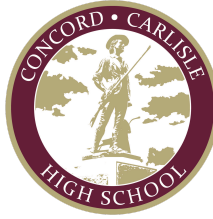


# CCHS Weekly Wire

## Friday, September 26, 2025



### Welcome

We had a fantastic end to the week as CCHS celebrated our first Fun Friday of the year! The spirit was incredible, with our campus transformed into a vibrant sea of pink as the entire community geared up for the highly anticipated Kicks for Cancer weekend and its accompanying events. This is a significant event that raises substantial funds for cancer research at Dana-Farber, making it one of the most crucial weekends of the year for our community's philanthropic efforts.

Fun Friday was a huge success, featuring engaging games and activities. Participants enjoyed the high jump, skill stations aimed at scoring in both soccer and field hockey, golf putting, and practicing football defensive and offensive plays. We are now looking forward to a wonderful weekend ahead with Kicks for Cancer and the Mighty Moose fundraiser, and we can't wait to see you there!

We share many great updates on social media. If you are not yet following us, follow us to stay informed!

[Instagram](#): @concordcarlislehs    [Facebook](#): @concordcarlislehs

Have a great weekend!

Warmly  
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### Picture of the Week



*Celebrating Pink Day and the first Fun Friday of the year!*

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## Updates and Information

### Bias Reporting System

Please remember that we have a [Bias Incident Reporting Protocol](#). All of the reporting forms can be found on the DEIB website: <https://www.concordps.org/deib>

### Parent-Teacher Conferences: Monday, October 20, 8:00 am - 2:40 pm

Each year, the high school provides an opportunity for parents to meet with teachers/counselors to discuss student progress. Ten-minute appointment blocks have been set aside for conferences with teachers and guidance counselors. Conferences will be held in person or via Zoom.

Detailed instructions regarding the scheduling process are included [in this letter](#). We kindly ask that you review the information carefully, as it contains important guidance for scheduling conferences. **The conference scheduler will open on Monday, September 29, at 7:00 pm.**

**Please note:** There will be no school for students on Conference Day.

### The Atlantic - Free Access


This school year, we've partnered with The Atlantic to provide unlimited access to Pulitzer-winning journalism, scholarly resources, and games for the entire CCHS community. Since 1857, The Atlantic has been a magazine of ideas, aiming to help readers better understand the world in all its complexity.

Your free subscription includes unlimited reading online, narrated articles and podcasts, [games](#), and more. Just go to the [website](#) for access--you do not need to log in. **This access is only available on school WiFi**, but articles can be printed out to read anywhere! We're very excited to bring you free access to one of America's most significant magazines. Enjoy it this school year, and stop by the library if you have any questions!

### Aspen Student Permissions Updated

Parents and guardians have the ability in Aspen to modify their students' permissions through their demographic verification form for military recruiting. If you wish to opt out of releasing student information to Military recruiters, you can check the box next to this option on the left-hand side. **Please complete this modification by Wednesday, October 15th.**

## Student Permissions

- ☒ I allow my student to use the internet as outlined in the school policy of the student handbook
- ☐ I give permission to use my student's photo in district publications and websites (we do not tag photos with student names)
- ☐ I allow media coverage (such as newspaper and TV) of my student
- ☐ I allow the secondary use of both my student and family contact information by approved school organizations
- ☒ I allow the use of both my student and family contact information in the school Parents/Teachers Association directory
- ☒ I would like to opt out of releasing my student information to Military recruiters 

## AP Exam Registration: Register by October 31 For Spring Exams

Students must register for all AP exams no later than October 31, 11:59 pm. The cost of each exam is \$115. After October 31, the College Board imposes a mandatory late fee, which will add \$42 to the cost of each exam.

Instructions for registration can be found [using this link](#). You may direct any AP questions to Mr. Ziemba-Prasad at [zziembaprasad@concordcarlisle.org](mailto:zziembaprasad@concordcarlisle.org).

## Important Attendance Practice Updates

During the 2024 - 2025 school year, we worked with caregivers, students, and teachers to update and streamline our attendance practices. There's no substitute for in-class learning, and we are committed to ensuring our attendance practices align with our commitment to academic excellence. Click [here](#) to access the updated attendance practices for this school year.

## Host a Japanese Friend!

The 28th anniversary of the Friends of Nanae sister-city exchange program is confirmed for the 2025 delegation visit. This year's group will include five middle school students (same age as U.S. ninth graders), three high school students, and two adults—a teacher and a town official. They are set to arrive on Monday, October 27th, and depart on Tuesday, November 4th. Don't miss the chance to make lasting connections and create lifelong memories! For more information, [click here](#).

## SAT at Other Schools

There have been several instances when students have tried to use their CCHS-issued laptop to take the SAT at another school and have had problems. We are unable to provide any assistance with this matter. **If a student is planning to take the SAT at another school, they should plan to bring a personal computer.**

Additionally, we plan to offer the SAT on Friday, March 6, 2026, at CCHS during the school day. More information about signing up for the SAT at CCHS will be shared in the early winter.

## Picture Day Retake is Monday, November 17th

All details for ordering photos can be found [HERE](#). *Our school code for purchasing is 3705.* If you were absent on picture day, retake day will be Monday, November 17, 2025. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Merna in the Main Office at [mmerna@concordcarlisle.org](mailto:mmerna@concordcarlisle.org). \*Any senior families wishing to purchase a photo

package, please choose “other” when selecting your student's grade. All students must get their photo taken to ensure they receive a CCHS Student ID.

## News From Guidance & Counseling

### Financial Aid Webinars Sign-Ups

The Massachusetts Education Financing Authority (MEFA) offers several webinars throughout the year that covers all aspects of financial aid and paying for college. There are two upcoming webinars that are time sensitive if you will be completing the FAFSA or the CSS Profile soon. Click the links to reserve your spot!

[September 30th - CSS Profile: What to Know](#)

[October 1st - Financial Aid 101](#)

[October 22nd - FAFSA Fall Festival](#) (individual assistance in filling out the FAFSA)

### College Reps Visiting during Student Lunch Blocks - Thursday, October 2nd

College representatives will be visiting during lunch blocks (11:00 - 12:40) on Thursdays in October. Students may visit with these great institutions during their lunch - no need to sign up! Tables will be located outside Student Support Services. Representatives visiting on **Thursday, October 2nd**, are from the institutions below:

Bryant University  
Colgate University  
Fitchburg State University  
Purdue University  
University of Richmond  
Washington University (St. Louis)  
Wheaton College  
William & Mary

### College Planning Webinar - October 29th, 7 PM

The Guidance & Counseling Department will present a webinar on an overview of the college process on Wednesday, October 29th at 7:00 pm. While this is specifically designed for parents/guardians of the junior class, parents/guardians of all grades are encouraged to attend. Topics discussed will include the timeline of the admissions process, how we will be supporting you and your child moving forward, the changing landscape of standardized testing, and much more. [Zoom info here.](#)

### Cartwheel Family Interest Form

We are committed to supporting the overall well-being of our students and believe mental health is an important part of overall health. We partner with [Cartwheel](#) to support the mental health needs of our students via virtual therapy with licensed clinicians.

Until now, our school team has had to identify and refer a student for these services. Now, parents/guardians can express interest directly in mental health services for their child by filling out this [form](#).

Here are some signs to look for to determine if your child might benefit from mental health support:

- Changes in mood or behavior

- Changes in eating or sleeping patterns
- Declining academic performance
- Withdrawal from friends or activities
- Increased anxiety or stress
- Expressing feelings of sadness or hopelessness
- Experiencing transition (related to life, family, peers, school)
- Exposure to a traumatic event

Contact a member of your school counseling team to learn more.

## Celebrations



*CCHS Senior Sophie Hong testified before the Education Committee on State Representative Adam Scanlon and Ryan Hamilton's bill to require financial literacy. Congratulations to Sophie!*

## Club Information

### Join the CCHS Robotics Team!

*We meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:45-4:30 in room 426. See you there!*

Ever looked at the big machines on the fourth floor and wondered how to use them? Have you taken an engineering class and want more? Want to compete in engineering fields?

The Robotics Team participates in the FIRST Robotics Competition, where high school teams from across the world build their own robots and face off in various challenges each year.

### Art Club

*We meet most Wednesdays from 2:45-3:45 in room 253 [Calendar Here](#)*

A student-centered opportunity to create visual art in just about any medium! Bring your imagination, relax, and be amazing! An open studio for all creatives.

Check out our website for more club details [here](#)!





## Unified Basketball

The Unified Basketball season started on Thursday, 9/25, opening up with a game against Acton-Boxboro! This is a co-ed program for athletes with and without disabilities to play and learn with the support of mentors. We had an amazing turnout, it means a lot to these athletes when you come and support us! Check out our athletic schedule below to catch the next game.



## Athletic Events Schedule

All scheduled athletic events can be found [here](#).

| Monday, September 29, 2025 |                                 |   |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| TIME                       | EVENT                           | DETAILS   |
| 3:45pm                     | Golf: Varsity Scrammage         | vs. TBA @ Kimball's Golf  |
| 4:15pm                     | Volleyball: Girls Varsity Match | vs. Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School @ Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School |
| 5:45pm                     | Volleyball: Girls 9th Match     | vs. Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School @ Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School |
| 5:45pm                     | Volleyball: Girls JV Match      | vs. Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School @ Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School |

| Tuesday, September 30, 2025 |                                       |  |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| TIME                        | EVENT                                 | DETAILS  |
| 3:45pm                      | Golf: Varsity Match                   | vs. Wayland High School @ Concord Country Club   |
| 4:00pm                      | Field Hockey: Girls 9th Game          | vs. Chelmsford @ Chelmsford High School  |
| 4:00pm                      | Soccer: Boys 9th Game                 | vs. Waltham High School @ Emerson Park   |
| 4:15pm                      | Soccer: Girls 9th Game                | vs. Waltham High School @ Waltham High School  |
| 4:15pm                      | Handball: Field behind old Waltham HS |  |
| 4:15pm                      | Volleyball: Girls JV Match            | vs. Burlington @ Burlington High School  |
| 4:15pm                      | Volleyball: Girls JV Match            | vs. Burlington @ Burlington High School  |
| 4:30pm                      | Cross Country: Girls Varsity Meet     | vs. Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School @ Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School                  |
| 4:30pm                      | Cross Country: Boys Varsity Meet      | vs. Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School @ Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School                  |
| 4:30pm                      | Field Hockey: Girls Varsity Game      | vs. Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School @ Concord-Carlisle High School/Doug White Turf Field #1 |
| 5:30pm                      | Volleyball: Girls Varsity Match       | vs. Burlington @ Burlington High School  |
| 6:00pm                      | Field Hockey: Girls JV Game           | vs. Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School @ Concord-Carlisle High School/Doug White Turf Field #1 |

| Wednesday, October 1, 2025 |                                  |   |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| TIME                       | EVENT                            | DETAILS   |
| 5:15pm                     | Unified Basketball: Varsity Game | vs. Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School @ Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School |

| Thursday, October 2, 2025 |       |         |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| TIME                      | EVENT | DETAILS |
|                           |       |         |

| Friday, October 3, 2025 |                                  |  |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| TIME                    | EVENT                            | DETAILS  |
| 4:30pm                  | Field Hockey: Girls Varsity Game | vs. Newton South High School @ Concord-Carlisle High School/Doug White Turf Field #1 |
| 4:30pm                  | Volleyball: Girls 9th Match      | vs. Wayland High School @ Concord-Carlisle High School                               |
| 4:30pm                  | Volleyball: Girls JV Match       | vs. Wayland High School @ Concord-Carlisle High School                               |
| 6:00pm                  | Field Hockey: Girls JV Game      | vs. Newton South High School @ Concord-Carlisle High School/Doug White Turf Field #1 |
| 6:00pm                  | Soccer: Girls Varsity Game       | vs. Wellesley @ Concord-Carlisle High School/Memorial Park                           |
| 6:00pm                  | Volleyball: Girls Varsity Match  | vs. Wayland High School @ Concord-Carlisle High School                               |
| 7:00pm                  | Football: Boys Varsity Game      | vs. Waltham High School @ Waltham High School  |



## Community Events

### The 19th Annual Kicks for Cancer (hosted by Friends of CCHS Men's Soccer) is Saturday, September 27th!

Please join us for an amazing week of Kicks for Cancer events. For a full schedule of Kicks events, check out our website: <https://www.kicksforcancer.org/>. Click [here](#) for the game schedule on Saturday, September 27.

**Kicks Events:** It is music, ping pong, club, cheer, and more!!! [Flyer](#)

**Community Engagement** - local businesses are supporting Kicks this month! [Flyer](#)

## **8th Annual Mighty Moose 5k, Sunday, September 28 @ CCHS**

Run/Walk on Race Day: [Register here!](#)

## **Boys Hockey Program Fundraiser - Woodstack**

**Saturday, October 18th**

Woodstack is back! Would you like kiln-dried wood delivered to your house and stacked? Order while supplies last! Your Venmo payment is your order. Scan the QR Code on the flyer below for the team's Venmo account. Once your payment is received, you will be messaged about the day of delivery instructions. You may also pay via check. Please email Cassie Price at [friendsofcchsboysshockey@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofcchsboysshockey@gmail.com). Thank you for your support of the CCHS Boys Hockey Program!



## **Tech Series - Growing Up Well**

A community event series that tackles one of the most pressing challenges of our time: how to raise healthy, resilient kids in the digital age. This series brings together leading experts, community leaders, educators, and families to share insights and practical solutions. Learn More: [Growing Up Well](#).

- **Thriving Together in a High-Tech World:**

*October 28th, 2025, 6:00-7:15 pm at CCHS, [registration is required](#).*

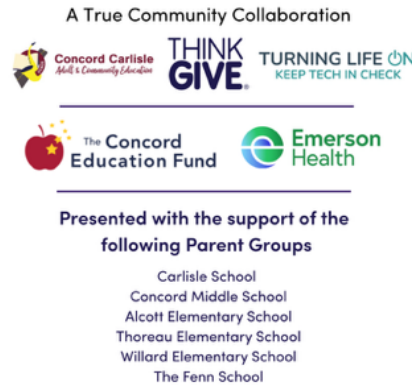
Jean Twenge, PhD—award-winning psychologist, author, and mother of three teens—shares ten evidence-based strategies from her acclaimed book *10 Rules for Raising Teens in a High-Tech World*.

- **The Anxious Generation: Supporting Teens in a Tech-Driven World:**

*November 19th, 2025, 6:30-7:30 pm at Concord Public Library, [registration is required](#).*

An interactive panel of experts explores how smartphones and social media are reshaping childhood—and what families and communities can do to reclaim balance.





## DropOff & SwapOff Event-Community Service Opportunity

Volunteers needed for Concord's fall DropOff & SwapOff Day reuse and recycling event, on Saturday, October 4th. Students can earn up to 6 hours of community service credit. To volunteer or for more information, visit REUSIT online at [www.reusit.org](http://www.reusit.org) or email [dropoff@reusit.org](mailto:dropoff@reusit.org).

## Garden Club of Concord Seeks Grant Proposals

The Garden Club of Concord is offering grants to local organizations for gardening-related community projects. The grants, funded by the club's annual plant sale, aim to promote horticulture and environmental conservation in the Concord community. Past grants have funded planting projects at The Old Manse, The Umbrella Arts Center, Gaining Ground, Concord Council on Aging, Minuteman Arc, Northeastern Correctional Center, CCHS Sustainable Club, and the Concord Land Trust. To request a grant application or for more information, contact Sarah MacEachern at [smaceachern@comcast.net](mailto:smaceachern@comcast.net). The deadline for applications is October 16, 2025.

## CC Adult & Community Education

[Adult & Continuing Education](#) - including college test prep, babysitting certification & more

[Driver Education](#) - If you are almost 16, come see us

[IMSCC](#) - one-on-one music lessons for students of all ages

## Upcoming Dates

| Date         | Day       | Time              | Event  |
|--------------|-----------|-------------------|--|
| September 27 | Saturday  | All Day           | <a href="#">Kicks for Cancer</a>                                       |
| September 28 | Sunday    | 8:30 am - 1:00 pm | <a href="#">Mighty Moose 5K</a>  |
| October 8    | Wednesday | 1:20 pm           | <a href="#">Early Release</a> 1:20 pm                                  |
| October 10   | Friday    | Flex 9:00 AM      | Alice Student Assembly - Gr 9/ New Students                            |
| October 13   | Monday    | All Day           | No School: Indigenous Peoples' Day / Columbus Day                      |
| October 20   | Monday    | All Day           | <a href="#">Parent-Teacher Conference Day</a> (no school for students) |

|             |           |          |  |
|-------------|-----------|----------|--|
| October 22  | Wednesday | 11:15 am | Half Day - Dismissal at 11:15 am           |
| October 24  | Friday    | 8:00 am  | <a href="#">PSATs</a>                      |
| November 5  | Wednesday | 1:20 pm  | <a href="#">Early Dismissal</a> at 1:20 pm |
| November 11 | Tuesday   | All Day  | No School: Veterans Day                    |
| November 17 | Monday    | All Day  | <a href="#">Picture Retake Day</a>         |

## Useful Links

- ☐ [Bias Incident Reporting Protocol](#)
- ☐ [School Calendar](#)
- ☐ [Bell Schedules 2025-2026](#)
- ☐ [CCHS School Improvement Plan 2025-2026](#)
- ☐ [District Strategic Plan 2023-2028](#)
- ☐ [Calendar of Religious and Cultural Holidays and Observances 2025-2026](#)

## Quote of the Week:

“You don’t have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.”

*-Martin Luther King, Jr.*