



All CRLS families are invited to join our dynamic non-profit association by attending one (or both) of our two 2017/18 **SCHOOL YEAR KICK-OFF EVENTS!**

THURSDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 14TH 8:30-9:30 A.M. – CRLS, Media Cafeteria

WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 27TH 7:30-8:30 P.M. – CRLS, P. K. Wise Library

Whether you're new to CRLS, continuing, or returning, **Friends of CRLS (FOCRLS)** offers a way to connect with other families, as well as alumni, community members, and civic and business leaders who care about our school and students. 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*, provide funds for creative curriculum, award college scholarships, ease the cost of school group travel, recognize educators' influence, and encourage and reward students in every grade 9-12 for achievements and aspirations large and small.



Invest Your Time in the Futures of CRLS Students

Our volunteers make it all happen!
We're particularly looking for people interested in:

- Event planning and various roles at events**
- Website improvement**
- Social media updates**
- Serving on our Board**

STUDENTS RECEIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE CREDIT FOR VOLUNTEERING WITH FRIENDS OF CRLS!

If you can't make it to a kick-off event but want to be involved, please email info@FOCRLS.org or call 857-235-9290.

Whatever your interests and availability, we can put your efforts and time to good use!

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September 2017



Dear CRLS Families,

On behalf of the Board and the Friends of Cambridge Rindge & Latin School, I'd like to welcome you to or back to CRLS and introduce you to our non-profit association – currently beginning our 11th year! – with a summary of our programs:

Student Travel Fellowships make horizon-expanding journeys an affordable reality for students participating in school-authorized group trips. Experiences in community service, culture, language, ecology, art, history, and international relations often influence students' aspirations. Fellows have traveled to destinations including Peru, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Italy, Spain, Turkey, and Tanzania. *Trips to Ecuador & the Galapagos Islands, Ireland, and Costa Rica are being planned for 2018.*

Faculty Innovation Grants provide funds for teachers, club advisors, counselors, librarians, and administrators to enrich curriculum, enhance resources, expand services, and provide students with creative learning experiences. To date, 172 staff members have received grants of up to \$1,000 each for projects and improvements in every department of CRLS and RTSA.

Scholarships are awarded to committed, deserving members of each year's graduating class. Including 32 scholarships in 2017, FOCRLS has presented an approximate total of \$125,000 to 115 grads. Each year we partner with the Cambridge business community to award \$10,000 in scholarships to students engaged in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics.

Unsung Heroes Awards are presented to students whose character, citizenship, academic progress, and/or leadership have impressed teachers, deans, and counselors, who make the selections for this special recognition. Each school term, 16 students (one from each grade/Learning Community) are honored. Since 2008, certificates and Falcon watches have been presented to a total of 512 Heroes.

Faculty Distinction Awards give seniors the opportunity to nominate four teachers and staff members who have made significant contributions to their learning and personal growth. Since 2007, a total of 44 teachers and staff members have been honored.

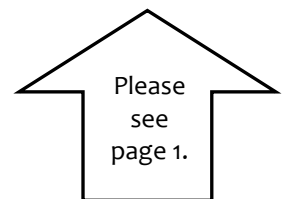
Find out how we make our programs possible. Please join us for one (or both) of the school year kick-off meetings on **Thursday, September 14th** and **Wednesday, September 27th** to learn how you can help FOCRLS support transformative opportunities to CRLS students, grads, and faculty.

With best wishes for the new school year,

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

Board of Directors:

Jamie Sabino, President; Neil Rosenburg, Treasurer; Dawn Baxter, Secretary;
Ted Darling; Paula Paris; CRLS Principal Damon Smith, *ex officio* Board member



Friends of Cambridge Rindge and Latin School

Supporting opportunities for CRLS students, faculty, and graduates. Investing in our future.