Crown Point Community School Corporation

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A YEAR OF FIRSTS

A recap of what made the year great

It's true:
redistricting
is on the
horizon

GET THE FACTS ON
WHAT TO EXPECT

2022-2023 Registration Information















what's AHEAD for our schools?

Welcome back to another year! The opportunities and changes that await our district in the 2022-2023 academic year are beyond exciting.

First, we continue to expand our support staff and student services. We remain

committed to providing the services our students need to succeed, especially in light of the last two years. This year we will have more social, emotional, and academic support staff and specialists than ever before. School psychologists, social workers, and diagnosticians have joined our schools, and our counseling and student support team has expanded our network of community partners.

Our capital improvement projects will be an important part of the upcoming year. The end goal is one that we all share: providing the best education and learning environment for all Crown Point students. Work began last year on a new Taft Middle School as well as expansions at the high school. This year, most elementary buildings and Colonel Wheeler Middle School will also see construction. Once these projects conclude, every CPCSC building will be better equipped to educate 21st century learners and accommodate our growing community. You can find more information on page 10 and a building-by-building description of the projects on our website.















The expansion of our buildings provides the chance to redistrict. It is absolutely necessary that we balance enrollment in our schools. This process addresses both immediate and long-term issues for our district, making it an important step in providing the best education for our students. You can find an overview of the redistricting process, including a timeline, on page 13. Please keep an eve on our website, newsletters, and other communications for more detailed information throughout the year.

As always, we remain diligent in our school safety efforts. CPCSC implements Standard Response Protocols and ALICE for emergency situations, and we have ongoing partnerships with local

emergency response agencies. We want every student to feel safe, welcomed, and cared for while at school. More information about school safety is available on our website, and I encourage you to contact our team with any questions.

Finally, last year focused on foundational work to create inclusive schools where all students can participate in the general education environment. This year, teachers will receive support and training for universal learning design, effective grading practices, using and measuring interventions, and working together in co-taught learning environments.

The following pages are both a look back at the last year and a glimpse of what's ahead. As you read more about our district, I hope you feel what our team feels every day - that Crown Point Community School Corporation is invested in the success of our students. Our larger community contributes to that success, and I thank you for your continued support as we begin another year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Todd Terrill, Superintendent, Crown Point Community School Corporation



The 2021-2022 school year is best described as a year of firsts - the first time for new programs and curriculum, first-rate programming to support students, and numerous first place wins.

One of the most notable achievements of the year belongs to the Crown Point High School gymnastics team. Coach Ami Pysh and team earned the district's first state championship and broke every CPHS team and individual record except those for floor exercise. It was truly a history-making and record-breaking season for the team.

Another first was the launch of the district's Super Things video series. Each episode features a visit from

Superintendent Dr. Terrill where he learns more about a positive, meaningful program or event at a CPCSC school. Videos feature student and teacher interviews, and Dr. Terrill joins in the activities to experience them firsthand. You can find the Super Things series on the district's YouTube channel, social media, and website.

There are many programs and opportunities that make Crown Point schools successful. At Eisenhower and Jerry Ross Elementary Schools, exceptional learners and their Best Buddies practice valuable social skills by running a coffee cart every Friday. At Colonel Wheeler and Taft Middle Schools, students are following the

Bulldog Blueprint - a framework that encourages responsibility, kindness, hard work, and respectfulness. And at Crown Point High School there are more than 25 AP and Dual Credit classes, multiple technical and vocational career pathways, and more than 50 extracurricular clubs.

No matter which school a student attends, CPCSC continues to focus on the district's mission - compelling all students to become lifelong learners through the highest quality educational program.

It would be nearly impossible to cover all of the great things that happened this year in just a few pages, but some highlights follow on pages 5-7. Below: The 18-22 year-old Transition to Adult program for Exceptional Learners launched a small business called Bulldog Bakery. Students practice vocational skills by making dog treats and fullfilling orders that have been placed by CPCSC staff. Right: Winfield Elementary piloted the launch of interactive learning panels. This year, most classrooms in the district will receive one. Teachers who have already received them say the panels are a transformational learning tool, and they can't imagine teaching without one.





Above: CPCSC elementary schools added ukuleles to their 5th grade music curriculum. Dr. Terrill visited Solon Elementary to learn how to play - it's harder than it seems!



Below: CPHS started an American Sign Language Club. Students visited Eisenhower Elementary to sign a reading of the book Brown Bear, Brown Bear. Club sponsor Sarah Mayer teaches Eisenhower students how to sign the word "brown."

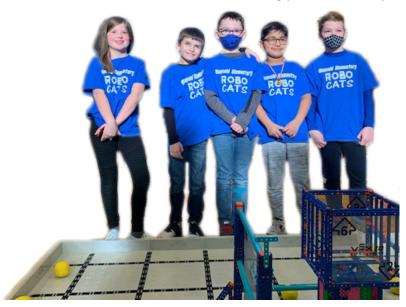




Left: The English Language Learner program held its first family literacy night where students and their parents "traveled" the world through books and activities that represented other countries and cultures.

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Below: Robotics teams throughout the district had stellar seasons. Four schools qualified for the World's Competition in Dallas, and two high school teams received awards that placed them in the top 1% of teams worldwide. Right: Taft Middle School students led Challenge Ed activities that focus on communication, teamwork, and building peer relationships.







Above: Hundreds of students and staff wore bright, mismatched, and colorful socks to participate in Rock Your Socks Day. The day raises awareness for the inclusion of individuals who have Down Syndrome.





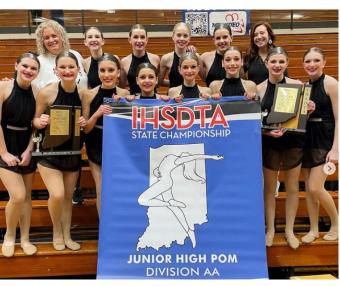


Above: Eisenhower
Elementary students
received a visit from NBC
Nightly News to capture
a story about students'
fundraising efforts for St.
Baldrick's childhood cancer
research - more than
\$30,000 this year! Left: The
CPHS Theater Department
staged an amazing
production of Anastasia,
complete with Broadwaystyle sets.

Below: CPHS's Latin Club was once again named the top in the state, and students brought home 34 individual awards. Middle: CPHS's The Dog Radio and CPTV won the Indiana Association of School Broadcasters (IASB) Radio School of the Year for the first time in CPHS history.

first **PLACE**







Above: Taft Middle School's Dance Team won first place in the Indiana Junior High School Pom Competition. The high school varsity team placed second in the national kick competition.



Left: CPHS Wrestling brought home the state championship team title as well as three individual state championships. Nine wrestlers reached All-State status.

Above: Senior Will Hodge and junior Tyler Anderson won first place at the Universal Technical Institute Top Tech Challenge. They both won a \$10,000 scholarship as well as new tools for the CPHS auto program.



FOOD SERVICES

The federal program that provided free meals during the pandemic has ended. Breakfast and lunch will NOT be free for all students this year. If your child purchases breakfast or lunch, you will need to put money in their account via My MealTime. Applications for free and reduced lunch are available on the food service department website. Find more info at www.cps.k12.in.us/food.



TRANSPORTATION

Bus routes will be posted the afternoon of Monday, August 8. You must complete pre-registration or address changes before July 28 to have transportation on the first day of school. Students who preregister or make a change of address after July 28 will have transportation starting Monday, August 15. A practice bus ride for kindergarteners will be held on August 9. More information is available at www.cps.k12.in.us/transportation.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

RETURNING STUDENTS

Online registration for returning students will open at 9 a.m. on the following days based on the beginning letter of the "registration parent's" last name (the parent who is completing the registration process). Registration is done via the RDS Parent Access account. The link is available on the district's website.

- Tuesday, July 26: A G only
- Wednesday, July 27: H P (along with A-G)
- Thursday, July 28: Q Z (along with A-P)

Online registration is for all RETURNING students including kindergarten & preschool students who pre-registered in the spring of 2022. New students or students who were withdrawn at the end of the 2021-22 school year must follow new student procedures below.

If you are moving over the summer, you must update your address before July 28. This can be done by visiting your child's school and providing proof of address. If you submit a change of address after July 28, transportation will be available August 15.

NEW STUDENTS

New elementary and middle school students can pre-register online any time at www.cps.k12.in.us/newstudents. Once you complete pre-registration, new elementary students will receive a letter with instructions to finalize your registration. New middle school students will receive a call to set a scheduling appointment.

Crown Point High School: High school students new to the district may register at Crown Point High School throughout the summer on Mondays. An appointment is required. Call 219-663-4885, ext. 11028.

New students who pre-register after Thursday, July 28, 2022, will not receive transportation services until Monday, August 15, 2022.

WELCOME to the 2022-2023 school year



CHILD CARE

CPCSC offers a before and after school child care program (also called Latch Key care) at each elementary before school from 6-9 a.m. and after school from 3:45-6:30 p.m. On scheduled e-Learning days, child care will be available from 6 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. at Solon Robinson and Jerry Ross Elementary Schools.

Child care fees are \$7 before school each day and \$7 after school each day. On e-Learning days the fee is \$7 for up to 4 hours, \$14 between 4 and 8 hours, and \$21 for more than 8 hours. There is an annual \$10 non-refundable signup fee.

To register for child care and to find more information about the program, visit the CPCSC website at www.cps.k12.in.us/childcare.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Middle & high school students will receive supply lists from their teachers the first week of school. Supplies vary based on each course. Please come to school with the basics the first week (pencil/pen, paper, folders).

Most supplies for elementary students are paid for via a student supply fee. Students will also need a backpack (no wheels), pencil case, headphones or earbuds, and a reusable water bottle. A Chromebook case cover is strongly recommended. Chromebook dimensions are 12 x 9 inches.



SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

The regular business meetings of the CPCSC Board of School Trustees are held the fourth Monday of the month at 6 p.m. Meetings are at the Administrative Service Center at 200 E. North Street. The public is invited to attend in person or watch the livestream on CPCSC's YouTube channel.

Board meeting agendas and policies are available on the CPCSC website at www.cps.k12.in.us/board.

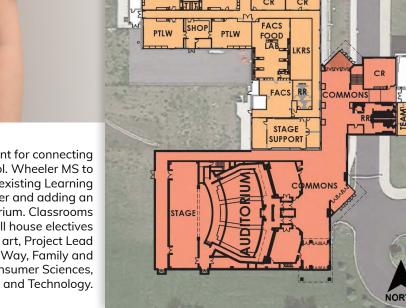
CPCSC Board of School Trustees: David Warne, President; Scott Angel, Vice President; Thomas Hoffman, Secretary; Scott Babjak; Brian Smith.



grab your HARD HAT

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Buckle up and grab your hard hat - construction will be taking place at nearly every CPCSC school this year. It's an exciting time of upgrades and expansions!

In November 2020, the Board of School Trustees unanimously voted to proceed with a capital improvement project that benefits all CPCSC students. By the time the improvements are finished, the project will touch every CPCSC building and provide an upgraded learning environment for all of our students. Residents will not see an increase in taxes to support this project.

What's happening across the district? Below is an abbreviated list. More detailed building-bybuilding descriptions and monthly updates are available on the district website. District and school newsletters will also have photos and updates throughout the year.

Blueprint for connecting Col. Wheeler MS to the existing Learning Center and adding an auditorium. Classrooms will house electives like art. Proiect Lead the Way, Family and Consumer Sciences,

- New Taft Middle School
- Major renovations and additions at CPHS
- Major renovations and additions at MacArthur, Timothy Ball, and Solon
- Addition of classrooms at Eisenhower and Jerry Ross
- Minor renovations at Lake Street
- Connect Col. Wheeler MS to Learning Center and add an auditorium
- Former Taft site to become site of a new admin building and specialized student programming

With so many new projects, there will be temporary inconveniences including some changes in dayto-day operations. Each school's principal will communicate those changes to parents and staff throughout the year. Parents are encouraged to reach out via phone or email with any questions or concerns as we set the stage for the next chapter of education at CPCSC!

Find more info and updates at www.cps.k12.in.us/capital.



2022-2023 Calendar

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No school Distance learning

Start of 9 weeks 1st & last student day End of 9 weeks

Teacher workdays

Crown Point Community School Corporation

Administrative Service Center 200 East North St., Crown Point, IN 46307 219-663-3371 www.cps.k12.in.us Open Monday-Friday, 7am-4pm

Aug. 8 - First teacher day, no students

Aug. 10 - First student day

Sept. 5 - Labor Day, no school

Sept. 21 - Distance learning day; staff professional dev.

Oct. 7 - End of 1st 9 weeks (42 days)

Oct. 17-21 - Fall Break, no school

Oct. 27 - K-5 Parent/Teacher conferences: distance learning for elementary students only

Nov. 9 - Distance learning day: staff professional dev.

Nov. 23-25 - Thanksgiving Break, no school

Dec. 20 - End of 2nd 9 weeks (44 days), 1st semester (86 days)

Dec. 21-Jan. 4 - Winter Break, no school

Jan. 4 - Teacher work day

Jan. 16 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day, no school

Feb. 1 - Distance learning day; staff professional dev.

Feb. 20 - Presidents' Day, no school

Mar. 7 - Distance learning day: staff professional dev.

Mar. 10 - End of 3rd 9 weeks (45 days)

Mar. 27-31 - Spring Break, no school

Apr. 7 - Good Friday, no school

May 26 - Last student day

May 26 - End of 4th 9 weeks (49 days), 2nd semester (94 days)

May 29 - Memorial Day

May 30 - Last teacher day

Summer school will begin following the end of the regular school year.

School & Building Directory

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

School day: 9:05 am - 3:44 pm

Eisenhower Elementary



219-663-8800 www.ike.cps.k12.in.us

1450 S. Main St. Crown Point, IN 46307

Jerry Ross Elementary



219-663-3010 www.jerryross.cps.k12.in.us

11319 Randolph St. Crown Point, IN 46307

Lake Street Elementary



219-663-5683 www.lake.cps.k12.in.us

475 E. Lake St. Crown Point, IN 46307

MacArthur Elementary



219-662-3600 www.mac.cps.k12.in.us

12900 Fairbanks St. Cedar Lake, IN 46303

Solon Robinson Elementary



219-663-2525 www.solon.cps.k12.in.us

601 Pettibone St. Crown Point, IN 46307

Timothy Ball Elementary



219-663-0047 www.tball.cps.k12.in.us

720 Summit St. Crown Point, IN 46307

Winfield Elementary



219-663-2287 www.winfield.cps.k12.in.us

13128 Montgomery St. Crown Point, IN 46307

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

School Day: 7:40 am - 2:55 pm

Taft Middle School



219-663-1507 www.taft.cps.k12.in.us

1000 S. Main St. Crown Point, IN 46307

Colonel Wheeler Middle School



219-663-2173 www.wheeler.cps.k12.in.us

401 W. Joliet St. Crown Point, IN 46307

CROWN POINT HIGH SCHOOL

School day: 7:35 am - 2:37 pm



219-663-4885 Guidance: ext. 11053 Athletics: ext. 11131

www.cphs.cps.k12.in.us

1500 S. Main St. Crown Point, IN 46307

CPCSC LEARNING CENTER

Open 7 am - 4 pm



219-663-4330

130 Harrington Ave. Crown Point, IN 46307

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENTS

Open 7 am - 4 pm



Central Office: 219-663-3371 Transportation: 219-663-1465 Food Services: 219-662-6480

CPCSC SAFETY TIPLINE

Call or text: 219-306-8063 Email: 1789@alert1.us

Web: https://cps-k12-in.safeschoolsalert.com

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redistricting

Balance

Equal enrollment numbers between all elementary and both middle schools.



Align

All elementary schools will be K-5, with room for preschool. All schools will have similar facilities and space.



Optimize

Use district resources, staff, and services efficiently and with financial responsibility. Yes, it's true: change is on the horizon. The Crown Point, Cedar Lake, and Winfield communities are growing, and it is important to create long term plans that ensure stability and efficiency of the district. Redistricting will be part of those plans for Crown Point Community School Corporation.

Redistricting is the process of changing school attendance boundary lines. It ensures schools each have a similar number of students so space, staffing, and resources are used effectively. Some students could attend a new school if a student's address is inside a new boundary line. Lines are only redrawn within the current district borders; it does not open enrollment to those living outside the district.

CPCSC will use a data-driven approach to redistricting. This begins with collecting and analyzing the current and projected enrollment for each school. A specialized software program will map the data to inform new boundary lines.

With the relocation of Taft Middle School and the expansion of Eisenhower, Timothy Ball, Solon, and MacArthur Elementary Schools, elementary schools and both middle schools will be aligned and equal. No school will have more space, resources, or features than any other school. No matter which CPCSC school a student attends, each one will provide the same experience. Every teacher, staff member, and administrator will warmly welcome new students to their building for the 2023-2024 school year.

Most parents understandably have the same question: How will this affect my child(ren)? It is too early in the timeline to provide specific information (see the timeline on this page). As Crown Point Community School Corporation moves through the redistricting process, parents and community members can find more information and submit their questions online at www.cps.k12.in.us/redistrict23.

FALL '22 DATA COLLECTION Data points collected, including current and projected enrollment. Data will drive the redistricting process and decisions.

WINTER '22-'23 DATA ANALYSIS

Mapping software used to create new boundary lines according to goals and data-driven outcomes.



Proposed boundary changes presented to the Board of School Trustees. The board will vote on the proposed plan.

FALL '23 WELCOME BACK!

Students will attend schools based on the new boundary lines.

CURRENT POPULATION

Analyze current student enrollment, including imbalances between schools.



ANTICIPATED POPULATION

Determine how school enrollment may grow or slow based on new residents and typical population changes.



RESOURCES

Examine the use of district resources and staff to maximize operations and best serve students.



staff of the YEAR



Left to right: Chantel Pierce, Annie Lorek, Kathleen Lucht, Jill Vagner

Secondary Teacher of the Year -Jill Vagner

Jill Vagner is a seventh grade teacher at Colonel Wheeler Middle School with 17 years of service in the district. She is a school leader in many positions including School Improvement Team, Builders Club, Science Department PLC Leader, MTSS Leader, Instructional Leadership Team, Coffee and Chatter Club, Spirit Club, as well as a variety of community outreach activities. "Jill is an active instructional leader from our seventh grade science team who has pioneered many initiatives over her tenure," principal Jacob Rodriguez said.

Finalists for Secondary Teacher of the Year: Rachele Raloff, Crown Point High School; Mary Jones, Taft Middle School

Elementary Teacher of the Year -Kathleen Lucht

Kathleen Lucht teaches first grade at Eisenhower Elementary and has 34 years of service in Crown Point Schools. "Kathleen builds longlasting and trusting relationships with parents and families. She provides meaningful opportunities for them to take part in and be a voice in their child's education," Eisenhower Elementary principal Calli Dado said.

Finalists for Elementary Teacher of the Year: Shannon Carroll, Lake St.; Christina Curtis, MacArthur; Elizabeth Ewen, Solon; Maryann Howarth, Timothy Ball; Beth Morey, Winfield; Reena Foster, Jerry Ross; Andrea Avila, Learning Center

Employee of the Year - Chantel Pierce

Chantel Pierce is the Benefits
Coordinator for Crown Point
Community School Corporation. She
was previously the district's data
specialist. Her positive attitude and
willingness to help others is evident
in her work each day. "Chantel
has continued year after year to
help support CPCSC in the growth

and expansion of the corporation. She has supported the staff with her ongoing commitment to her new roles," Shaun Dunn, CPCSC employee, said.

Finalists for Employee of the Year: Laura Renicker, Paraprofessional; Art Samano, K-8 Custodial Supervisor

Administrator of the Year -Annie Lorek

Annie Lorek is an assistant principal at Crown Point High School and has 17 years of service at Crown Point Schools. She is a former Teacher of the Year and is an integral part of the administrative team. "Annie goes above and beyond to help students and teachers succeed. It's clear by every action, every day that she cares so much about making our school a better place," Lisa Keene, CPHS teacher, said.



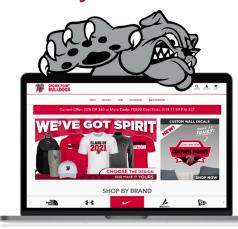
Join Dr. Todd Terrill, Superintendent of Crown Point Community School Corporation, for conversation and a cup of coffee at the Crown Point Community Library. No presentation or talking points - this is simply an opportunity to engage in conversation with our community.

September 15 - 9:30 a.m. October 13 - 9:30 a.m. November 17 - 4:00 p.m.



Residents 62 years and older who live in the district are invited to join us for a special Senior Edition of Coffee & Conversation on August 25 at 9:30 a.m. Bring your photo ID with address to receive a complimentary event and athletics pass for the 22-23 school year!

We've got spirit - and you can too!



Visit the online Bulldog Spirit Shop for spirit wear and accessories with dozens of official CP designs on over three hundred items. Check our monthly newsletter for each month's special discount code.

Find the link to the Spirit Shop on the CPCSC district & school websites.

Welcome to preschool!

Bulldog Buddies Preschool is open to children ages 3-5 who live in the CPCSC district. Limited spaces are still available for the 2022-2023 school year. Visit www.cps.k12.in.us/preschool for more information.



Join the team!

Crown Point Community School Corporation is proud to employ a talented and dedicated team of teachers and support staff.

Positions are available in food service, transportation, maintenance, and student support roles. Applications are available on our website.





save the DATE

For more information, visit your school's website or call their front office (contact info on p. 12).

- July 26 Online registration opens, see p. 8
- Aug. 3 CPHS 9th grade parent orientation
- Aug. 4 CPHS new/transfer student orientation

 Col. Wheeler & Taft MS parent night (incoming 6th grade & new student parents)
- Aug. 5 CPHS Bulldog Rush (incoming 9th graders)

 Col. Wheeler & Taft MS Bulldog Rush (incoming 6th grade and new students)
- Aug. 8 Elementary Open Houses: Lake Street grades K-2, MacArthur, Timothy Ball, Winfield Kindergarten only
- **Aug. 9** Elementary Open Houses: Eisenhower, Jerry Ross, Lake Street grades 3-5, Winfield grades 1-2
- Aug. 11 Col. Wheeler & Taft MS Open Houses
- Aug. 17 Solon Elementary Open House
- Aug. 24 Crown Point High School Open House
- Aug. 25 Coffee & Conversation for residents 62+ (get your free activities pass!) See p. 15









