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Dear CCS Student,

Welcome to *CCS Connects*, our online learning component here at Conestoga Christian School. We are excited that you are taking advantage of this method of expanding your horizons and learning in a new and different way. There are a few things that you should know before you begin.

To succeed in an online learning environment:

- Students must be highly motivated.
- Time must be spent each day working on the course, just as one would do with a traditional class.
- In addition to “class time,” additional time should be set aside for homework. If anything, a distance learning class requires more of your time than a traditional class. Since you will not have a “lecture” component, much of your learning will come through reading.

Online teachers or coaches may or may not be there to help you succeed. If you do have an online coach or teacher, you must be willing to contact your online teacher or coach quickly with any questions you may have regarding the content or practical application of the course. If your course is not self-paced, you will have to turn in work regularly. You will also have a schedule or “pace chart” to help you to keep track of your progress. If you should fall behind, it is a real challenge to catch up again.

If the course is supervised or offered directly by CCS, you will also have access to a teacher who is knowledgeable in the subject you are studying and willing to help you succeed. It is your responsibility to contact that teacher to set up times to meet and receive any help or guidance you may need.

Also, for *Lincoln Learning Solutions*, *Northstar Christian Academy*, and *Sevenstar Christian Academy*, Mr. Greenly is available to help you get started in the course and to help with any technical questions or problems you might have as you go along.

Experience has shown us that because of the extensive amount of work required; it may be challenging for you to hold down a job and/or participate in extra-curricular activities while also taking an online course. Time management will become very important!

Your online course credits will count towards your graduation requirements at CCS. However, unless directly supervised or offered by CCS, your grade will be on a separate transcript supplied by your online course provider and will not impact your GPA. When you are ready to apply to college, you will simply include that transcript along with your CCS transcript.

Congratulations on your new adventure!

P.S. It is important for you to know that if CCS is paying for your course because of a scheduling conflict or other circumstance, and you choose to drop the course, you are responsible for the cost of the course. The full cost must be paid back to CCS within one month after dropping the course.



CCS Connects:
Learning Beyond our Walls
On-line course registration

Student name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Skype: _____

Grade: _____ Birthdate: _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____

Parent/Guardian phone: _____

Parent/Guardian email: _____

Course requested: _____

- Sevenstar Lincoln Learning Northstar Full Year 1st Semester 2nd Semester

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Please note: You will receive a separate transcript for your online course(s). The credit you receive will count towards necessary credits to graduate from CCS, but the grade will not impact your CCS GPA.

Program Costs, 2018-2019 School Year*

- Full-year 1 credit course \$675
- Half year 0.5 credit course - Sevenstar \$550
- Lincoln Interactive \$550
- Northstar \$550

- Additional Sevenstar courses in a given year are \$600 for a full credit course and \$475 for a half-credit course
- AP courses, dual credit, & CADD \$100.00 additional

Materials fee varies by course. Most Lincoln Interactive courses and some Northstar, Sevenstar courses require an additional materials fee. Students will need to pay an additional fee if they desire a hard copy of the textbook. Online text is included in the cost. All fees are non-refundable and are due to be paid in full three weeks before the course start date.

***If CCS is paying for your course due to scheduling conflicts or other considerations, and you choose to drop the course, you are responsible for the cost of the course. The full cost must be paid to CCS within one month after dropping the course.**

Other course providers are available that are approved by the school, but students enroll directly through the provider.

Please include payment with your request.

Online Providers and After School Program

Through CCS via application:

Sevenstar Academy, one of our partners, offers Christian curriculum and teaching that complements our mission as a Christian organization. Sevenstar Academy has demonstrated a commitment to providing the strongest possible curriculum for students. Their [courses](#) meet the highest levels of education and require critical thinking, analysis, and synthesis. Courses through colleges are offered for dual credit. Sevenstar Academy is accredited by the National Private School Accreditation Alliance. For courses offered see <https://sevenstar.org/courses/> .

Lincoln Learning Solutions partners with a variety of schools including PA [Cyber School](#) to provide online courses. They are not a Christian organization, but their curriculum is carefully crafted by experienced educators to meet national standards. All instructors are PA certified. For courses offered see <https://lincolnlearningsolutions.org/CourseCatalog> .

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Independent (Parent and student directly sign-up and pay for courses with these providers.):

Educere offers 5,000 plus virtual courses from over 40 education providers, but it is our personalized education services that K-12 customers rely upon. Educere's Personal Learning Coach^M is a single-point-of-contact supporting each school, student, and parent. Courses through colleges are offered for dual credit. For courses available see [Educere](#).

Liberty University Online Academy provides courses for high school students. Even before college, parents, and students can take advantage of [Liberty University Online Academy](#). Liberty University Online Academy (LUOA) offers courses for high school students (grades 9-12) with an emphasis on individualized learning. LUOA was created to provide students the support of a traditional, residential academy while enrolled in a technology-based home school academic program.

With [Liberty University Online Academy](#), accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI), you will be enrolled in a credible program of study that provides licensed, certified teachers, relevant Christian content, a personal academic advisor and access to a wide range of support through Liberty University.

And as a High School Junior or Senior, you can enroll in the Academy's Dual Enrollment program called the EDGE. For more information see <http://www.liberty.edu/onlineacademy/> .

Penn Foster High School enables you to study online at your own pace, with the help of a supportive community of instructors and success coaches.

After School Program

LBC's Jump Start Program offers courses at night. If you're a junior or senior in high school or home school, LBC wants to give you a jump start on your college education. When you enter this unique program, you can take one (1) tuition-free course each fall and spring semester. For more information see <https://www.lbc.edu/undergraduate/admissions/jumpstart/> .

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Greenly