



Dear Lighthouse Families,

While it has been a little chilly since returning from the April break, the children have taken no time at all to get right back into the swing of things. Small Schoolers have been out and about visiting Toscana and learning about the BIG trucks, and our older students have been literally rolling in the grass and enjoying wiffle ball on the newly laid sod! We owe a special thanks to many Lighthouse friends for making this significant project possible.

Also this week, we welcomed the administrative team from the Woodlands Forest School in Magnolia, Texas. They are a newly established, nature-based program, and having found a kinship with Nantucket Lighthouse School's mission and philosophy, they made the trip north to learn more about our educational program and pedagogical practices. Collaborating with other schools is such an enriching form of professional development, and while we have learned so much from our visits to schools off island, we appreciate the opportunity to reciprocate and honor the many requests to visit that we receive throughout the year.

I hope you had a chance to read this week's middle school announcement. We are so delighted to welcome Evan Schwanfelder to the Lighthouse faculty. He brings years of experience teaching middle school-aged children and myriad talents to share with the class. We look forward to having him join us for the 2026-27 school year.

Warm regards,

Emily

Happy, Thoughtful Kids Grown Here

Every so often, we have the opportunity to see the school through fresh eyes. As Emily mentioned, this week, we had the pleasure of welcoming a group of educators from Texas who discovered Nantucket Lighthouse School through Instagram. They journeyed to the island solely to experience a day with us in person.

Their visit exceeded their expectations, and I found their feedback to be deeply moving. Their eyes filled with tears as they observed our extraordinary classrooms and community in action.

I want you to know how impressed they were with your children (their politeness and respect, their inquisitiveness and curiosity, and the genuine joy they bring to learning.) They were equally struck by our exceptional faculty and staff, who go above and beyond each day in their care, guidance, and deep knowledge of child development.

As soon as they returned home, our visitors shared the following reflection with their own school community:

"We had the honor of visiting a beautiful school. We felt the love in every detail, the dedication of the teachers and staff, and the children's smiles and curiosity for learning. A wonderful experience that filled us with inspiration and motivation."

It is my deepest hope that more schools like Nantucket Lighthouse School exist. And yet, moments like this remind me of how special our school truly is, and what a privilege it is to be a part of it.

Warmly,

Julia

Important Upcoming Dates:

Family Fun Night at Cisco Brewers

Friday, May 8th

4:30pm

NO SCHOOL

Parent / Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, May 13th

Spring Teas

Thursday, May 14th & Friday, May 15th

1:30pm

NO SCHOOL

Memorial Day

Monday, May 25th



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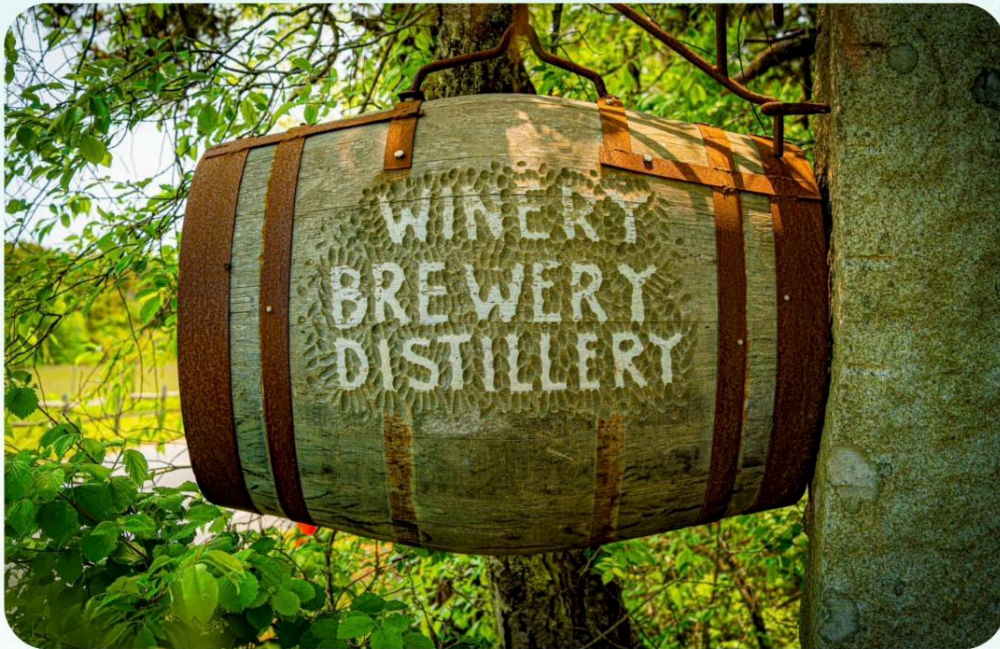
Join us for

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Friday, May 8 at Cisco Brewers

4:30 p.m

Food Trucks will be open!





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SALE
SOLD OUT

REGISTER FOR OUR SPRING
SHREDDER EVENT

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026

CALL 508-228-0427 TO JOIN THE WAITLIST

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Shredder Event registration has reached capacity. Thank you for the strong response from our community. If you were unable to register, **please call 508-228-0427 to be added to the waitlist.** We will make every effort to accommodate additional appointments as space becomes available.

Music with Nigel



Small School and Kinder

Starting May 6th

4 Sessions

2:30–3:30pm



Nigel Goss is offering an after-school music class for Small School through Kinder. Each class will have music, movement, and singing activities. The activities are designed to prepare the development of tuneful singing, solid rhythmic skills, and familiarity with a wide range of musical styles.

[Sign Up Here](#)



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Extended Day

Monday–Friday

Meet in the 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](#)



AN ACTIVE, PLAY-BASED SUMMER PROGRAM
SERVING CHILDREN AGES 3.5 TO 12

CAMP FOR NANTUCKET LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOL STUDENTS



These two special weeks of camp are only available to currently-enrolled Nantucket Lighthouse School students!

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

NANTUCKET LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOL STUDENT ONLY CAMP WEEKS:

June 15–18 (Monday–Thursday)

\$520

August 24–28 (Monday–Friday)

\$650

Limited space is available.

[Register for June 15–18](#)

[Register for August 24–28](#)

[Learn More About Camp Lighthouse](#)







Community Events

NANTUCKET MUSIC CENTER PRESENTS

BEGINNER'S UKULELE DROP-IN

FREE

NO INSTRUMENT? NO PROBLEM!
UKULELES AVAILABLE.

SUNDAYS
5:30 - 6:15

ALL AGES

NCMC Parlor
56 Centre St
nantucketmusic.org

SCAN TO REGISTER



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JAIL BREAK Escape Room

Escape from the NHA's Old Jail!

Sat, May 2, 9 am-12 pm

Fri, May 8, 3-7 pm

& Sat, May 9, 9 am-12 pm

Old Jail, 15R Vestal Street

Put your problem-solving skills to the test and attempt to decode the clues that will lead you to the keys to your freedom. Sign up as a group of 3-5. Participants age 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult inside the escape room.

Free but space is limited, be sure to register early!

**Questions? Contact Emma at
eyoung@NHA.org or 508-228-1894 ext.127**



**Register
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30-minute
timeslot**



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Faraway from the expected.

"Look Up" at Loines Observatory

Fri May 8th 8:30pm - 9:30pm

[Evening Programs](#)

Loines Observatory, 59 Milk St Ext, Nantucket, MA 02554, USA [map](#)



Join our astronomers for an inspiring guided tour of the Nantucket night sky! MMA staff will guide you in viewing astronomical objects through our historic 8-inch Alvan Clark refractor and our modern 24-inch research telescope.

Get a chance to view the Moon, planets, star clusters, nebulae, and even other galaxies! Bring your curiosity and get all your astronomy questions answered! This interactive, community-focused stargazing program is ideal for students, educators, and families—especially young adults and K–12 learners curious about astronomy and the wonders above Nantucket. Please see our calendar for days and times.

Location: Maria Mitchell Association's Loines Observatory, 59 Milk Street Extension

Time: Program begins promptly at the scheduled event time

Registration: Required in advance

Cost: Free for Nantucket Island residents; \$10 for non-residents

Contact: programs@mariamitchell.org

Skate Into Spring



Nantucket Skating Club
MAY 2, 2026 • 2PM SHOW

Followed by an Open Skate

ADMISSION:
\$10 for Adults
\$5 for Children & Seniors
+ Additional \$5 for Skate Rental



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