



Cornwall Consolidated School E-News



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This Week Events

Mon, Oct 25h	3:00	Region One Art Garage , Boys Soccer & Cross Country Practices Girls Soccer Practice is cancelled
Tues, Oct 26th	3:00	Region One Boys/Girls Soccer & Cross Country Practices
Wed, Oct 27th	1:00	Early Dismissal for Students
	1:30-7:00 PM	Student Involved Conference Time
Thurs, Oct 28th	1:00	Early Dismissal for Students
	1:30-3:30 PM	Student Involved Conference Time
Fri, Oct 29th	8:30-8:45	Gr 5-8 Nature's Classroom Day
	2:00-3:00	Halloween Festivities (Please see next slide for information)

Upcoming Events to Be Aware Of

Thurs, Nov 11th	12:10 Early Dismissal for students (No Lunch will be scheduled for students on a 12:10 dismissal. However, Students in the Afterschool Program should bring lunch as they will eat once others leave)
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The Virtual Backpack



Check here weekly to ensure that you are up to date with flyers and notices that have been sent home with your child!

[Click here to see Flyers & Notices That Have Been Sent Home](#)

Halloween Festivities at CCS

Dear Families,

This year, we've decided to celebrate Halloween on Friday, October 29th. In order to maximize students' learning and provide a safe atmosphere, we ask that you help your children follow our Halloween guidelines.

Costumes

Due to varying comfort level and the different ages of our students, the following conditions should be followed:

- All costumes must be safe for students to wear and safe for other students to see. (please no scary themes, blood, etc)
- Costume Masks should only be worn during Halloween festivities, not during learning times.
- K-4 students may arrive dressed in their costumes. Middle school students have Nature's Classroom on this day, so they should dress appropriately for that. There will be time for them to change quickly into a costume later in the day.
- Please leave any intricate or valuable items or props at home.

Thank you for your willingness to follow through with these guidelines to ensure a fun but safe day for all students. Your cooperation is vital in establishing a healthy community where our children can learn. We will be posting pictures on our social media pages!

Our 8th graders will be leading these activities! Children will be given small items along the way. There will be no candy since there are town events as well as trick or treating that is available this year.

If you do not wish your child to participate in the Halloween activities, please email Taylor Hurley (thurley@cornwallschool.org) or Mary Kay Ravenola (mravenola@cornwallschool.org). We have fun alternative craft activities your child can do or you may pick your child up early if you wish.

Thanks for your support!



PRINCIPAL PAGE

What an amazing piece of information I am fortunate to share with the CCS Community!

As some of you may know over the summer the Rose Algrant Art Show was held at CCS. There were many amazing art works on display. One artist, Robert Adzema, exhibited a sundial in the front of our school that many of us admired and our positive comments got back to Mr Adzema. I was so excited to receive an email from Mr Adzema who is a local resident of West Cornwall offering to install one of his designs on a temporary loan basis in front of our school!

Last Friday, he installed the sundial pictured below in the front gardens to the left facing the entrance. What perfect timing since we have student involved conferences happening this week and many of you will be coming to the school. Be sure to take a few minutes to view this piece with your child(ren). Below are links to view more detailed information about this artist. He has also graciously offered to come to school and talk to classes about his dial. His work involves math and science as well as the artistic aspect. We are hoping to have him come sometime soon to share his knowledge with our children. Cornwall is such an amazing and caring community!

Robert Adzema's website: <http://www.robertadzema.com>

A recent podcast interview: <https://www.thomaschristophergardens.com/podcasts/sculpting-the-sun>



K-8 Student Involved Conference Format

**THANK YOU!! WE HAVE 100% OF STUDENTS SIGNED UP FOR CONFERENCES!
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL!**

As part of our continuing effort to engage even our youngest students as partners in planning, reflecting on, and celebrating learning, CCS will hold **student involved conferences**. We ask that you and your child attend the conference **together**. Your child will share some information about their learning and the teacher will do so as well. Everyone will need to wear a mask in the building. The teacher and family will sit 6 ft apart from each other in order to have safe social distancing. Despite all these mitigations, we are so happy to be able to hold the conferences in person at the school. We had 100% participation for last year's conferences and are striving for the same this round.

This is an opportunity for your child to be responsible and accountable for their own learning. Your child may share work samples, speak about the learning they have done this year, and/or reflect on their progress.

Learn from your child all the amazing things they are doing in school and what they hope to achieve this next term!





Nurse News

October 24, 2021

Hello CCS Families,

I would like to clarify the definition of “close contact” as it pertains to COVID-19. It seems reasonable to assume that anyone who has been in close proximity to someone who tests positive for COVID-19 would qualify as a close contact. However, that is not necessarily the case. If an interaction is very brief, there is little chance of viral transmission. (If the interaction occurred outdoors, all the better.)

In general, to be considered a COVID-19 close contact one would have to have been within six feet of a COVID-19 positive person for at least fifteen (not necessarily consecutive) minutes over the course of a day. Riding in a car for fifteen minutes with a COVID+ person would definitely qualify you as a close contact. Riding on public transportation at opposite ends of a bus does not. (Wearing a mask and leaving windows cracked further lessens the chance of transmission.) These guidelines change, however, when referring to anyone who is fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

As we are all now aware, **unvaccinated individuals of all ages who are close contacts must quarantine for ten days following exposure**, which is both very stressful and terribly inconvenient. **Vaccinated individuals of all ages, however, do not.** Although the vaccine is not a guarantee of immunity to COVID-19, it dramatically reduces both the severity of the illness and the chances of transmitting it.

The first **optional COVID-19 student screenings** were completed Wednesday, October 20, at CCS. **All test results were negative.** (Isn't it funny how NEGATIVE news can make you very happy?!) The process took about two or three minutes for each child and was very easy. If you have not yet requested that your child participate by returning a completed consent and this is something you are now considering, please let me know.

Best

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wishes,

Weekly Quote

AT CCS, we will share a weekly quote with your child(ren) which helps them to reflect on what it means to be a strong person, academically, socially and emotionally. Please talk to your child about the weekly quote.

This Month's Focus: Gathering Data Through All Senses

Definition to be shared with students: *Intelligent people know that all information gets into the brain through the senses: taste, touch, smell, hear and sight. Pay attention to the world around you!*

This Week's Quote is:

The simple act of paying attention can take you a long way.





Math at Home

Math and Pumpkins

Danielle Krueger & Kristi Pramuka

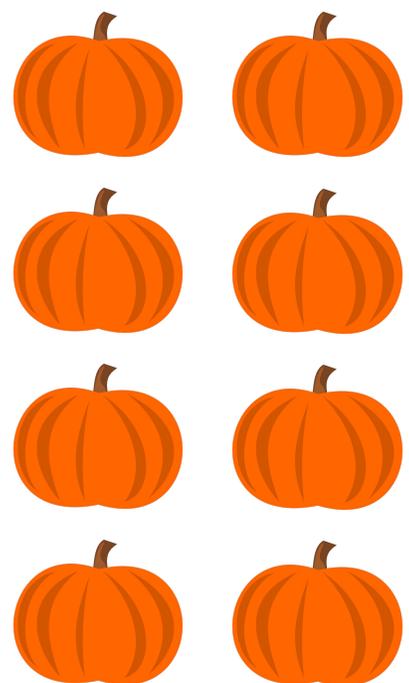


What better way to make math fun than to use a favorite fall decoration - pumpkins! Be sure to gobble up those seeds and use the pumpkin to bake a pie (which can also be a fun math activity with your child!)

- **How Many Seeds in a Pumpkin?** What a great way to work on estimation, skip counting and operations!! Have children make an estimate of how many seeds are in their pumpkin. Scoop them out, dry them out and then let the kids have fun! Ask them to sort them into groups of 5's or 10's and skip count to find the total. Have them form visual addition and subtraction equations using the seeds! Use fair share (beginning division) to divy up those seeds equally amongst members of the household.

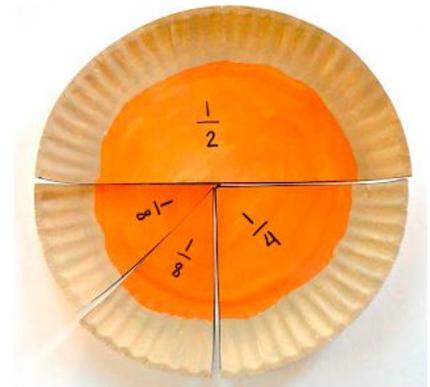


- **Pumpkin Patch Arrays!** Draw a pumpkin patch in the shape of an array to practice multiplication skills.



Math at Home

- **Pumpkin Pie Fractions!** Turn four paper plates into “pumpkin pie” by painting or coloring the middle orange. Divide one pie into halves, another into thirds, fourths, and then eighths! Label each section and then cut each section out. Now your pie is ready! Use them as puzzles - make them into equal pie wedges (equivalent fractions) or use different size pieces to make a whole pie.



- **Pumpkin Fractions!** Use different color paints to paint each segment of the pumpkin. Then write fractions to represent what fraction of the pumpkin is painted using each color. Take it a step further and talk about percentages!



- **Symmetrical Carving!** Carving faces into pumpkins is a great opportunity to talk about symmetry!
- **Measure Your Pumpkin!** Weigh your pumpkin! Find the diameter, radius, and circumference of your pumpkin! For a real challenge, see if you can determine the volume of your pumpkin!

Upcoming FREE Vaccination Opportunities

Future Region One FREE Vaccination Clinic Dates

Friday, October 29th

Each of these clinics will be held at HVRHS from 3:00-7:00 PM

Clinics will offer all three vaccines - Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson, as well as booster vaccinations for eligible populations according to CDC guidelines.



**Housatonic Valley Regional High School
246 Warren Turnpike Road**

Free Vaccination Clinic

Cornwall Social Services

The following messages are from Heather Dinneen, Director Of Cornwall's Department of Social Services:

1. **NEW: Thanksgiving Sign-Up Form** *We're hearing from our suppliers that turkeys and chickens will be virtually impossible to get as we get closer to Thanksgiving. In an attempt to get things in early, & to plan ahead, please complete the Thanksgiving Sign-Up Form, linked below, by November 1, 2021*

We will do our very best to get you everything you request, but please know that supplies are already very limited, and will be more limited as we get into November. Right now we are planning for November 21 distribution for Thanksgiving items. Thanks for helping us plan ahead! Let me know if you have any questions, and please spread the word to your neighbors!

[2021 Thanksgiving Sign-Up Form](#)

2. **WINTER CLOTHING FOR CORNWALL KIDS SIGN UP**

We have many generous donors willing to donate winter clothing. Please complete the form below by November 1. Please note that we will not necessarily be able to honor all specific requests (like if you ask for a teal and purple jacket, we might just be able to get a purple jacket), but will do our best! Please be specific regarding sizes - list each item requested and the size for each - "Jacket- Size 8" "Boots - Size 10" etc. [Winter Clothing Sign-Up](#)

3. **2021-22 ENERGY ASSISTANCE APPLICATION APPOINTMENTS**

I wanted to reach out and start scheduling Energy Assistance Application appointments. Assistance is available for help paying for propane, electric or wood/pellet heat and they made the application very easy this year (so they say!). The form has times for last Saturday as I met with some families already so just scroll down to the bottom of the form. Just note what is best for you in the box at there. I will email you with your appointment confirmation time, and the documents you need to bring to the appointment. [Fuel Assistance Application Appointment Sign-Up Form](#)

4. **Weekly Food Request Link** *Any Cornwall resident can request food using the link in this message with no questions asked. Please use this [LINK](#) to request food. Please submit requests by Thursdays at 3pm.*

Cornwall Park & Recreation

Fly on over to Cornwall Park and Recreation's

Halloween Event



Sunday, October 31st

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

on the Cornwall Village Green



Park your broom sticks and come for dinner. CCS 8th grade will be selling hot dogs/hamburgers, chips and drinks.

Enjoy an early evening of visiting on the town green & trick or treating in the village!

Please help by donating Halloween candy!!

Please drop candy off at CCS. You can also drop at Town Hall during the hours of 9-12 & 1-4 Mon-Thurs. there'll be a Tupperware for the candy.

Please donate by Friday, October 29th.



High School Fundraiser & Fun Event

Join Us For

TRUNK OR TREAT

SATURDAY OCTOBER 30

4PM-6PM HVRHS OVAL

TRUNKS WANTED

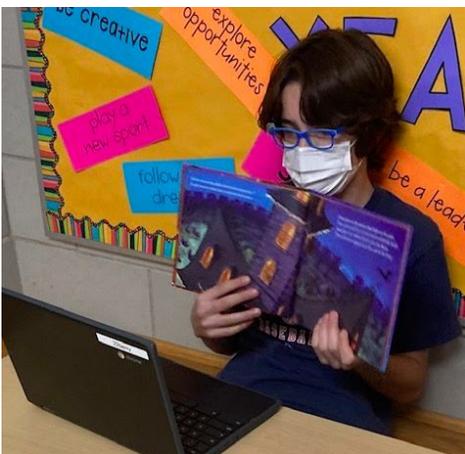
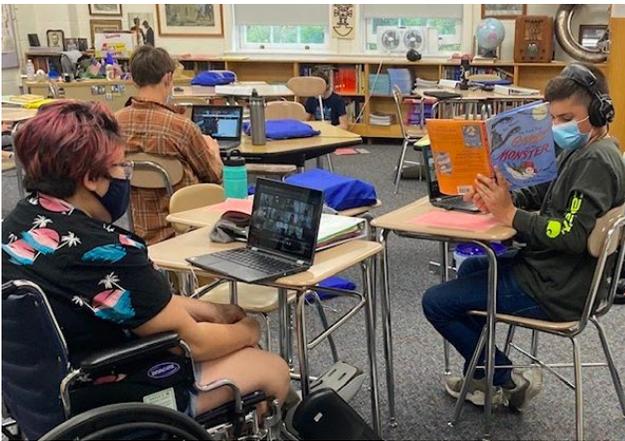
COME OUT AND SUPPORT THE HVRHS CLASS OF 2023 AND THE FFA. DEDICATED PARKING SPACES FOR DECORATED TRUNKS WILL BE AVAILABLE. THERE WILL BE JUDGING AND PRIZES FOR BEST DECORATED VEHICLES

email khabacker@hvrhs.org to register your trunk

CCS Teams First Virtual Meet!



CCS Teams are made up of at least one student from each grade. 8th Graders are the leaders of the groups for all-school events throughout the year. Because of Covid, our CCS Teams events have been virtual. Here you can see our 8th Graders leading students in a meet & greet with each other and sharing a fall story. We are so lucky to have such an amazing group of 8th graders who stepped up as true leaders and to have been able to all meet with each other!



More CCS Teams Photos



Region One Soccer Photos

