

# Craig High School

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## *August 2024 Newsletter*

### CHS Mission

Since 2022, Craig High School's Mission has been aligned with the AVID program: a national, research-based program that encourages engaging, rigorous, and student-centered learning environments. AVID is an acronym for Advancement Via Individual Determination. AVID's mission, and our mission as a school, is to close the opportunity gap by preparing all students for college and career readiness and success in a global society.

### Online Registration happening now!

The required yearly registration for all students is now open. Please complete this process by Monday, August 5, 2024. This is essential to confirm and update family and student information, including contact details for notifications.

**Who needs to register:** All K-12 students. P4J (4-year-old Kindergarten) students do not need to register.

#### **How to register:**

- Log in to the IC Parent Portal: [Infinite Campus](#)
- Click "More" in the left-hand menu, then select "Online Registration."
- Use your existing login credentials (case-sensitive).
- For login issues, call Infinite Campus Registration Help Desk (608)743-5047 (8AM-3:30 PM, Mon-Fri).
- Parents may email [campus@janeyville.k12.wi.us](mailto:campus@janeyville.k12.wi.us) for assistance.
- Review and verify/update all information for each student.
- Beginning August 8, 2024, contact your child's school directly for password resets.

**Payment Setup:** You can set up payments for expenses like school meals during the registration process.

Instructions for setting up or updating payment methods and recurring payments are provided in the registration portal.

- If you need assistance adding payment methods, please follow these [instructions](#).
- If you need assistance with recurring payments, please view these [instructions](#).
- If you need assistance making a payment, please follow these [instructions](#).

### Senior Photo Submissions for Yearbook

The deadline to submit Senior photos for the yearbook is November 1st. If you are unable to meet this deadline please email [craigyearbook@janeyville.k12.wi.us](mailto:craigyearbook@janeyville.k12.wi.us)

You may email it to [craigyearbook@janeyville.k12.wi.us](mailto:craigyearbook@janeyville.k12.wi.us). For more information and requirements please see

📄 [2025 Yearbook Senior Photo Info.pdf](#)

### 2024-2025 Yearbook Information

Yearbooks are on sale now! Students and families interested in purchasing a yearbook must visit the vendor website directly and order their yearbooks through Jostens. The cost of the yearbook is \$70.00 prior to Sept. 14, 2024. Visit the following links to order yearbooks or purchase an ad for your Senior:

Book Sales: [YEARBOOK PURCHASE LINK](#)

Ad Sales: [AD SALES LINK](#)



## Craig Registration Day on Wednesday, August 14th

**Date:** Wednesday, August 14, 2024    **Location:** Craig High School-Main Gym

### Session Schedule:

#### Session #1:

9:00am - 10:30am: Freshmen

10:30am - 12:00pm: Seniors

#### Session #2:

12:30pm - 2:00pm: Sophomores

2:00pm - 4:00pm: Juniors

**Please Note:** Staff will not be available from 12:00pm - 12:30pm for a lunch break.

### Important Instructions:

- Students are strongly encouraged to attend their assigned grade-level session.
- Parents are required to complete the SDJ Online Registration process before attending Craig's Onsite Registration Day on Wednesday, August 14, 2024.

### Registration Day Details:

- Date: Wednesday, August 14, 2024
- Who should attend: Only students need to attend to get their ID and yearbook picture taken, pick up their schedule, and pay fees in person if not paid online.

### What Students will Receive/Complete on Registration Day:

- Fall schedule, including locker and combination information.
- School photo completion.
- Pickup emergency contact card, which should be returned on Back to School Night (August 27) or during the first week of school.
- Textbooks.
- First day of school schedule.



## Student Photo Information

Students must have an ID/yearbook photo taken even if they are not buying a package.

- Lifetouch will be taking photos on August 14th
- Information will be sent in a separate mailing from Lifetouch to each household
- Photo packages are ordered directly through the vendor. Parents can visit [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com) and use the following Picture Day ID to order.
- PICTURE DAY ID: **EVTSQ2BDD**

## Craig Orientation and Open House on August 27th

**Date:** Tuesday, August 27, 2024    **Time:** 5:00-7:00pm

### Event Details:

In preparation for the 2024-25 school year, Craig High School invites incoming 9th-grade students and new students to the district/school to a Back to School Orientation Meeting. This meeting will provide important information to help new students transition smoothly into high school.

### Orientation Meeting:

- **Time:** 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- **Location:** Large Auditorium
- **Audience:** Incoming 9th-grade students and new students to the district/school

Following the orientation meeting, an Open House will be held for all students and families. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet with assigned teachers, explore classrooms, and get acquainted with the school environment.

### Open House:

**Time:** 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm    **Location:** Assigned Classrooms    **Audience:** Open to all students and families

## First Day of School Information

9th grade students should report to Craig at 7:45am on Thursday, August 29th, 2024. Please enter through door #1 or #3 (Senior Entrance). The CHS staff planned a full day schedule and activities for our incoming 9th graders.

All students will report to Craig on Tuesday, September 3rd for a full 8-period day of classes. School begins promptly at 8:00am and will be dismissed at 3:28pm.

Please see this [First Day Flyer](#) for what you need to know for the first day of school!



# *Important Back to School Information from CHS Administration*

## School Supplies

All **9th and 10th grade** students will receive the following school supplies free of charge at the start of the school year:

- Folders for core and elective classes
- A notebook
- A binder
- A planner
- Supply pouch with pens, pencils, highlighter, and sticky notes

We suggest that **all** students have the following supplies as well:

- Backpack
- Scientific calculator (TI-30XIIS is recommended)
- Tennis shoes for physical education class
- Reusable water bottle



## School Mode

Getting back into “school mode” can be difficult for teenagers (adults too!) and waiting until the school year officially begins can make the first few weeks a rough adjustment. Please consider answering the following questions with your student:

- Does your student have a designated study space at home? Establishing a quiet, consistent study space can help students get into a positive habit of studying, reading, and homework completion during the school year
- Has your student read anything over the summer? Encouraging your student to read something they like during summer can help students retain and recall their reading skills at the beginning of the school year
- When was the last time your student went to bed early? It is recommended that teenagers receive 8-10 hours of quality sleep per night. Helping your student to go to bed earlier at the end of summer will help them better adjust to the school-year schedule if they’re not naturally an early riser

## Cell Phones & Technology

Cell phones are a consistent distraction in classrooms and schools throughout the nation. At Craig High School, we value every instructional minute and realize that our building needs a consistent, school-wide approach to managing student cell phone use during instructional time. Our school policy “Bell to bell, no cell” remains the same; however, all students will be expected to put their phones in the designated caddy upon entering all classrooms for the entirety of the class period. Students will also be instructed to remove earbuds/headphones and keep them stored in their backpacks, so they can fully pay attention to instruction. This allows students to remain focused on their learning and take advantage of the high-quality instruction our teachers deliver, while maintaining access to their phones in the case of an emergency.

## Final Exams

In order for teachers and families to evaluate how well our students are understanding and retaining information, there will be final exams at the end of each semester. It will be imperative that students take notes throughout the semester and study for their final exams. Final exams help introduce students to cumulative exams that are common in post-secondary education. There will not be an opportunity to retake final exams and they will count for a certain percentage of a student’s final grade for the semester.

## Attendance Matters

Regular school attendance is a necessity to have sustained academic success. For students to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities, they must first regularly attend and appropriately participate in the normal school day. Students who do not meet specific attendance and behavioral expectations will not be permitted to attend extracurricular events, such as Homecoming, Prom, and field trips.

Our goal is to increase the rigor present in our school community in order to close the opportunity gap and prepare all students for college and career readiness and success in a global society. We appreciate your support in helping our school community have a successful school year.

## [Parking Permit Purchases on Thursday, August 8th](#)

Parking permits will be sold on **Thursday, August 8th, 2024**.

- Parking permits will be sold on a “First come, first served” basis
- **North Lot stalls are reserved for Seniors only.**
- Students will be assigned a specific, numbered stall in the assigned lot.
- This stall is designated for their exclusive use for the entire year, or the duration of the permit.
- **Required information includes:** First/Last Name, grade level, registered owner of vehicle, license plate number, make/model/color of vehicle, state of registration, copy of current vehicle registration, proof of current insurance, proof of driver’s license.

**Thursday, August 8th - permits sold based on grade level at the main entrance (door 1)**

- **8:00am-10:00am:** Seniors **ONLY**/North lot and South lot permits will be available to Seniors.
- **10:00am-12:00pm:** Underclassmen(eligible Juniors and Sophomores) South lot permits available to underclassmen.
- Due to limited supervision, Students **SHOULD NOT** arrive on campus before 7:00am on the date of sales. Any student arriving before 7:00am will be directed to leave campus.

**\*\*\*Important to Note: All past due fees and fines must be paid before a permit can be issued. This includes class and participation fees, textbooks, LMC fines, etc. Permits will not be issued if students have outstanding fees/fines/textbooks at the time of the sale.**

Additional permits will be available for purchase on **Wednesday, August 14, 2024** during Registration Sessions. The purchase price of the student permit is \$100. This cost includes the assigned lot and designated stall for the duration of the permit. Based on district policy, there are purchasing alternatives and purchase plans available to students and families.

- Students can select to purchase permits at a quarterly rate of: **\$25.00** per quarter
- Students can purchase semester permits at a rate of: **\$50.00** per semester
- Students can purchase a yearly permit for a rate of: **\$100.00** per year
- Students will select the payment plan the day of purchase, and students must pay in full based on their payment plan.

**IMPORTANT NOTE\*\*\***Seniors are not guaranteed a spot in the North Lot because of limited stalls available.

## [Cougar Fest on August 16th](#)

Please mark your calendars for **Friday, Aug 16, 2024**, from 5:30 - 7:30 PM as CATS Booster Club will be hosting their annual Cougar Fest Cookout at Janesville Craig High School. This year the event is paired with youth and high school football scrimmages taking place in the "bowl" behind the high school. Please join us for food, fun, and entertainment.

Tickets can be purchased at the Craig High School athletic office for \$10 per person or at the door for \$12.

The booster club is looking for volunteers to help the night of the event. [Click the link to sign up.](#)

You can also purchase a [digital ticket](#) through GoFan and redeem it just like you would when entering an athletic contest.

## [Athletic Registration Now Open](#)

We're only a few weeks away from the start of the fall athletic season and NOW is the time to register for sports for next school year. Athletic registration is now done through Infinite Campus. Please carefully review the process for [registering for fall sports](#). Every student planning to play a fall sport next year at Craig High School needs to be registered each year and have a current physical on file to play.

Physicals can be emailed to [jhess@janesville.k12.wi.us](mailto:jhess@janesville.k12.wi.us) or dropped off in the athletic office during the week between the hours of 8AM - 3PM.

### *Upcoming Events*

<b>August 8th:</b> Parking Permits on Sale at Door 1	<b>September 2nd:</b> Labor Day (No School)
<b>August 14th:</b> Onsite Registration Day at Craig	<b>September 3rd:</b> 1st day of school for all students
<b>August 16th:</b> Cougar Fest	<b>September 3rd:</b> Late registration & Pictures
<b>August 27th:</b> CHS Orientation & Open House	<b>September 30th:</b> No School for Students
<b>August 29th:</b> Freshman Orientation (Full school day for 9th grade only)	<b>October 5th:</b> Homecoming Game & Dance

## [New information for Seniors from the Student Center](#)

SENIORS and FAMILIES,

Last spring students and families were informed of two new programs starting this fall, The Wisconsin Guarantee and Direct Admit Wisconsin. Please review the information provided below:

### **The Wisconsin Guarantee:**

The Wisconsin Guarantee offers guaranteed admission to all Universities of Wisconsin (UW schools) for all who qualify. First year applicants from Wisconsin high schools who are in the top 10% of their graduating class at the end of 11th grade, or Wisconsin residents who are homeschooled and receive an ACT score in the national 90th percentile ranking or higher, or are a National Merit Scholarship finalist will be guaranteed admission to all UW universities except Madison.

Additionally, first year applicants from Wisconsin high schools who are in the top 5% of their class at the end of the 11th grade, or Wisconsin residents who are homeschooled and receive an ACT score in the national 98th percentile ranking or higher or are a National Merit Scholarship finalist will be guaranteed admission to UW Madison provided that they apply on or before the Early Action Deadline.

\*\*\* Applications are required by each University as are application fees if charged by the University.

\*\*\* Overall class size at the end of junior year was used to determine the top 10% as well as top 5%

\*\*\*The School District of Janesville has placed a statement on a student's transcript if they qualify for the top 10% or 5%. Letters have been sent home to all students/families for those that qualify for the Wisconsin Guarantee.

### **UW Direct Admit:**

The School District of Janesville opted to participate in the UW Direct Admit program last school year which now impacts the current seniors for the 2024-2025 school year. Direct Admit does not change what students need to do to be successful in college, it simply changes the process for admission to the 10 participating UW schools. Direct Admit Wisconsin is an initiative by the Universities of Wisconsin to proactively offer admission to qualifying high school students between their junior and senior years of high school. Direct admission removed the traditional application process and instead uses data provided by the high school to admit students to universities.

Each participating university has its own GPA and course requirements. Students are matched with participating UW universities using progress towards graduation, whether they are on track to complete the required credits for admission to the Universities of Wisconsin and their unweighted cumulative GPA. Student information has been sent to the participating universities.

\*\*\*UW Madison, UW La Crosse and UW Eau Claire are not participating in this initiative.

The School District of Janesville has sent out an email letting seniors and families know that admission letters are becoming available to view. The letter from the Universities discusses next steps for seniors.

If you have any questions about either program, please do not hesitate to contact your child's counselor to discuss further.

Craig Student Center

[Student Center Contact Information](#)