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Dear CCSC Students, Parents, and Guardians,

We are so very excited to welcome you to the 2012-2013 academic year here at CCSC. The first day of school this year is Wednesday, August 29th. We will have school on Thursday the 30th and then resume classes on Tuesday, September 4th (after the long weekend).

CCSC's Summer Academy for incoming 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students was again a success. We're thrilled to welcome all of the new students back after a relaxing month off. And some of our students took courses at the Cambridge-Harvard Summer Academy – to recover credit and for enrichment purposes. Construction is moving along swiftly on our new space – the 3rd floor at 255 Bent Street, which will be an extension of the Upper School and hold four classrooms as well as office space. And the faculty – new faces as well as the familiar ones of returning teachers – worked hard last week and will continue doing so in order to prepare for the start of the coming year. There is, of course, much to do.

Please make sure that you have finished the summer reading book as well as the accompanying writing assignment. Join us on the 29th ready to go, in full dress code, with all of the necessary supplies. Many of you have inquired about the supply list and waited patiently for its release. Thank you. It is included with this letter and is now posted on our website for your convenience. For the first time, we are also including in this mailing schedules for students entering the 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade.

If you are a 9th grader, please make arrangement to attend one of the two mandatory Pathways to College seminars. Ms. Hairston, our college counselor, will hold the presentations on both Monday, August 27th and Tuesday, August 28th at 3PM.

Meal Program

CCSC receives “on time delivery” of meals daily from a catering company. We do not cook on site. As such, students (including those that are approved for free or reduced meals) must fill out a monthly order form and return it with meal selections *if you want the school to order meals for a student. Meal order forms and payment (if necessary) are due by the 4th Tuesday of each month for the following month.* Our menu order forms are available in both Upper School and Lower School buildings and on the CCSC website



each month. For your convenience this month, we have enclosed a Free and Reduced Meal Application (*only those who do not receive SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR need fill-out this application this year if applying for free or reduced meals*), and a September menu-order form. These are due back by Tuesday, September 4th in order to get September breakfasts and/or lunches.

Please remember: If you do not order a meal, please bring food from home. It is a long day and students get hungry. A refrigerator is provided for students who choose to bring a meal from home. *Federal guidelines dictate we provide food to your child at your expense. You will be billed.*

Transportation

Cambridge bus transportation for Cambridge 7th and 8th grade students who live more than 1.5 miles from CCSC *does not begin until after* Labor Day. We will let Cambridge 7th and 8th graders know about their bus stops and schedules as soon as we receive this information, which is usually during the first week of school.

Discounted monthly Student Charlie Cards can be obtained from Ms. Perrin in the Lower School. These cards are renewable monthly at a cost of \$25 for a five-day pass (Monday through Friday) or \$28 for a seven-day pass (which includes weekends). These cards work on all buses and trains except the commuter rail (purple line). Charlie Cards must be renewed monthly by 1 PM on the final school day of each month. If this deadline is missed, the unfortunate result is a student must be without his/her discount card for the *entire* next month.

Mark your calendars: this year's first Parent-Guardian Association meeting will be the evening of Tuesday, October 2. Please email Becki Norris, Lower School Principal (bnorris@ccscambridge.org), if you would like to be added to the PGA email list. More information to come as October draws near.

Thank you for taking the time to carefully review this letter and the enclosed materials. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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 Head of School