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Notes to Home: June 1, 2026

Greetings CCLCS Families,

This past weekend, I attended a couple of graduation parties for former students, and my own son will be graduating from high school this Saturday. As our 8th graders prepare for their graduation from CCLCS on June 24, I suspect that many of us parents and guardians are asking similar questions: Have I done a good job raising my child? Have I adequately prepared them for the next step? There seems to be a never-ending stream of gurus who expound on the virtues of helicopter, snowplow, and free-range parenting, tiger moms, and even jellyfish moms! In this sea of resources, a balanced approach known as "Lighthouse Parenting" has several adherents. I am by no means an expert parent (just ask my kids!!), but there is some pretty compelling evidence to suggest that lighthouse parenting, which allows children to learn from life's lessons while also guiding them to navigate the world within safe and moral boundaries, might just be "the best" way. So, in this season of graduation, as I reflect on all that has gone into raising my son over the past 18 years, I'm going to double down on being a "Lighthouse Parent": a stable force on the shoreline my child can use as a guide and direction in the storm. I'll continue to look down at the rocks and do all I can to prepare him for their jagged edges, but I'm going to let him navigate the waves and trust that he will eventually learn to ride them on his own.

Warm regards,
Ben

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End of Year Survey: It's that time of year again! Your feedback helps us understand what we're doing well and where we can grow. We truly value your perspective and believe in the village approach—it takes all of us working together to support our students. Our goal is 100% participation, and we appreciate you being a part of this important process. Thank you for your continued support! You can find the survey here: https://tinyurl.com/4hc63zxv
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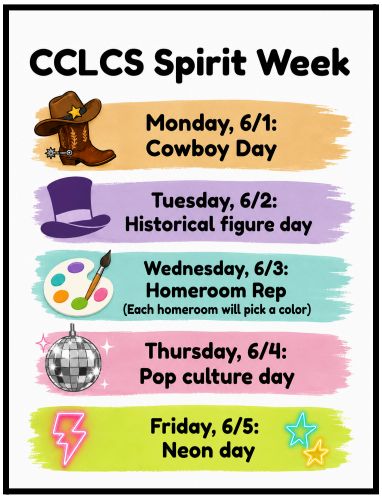
THIS WEEK is SPIRIT WEEK! Let's kick off our last month of school with some FUN! More Info here: https://tinyurl.com/yc4w75zc Thank you to our student government for organizing!



8th Grade Dinner Dance is TONIGHT. This is for current 8th graders only (no plus ones). The cost is $30 in advance - cash or check to the office or payment can be done online. This is a "dress up" dance, but not a prom. NO LIMOS! The dance takes place at the Orleans Yacht Club (39 Cove Rd, Orleans) which has a tiny parking lot. Here is the timing: 6:30pm arrive for outside pictures (guardians welcome), 7:00pm dance starts (guardians leave), 9:00pm dance ends.

A huge THANK YOU to Deb Lombardo and Suzy Holmes putting together this year's 8th Grade Dinner Dance. We couldn't have done it without you!

STILL 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 if interested!

Reminder: Director's Evaluation: A reminder to complete the Director's Evaluation for Dr. Parsons. This is read and processed by our board chair, Tracy Murphy. As Dr. Parsons described in his note last week, "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"*

Comfort Dogs Comfort Dogs on Tuesday! Tomorrow's comfort dog visit is for our 8th grade class! Our 8th graders are the first grade to have experienced the program for 3 full years and we want to make sure everyone gets a chance to enjoy the dogs for the last time tomorrow. (Don't worry 6th and 7th graders, there's one last visit scheduled for you later in the month!) What better way to start off a school day after a night of dancing than with some puppy love!

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. Reminder, if you give up your spot at CCLCS the only way to get it back is to enter the lottery for a space on the waitlist for the following school year.

The Walk for Water! Walk for Water - The 2026 Walk for Water fundraiser has officially kicked off! This will be CCLCS' 14th year supporting Water for South Sudan and transforming communities in need. Please help the 6th grade class reach their goal of bringing clean water to a community in South Sudan. Donate and/or share the GoFundMe link. https://gofund.me/c9e78a971 Thanks for your support! 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!

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 (6pm start)
- ✨**Thursday, June 11th**: End of Year Concert! Again, an evening event at CCLCS showcasing our talented musicians! (7pm start)

Join Us for the **Lower Cape Pride Parade!** 🏳️‍🌈 Happy Pride Month! 🏳️‍🌈 🏳️‍🌈 🏳️‍🌈 We are seeking families who would like to march with us in the Lower Cape Pride Parade on Saturday, June 13 at 10:00 AM in Orleans! We need numbers if this is to work! Please let us know if you can join by RSVPing to Jen Hyora at jhyora@cclcs.info For more details about the parade, visit: https://www.lowercapepride.org/parade

Annual Asbestos Letter! Happy to report we are still asbestos free!

https://tinyurl.com/9sd7zd6v

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Clubs & Seminars!

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.

Model UN Club! Model UN will have our last meeting of the year this Wednesday from 3:15-4PM. Be sure to bring a little cash so we can celebrate at Dunkin'Donuts!

ART SPARK: Has ended for the year!

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 meet at lunch on Tuesday

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

Roots and Shoots: Roots & Shoots will meet on Thursday.

Seminars

The Boating Safety Seminar will be taking their Boater's test this Friday. Please remind your student to review the material provided. I have also emailed them a link to a practice Gimkit.

Music!

CHORUS: CCLCS Chorus meets before school from 7:45-8:30. (Concert on June 11)

Musical Theater Show Choir: Musical Theater Show Choir meets on Friday after school from 3:00-4:00. (Concert on June 11)

Band: We have just three weeks left of Band at CCLCS, so let's make good use of our remaining time together. Please try to attend as many rehearsals as possible and spend a little extra time practicing on your own so you feel prepared and confident for our concerts.We will have both an in-school concert and an evening concert on **June 11th.** Band schedule is as follows:
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June 2

- Before School Band — 7:45–8:30 a.m.
- Grade 6 Winds — Period 2
- Grade 7–8 Winds — Period 3
- Grade 6–8 Percussion — Period 4

June 9

- Before School Band — 7:45–8:30 a.m.
- Grade 6 Winds — Period 3
- Grade 7–8 Winds — Period 4
- Grade 6–8 Percussion — Period 1

Contemporary Music Ensemble: Contemporary Music Ensemble meets during school as a pullout from classes - this week 6th period on Thursday (Guitarists, Percussionists and Keyboard players will be accompanying the Chorus and Musical Theater Show Choir in concert on June 11.) Chorus will also join in on this.

Strings: STRINGS! This notice will be a bit longer than usual, but please read the whole thing! We are winding down the year, but we still have a concert to play on Thursday, June 11th, so your student should find some time for extra practice this next week and a half.

The schedule this week is: WED. June 3rd at 7:45 is for Olive. On FRI, June 5th, we will have ensemble for ALL at 7:45. Please be on time...it is our last Friday rehearsal and we must get through every single piece. Sectionals on Friday, the 5th: first period is for Rory and Kiana and second period is for Kelsey and Olive.

AND THEN...next week on June 10th, we will have a WEDNESDAY morning rehearsal for ALL in Ensemble from 7:45 to 8:30. Thursday, June 11th is concert day! Two short concerts at the end of the school day and then the evening concert is at 7pm. Please have your student to school that night by 6:30 pm so we can all be tuned and ready to go. Concert dress is any combination of black and white. Nice clothes please. If you have any questions, please contact me: celloduo@verizon.net The kids are sounding great! Looking forward to the concert! Mrs. Schultze

Sports!

Please return your students' clean team uniform to the office ASAP!

6th Grade

Week at a Glance: https://tinyurl.com/r4z9asps

7th Grade

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

Math: We will be completing the Surface Area Chapter with a test on Wednesday. We will move onto Volume then Probability to wrap up the year.

SAVE THE DATE: The annual 7th grade trip to Six Flags New England will be on Wednesday, June 17th! Look for a separate email with details later this week. This is a normal drop off at CCLCS but will be an extended day with a 7pm arrival back at CCLCS that evening.

8th Grade

Week at a Glance: https://tinyurl.com/32p8apuh

Science: Body Bio project should be assembled by Friday, 6/5 and ready to practice presentations 6/8 and 6/9. Student projects will be displayed for Night of Knowledge on 6/10 with preparation to present to 6th and 7th grade students on 6/11 and 6/12. Please expect flexibility as there are many special events in the next two weeks.

French: This week: Language Museum Project due Friday, June 5th
Next week: All parts (1-5) of Ellis Island Project due Wednesday, June 9th

Save the Date, Friday, June 12th - during French class...Outdoor French Picnic - bring a beach towel & bring something "French" to share...sign up next Monday, June 8th in GC

Mark Your Calendars: Due to the Sunday commitment for the 8th grade trip this year, there will be NO SCHOOL for 8th grade only on Monday, June 22.

Upcoming Events

- June 1st: 8th Grade Dinner Dance. CCLCS 8th graders ONLY.
- June 10: Night of Knowledge / End of Year Art Show/ Block Dance. 6pm
- June 11: End of Year Concert at CCLCS. 7pm
- June 14-18: 8th Grade End of Year Trip
- June 14: Walk for Water (6) and Six Flags New England Trip (7)
- June 22: *NO SCHOOL for CCLCS 8th graders.*
- June 24: 8th Grade Graduation. Students report at 5pm, graduation begins 5:30pm.
- June 25: Last School Day (½ day)