

Crystal Lake South Summer Newsletter

Summer 2020



Josh Nobilio
Principal

Lori Ratliff
Vice Principal

Kristen Davis
Dean of Students

Sean Scotty
Dean of Students

Carson Sterchi
Student Services
Coordinator

Jason Bott
Athletic Director

Crystal Lake South High
School
1200 S. McHenry Ave.
Crystal Lake, IL 60014
T: (815) 455-3860
Attendance:
(815) 893-5270

www.d155.org/CLS

Find us on Twitter:

[@CLSouthHS](https://twitter.com/CLSouthHS)
[@CLsouthathletic](https://twitter.com/CLsouthathletic)
[@CLS_SS](https://twitter.com/CLS_SS)
[@joshuatnobilio](https://twitter.com/joshuatnobilio)
[@CLSRatliff](https://twitter.com/CLSRatliff)

Find us on Facebook:
[Crystal Lake South](https://www.facebook.com/CrystalLakeSouth)

Find us on Instagram:

[cls_gators](https://www.instagram.com/cls_gators)
Athletics:

<https://clshs.rschoorteams.com/>

Principal's Welcome

Dear Crystal Lake South Parents and Students,

Welcome to Crystal Lake South High School for the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Over the last several weeks, Ms. Ratliff and I have been out on the GATOR visiting all of our incoming freshmen. If you have seen us along the route and smiled, thank you. If you have seen us and waved, thank you! And, if you chatted with us from your front door (while maintaining social distancing), thank you. It has been quite the journey visiting our 331 freshmen, and we are loving making these visits each day.

We wish that we could have visited everyone of you, but we knew that we had to prioritize and decided to start with those students who are new to our CLS family. If you are wondering why we made these daily trips, I will share. We wanted all new students to our community to know that THEY MATTER, just as we have communicated with you over the years that YOU MATTER. We wanted EACH student to know that we value them as individuals, and we know they will make CLS a better place just by being a part of it. We wanted EACH student to know that even in times of uncertainty like we are facing now, they belong in the CLS community where we look out for each other. So - for ALL of you returning to CLS who have helped build this great community, please join us in welcoming our incoming freshmen and transfer students to a school year like no other. And to ALL of you returning as sophomores, juniors and seniors - we are so excited to see all that you accomplish this year!

If you have not yet seen the two page Year in Review that highlights the great accomplishments from Crystal Lake South during the 2019-2020 school year, please take a moment to do so [HERE](#). Throughout the two-page electronic document, you will learn that our entrance wall is More Than Our Entrance: It's Our Story. Please enjoy the story that has already been created and please contribute to the positive story that we will create together this year!

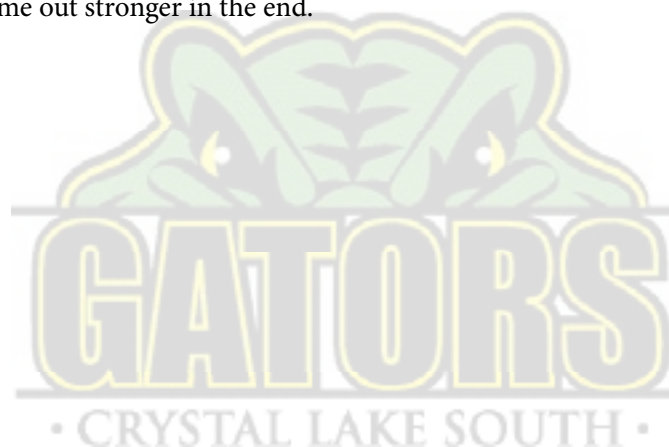
When you return to CLS for the first time, you will see that several major projects have been completed this summer. Our theater was completely updated with new paint, new acoustics, new flooring and new seats. In addition to the theater, we have done an overhaul of our band and choir rooms, we have updated the paneling on the round bathroom walls to tile, and we have outfitted our building with all the necessary PPE equipment and safety precautions to start the school year safely. We are thrilled with the projects that have been completed!

Please enjoy the remaining weeks of summer. No matter what this year holds, I know that the gator community will get through it together and come out stronger in the end.

It's a great day to be a GATOR!
Josh Nobilio
Principal



Josh Nobilio
Principal



Registration Information

Registration for the 2020-21 school year is now open. Information was emailed to D155 families in May. It's important for families to register on Skyward and take care of any fees or apply for fee waivers PRIOR to distribution days. For more information about registration or to download the registration packet visit the [Student Registration Information webpage](#).

Crystal Lake South Specific Policies due to COVID-19

Everyone must wear masks and go through a temperature check. Social distancing must be followed.

During distribution days, one parent is allowed to accompany each student. At all other times, parents who wish to access the building must make an appointment by calling 815-455-3860.

On school days, visitors must check in at the greeter's window in the main entrance and present a valid driver's license or state ID to be scanned through a national database. You must leave your license/ ID at the front desk while visiting the school, and it will be returned to you upon check-out.

Hand sanitizer is available in every one of our classrooms and hand sanitizer dispensers have been mounted strategically throughout the buildings near entrances and exits, restrooms, drinking fountains, cafeterias and gyms.

Students and staff will be encouraged to increase hand washing and sanitizing upon entry to the building, after restroom use, before consumption of food, and after contact with high-touch surfaces.

18 Thermal Scanners are available throughout each building. You must conduct your own temperature check before entering the building daily. Place your forehead in close proximity (8-10cm) to the scanner until it is able to complete the scan and register a reading.

Online Fee Payment

Payment of fees can be completed through [Skyward Family Access](#). After logging in, go to "Fee Management" to pay the fees associated with your student.

Computer Access for Online Student Info Update

Don't have a computer to access Skyward Family Access? No problem! Computers are available for parent use at Crystal Lake South from July 6 - July 31. Stop in Monday through Thursday (8-11 a.m. and 1:30-3:00 p.m.) or Friday, 8-11am.

Distribution Days

To enable social distancing and provide our freshmen with a unique experience, sophomores, juniors, and seniors will not be attending distribution days this year. Freshmen and transfer students will need to choose a time to attend using this Google form: <https://bit.ly/CLSDistribution>. Time slots are available on August 4th, 5th, and 6th from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on a first come, first served basis. Please choose a time slot by Monday, August 3rd at noon so we can plan for your arrival. We will be hosting freshmen and transfer student orientation activities during the assigned slots, so we need to know who is coming when.

Note: Freshmen and transfer students will be receiving their chromebooks during distribution days.

Families should plan on approximately **one hour** for distribution day activities. The second half of the session will be orientation activities for both students and parents. Skyward registration and fee payments or fee waivers must be taken care of PRIOR to distribution days. Incoming freshmen will be required to turn in a completed physical OR proof of an upcoming appointment as their ticket into distribution days.

Please note: Masks and temperature checks are required for everyone entering the building for distribution days. One parent is allowed to attend distribution day with each student.

Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors: CHANGES to Distribution Procedures

Returning sophomores, juniors, and seniors will NOT attend our traditional distribution days in August. Instead, sophomores, juniors, and seniors will be able to take care of all typical distribution day tasks (book pickup, IDs, etc.) during the first week of school (the week of August 17). **Seniors are reminded to turn in proof of their required meningitis vaccination by either bringing a copy to Crystal Lake South or scanning a copy to lbabick@d155.org.**

Sophomore, junior, and senior schedules will go live in Skyward on Monday, August 3 at 7 a.m. If students need to make any changes to their schedules, they will need to make an appointment with a counselor. Counselors will be available remotely for these appointments. Please watch for an email explaining procedures for making the appointments. Note that schedule changes are very limited this year.

If any situation dictates that we need to start the year remotely rather than in person, we will arrange a way for sophomores - seniors to come to the building to gather what they need. If a student will not be present the first week of school, we will make arrangements on an individual basis to get what that student needs.

Registration Information

Transportation

Buses will not run on distribution days. Buses begin running on August 17, the first day of school for students L-Z. Bus route and stop information will be mailed to each student's home in August. For more information, contact TJA at 815-455-0558.

Student Photos

All students will receive their ID's the first week of school. We will use last year's picture for student IDs. Information will be provided later about yearbook pictures, senior portraits, and purchasing opportunities.

Students will be required to wear their IDs on lanyards provided by us at all times while at school. IDs are required for entry/exit to the building including lunch and free periods, textbook sign out, study hall attendance, library sign-in, etc. The ID also serves as a student's bus pass and lunch purchase card.

Activity Tickets

Most students purchase an activity ticket. It is an excellent investment at \$20 if your student attends more than a few activities this year. The activity ticket is good for all non-tournament home athletic contests, concerts, plays, and the spring musical. You can purchase an activity ticket on Skyward when you complete the registration process. Students who have purchased an activity ticket will have their ID punched at distribution day.

Freshman Orientation

We will not be hosting a separate freshman orientation this year. Instead, we will be combining freshmen and transfer student orientation activities with distribution day. Incoming freshmen and transfer students will meet some current students and receive a tour of the building at that time. While students are touring, parents will participate in a question and answer session hosted in our library. Please note that only one parent should accompany each student for distribution days.

Students Transferring to CLS or District 155

Please contact Student Services at extension 3226, or our Registrar at extension 3215, as soon as possible in order to complete the steps necessary prior to the Distribution Days. In order to be prepared for school in the fall, we will work with you to complete the following:

- Completing enrollment paperwork, including proof of residency.
- Completing any needed assessment testing for course placement, if applicable.
- Setting an appointment with a school counselor for course selection.

If this paperwork is not completed prior to distribution day, there will be a delay in your student's ability to start classes on time.

Free or Reduced Lunches and/or Waiver of Fees

Applications for fee waivers should be completed and returned before distribution days. If you have a Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF number you should receive a letter in the mail regarding your direct certification of lunch benefits and approval for waiver of fees. You will need to bring that letter with you to distribution day. If you have any questions regarding the direct certification process or about the forms, please call the Student Services Office at 815-455-3860, ext. 3226. If you do not receive a direct certification letter and would like to apply for fee waivers, forms will be available on the CLS website in late July.

School Nurse

There is a school nurse on duty each day. A student who becomes ill at any time during the day should obtain a pass from a teacher and go to the nurse's office. If the illness is of a nature which requires a student to be sent home, the nurse will issue a pass to leave school. A student may not go home due to illness without permission from the nurse. The nurse's office is not intended to be used as a location to rest or avoid classes. Additional information is available on the website. To visit the nurse's page, click on the "For Parents" quick link and choose the "[Health Services](#)" link.

Freshman Physicals

All freshmen are required by law to have a physical examination, completed on a Department of Human Services State of Illinois Certificate of Child Health Examination form. Freshman must present this current physical examination on freshman distribution day. This physical examination needs to be dated within the 12 months prior to freshman distribution day.

Your physician will need to sign this form in two places:

1. The immunization portion
2. The physical examination portion

A Parent/Guardian needs to complete, sign, and date the "Health History" section on the back of the physical form prior to the appointment with a health care provider.

If your student is interested in participating in athletics, an additional copy of the Certificate of Child Health Examination must be submitted to the Athletic Department.

On freshmen Distribution Day you will need to present the Certificate of Child Health Examination physical form with immunizations to the School Nurse. This will be your ticket into freshmen distribution day. Physicals will not be collected at the school prior to that date.

Examination Physical Form:

If you have been unable to obtain a physical yet due to COVID-19, you must submit proof of an appointment from your doctor with the date of the scheduled physical.

For questions or concerns during the school year, please contact the school nurse, Coleeen

Wing:

815-455-3860, ext. 3230

Medication Form

If your student requires medication at school, the enclosed medication authorization form (last page) must be on file in the nurse's office. You also may download this form on our website under "Important Forms and Documents." You must fill this form out each year and it must be signed by both a parent/guardian and physician. This form is required for **both prescription and over-the-counter medications** including Tylenol, aspirin, Midol, antacids, etc. as well as asthma inhalers and Epi-pens. Students may carry inhalers and Epi-pens with them during school.

Class of 2021 Meningitis Vaccination Requirements

The Illinois Department of Public Health requires that students entering 12th grade must be immunized for meningococcal disease. Documentation of this immunization must be either dropped off to Crystal Lake South or scanned to lbabick@d155.org by the first day of school.

Asthma Action Plan

The State of Illinois passed a bill that now requires students with asthma to provide the school nurse with an "Asthma Action Plan." The "Asthma Action Plan" should be a written plan developed with a student's medical provider to help control their asthma.

Parents or guardians must provide the school nurse with written authorization for self-administration and self-carry of asthma medication. Permission needs to be renewed each school year.

The "Asthma Action Plan" must be kept on file in the school nurse's office. For more information visit the school nurse's webpage.

Student Services

Parents and students should feel free to stop in or call our office with any academic, post-secondary or social-emotional needs as our department includes counselors, social workers, a psychologist, and a school nurse. In addition, students and parents have access to our College and Career Center to research various post-high school educational and career options. Student transcripts are also maintained by the Student Services Office.

Student Services on the Web

Visit the [Student Services website](#) to view the Student Services Directory or to book an appointment with a counselor. There is also a wealth of information about scholarships, post-high school options, ACT/SAT testing, college representative visits, and financial aid. You can also follow the Student Services office on Twitter ([@CLS_SS](#)) for updates throughout the year.

Counselor Summer Hours: July 27

Counselors will be available for appointments either in person or virtually by the family's request on a rotating basis beginning July 29. New student registration and enrollments will be prioritized. Call 815-455-3860 ext. 3226 to check counselor availability.

If freshmen or transfer students have questions about their schedules, counselors will be available during distribution days (August 4-6).

Sophomores, juniors, and seniors who have questions about their schedules will be able to request a virtual appointment with a counselor. An email will be sent with more information.

Students are assigned to counselors by the first letter of their last name.

Brett Collins (A-De)
Kerri Bowers (Di-Ja)
Kyle McCaughn (Je-M)
Mike Collins (N-Sc)
Tammy Freund (Se-Z)

Homework Requests

Starting this fall, all teachers will be using Canvas as their platform to communicate resources, announcements, discussion posts, and assignments to students. Students who are absent should plan to log onto Canvas to find any information they missed as well as any assignments that are due. They are encouraged to reach out to their teachers with any questions they might have.

Virtual College Information Night

On Wednesday, August 26, Crystal Lake South will be hosting a College Night for juniors and seniors and their parents. The evening will have two portions. Mark your calendars now for this great opportunity.

Counselor Presentation

During this portion of the evening, CLS school counselors will go over the college admissions process and how we use Naviance to assist juniors and seniors with their college search and their applications. They will review timelines, transcript requests, letters of recommendation, and more. They will also explain the general college selection process, including college representative visits and campus visits.

College Representative Presentation

Julie Nelson from Xavier University will give students an insider view of the college admissions process from the perspective of an admissions counselor. She will go over tips for applications and explain how applications are reviewed. She'll also give tips for writing essays and making applications stand out from the crowd. Julie's presentation applies to all colleges, not just Xavier, so all juniors and seniors and their families are welcome and encouraged to watch.

New Information You Need This Year

IDs and Lanyards

All students will be required to wear their ID on a school provided lanyard this year.

Sophomore Parking Passes

These will be available on a first come first serve limited basis due to the hybrid schedule of two or three days per week.

No Lockers will be Assigned this Year

Students will need to carry their belongings with them throughout the day.

Late Arrival and Early Release

Students with first hour study hall will be allowed to arrive at school at the end of first period prior to their second period classes. Students with ninth hour study hall will be allowed to leave after their eighth period class. If you are planning to have an off-campus release, you will need the appropriate Release Form already filled out. Your ID will then be punched for any necessary release period permissions.

[Freshmen Release Form](#)
[Sophomore Release Form](#)

Junior/Senior Open Campus

Juniors and Seniors may leave campus during lunch hours and study halls with parent permission.

[Junior/Senior Release Form](#)

Student Handbook

The student handbook includes all school rules and regulations on academics, student conduct, attendance, transportation, athletics, and activities.

Parents and students must become familiar with the content of the student handbook, which is available on the school's website. All students will be held accountable for the information found in the handbook. Parents and students must also review the additional information related to COVID-19 in the handbook.

Emergency Alert Notifications

District 155 uses an automated calling system to alert parents of emergency situations including weather closings. In most cases, the system uses the primary phone number listed in Family Access. Please ensure that your primary number stays up-to-date throughout the year so that we can provide you with pertinent information if necessary.

School Visitors (Including Parents)

Parents or others visiting during the school day should:

- Park in a "Visitors" space.
- Enter the building through the Main Entrance.
- Sign-in at the greeter's window just inside the main doors.
- All visitors must go through a temperature check, and masks are required throughout the building.

For the school's security, **all visitors must present a valid driver's license or state ID to be scanned through a national database.** You must leave your license/ID at the front desk while visiting Crystal Lake South, and it will be returned to you upon check-out.

School Lunches

Lunch Purchases

District 155 allows students to use their ID card to make cafeteria purchases. The cashless purchase program allows a student/parent to add money to the ID by clicking the "Food Service" link in Skyward Family Access. No cash or checks will be accepted in the lunch line

Lunch Release

With the prior written request of legal/guardian, and administration's approval, sophomore, junior and senior students may be excused during their designated lunch period for the school year. The privilege of off-campus lunch may be revoked due to tardies and/or absences to class immediately following the assigned lunch or for other behaviors deemed inappropriate by the administration.

[Sophomore Release Form](#) - Please be sure the form is completed with parent signature before handing it in at school. Students will NOT be able to leave campus on the first days of school without a signed release form.

[Junior / Senior Release Form](#) - Please be sure the form is completed with parent signature before handing it in at school. Students will NOT be able to leave campus on the first days of school without a signed release form.

Athletics

Athletic Department

Athletic Director: Jason Bott
Assistant Athletic Director: Brian Bogda (Fall & Winter)
Rob Fontana (Spring)
Athletic Secretary: Paty Valdivia
Athletic Trainer: Erin O'Brien
eobrien@d155.org

Athletic Staff, Practices & Other Information

Information about athletic teams, forms, tryouts, and practices will be available on the athletic website at <https://clshs.schoolteams.com/>. You will also find game cancellation notices, schedule updates, driving directions, scores, rosters, news, and other announcements. **Please monitor this website for important updates throughout the summer.**

*****Further information about athletics will be sent out once decisions have been made by the IHSA.*****

Athletic Passes

Admission Price to Athletic Events

Admission prices to Fox Valley Conference and other athletic contests are \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students with ID cards and \$2.00 for seniors and children in 5th grade and younger. Football, volleyball, boys/girls basketball, and wrestling home events are free if a student has a CLS activity pass. Costs for IHSA tournament events will differ, and no passes can be accepted for such events.

Family Passes

South offers family passes for individual sports. If you would like to purchase a pass or have any questions regarding family passes, please contact Paty Valdivia in the Athletic Office at pvaldivia@d155.org.

Golden Age Passes

For those in the community who are over the age of 60, a Golden Age Pass is provided at no charge. Anyone wishing to obtain a Golden Age Pass for our activities should contact the principal's office. The pass may be used to gain admittance to all school-sponsored activities throughout the district for the holder and his/her spouse. Please note that these passes may not be used at IHSA tournament events.



Extracurricular Activities

Activities Aboard: What will you join?

For freshmen, new students, and those looking to explore new options, many questions revolve around extracurricular activities. Most students find that being involved in activities makes school more fun, helps them academically, and looks good on a resume when applying to colleges, scholarships, awards, and jobs. Encourage your student to check out the website for a description of each activity as

well as check the announcements. Most organizations post "beginning of the year" meeting information on hallway walls in visible locations. **For more information, students can check out the CLS Activities page through the link at <https://cls.d155.org>.** Students should contact the sponsor via email with questions or seek them out once school starts.

Yearbook Distribution

The 2019-2020 yearbook will be distributed during the first week of school for sophomores, juniors and seniors.

Graduates may pick up their yearbooks during Distribution Days from 3-6 p.m. at Door 5. You will be able to drive up like when you picked up your cap and gown a few months back. Give us your name and we will give you your pre-purchased yearbook.

2020-2021 CLS yearbooks can be ordered directly from Jostens at www.jostens.com. Be sure to get your order in early! And now is the time to include your student's baby ads! Information on baby ads is available

Calendar & Schedules

School Calendar

The 2020-2021 school calendar is available to download on the school website, [click here to download the calendar](#).

Class Schedules: All students will be expected to follow this daily schedule while at home and in-person.

New Daily Class Schedule

Period	Time
1	7:25-8:05 a.m.
2	8:10-8:50a.m.
3	8:55-9:35 a.m.
4	9:40-10:20 a.m.
5	10:25-11:05 a.m.
6	11:10-11:50 a.m.
7	11:55 a.m.-12:35 p.m.
8	12:40-1:20 p.m.
9	1:25-2:05 p.m.
Teacher Office Hours	2:10-2:55 p.m.



Community High School District 155

Cary-Grove: 847-639-3825/ fax 847-639-3873
Crystal Lake Central: 815-459-2505/ fax 815-459-4169

Prairie Ridge: 815-479-0404/ fax 815-459-8993
Crystal Lake South: 815-455-3860/ fax 815-477-6907

AUTHORIZATION FOR ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

Parent Permission

Date: _____

Student's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

School (circle one): Cary-Grove CL Central CL South Prairie Ridge

Medication: _____ Dose: _____ Time: _____

Your signature below verifies the school nurse may administer this medication. For asthma medication and Epi-pen only your son/daughter is able to carry and self-administer this medication. It is recommended that you provide an additional dose of the medication to be kept at school in the event that your student forgets or loses his/her medication.

Community High School District 155, along with its employees and agents, incur no liability (except for willful and wanton conduct) as a result of any injury arising from the pupil's self-administration of asthma medication or Epi-Pen use.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Physician's Orders:

Medication: _____ Dose: _____ Time: _____

Duration: From (date): _____ To (date): _____

Condition requiring medication: _____

Possible side effects: _____

I hereby request that the school nurse or authorized school personnel administer the above prescribed medication as it is medically necessary to do so during school hours. For asthma medication and Epi-pen only: student is able to carry and self-administer this medication.

Physician's Signature _____

Date _____ Phone _____

Authorization for Administration of Medication Procedure

Whenever possible, the parent or guardian should make arrangements for medication to be administered at home, before or after school hours. In situations when a student's health could be compromised by not receiving medication during school hours, school district policy and procedures must be followed for administering all medications.

1. Medication is defined as prescription or non-prescription (over the counter) drugs.
2. Medication cannot be administered without **written** physician's order **and written** parent/guardian permission.
3. Prescription medication must be in a pharmacy or physician labeled container. Over the counter medication must be brought in with the original manufacturer's label, clearly marked with the student's name.
4. It is the parent/guardian's responsibilities to supply prescribed medication and assure that a responsible person brings it to school.
5. All medications to be taken during school hours will be kept in the nurse's office. It is the responsibility of the student to report to the nurse' office at the proper time to receive his/her medication.
6. **For metered dose inhalation medication and Epi-pens only:** students may carry their inhalers and Epi-pens and self-administer medication as prescribed. Inhalers and Epi-pens must be properly labeled and stored in a safe, accessible location.
7. **If a student is unable to self-administer inhaler or Epi-pen,** parent must notify the school nurse.
8. The parent/guardian must assume responsibility for informing the school (in writing) of any change in the student's health or change in medication.
9. The school district retains the discretion to reject requests for administration of medication if all required information is not received on the authorized form.
10. Medication authorization must be renewed each school year.