for doodles, designs, brainstorm, and bursts of creativity all year long. Think of them as a passport to imagination! I'm thrilled to meet the school 😊 and can't wait to dive into a colorful, creative, and fun-filled year. Let's make some art magic together! ~ Ms. Johnson

Congratulations to Carter Escandel and Eloise Drowne, who were announced as winners of the 10th annual Sail Into Imagination art contest at the Steamship Authority! The contest had more than 200 entries this year and a wealth of wonderful artwork to review, so congratulations are definitely in order for these amazing CCLCS artists!!

Our **Music Department** is excited to start a new year!! ***Here is the schedule for the 25/26 school year.*** All students interested in participating in music ensembles should reach out: Mr. Girardin for chorus at mgirardin@cclcs.info, Mrs. Schultze for Strings at lschultze@cclcs.info, and Dr. Smith for Band at msmith@cclcs.info. All students are welcome because music is for everyone! New instrumentalists and singers encouraged!!!

Chorus - Every Thursday, 7:45AM - 8:30AM

Strings - Every Friday, 7:45AM - 8:30AM

Musical Theater Show Choir - Every Friday, 3PM - 4PM

Band - Every Tuesday, 7:45AM - 8:30AM

CCLCS Chorus will begin Thursday before school on September 4 from 7:45-8:30.

All are welcome!!!! Parents can reach me at mgirardin@cclcs.info

CCLCS Musical Theater Show Choir will start on September 12 after school from 3:00-4:00.

All are welcome!!! Guardians can reach me at mgirardin@cclcs.info

Contemporary Music Ensemble Students who play guitar, bass, drum set and piano should email Mr. G at mgirardin@cclcs.info We will be putting together an ensemble to accompany the chorus and musical. The class is a pull out during the school day.

CCLCS STRINGS! All violinists, violists and cellists of all abilities, or even students who have never played before but would like to start, are invited to our first meeting on Friday, September 5th from 7:45 to 8:30 in the Multi-purpose room. Please bring your instruments (if you have one) and we will get tuned up and start from there!

The **String Schedule** will be as follows for the entire school year:

Wednesdays from 7:45 to 8:30 are for **lessons for beginners** or extra help.

STRING ENSEMBLE meets every Friday before school from 7:45 to 8:30am. This is the time when we all play together and learn our pieces in a group setting.

Sectionals take place during 1st and 2nd periods on Friday. These happen on a rotating, pull-out basis so that each student might miss one of these classes every 6 weeks or so.

If you have questions, please email me: celloduo@verizon.net. Can't wait to get started! Mrs. Schultze

Sports!

SPORTS THIS WEEK:

Girls Soccer: Tues/ Wed/ Thurs, 3:30 - 5:00. Practice at CCLCS.

Boys Soccer: Tues/ Wed/ Thurs, 3:30 - 5:00. Practice at CCLCS.

Field Hockey: Tues/ Wed/ FRIDAY, 3:30 - 5:00. Practice at CCLCS.

Cross Country: Tues/ Wed/ Thurs, 3:15 - 4:30. Practice at CCLCS.

It's **field hockey season!** Our team is co-ed and welcomes everyone with the desire to learn and play field hockey. We have a robust group of experienced 7th and 8th graders that are excited to teach the next generation of players!

Practices this week (and most weeks) are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. We don't practice on Thursdays, but we may have games on Thursdays. All practices this week will be at CCLCS, so please plan for player pick up at 5pm at CCLCS. This week will be about drills and conditioning, so please try to join by the end of this week so we can have a full slate for next week's practices. We know in advance that there will be no practice on Tuesday, September 16, so please plan accordingly.

For practice, students must have mouthguards (properly molded with boiling water) and shin guards. A glove is recommended as well. Protective eyewear is optional. Field hockey equipment is stored in the grade 8 science room during the day, so please store equipment before going to homeroom in the morning. Students without mouthguards or shin guards will not be able to practice for safety reasons.

For games, we have new uniform tops (hooray, and thank you to our auction donors and Cape Cod 5 grants for the funding!!!). Students will need their own black shorts to wear. Yellow game socks will need to be purchased from Mr. Crash (cost tbd but it's typically \$5 or less).

Questions for the coaches? Please email Coach Doherty at cdoherty@cclcs.info or Coach Haven at ahaven@cclcs.info.

6th Grade

Starting next week, guardians can find the 6th grade "Week at a Glance" here!

Math: Welcome to 6th Grade! Please keep an eye and ear out for the ***Math in My World Project*** coming home today. We brainstormed how math is useful in our daily lives on our first day in class together and now students will investigate where else they can find math in their worlds. This is our homework this week and we will share out "carousel" style on Friday 9/5. Students will have a printed copy of the project guidelines and can also find a digital version in our Math Google Classroom. Have fun finding Math in your world! :)

7th Grade

✨✨✨**UPCOMING FIELD TRIP!!!** The 7th grade will be headed to the Adventure Ropes Course in Sandwich on Wednesday, September 10th! This will be within the school day, so normal drop off and pick up at CCLCS. The cost is \$50. All three steps to register can be found here:

<https://tinyurl.com/yuubwjha>

- 1) Fill out the CCLCS Registration form
- 2) Fill out the Waiver
- 3) Pay via cash, check (made out to CCLCS) or Paypal

Spanish: We will be working on our Hispanic Heritage Month project this month! Your students will choose a Hispanic or Latino person of note and complete a biography on their chosen person. In collaboration with the Art department, in groups, students will decorate ceiling tiles with images from the country of their chosen person. The tiles will then be placed in the ceiling of the classroom!

8th Grade

Week at a Glance: <https://tinyurl.com/52svruvr>

Welcome to **grade 8 science**! This week, we are learning CER basics: Claim, Evidence, and Reasoning. We start with a question, then collect evidence. Evidence is used to make a claim about the answer to the question. Finally, students explain how the evidence supports their claim. A similar process is used in all subject areas.

Bienvenue! Welcome to **French class**! What a fun "week" last week was, getting to know the 8th graders...fun games, a field trip and a half day! This coming week we will choose our new French name in order to make bilingual name tags. We will begin to introduce ourselves in French, ask and answer questions about our new French names, how we are doing, how old we are and what languages we speak. We will also name our classes based on what we know about French culture.

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, September 2nd: Sports Begin
- Friday, September 5th: School Photo Day!
- Wednesday, September 10th: 7th Grade to The Adventure Park in Sandwich
- Monday, September 15th: CCLCS Board Meeting (Open to Public), 6pm
- Tuesday, September 16th: 6th & 7th Grade Open House (Guardians Only), 6pm
- Thursday, September 18th: 8th Grade Open House (Guardians Only), 6pm
- Saturday, October 4th: CCLCS Homecoming for current and alumni families!!
- Wednesday, October 8th- Friday, October 10th: 8th Grade White Mountains
- Monday, October 13th: No School

Community Notes



HARWICH REC

FALL FIELD HOCKEY LEAGUE

**SEPTEMBER 20TH-
OCTOBER 25TH**

SATURDAYS

GRADES

K-1 & 2/3 8:00-9:00AM

4/5 & 6/7 9:00-10:00AM

Through engaging drills and skill-building games, and, young athletes will learn the fundamentals of serving, passing, and setting while competing in a fun and friendly environment

Teams will be coached by Monomoy Field Hockey players and their Coach Leah Mercurio. Players will be organized into divisions by grades and games will take place simultaneously on adjacent fields

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