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### Notes to Home: March 23, 2026

*Greetings CCLCS Families,*

*We are entering MCAS season, a time when students showcase the knowledge and skills they have acquired this year in Math, ELA, Social Studies, and Science. CCLCS is not a “test factory” that approaches preparing students with “drill and kill” methods (like some schools I have visited). On the contrary, we believe strongly that our project-rich curriculum closely aligned with the MA state frameworks offers the perfect balance of rigor and engagement for middle school students. In this paradigm, we prioritize experiential education, socioemotional learning, and, on occasion, fun for fun’s sake over “teaching to the test.” Nevertheless, our MCAS scores remain an important diagnostic tool that indicates to us which competencies students have mastered, which are still developing, and which are in need of attention. As such, we are encouraging all of our students to do their absolute best on this year’s tests, taking them seriously for the benefit of all. As we wind down spring training and gear up for Opening Day, we would love for your partnership in sharing that goal with us!*

*I hope to see you at the Auction on Saturday!*

*Warm regards,*

*Ben*

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to the Annie Jr. cast and crew, all of whom were amazing!! What a great group of kids!!!

Thank you to Ms. Emily, Mr. Girardin, Mr. Merrill and all the staff and parents who helped make the show a resounding success!!

**Next Year’s School Calendar** can be found on our website. Please note that the first day of school will be on Thursday, September 3rd. Similar to the past few

years, there will be a full day on Thursday, a half day on Friday, and no school on Monday in observance of Labor Day.

## IT IS AUCTION WEEK!!

This is the biggest social event and fundraiser of our year, and it is NOT to be missed! Come on out to spend time with other adults in our community and to support our Educational Foundation. CCLCS' Foundation provides capital and operational financial support to enhance the learning opportunities and academic excellence of the Charter School, including supporting field trips, seminars, athletics, special events, technology and more.

## IF YOU HAVE AUCTION

**DONATIONS** Please get them to CCLCS by Tuesday, March 24th. We are in the process of writing the catalogue and getting everything organized this week. Thanks to the amazing generosity of our community, we have an incredible collection of auction items for both the silent and live auctions.



school! <https://tinyurl.com/57wm33du>

We also still need a **few volunteers**. Volunteers are not required to purchase tickets, so it's a great way to attend the event free of charge! We especially need a few more people for checkout: <https://tinyurl.com/32cuy97f>

**JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THIRTY YEARS OF CCLCS!**

**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 2026.  
5-7:30pm at Wequassett  
Resort**

*Live & Silent Auction  
Games with Prizes*

*Live Music from  
Natalia Bonifini &  
Keb Hutchings*

*Hors d'oeuvres  
Beer & Wine  
Cash Bar*

Pre-Purchase Tickets:  
\$40 Individual  
\$75 for Pair of tickets  
\$50 day of at door

## PLEASE PRE- PURCHASE YOUR

**TICKETS!** This is an **ADULTS ONLY** event at Wequassett Resort that will feature auction games, drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and live music from Natalia Bonifini and Keb Hutchings (CCLCS Class of 2016!) Please invite family and friends for a fun night out celebrating our

Mark Your Calendar for **MCAS!** Please make note of the following schedule and avoid booking appointments that would take your child away from school on these dates!

6th Grade: ELA March 30-31, Math May 11-12

7th Grade: ELA April 1-2, Math May 13-14

8th Grade: ELA April 6-7, **SciTech May 4-5 (change!)**, Math May 18-19, Civics May 27-28

We are **in need** of paper towels, Lysol wipes, and boxes of tissues.

With **April vacation** on the horizon, please let the office know about any upcoming absences before or after break. Please email us now - [attendance@cclcs.info](mailto:attendance@cclcs.info)

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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 meet this Wednesday from 3:15PM - 4PM. See you there!

**ART SPARK:** ART SPARK is returning for Session II starting next Wednesday, April 1st, and will run every Wednesday from 3-4:45pm until Wednesday, May 27th. An email with a google form to sign up will be sent home to families tomorrow. Full descriptions of Session II classes will be included in tomorrow's sign up email, but will include adventures in ceramics and nature inspired art! Art Spark is a grant funded after school program and is free for students to participate in, however, space is limited and will be filled on a first come-first served basis. Parents/guardians are responsible for coordinating pick up at 4:45.

**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 start again this week. Any new members are welcome to join us.

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

**Roots and Shoots:** Will meet Thursday after school.

## **Music!**

**CHORUS:** Thursday morning 7:45-8:30

**Contemporary Music Ensemble** Friday last class (guitarists bring guitars)

**Musical Theater Show Choir** Friday after school 3:00-4:00

Please note that Chorus and Musical Theater Show Choir Students are preparing for a Festival on April 16 at DY during the school day.

**STRINGS!** The schedule for this week will be as follows: Wednesday, 3/25 at 7:45 is for Olive. Friday, 3/27 at 7:45 is Ensemble for ALL. Sectionals that day will be first period, Kelsey and second period, Rory and Kiana. See you all very soon! Mrs. Schultze

## **Sports!**

### **Sports This Week (3/23 - 3/27)**

**BASEBALL** Mon - NO Practice, Tue - Practice TBD (check SportsYou), Wed - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Thu - Practice 3:30 - 5:00

**TENNIS** Mon - Practice 3:30 - 5:00 (at CCLCS), Tue - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Wed - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Thu - Practice 3:30 - 5:00

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

**WINTER TRACK** Mon - No Practice, Tue - Practice 3:15 - 4:30, Wed - Practice 3:15 - 4:30, Thurs - Practice 3:15 - 4:30

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**TENNIS** Mon - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Tue - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Wed - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Thu - Practice 3:30 - 5:00

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

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## **6th Grade**

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

 **6th Grade Art:** This week, 6th grade artists are beginning the final versions of their watercolor and ink illustrations inspired by the book *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* from ELA. Students are transferring their sketches onto watercolor paper, continuing to work in black and white with touches of red. We may even incorporate small collage elements to bring their ideas to life!

To bring their ideas to life, students experimented with **black watercolor washes and India ink**, using both brushes and dip pens. Through this process, they practiced a variety of **mark-making techniques**, discovering how different lines, textures, and values can add depth and meaning to their artwork.

## **7th Grade**

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

 **7th Grade Art:** 7th grade artists have begun working with low-fire red clay, also known as terracotta. Each student is creating a Greek vase using the coiling technique. Many students have completed part of their form and will continue this week by adding spouts, handles, and decorative details inspired by a Greek god or goddess of their choice.

**7th Spanish:** We are beginning work on verb conjugation this week. "AR" verbs definition test on 3/31. HW: Conjuguemos assignment. Assigned Tuesday due Friday

**7th Math:** Seventh grade math just completed their loan agreements for their restaurants. They will continue to work on their menus, which should be due by the end of the month. We started a new section (proportional relationships) this week and their test will be on Tuesday, March 24th.

## **8th Grade**

**Week at a Glance:** <https://tinyurl.com/me7a3mtu>

**Save the Date!:** With our recent snow days, the 8th grade end of year trip will now be SUNDAY, June 14-Thursday, June 18th. More information, including registration, to be released soon!

**Nauset High:** The Nauset Guidance Department is visiting our school this Tuesday! They will be here to help students register for classes and answer any questions. Whether your student is 100% committed to attending or still on the fence, we highly encourage all potential students to take advantage of this opportunity to meet with a counselor and explore your options.

**French:** 8th grade French students will participate in "Manie Musicale" which is a worldwide music contest. We will vote daily similar to a March Madness basketball bracket. Students are also learning about subject pronouns and verbs. Their Leisure Activities survey is due Friday, March 26th.

**Snack Donations!** Please be on the lookout for a SignUp Genius to be sent to 8th grade families in an effort to provide our students with healthy snacks on MCAS testing days. We will be asking for various donations - fruits, veggies, juice - to help fuel our students' brains! Thank you in advance for your support! (As a reminder, ELA MCAS testing days are Monday, April 6th and Tuesday, April 7th.)

### **Upcoming Events**

- Thursday, March 26th: 8th grade Trip to State House
- Saturday, March 28th: CCLCS Annual Auction at Wequassett Resort
- March 30-31: 6th Grade ELA MCAS
- April 1-2: 7th Grade ELA MCAS
- April 6-7: 8th Grade ELA MCAS
- April 10th: 7th Grade Trip to Boston
- April 20-24th: April Vacation
- June 14-18: 8th Grade Trip
- June 24: 8th Grade Graduation
- June 25: Last School Day

### **Community Notes**

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MAR 29

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