



Dear Lighthouse Families,

There are few days that go by that I don't reflect on my own education or the education of my children. While separated by decades, and years of teaching, reading, observing, and graduate schooling, each of these experiences informs my philosophy of education, my beliefs about how children learn, and what they need to learn in order to be successful in the world in which they are growing.

In 2015 Tony Wagner published his groundbreaking book ***Most Likely To Succeed*** as a battle cry for educational reform. His work sparked a revolution of sorts, as he urged schools to stop trying to prepare children for the past and to instead ready them for their future. While none of us can imagine with certainty the jobs or lives our students will lead or the unique challenges they will face, I am convinced that in addition to developing a strong academic foundation, it is critically important that we cultivate in children the ability to think deeply and imaginatively, act ethically and empathically, communicate effectively across a variety of platforms, and be nimble in an ever-changing world.

Once termed soft or non-cognitive skills, these are the sensibilities that guide how children approach school and the people around them, and in the future, how they approach their work, family life, and careers. When these capacities are strong, and built from an early age, they allow us to tackle novel, challenging tasks with ingenuity, wisdom, and grit. These tenants sit alongside Nantucket Lighthouse School's academic curriculum, and they are embedded in our mission and philosophy. At last month's All School Parent Meeting, Nantucket Lighthouse School's Board Chair Laura Cunningham shared a similar sentiment regarding Lighthouse's emphasis on teaching children how to think, and not what to think.

Thank you for your partnership on this spectacular journey of educating the next generation of thoughtful, engaged children.

Warm regards,

Emily

Happy, Thoughtful Kids Grow Here

It is natural for parents to worry about their children. I am often asked about behaviors, developmental milestones, and when something may be cause for concern.

In an article entitled *“I’m a Parent and a Child Psychologist: Here Are the Behaviors I Watch For,”* child psychologist Francyne Zeltzer reflects on what she does not spend much time worrying about - and what she does.

What resonated most with me was her list of priorities, both personally and professionally:

Is my child happy?
Is my child kind?
Who are my child’s friends?
Am I making the right educational decisions for my child?

Having clarity about what truly matters can make the parenting journey feel less heavy. It allows us to release daily anxieties and stay focused on the values and experiences that shape children over time.

Reading this list, I felt a deep sense of gratitude for Nantucket Lighthouse School. There is real comfort in knowing that children here are supported in all of these ways, and that their happiness, kindness, friendships, and sense of belonging are nurtured with care and intention each day.

As you re-commitment today, I hope this offers reassurance. Feeling confident in where your child is learning and growing is worth celebrating!

Warmly,

Julia

Re-Enrollment for 2026–2027

Today is the Day!

[Access Your Re-Enrollment Contract](#)

As we look ahead to the 2026–2027 school year, we wanted to share a friendly reminder that today is the final day to re-enroll. Your commitment helps us finalize plans for the year ahead, including offering employment agreements to our teachers and maintaining the small, balanced class sizes that are so central to Nantucket Lighthouse School.

In the coming week, we will be welcoming new families into our community - an exciting time for our school. Thank you for being part of what makes Nantucket Lighthouse School such a special place. We look forward to the year ahead!

Tuition Assistance

[Apply for Tuition Assistance](#)

Dear Families,

This is a friendly reminder that the deadline to submit Tuition Assistance applications for the **2026–2027 school year** is **February 9, 2026** through Blackbaud Financial Aid Management.

If your 2025 tax return is not yet complete, you may submit your **most recent tax return** along with an end-of-year pay stub and/or a 12-month profit and loss statement (if applicable).

Award decisions will be issued through the Blackbaud portal on or before **March 20**, and families must accept or decline awards by **March 27**.

All information is handled with strict confidentiality. If you have questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

Olga

Important Upcoming Dates:

Re-Enrollment Deadline
TODAY
Friday, February 6th

NLS Family Fun Night at the Brewery
TONIGHT
Friday, February 6th
4:30 pm

Tuition Assistance Applications Due
Monday, February 9th

NO SCHOOL
Presidents' Day
Monday, February 16th

NO SCHOOL
Winter Break
February 23rd– 28th

Palm Royal Prom
Saturday, March 21st
7:00 pm

Each class is filling the halls with



Love

As Valentine's Day approaches, Nantucket Lighthouse School is inviting each class to help fill the hallways with love through a special Annual Fund initiative. Between now and Valentine's Day, families can add to a growing, school wide heart garland that will line the halls. Each \$14 gift to the Annual Fund adds one heart to the chain. With every donation, Lighthouse children will personalize a watercolor heart, which will then become part of the garland for all to enjoy.

Add Your Heart Link Today



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School



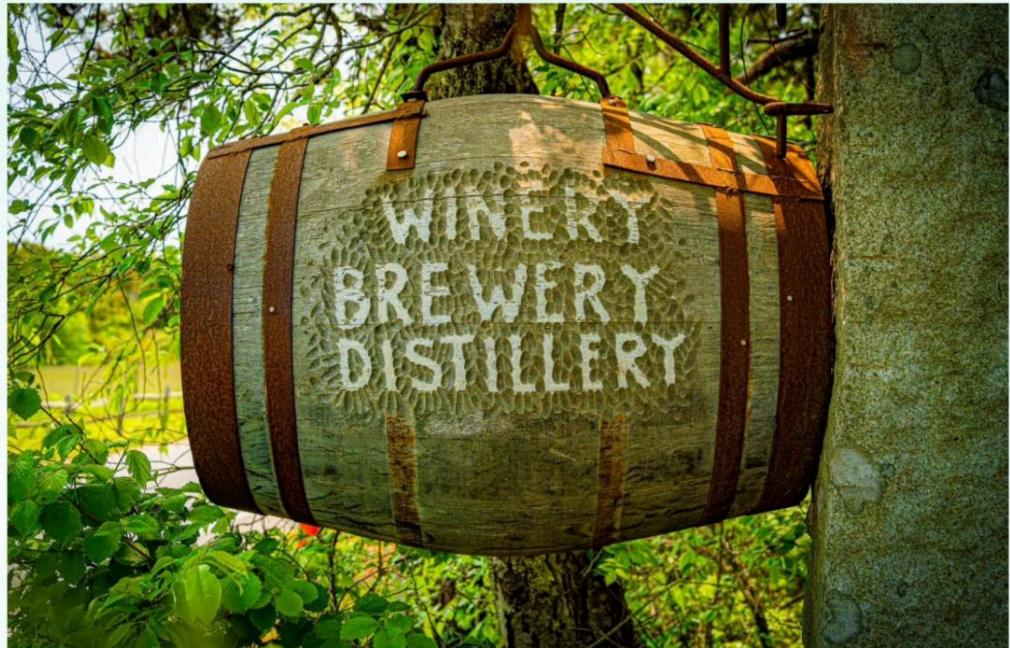
Join us for

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Friday, February 6th at Cisco Brewers

4:30 pm

Eat Fire Pizza Truck: \$5 Pizzas (While supplies last)



A COMMUNITY-WIDE NIGHT OF CELEBRATION

Prom ROYALE

MARCH 21 | 7PM | THE NANTUCKET HOTEL

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

ENTRY FOR TWO: \$100

ENTRY FOR ONE: \$65

ENTRY FOR ONE EDUCATOR: \$30



A FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR NANTUCKET LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOL

[Purchase Prom Tickets Here](#)



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

AN ACTIVE, PLAY-BASED SUMMER PROGRAM

SERVING CHILDREN AGES 3.5 TO 12



Our mission is to ensure that every child is engaged and nurtured across a wide variety of collaborative and creative experiences.

WEEKLY SESSIONS:
June 22nd–August 21st

Ages 3.5–4 9:00 am–3:30 pm	Ages 5+ 9:00 am–4:00 pm
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Currently enrolled NLS students will receive a discounted rate.
Please use discount code "NLSFamilies2026" at checkout.

[Register for Camp Lighthouse](#)



Extended Day

Monday–Friday

Pick Up in Cottage

2:30–5:10pm

The Extended Day program includes hands-on activities, artistic projects, homework help, and imaginative play indoors and out.

[Learn More and Sign Up](#)



SMALL ACT, *big impact*

In February, a small act can have a big impact on our community. For every \$2.50 reusable Community Bag sold at the 31 Sparks Avenue, Stop &Shop, we receive a \$1 donation. Let's make this month memorable!



Stop and Shop Give Local

Community Bag Program







Community Events



2026
MIDDLE SCHOOL



VALENTINE'S DANCE PARTY

Saturday February 7th

When: 7-9PM

WHERE: 61 SPARKS AVENUE

Middle School Only



SNACKS, GAMES,

CRAFTS & MORE

\$3 for members



\$5 for non-members



No Teen Night

NANTUCKET BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2026:

CELEBRATING THE INTERGENERATIONAL POWER OF BLACK ARTS

LEGACY IN MOTION. CREATIVITY ACROSS GENERATIONS.



**Keynote Speaker:
Regie Gibson**

**Lecturer, Literary Performer, Educator &
Massachusetts' Poet Laureate**

**AFRICAN MEETING HOUSE
27 YORK ST.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH
12:30PM - 2:30PM**

**PANEL DISCUSSION AND
PERFORMANCES BY
DANIELLE LEWIS,
NEVILLE RICHEN AND
ECLIFF'S JAZZ TRIO**

**REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED BY
NANTUCKET ISLAND CREATIONS**

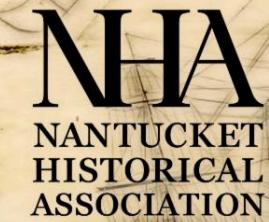


Nantucket Cultural District



**NANTUCKET
CHAMBER of COMMERCE**



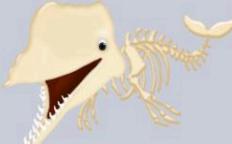


A detailed illustration of a three-masted sailing ship, likely a whaler, with its sails partially unfurled. The ship is set against a background of yellow and blue washes, suggesting a sky and water. The text "WINTER DISCOVERY DAYS" is overlaid on the image. "WINTER" is in a small, white, scroll-like banner at the top left. "DISCOVERY" is in a large, dark blue, serif font. "DAYS" is in a large, gold, serif font, partially obscured by a magnifying glass.

WINTER DISCOVERY DAYS

Bring the whole family to
the **Whaling Museum** during
February Break for hands-on activities!

February 23 - 27
10 AM - 12 PM



Each weekday we will have a **new craft** inspired by one of our museum galleries, plus a **scavenger hunt** to help little ones explore the museum. **FREE** for year round island residents!

@nantuckethistoricalassociation | NHA.org

Faraway from the expected.

★★★
NANTUCKET
STAGE COMPANY

Presents



DON'T MISS OUT!

Opening Night January 29th!

Show Runs Through February 8th

January 29th, 30th, 31st | February 1st, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th

At Bennett Hall

Get Your Tickets at
NantucketStageCompany.org

The DROWSY
Chaperone
JR.

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MINI MARINERS

FEBRUARY 26TH | 9:00 AM

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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

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