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Notes to Home: Mid-August 2025

Greetings CCLCS Families!

Out on a walk yesterday near my house, I saw dozens of “pre-pupa” stage monarch butterflies devouring a milkweed plant, which can only mean one thing: school is almost here! Like the life cycle of a butterfly, the academic year has stages, and we are set to begin a very busy one! I, and all the staff at CCLCS, could not be more excited to welcome all the energy, laughter, and color of this year’s incoming student body. Each and every one of our “lightkeepers” will bring a story and identity that we are eager to embrace.

As an addendum to the mailing earlier this month, you’ll find below several important reminders specific to the opening of the school year. Please read on, and don’t hesitate to contact us with questions.

See you on August 28th!

Ben Parsons
Executive Director

A Few Things to Note Before August 28th!

Volunteer Day: August 23: 9am - 12pm

Come lend a hand, connect with other families, and help make our campus ready for opening day! Sign up to volunteer here: <https://tinyurl.com/35pbzckd> Questions can be directed to crsims@cclcs.info

Jupiter Grades : How to Find Your Homeroom

All guardians and students were emailed a link to activate your [Jupiter Grades](#) account. Please create a login and password - this will help you to access your student’s grades in all classes. Many teachers communicate through Jupiter as well, which will alert your personal email. Likewise, students should check their ‘CCLCS Google Email’ to access their Jupiter activation link. ***Students should consult Jupiter Grades to find out their homeroom placement.*** They will find this information just below their student password, within their profile. All students will receive a hard copy of their academic schedule on the first day of school.

SUPPORTING YOUR STUDENT AT HOME

One of our goals is to empower students to be independent, life-long learners through the acquisition of executive functioning skills. To support students in developing these critical skills, **each student will receive a CCLCS spiral-bound Student Planner**. Students will be instructed to use it in every class to “plan their work and work their plan.” Parents and guardians can help their students by using the planner as a conversation starter to discuss upcoming assignments and progress toward due dates.

Another way to help your child prepare for a successful year is to ensure that they have a dedicated homework space. It should be well-lit, stocked with pencils and paper, a timer, and free from distractions. During the school day, we collect personal devices/cell phones to keep students focused on academics, and we’d encourage families to consider this approach at home as well.

Lunch Ordering 🍱

- Information about [meals at CCLCS can be found here](#).
- All students may order breakfast & lunch online at **no cost**. If you plan on ordering food please order ahead of time through the [EZ School App](#). Logins were sent to new families.
- If you did not receive an email with a link to log in, please email hkast@cclcs.info
- If you plan on bringing lunch, please remember we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**.
- ALL students have a mid-morning snack at the start of 3rd period. Please pack this each day! This must also be nut free.
- CCLCS has a refillable water fountain. All students should **bring their own labeled water bottle** to use throughout the day.
- As per our Wellness Policy, we ask that students **refrain from bringing in candy, soda or caffeinated beverages**. This includes beverages from our neighbor, Dunkin Donuts. Birthday celebrations in the form of baked goods are *not* permitted.
- While meals are free to students, they do cost the school. We ask students to be mindful of food waste and only order what they intend to eat. Please discuss options with your student!!

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!

Students will hand in their devices during homeroom at the start of the day and receive them back at the end of the day. Devices will be kept in the main office during the school day. If a student is dismissed from school, devices can be collected from the main office before leaving.

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!

Bus Info

If your student is registered for the parent-run bus, please review the following information!

[Bus #1](#) (Exits 5 & 8)

[Bus #2](#) (Exits 5 & 6)

[Basic Bus Information](#)

***There are still 6th grade families looking for carpool options from the Mashpee/ Forestdale/ Marstons Mills area. If you are interested in connecting, please email hkast@cclcs.info and we will try to connect all interested families. ***

New Staff Since Last Our Email!

Jennifer Maxwell	Jennifer joins us from Foxborough MA after several years working in special education at the middle school level. She earned her BA from UMass Lowell and her Masters in Special Education from Lesley University. Jennifer is thrilled to be joining the community at CCLCS and is looking forward to working with students and their families to continue the mission of creating a lifelong love of learning and empowering all students to meet their full potential. Jennifer enjoys reading, working out, cooking, beach time, boating, and spending time with her family and friends. She and her husband Glenn have four children, two sons and two daughters, and a yellow lab, Miller.
6th Grade Special Education	

