

THE CAMBRIDGE RINDGE AND LATIN SCHOOL

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August 29, 2016

Dear CRLS Students and Families,

Welcome to a new school year! I hope you had an enjoyable summer break full of memorable experiences. Although it is difficult to conclude/ end the vacation break, CRLS staff members are eager for classes to start. Our community looks forward to the arrival of the Class of 2020, and we are excited to catch up with returning students. Most importantly, we are energized and committed to helping students develop the skills and knowledge they need to be successful.

Enclosed with this letter is the opening week schedule for all CRLS students. Please note, the following-

- Orientation for 9th grade students will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2016. School will start at 8:05 AM for 9th graders.
- On Tuesday, September 6, 2016, lunch will be available in the Media Cafeteria for students in grades 10-12 starting at 10:40 AM. Community Meeting for students in grades 10-12 will start at 11:12 AM.
- On Tuesday September 6, 2016, the school day will end at 2:30 PM for all students.
- 9th Grade Orientation is only one day this year, and all Block 1-4 classes will meet for 38 minutes each during the afternoon of September 6th. Wednesday, September 7th, Thursday September 8th, and Friday September 9th, will be regular 4 block schedule days.
- As noted in previous communication, CRLS will introduce a 3rd lunch block this school year. The revised bell schedule for classes and 3rd Lunch is included with this communication.

If you have questions regarding the schedule for the opening week of school, please contact your child's Learning Community at one of the phone numbers listed below.

Learning Community C- 617-349-6674

Learning Community R- 617-349-6736

Learning Community L- 617-349-6638

Learning Community S- 617-349-6652

Sincerely,

Damon Smith
Principal

459 Broadway, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

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CRLS SY 16-17 Opening Week Student Schedule

Tuesday September 6, 2016

<u>Grade 9</u> <i>Tuesday September 6, 2016/ Silver Day</i>	
Time	Block/ Activity/ Description
8:05-8:35AM	<i>Grade 9 student report to their Community Meeting Rooms for Welcoming Activities</i>
8:40- 10:15AM	<i>Grade 9 Orientation Session- Various Locations within Community Meeting Groups</i>
10:25- 11:12AM	<i>Grade 9 Orientation Session in Auditorium with Principal Smith and CRLS Student Leaders</i>
11:12-11:42AM	<i>Grade 9 Lunch Main Cafeteria</i>
11:46 AM- 12:24PM	<i>Period 1</i>
12:28- 1:06PM	<i>Period 2</i>
1:10- 1:48PM	<i>Period 3</i>
1:52- 2:30PM	<i>Period 4</i>

<u>Grades 10-12</u> <i>Tuesday September 6, 2016/ Silver Day</i>	
Time	Block/ Activity/ Description
10:40-11:10AM	<i>Grade 10-12 Lunch (10-12 CM Staff and students)</i>
11:12-11:42AM	<i>Grade 10-12 Community Meeting</i>
11:46 AM- 12:24PM	<i>Period 1</i>
12:28- 1:06PM	<i>Period 2</i>
1:10- 1:48PM	<i>Period 3</i>
1:52- 2:30PM	<i>Period 4</i>

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Black Day

All Grades

Regular Schedule

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Silver Day

All Grades

Regular Schedule

Friday, September 9, 2016

Black Day

All Grades

Regular Schedule



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Period 1	8:05-9:25
Community Meeting	9:29-9:44
Period 2	9:48-11:08
Lunch A	11:12-11:42
Period 3	11:46-1:06
Period 3	11:12-11:52
Lunch B	11:54-12:24
Period 3	12:26-1:06
Period 3	11:12-12:32
Lunch C	12:36-1:06
Period 4	1:10-2:30

Lunch Information



Do I have Lunch A, B or C?

If your period 3 class is in the Rindge Building on the 1st, 4th, or 5th floor, in RSTA, or in 2nd and 3rd floor science rooms:

Lunch A from 11:12 am to 11:42 am
and Class from 11:46 am to 1:06 pm

If your period 3 class is in the Rindge Building on the 2nd or 3rd floor and is not a science class

Class from 11:12 am to 11:52 am,
Lunch B from 11:54 pm to 12:24 pm
and Class from 12:26 pm to 1:06 pm

If your period 3 class is in the Arts Building or War Memorial you have

Class from 11:12 am to 12:32 pm
and Lunch C from 12:36 pm to 1:06 pm

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Lynn Williams, *Coordinator of Guidance*

August 30, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we begin another school year, guidance counselors have been scheduling new students and working to update student schedules as a result of summer school. As a result, the 2016-2017 student course schedules are now available to view electronically on the Aspen Portal. Guidance counselors will be available to address course change requests that meet the guidelines that follow. Course change requests will be granted ONLY when the student's program is deemed to be educationally inappropriate. No Schedule change will be made unless a very serious problem exists. Course change request forms will be available in community meeting during the add/drop period from September 6-21. Students requesting a change should complete the course change request form and return it to their community meeting teacher. Counselors will review the course change procedure with Freshmen during orientation. Guidance counselors will review forms daily and follow up with students when schedule issue is resolved. Only requests for course changes that satisfy the guidelines listed below will be considered:

- To correct an error;
- To drop or add a course as a result of summer school;
- To add a course in a scheduling gap;
- To add a required course;
- To balance a student's academic courses over two semesters;
- A student is scheduled to repeat a course and has the same teacher assignment;
- To change to a more appropriate level in a course in which you are already enrolled; or as a result of a Special Education, ELL or 504 Team decision

The guidance department is looking forward to working with you and your child during the 2016-2017 academic year.

Best Regards,

Lynn Williams

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CRLS FAMILY EVENTS | 2016-17



SEMESTER 1

Curriculum Night

Follow your child's schedule & learn about what they're studying

- September 22 | 6-8PM

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Individual meetings for parents/families with teachers

- October 18 | 8-11AM
delayed opening – online registration only
- October 19 | 6-8PM
walk-in time – no pre-registration
- October 20 | 12:30-3:30PM
early release – online registration only

SEMESTER 2

Curriculum Night

Follow your child's schedule & learn about what they're studying

- February 16 | 6-8PM

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Individual meetings for parents/families with teachers

- March 14 | 12:20-3:30PM
early release – online registration only
- March 15 | 8-11AM
delayed opening – online registration only
- March 16 | 6-8PM
walk-in time – no pre-registration

CRLS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

The CRLS School Council meets from 6-7:30PM at locations throughout the community. See dates and locations below.

Fall 2016 – 119 Windsor St., 2nd Floor Conference Rm.

- September 27
- October 25
- November 29
- December 20

Winter 2017 – CRLS, Principal's Conference Room

- January 31
- February 28
- March 28

Spring 2017 – Jefferson Park Housing Development

- April 25
- May 30
- June 13

Please help CRLS cut down on paper use and become more environmentally friendly! Save this flyer for future reference. All communication regarding these events will be done electronically through emails, automated calls, e-newsletters (DYK), Aspen, the website, Twitter, and Facebook. Please check the website calendar or download the CPS mobile app for up-to-date info about CRLS events and activities.

Questions? Please contact Greta Hardina, CRLS Family Liaison, at 617.349.6660 or ghardina@cpsd.us.

E = Elevator

S = Stairs

CRLS ZONE MAP

How To Read CRLS Room Numbers

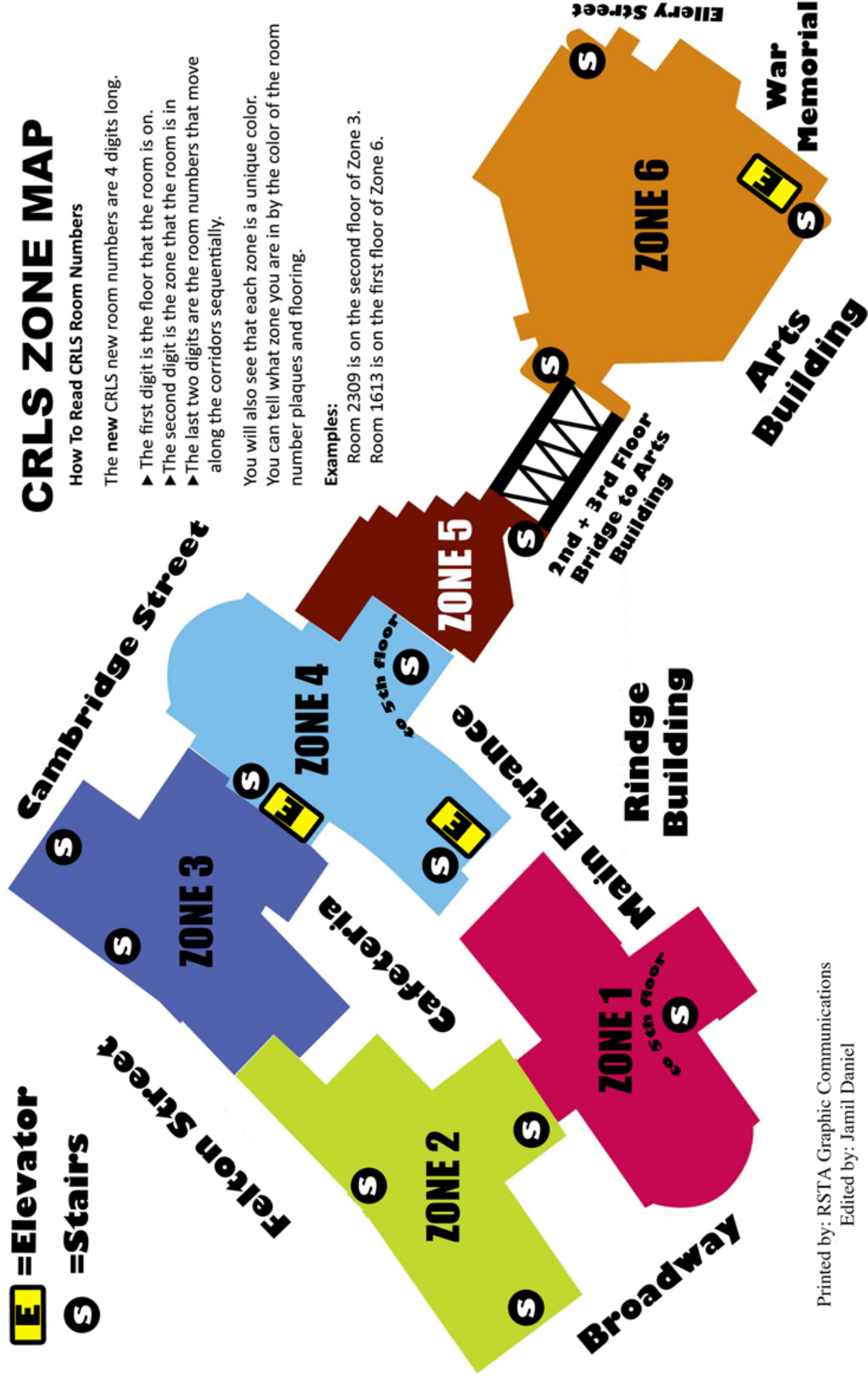
The new CRLS new room numbers are 4 digits long.

- ▶ The first digit is the floor that the room is on.
- ▶ The second digit is the zone that the room is in
- ▶ The last two digits are the room numbers that move along the corridors sequentially.

You will also see that each zone is a unique color. You can tell what zone you are in by the color of the room number plaques and flooring.

Examples:

- Room 2309 is on the second floor of Zone 3.
- Room 1613 is on the first floor of Zone 6.



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Please save this map to use at family events at CRLS. Thank you!



Friday, August 26, 2016

Dear Parents and Students:

Calling all science lovers, budding entrepreneurs, artists, and future world travelers!

We are excited to announce that Cambridge Rindge and Latin School has been selected by the City of Cambridge and EF Education First to participate in the fifth annual Glocal Challenge. The Glocal Challenge (global + local = glocal) is a contest-based program facilitated by EF and the Community Development Department to help CRLS students learn 21st century skills, gain global competence and receive real-world experience in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math).

Each year, we ask students to solve a local challenge that has global implications. This year, we are asking CRLS students to develop solutions that **reduce or re-purpose food waste to benefit the Cambridge community significantly by 2018.**

To get started, we encourage your students to grab a friend or sign up individually at www.Facebook.com/EFGlobal (signups will start in September). **The Glocal Challenge will consist of eleven in-school sessions that take place between November 15th – January 19th.** The full schedule will be posted online at the start of the school year. At our first meetup, students will be introduced to this year's Glocal Challenge topic and be placed into teams of six based on student strengths and areas of expertise. Our goal is to set up every team for success and a chance to win by pairing students with different backgrounds and skill sets.

Students will learn about food waste solutions both globally and locally, develop a creative plan to reduce or re-purpose food waste in Cambridge, and then pitch their ideas to expert judges. They will work with mentors from Cambridge companies and universities, learning how to budget, implement and present their projects.

The winning teams will receive scholarships to Italy for the "Future of Food" EF Global Student Leaders Summit in June 2017, seed funding from the City of Cambridge to kick-start their projects, and paid summer internships. Additionally, all participants will earn 20 community service hours.

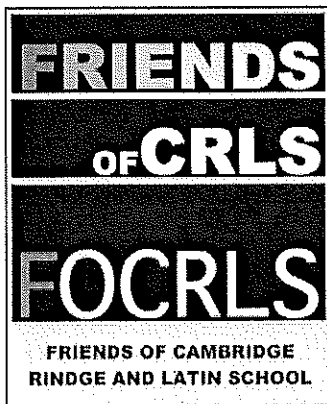
Competing in the Glocal Challenge is easy! Students must register for the challenge online or during Club Week at CRLS. Students need to attend the **November 15th kick-off** in order to compete. We hope that your students will take advantage of this invaluable opportunity and educational program.

Sincerely,

Principal Damon Smith
Cambridge Rindge & Latin School

City Manager Richard Rossi
City of Cambridge

Shawna Sullivan Marino
EF Education First



Friends of CRLS

2016-17 School Year Kick-Off Community Meeting!

Tuesday, September 27th

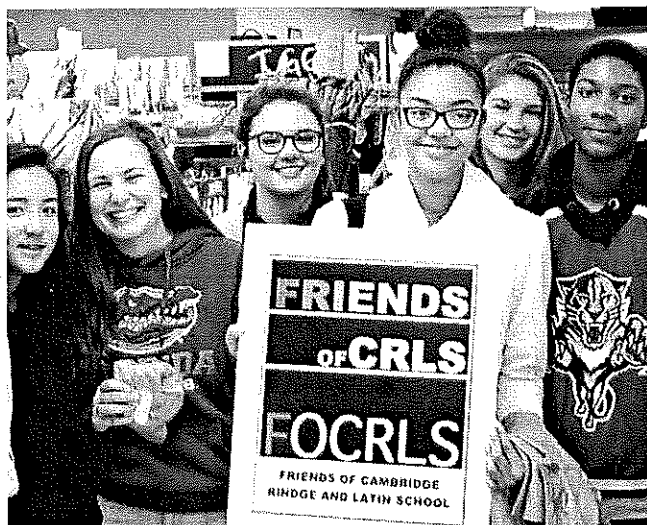
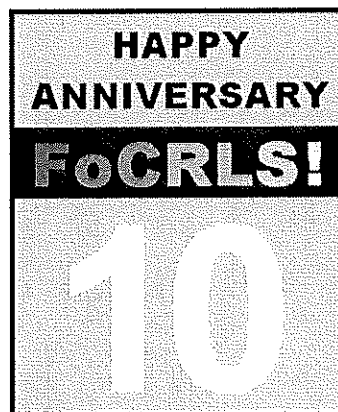
7:00 – 8:30 pm

Pearl K. Wise Library, CRLS Main Building, 2nd Floor

Please join us for our 2016-17 kick-off Community Meeting to ring in the new school year, meet and mingle, talk about how to make the most of the CRLS experience for your family, learn about Friends of CRLS... and celebrate with a big piece of 10th Anniversary cake and a tribute to the CRLS and Cambridge communities that make it all possible!

Whether you're new to CRLS, continuing, or returning, Friends of CRLS (FoCRLS) provides a way to connect with families and many others who support CRLS. By working together to support the success of all CRLS students, we help to make CRLS a stand-out among high schools.

FoCRLS is a 501c3 non-profit association whose programs, developed and driven largely by parents, enliven curriculum, help students succeed in high school and college, make school travel an affordable life-changing reality, provide college scholarships, and encourage and reward students in every grade 9-12 for achievements large and small.



We Need You!

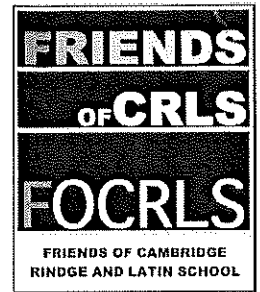
Our volunteers make it all happen.

We are particularly looking for new **Board members** to coordinate activities, a new **webmaster**, **event chairpersons**, and people with **publicity skills**, though whatever your interests and availability, we can put your efforts and time to good use!

If you can't make it to the meeting but want to be involved, please email info@focrls.org or call 857-235-9290.

Please flip!

September 2016



Dear CRLS Families,

As Executive Director and Co-Founder of Friends of CRLS, and a parent of two recent CRLS grads, I'd like to welcome you to or back to our stellar high school, and introduce you to Friends of CRLS with a summary of our programs:

Faculty Innovation Grants provide funds to enrich curriculum and provide services and creative opportunities for students. To date, 161 teachers, deans, counselors, librarians and extracurricular advisors have received grants of up to \$1,000 each for inventive projects and enhancements in every department of CRLS and RTSA.

Student Travel Fellowships have made educational trips an affordable reality for 54 students to travel to France, Spain, Italy, Turkey, El Salvador, Panama, the Dominican Republic, the Galapagos Islands, The Island School in the Bahamas, London, and New York City. Travelers have had tangible learning experiences in community service, international relations, politics, marine biology, ecology, theater, music, history, geography, languages, and cultures.

Scholarships are presented to members of each graduating class. Starting with two scholarships to the Class of '11 and building up to 27 scholarships to the Class of '16, FoCRLS has presented over \$80,000 to more than 75 graduates so far! This will be year two of a new fund with the goal of an additional \$10,000 annually through a partnership with the Cambridge business community.

Unsung Heroes are selected by teachers, deans, and counselors based upon their academic progress, citizenship, stewardship, and leadership. One student from each Learning Community from each grade is honored each term. Since 2008, 448 Heroes have been recognized!

Faculty Distinction Awards give graduating seniors the opportunity to nominate and celebrate four of the teachers and staff who have made the most significant contribution to their learning and growth while at CRLS. Since 2007, 40 teachers and staff members have been honored.

Find out how we make opportunities possible! (Hint: we've raised over \$700,000!) Please join me and other FoCRLS members for the school year kick-off meeting on **Tuesday, September 27th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Pearl K. Wise Library on the second floor of CRLS's main building**, where you'll learn more about FoCRLS and how you can help us to offer transformative opportunities to CRLS students, grads, and faculty.

With best wishes for the new school year,

Elaine

Elaine Schear, Ed.D.
Co-Founder and Executive Director, Friends of CRLS
Parent of CRLS Grads, '10 and '14

*Hope to see you
Tues. 9/27 at 7 p.m.!*

