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### CRYSTAL LAKE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2024

Dear Gator Families -

Welcome to another school year at Crystal Lake South High School! I especially want to welcome the Class of 2028! I look forward to learning and growing with each of our students and encouraging our Gator characteristics of Growth, Acceptance, Tenacity, Optimism and Responsibility for EACH student here at CLS.

As we embark on this new year, fostering educational equity remains a top priority. At CLS we nurture the academic mindsets of:

- I belong in this community
- I can succeed at this
- My ability increases with my efforts
- This work has value for me

We empower every student to thrive in this supportive community and embrace the journey of lifelong learning. By nurturing these mindsets, we empower each student to see themselves as valued members of our school community, capable of achieving academic success through dedicated effort, and ultimately finding personal meaning and purpose in their education.

It has been a busy summer here at South hosting summer school, many athletic camps, athletic leadership training, staff meetings and professional development. In addition, we have had some exciting construction projects with the total remodeling of our art classrooms. We still do have a couple of upcoming events we want to remind you of as summer comes to an end. Check the green box below for details!

- August 6 8 Distribution Days
- August 9 Freshmen Orientation
- August 12 Freshman Parent Orientation
- August 14 First Day of School

And finally, a few changes to watch for coming this year -

- D155 will begin using ParentSquare to communicate with you. Check page five for more information
- ACTIVITY PASSES will now be purchased for \$25 on the GoFan app. Check page ten for more information

Again, welcome back to another school year Crystal Lake South! Sincerely,

Kimberly Bromley Principal

#### **DISTRIBUTION DAYS**



All students must attend their designated distribution day. Students will receive their class schedule, textbooks, and student ID. Yearbook pictures will also be taken for incoming freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. For incoming seniors, proof of vaccination against meningococcal disease must be turned in prior to or at distribution day. For incoming freshmen, a completed physical is required for entrance into distribution day. Please note that the first 30 minutes of each time slot are typically busy.

Seniors (All) & Juniors (A-K) Juniors (L-Z) & Sophomores (All) Freshmen Freshman Orientation First day of school Tuesday, August 6 Wednesday, August 7 Thursday, August 8 Friday, August 9 Wednesday, August 14

Distribution Day Hours 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

## SCHOOL INFORMATION



### STUDENT ID'S & YEARBOOK PICTURES

The photo taken on distribution day will be used for student IDs as well as the yearbook photo for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. Students are required to carry their ID with them at all times. They are required to show their ID as they enter the building, and juniors / seniors are required to show their IDs to leave the building for any approved study hall release, lunch release, or work release. The student ID is used for daily functioning in school including attendance in study halls, book check out, cafeteria purchases, and more.

If students DO NOT have a photo taken during distribution days, they may get an ID picture taken in the main office after school starts. Yearbook photos can be scheduled during retakes in October. If students lose their ID they may get it replaced in the main office for \$5.00.



### SENIOR PORTRAITS

Seniors will have their student ID picture taken on distribution day. This picture will differ from the picture used in the yearbook. In order for your picture to appear in the senior section of the yearbook, you must have your picture taken by Empire Photography. You are under no obligation to purchase anything, and there is no fee if you are only having a picture taken for the yearbook. If you still need to schedule your portrait session, please visit <u>www.empirephotos.com/d155seniors</u>. If you need to contact Empire Photography for any reason, the customer service number is 608-257-2941.



### **CLS PHOTO GALLERIES**

Did you know that Crystal Lake South student photographers and school/district personnel regularly post photo galleries to the school's SmugMug account? The photo galleries are a great way to see what's going on at the high school. Parents can download high-resolution images from the galleries free of charge. The galleries are accessible directly at <u>clsphotos.smugmug.com</u>.

#### YEARBOOK INFORMATION

The ONLY way to purchase a yearbook is online at

<u>www.jostens.com</u>. The cost of the yearbook is \$52.

Yearbooks from the 2023-24 school year may be picked up during distribution days. Graduates who cannot attend may have a friend or family member pickup the book on their behalf. Email Mrs. Rathjen (<u>erathjen@d155.org</u>) with any questions.



#### REGISTRATION

If you have not already registered your student for the 2024-2025 school year, please click this <u>Direct Link</u> to see our registration packet and follow the steps indicated.

Spanish Registration Packet- Click Here

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

#### **FRESHMAN ORIENTATION**

The Crystal Lake South staff and students invite the Class of 2028 to our annual Gator Leadership Crew Freshman Orientation.

Friday, August 9 - 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Enter through the Athletic/Theater Entrance

The purpose of this orientation is to make the transition from middle school to high school a positive one. Seniors and juniors will serve as leaders and mentors to the freshmen. Large and small group activities are designed to address students' needs and concerns in an enjoyable manner. Freshmen are encouraged to wear comfortable clothes. School supplies are not necessary! There is no bus transportation on orientation day.

#### **FRESHMAN PARENT ORIENTATION**

Save the date for a special introductory meeting for incoming freshman parents. Plan on joining us the evening of Monday, August 12 from 6-7 p.m. in the Crystal Lake South Theatre to learn more about South and opportunities available for students. More information will be emailed to you in early August.

#### TRANSFER STUDENT ORIENTATION

Sophomores, juniors, and seniors who are new to Crystal Lake South are invited to transfer student orientation on Friday, August 9. Please arrive at the Student Services office at 8:30 a.m. The orientation session will conclude at 9:30 a.m.

Transfer student orientation provides transfer students with more information about CLS. The program will introduce transfer students to the school and its culture. There is no bus transportation on orientation day.



### FACEBOOK LIVE: BEGINNING OF THE YEAR Q&A

Join us for a special edition of Facebook Live (Thursday, August 1, 6 p.m. via the <u>Crystal Lake</u> <u>South Facebook Page</u>) where we will walk you through some of the logistics for the beginning of the year, including distribution days, and answer any questions you might have. If you don't have a Facebook account or are unable to join us live, we will send out a recording.



#### TRANSPORTATION

Buses will not run on distribution days and freshman orientation. Buses begin running on August 14 the first day of school. Bus route and stop information will be mailed to each student's home in August. Bus schedules and information will be available on freshman distribution day should you have any questions.

#### FRESHMAN CHROMEBOOK DISTRIBUTION

Chromebooks will be distributed to incoming freshmen (the Class of 2028) and any transfer students during distribution days as part of the district's one-to-one computing program.

# STUDENT SERVICES

Student Services encompasses much more than scheduling. Parents and students should feel free to stop in or call our office with any 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.

#### COUNSELOR CASELOAD

Student counselor assignments are determined by the first letter of the student's last name. Contact: (815) 455-3860

Brett Collins	(A-DE)	ext. 3221	
Kerri Bowers	(JI-JA)	ext. 3220	
Kyle McCaughn	(JE-M)	ext. 3225	
Mike Collins	(N-SA)	ext. 3223	
Tammy Freund	(SC-Z)	ext. 3280	
Anna Carroll	Assistant Prir	cipal of Student Services	

Please know that we maintain an open-door policy. Any student can see any counselor with whom he or she feels comfortable; however, the assigned counselor as noted above is the primary case manager and maintains all files and records generated for the student.

#### HOMEWORK REQUESTS

All teachers will be using Canvas as their platform to communicate resources, announcements, discussion posts, and assignments to students. Students who are



### COUNSELOR SUMMER HOURS: JULY 29, 2024

Counselors will be available for appointments 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 you have questions about your schedule, counselors are available during distribution days, August 6-8.

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.

### STUDENT SERVICES ONLINE RESOURCES

For a wealth of information about scholarships, our Career Exploration Program, post-high school options, ACT/SAT testing, college representative visits, and financial aid, please visit the Student Services website at <a href="https://cls.d155.org/student-services">https://cls.d155.org/student-services</a>. We also encourage parents to create a parent account in SchooLinks, our post-secondary planning system. Parents can visit <a href="https://cls.d155.org/student-services">app.schoolinks.com/login/member</a> and use the "forgot password" feature to create a new account.

### FAITH'S LAW RESOURCE GUIDE

All children have the right to grow up in safe and healthy communities that have welcoming and nurturing schools. The Illinois Sate Board of Education has developed and published the Sexual Abuse Response and Prevention Resource Guide, available on the district's website. The district is required to share this information with parents/guardians and make it available on the district website.

#### <u>English Resource Link</u> <u>Spanish Resource Link</u>

#### NEW BOARD POLICY 2:270

The Board of Education has approved a new board policy, 2:270 Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited. For more information please refer to the <u>board policies page.</u>

## SCHOOL PROCEDURES

#### ATTENDANCE

Because irregular or poor attendance denies the student opportunities to maximize benefits from teachers and fellow students, the following policies have been adopted:

- A parent or guardian must call the school each day a student misses all or part of his/her school day.
- You may leave information on the automated voicemail system 24 hours a day, or you may call the switchboard between the hours of 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Written notes are not acceptable to excuse absences.
- A student is only allowed NINE days of absence without question, per semester, provided there is a call from a parent. (Note: Absences that are valid and accompanied by supporting documentation are not counted toward the nine days of absence.) Please see the student handbook or the website for further information.
- If a parent needs to excuse a student for a portion of the day (i.e. for an appointment), the parent should call our attendance line as soon as possible and let our main office staff know what time the student needs to leave. We will create a pass for the student and call them down to the main office to pick up the pass. It is important to have enough notice about the absence to be able to get the pass ready. Students need to sign in and out of the school building in the main office.

24-Hour Attendance Hotline: (815)-893-5270

### **ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATIONS**

Crystal Lake South will use an automated calling system to alert parents when their student is considered absent/ truant. The notification system also allows the school to communicate via text message. Parents and guardians who gave permission to be called and/or texted and provided a mobile phone number during online registration will receive attendance notifications. Parents and quardians can revoke this consent at any time by notifying Shannon Podzimek, director of communications, spodzimek@d155.org, or by following the instructions in the automated phone call or text messages. 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

Parents or others visiting during the school day should:

- Park in a "Visitors" space.
- Enter the building through the main door.
- Sign in at the greeter's window.

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 COMMUNICATIONS & EMERGENCY ALERT NOTIFICATIONS

DI55 will use ParentSquare to communicate with you, and you will receive all district and school communication via email, text, or app. You can download the free mobile app for iOS or Android or use the desktop version at <u>www.parentsquare.com</u>. If you do not download the app, you will continue to receive notifications via email and emergency notifications via text, email, and phone call. Please ensure your primary number stays up-to-date throughout the school year to receive important school alerts.

## SCHOOL PROCEDURES

#### LUNCH / STUDY HALL RELEASE

Juniors and seniors are allowed to leave campus during lunch and study hall periods as long as they have a signed release form on file. To maintain this off campus release, students must abide by all policies in the student handbook. Students should plan to turn in signed release forms at distribution day so that they can get their ID stamped for off campus prior to the first day of school. Forms are available on the district website, and they will also be emailed to students.

No freshmen or sophomores are allowed to leave during lunch or study hall. If a student chooses to violate this rule, consequences may include a four-hour detention for the first offense.

Click <u>Here</u> for the English release form. Click <u>Here</u> for the Spanish release form.

#### **DRIVER EDUCATION**

State law requires that no student be permitted to take driver's education courses unless he/she has received a passing grade in at least eight credit-carrying courses during the previous two semesters of school.

All students enrolled in Behind-the-Wheel driver's education must pay a \$250.00 fee due at registration plus the Secretary of State permit fee of \$20.00 due on the first day of class. Students will fill out the permit application on the first day of class.

#### SCHOOL LUNCHES

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.

#### FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH

Applications should be completed and returned before registering your student for school. 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.

If you have any questions regarding the direct certification process or about the forms, please call the Student Services Office at ext. 3226. If you do not receive a direct certification letter and would like to apply for fee waivers and/or free or reduced lunch, forms will be available on July 15. <u>Click here for applications</u>. Please complete this process by distribution days.

#### **STUDENT PARKING**

Due to limited space, only juniors and seniors may park in the student lot. A permit must be purchased at the cost of \$150.00. Permits are limited. Emergency, one-day parking privileges are available for \$5.00 per day. Please see the deans' secretary for details. Students who have already completed the parking application and paid their fees may pick up their parking permit during distribution days

## SCHOOL PROCEDURES



#### DAILY CLASS SCHEDULE

Period	Time	
0*	6:30 - 7:15 a.m.*	
1	7:25 - 8:10 a.m.	
2	8:15 - 9:00 a.m.	
3	9:05 - 9:50 a.m.	
4	9:55 - 10:40 a.m.	
5	10:45 - 11:30 a.m.	
6	11:35 a.m 12:20 p.m.	
7	12:25 - 1:10 p.m.	
8	1:15 - 2:00 p.m.	
9	2:05 - 2:50 p.m.	

#### LATE START MONDAY CLASS SCHEDULE

Period	Time	
0*	6:30 - 7:10 a.m.*	
1	8:10 - 8:50 a.m.	
2	8:55 - 9:35 a.m.	
3	9:40 - 10:20 a.m.	
4	10:25 - 11:05 a.m.	
5	11:10 - 11:50 a.m.	
6	11:55 a.m 12:35 p.m.	
7	12:40 - 1:20 p.m.	
8	1:25 - 2:05 p.m.	
9	2:10 - 2:50 p.m.	

#### EARLY RELEASE CLASS SCHEDULE

Period	Time	
0*	6:43 - 7:15 a.m.*	
1	7:25 - 7:57 a.m.	
2	8:02 - 8:34 a.m.	
3	8:39 - 9:11 a.m.	
4	9:16 - 9:48 a.m.	
5	9:53 - 10:25 a.m.	
6	10:30 - 11:02 a.m.	
7	11:07 - 11:39 a.m.	
8	11:44 a.m 12:16 p.m.	
9	12:21 - 12:53 p.m.	

\*\*Only students enrolled in zero hour will begin at 6:30 a.m.\*\*

#### **STUDENT HANDBOOK**



The student handbook includes all school rules and regulations on academics, student conduct, student attire & dress, 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 <u>website</u>. All students will be held accountable for the information found in the handbook.





## HEALTH SERVICES

#### SENIOR ALL STUDENTS FRESHMAN REQUIREMENTS REOUIREMENTS FRESHMAN FRESHMAN MENINGITIS **MEDICATION FORM** PHYSICALS **DENTAL EXAMS** VACCINATION All freshmen are All freshmen are also All seniors must meet Any student needing to required by law to required to submit Illinois Department of take medication complete a physical proof of a dental exam Public Health (prescription and/or exam within 12 months within 18 months of the immunization over-the counter) must of Freshman start of freshman year. requirements for have a Medication Form Distribution Day, meningococcal disease on file with the school August 8, 2024. The exam must be prior to the start of 12th nurse. Forms must be Physicals conducted documented by a grade. submitted <u>annually</u>. The physician using the between August 11, form is available to 2023 - August 8, 2024 state approved form Proof of vaccination download here. available to <u>download</u> will satisfy this must be provided prior requirement. here. to Senior Distribution Day, August 6, 2024. ASTHMA ACTION The exam must be PLAN documented by a Students who have physician using the You have two options to submit asthma are required to state approved form SUBMI the State of Illinois Certificate of have an "Asthma available to download Child Health Examination and School Dental Examination forms. Action Plan." It must be here and the parent You can email the forms to your kept on file in the must complete the school nurse: Health History section. school nurse's office.

\*\*Please note that Athletic physicals do not meet the requirements for students entering 9th grade. Crystal Lake South

<u>clsnurse@d155.org</u>

The form is available to

download here.

Or you have the option to bring the forms to Distribution Day in August. This will be your ticket into Freshmen Distribution Day.

### 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 D155 website. Click on the "Parents" tab and choose the "Health Services" link. For questions or concerns during the school year, please contact the school nurse, Colleen Wing at (815)455-3860 ext. 3230.

## ATHLETICS

Information about athletic teams, forms, tryouts, and practices is available on the <u>athletic</u> <u>website</u>. 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.

#### ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Athletic Director: Jason Bott

Assistant Athletic Director (Fall/Winter): Brian Bogda (Spring): Rob Fontana

Athletic Secretary: Tracey Dayton

Athletic Trainer: Erin Martin



#### INCOMING FRESHMAN STUDENT-ATHLETES

Please be sure to make a copy of the physical form for athletics. You will need the original to register for school. Physical forms will be turned in to Tracey Dayton, athletic director secretary. Questions may be directed to Mrs. Dayton at tdayton@dl55.org or (815)455-3860 ext. 3257.

#### **ATHLETIC FEES**

Student athletic participation fees for 2024-25 are \$100 per sport, with a student maximum of \$200 per student, and a family maximum of \$400 per household.

Athletic fees will be due after rosters have been finalized. Athletic fee payments can be completed through Skyward Family Access. After logging in, go to "Fee Management" to pay the fees associated with your student. Discover, Visa, and MasterCard are accepted for online payment. Athletic fees can be paid in person at school in the front office. Checks are payable to Community High School District 155. The athletic participation fee(s) will be waived for students who qualify and apply for fee waivers.

District 155 has a no refund policy after the first IHSA event/contest. Athletes who quit their sport prior to the first IHSA event/contest are eligible for a full refund, but must meet the following conditions:

Notify the coach and athletic office (Athlete should notify coach and athletic office via email)
Must be cleared of all uniform/equipment rentals by coach

#### ATHLETIC REGISTRATION

The athletic department requires every student-athlete to sign up online for participation in any sport. This year, we will be using RSchool for scheduling registrations. The registration site is: <u>https://clshs.rschoolteams.com</u>. All student-athletes must also have a current physical form signed by a physician.

## **ATHLETICS & ACTIVITES**

#### ADMISSION PRICE TO ATHLETIC EVENTS

Admission prices to Fox Valley Conference and other athletic contests are \$6.00 for adults, \$4.00 for students with ID cards and \$3.00 for children in 5th grade and younger. Football, volleyball, boys/girls basketball and wrestling home events are free if a student has a CLS activity ticket. Costs for IHSA tournament events may differ, and no passes can be accepted for such events.

#### **ACTIVITY PASSES**

NEW THIS YEAR: Activity passes will be available to purchase for \$25 on the GoFan app on July 15. Please <u>click here</u> to purchase an activity pass. Students with an activity pass are admitted to all non-tournament home athletic contests and non-fundraising musical events. Students will show their mobile activity pass to enter events.

\*Freshmen will NOT be able to purchase pass until distribution day, August 8.

\*For instructions on how to transfer the pass to your students account <u>Click Here</u>

#### DIGITAL TICKETS FOR ATHLETIC EVENTS

CLS will use digital ticketing by GoFan for athletic events. You can purchase tickets by downloading the "GoFan" app or purchase tickets on the website. All major credit cards are accepted, along with Apple Pay and Google Pay. Fans are encouraged to buy tickets online prior to arriving at the facility. Signage will be set up at the venue to help fans navigate an online purchase quickly and easily.

- 1.Go to <u>www.gofan.co</u>
- 2.Search "School Name"
- 3.Select Event

#### LIVE STREAMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

You will be able to watch several athletic events for free on the district's live streaming platform, hudl tv, <u>click here.</u> The following sports will be live-streamed & recorded to view later:

Football | Volleyball | Basketball (Boys/Girls) | Lacrosse (Boys/Girls) | Soccer (Boys/Girls)\* \*May vary between schools

#### **SEASON PASSES**

Information about how to purchase season passes will be available on the athletic website on August 1.

#### **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 Mrs. Gorman in 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.



Activities abound! What will you join? For freshmen, new students, and those looking to explore new options, there are plenty of extracurricular activities. Many organizations have their own Canvas page, and will advertise beginning of the year meetings through school announcements. For more information, students can check out the CLS Activities page <u>here</u>.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mon - Tues Wednesday Monday Wednesday Monday Tuesday Wed - Fri Thurs- Fri Friday Mon - Fri Mon - Tues Wednesday Monday Monday Monday Monday Friday Friday Saturday Wed - Thurs Thursday Monday	August 12-13, 2024 August 14 September 2 September 12 October 14 November 5 November 27-29 December 19-20 December 20 Dec 23 - Jan 3, 2025 January 6-7 January 6-7 January 8 January 20 February 17 March 24-28 April April 18 April 18 April 25 May 17 May 21-22 May 22 May 26	Institute Days - No Classes First Day of School - ALL STUDENTS Labor Day - No School Open House - Early Release Columbus Day - No School Election Day- No School Thanksgiving Holiday - No School Final Exam Days Last Day of School in 2024 - End of First Semester Winter Break - No School Institute Days - No Classes First Day of Second Semester 2025 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School Presidents' Day - No School Spring Break - No School State Testing Day of Non- Attendance School Improvement Day - Early Release Graduation - All Schools - 10:00 a.m. Final Exams Last Day of School (if no Emergency Days are used) Memorial Day - No School
Friday	May 30	Last Day of School (if all Emergency Days are used)

\*Every Monday that school is in session will be a "Late-Start Monday," with classes beginning at 8:10 a.m.

\*\*A current calendar is maintained on the school website. The online version is updated after each emergency closing day.

#### **COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT**



On Wednesday, August 28, Crystal Lake South will be hosting a College Night for juniors and seniors and their parents in the CLS theater. The evening will have two portions, and families are welcome to attend either part or both. Watch for additional information in August from our Student Services Office.

#### SAVE THE DATE: OPEN HOUSE SEPTEMBER 12, 2024 | 7:00 PM



Parents & Guardians are encouraged to attend Open House. This is your opportunity to visit each of your student's classrooms, meet their teachers, and learn about the courses.