

# Craig High School

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## January 2025 Monthly Newsletter

### For Translation into Spanish and Other Languages:

Para traducción al español u otros idiomas:

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Mire las diapositivas y luego....visite nuestro sitio web: [www.craighighschool.org](http://www.craighighschool.org)



### Final Exams: Wed & Thur, January 22 & 23

*Dear Craig Students and Families,*

*The first semester ends on Thursday, January 23, 2025.*

***Students will not report to school on Friday, January 24.***

***Craig students will follow a special schedule on Wednesday***

***(1/22/25) & Thursday (1/23/25)*** (see below) to facilitate final

*exam administration. These exams allow students to*

*demonstrate their learning through various formats, such as traditional tests, presentations, simulations, or other in-class activities.*

### **Key Exam Information:**

- **Attendance:** Students must attend all classes and exams, including study halls, where attendance will be taken.
- **Punctuality:** Late arrivals disrupt exams. Students arriving late will not be allowed to enter their exam classroom. Students arriving late will be supervised in the cafeteria until the next exam period. Students must take the exam during the make-up testing period.
- **Classroom Etiquette:** Students must remain in their classrooms for the entire exam period. Early departures are not permitted.
- **Early Graduate Senior Exams:** Early graduates are required to take exams.
- **Make-Up Exams:** Students who miss an exam must arrange a make-up time with their teacher or attend the designated periods on Wednesday/Thursday from 2:15 PM to 3:45 PM on both days.
- **Impact on Grades:** Exams will account for 5–10% of the semester grade and cannot lower the grade by more than one letter grade.

## **Key Exam Information (Continued)**

- **Lunch:** Students may leave campus for lunch on exam days, or go to the cafeteria; 12:00pm - 12:55pm. Students will not be allowed back into the building until 12:55 PM. Dress appropriately for winter weather.
- **Dismissal:** Students will be dismissed at 2:15 PM on Wednesday and Thursday, January 22 & 23. JTS bussing will be provided based on the early dismissal. The bus schedule will accommodate the exam schedule and adjusted daily schedule. Also, JTS buses will run at their usual times after school.
- **Work-Based Learning:** Students in work-based learning programs should leave campus during their scheduled release time.
- **Accommodations:** For special testing requests (e.g., early or late exams), contact your student's assigned administrator: Mr. Kane (A-K) or Mr. Gavin (L-Z). The AP Office can be reached by phone at 608-743-5262 or email at [zachary.gavin@janessville.k12.wi.us](mailto:zachary.gavin@janessville.k12.wi.us) or [skane@janessville.k12.wi.us](mailto:skane@janessville.k12.wi.us).
- **Final Grades:** Semester grades will be finalized by 5:00 PM on Friday, January 24. Students and families can access the final semester grades via the IC Parent Portal.

Thank you for your attention to these details. Please contact Craig Administration with questions.

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## **COURSE SELECTION for 2025-26:**

### **Did you know...**

- ★ Final subject selection forms will be distributed January 13 and need parent/guardian signatures and teacher approval for **ALL** choices?
  - ★ **"The Purple Form" for 2025-26, or final subject selection sheet, is due by Monday, 1/27 to students' English class teachers. EVERY COURSE must have an approved signature by a parent, the student and current teachers.**
  - ★ You can learn more at: [Craig's Academic & Career Plan page](#). Click on the "Department Course Videos/Slides" to watch any of the 16 brief videos and slideshows about classes, requirements and unique learning opportunities!
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## **IMPORTANT INFO for ATHLETICS:**

**Parents of Athletes:** Please check Infinite Campus to ensure that all your sports fees for the school year have been paid.

### **Spring Registration Information:**


It's time to start thinking about registering for the spring sports season!

You must register through Infinite Campus and have a current physical on file prior to trying out. See [Register Online](#) for more information. A [Current Sports Physical](#), signed and dated by the doctor, must also be on file in the Athletic Office. Your physical date must be 4/1/2023 or after to participate this school year. Physicals can be dropped off in the Athletic Office, faxed to 608.743.5196, or a copy emailed to [jhess@janessville.k12.wi.us](mailto:jhess@janessville.k12.wi.us). [Click HERE for FIRST](#)

[PRACTICE DATES & COACH info](#). Please contact Mrs. Hess in the Athletic & Activities Office at (608) 743-5266 or your program head coach with questions.



**Freshmen Parents/Guardians:** Be sure to ask your students if they have any **slips** from our banker, **Liz Murphy**, that they will receive **Wed. 1/15 at Advisory!** Check your Infinite Campus accounts!



**JOIN US IN SUPPORTING**

**CATS**

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**HOW:** Order online at [PapaMurphys.com](http://PapaMurphys.com)  
Enter this code at checkout: **GIVE7**

**WHEN:** Sunday, January 12th-Saturday, January 18th

**WHERE:** Papa Murphy's  
2261 Humes Rd  
Janesville WI 53545  
(608)743-2800

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Looking to raise money for your organization? Contact your local Papa Murphy's to get started!



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**Craig Athletic Team Supporters (CATS)** is a non-profit booster club that was created to support all Craig (CHS) athletic sports teams. CATS strives to maintain high standards for CHS athletic programs and participants through moral, financial, and physical support. The CATS board meets at Craig High School on the 3rd Wednesday of each month during the school year. If you are interested in learning more, you may visit their [Facebook page](#) or you may email CATS directly at: [craigcatsbooster@gmail.com](mailto:craigcatsbooster@gmail.com)


If you are interested in joining CATS, you can print off and fill out the [CATS Membership Form](#). Please return the form to the athletic office at Craig High School and mark it to the attention of CATS Athletic Boosters.



**Want to learn more about Dr. King?** Attend the [MLK Commemorative Breakfast in Beloit](#) on **Mon. 1/20**. You can also visit [www.thekingcenter.org](http://www.thekingcenter.org) to learn more about the teachings and impact of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

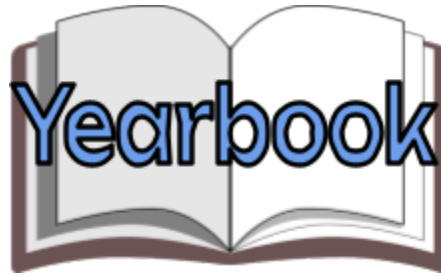


**Notes from our Banker:** Any outstanding fee in Infinite Campus needs to be paid. Please email or call Liz Murphy at (608) 743-5256 if you have specific questions.



## Yearbook Reminders:

Yearbook sales and senior ads are ongoing.  
Purchase at [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com)



**A terrific idea for a graduation gift!**

### Library & Tech News January 2025

from Christine Pumilia  
Sora - Free eBooks,  
audiobooks & magazines.  
Here is  
[a link to the Newsletter about Sora](#) where  
you may link it or download it as needed.

Hey....I can drive!  
First, I need to go to the  
Athletics & Activities  
Office with my  
documents and money  
for my parking permit!

**Student Parking:** Students must purchase a parking permit in order to park in the student lots at Craig during the school day.

Parking permits may be purchased through the AP Office.

The student must bring and show:

- their driver's license
- proof of current insurance
- current registration for the vehicle (or a picture of the back license plate that shows the current stickers).



Students must park in their purchased, designated parking stall and are NOT permitted to park in the staff or visitor lots. Please contact Kelly Zastrow for more information at [kelly.zastrow@janessville.k12.wi.us](mailto:kelly.zastrow@janessville.k12.wi.us) or 608-743-5262

## Friendly Reminders from Officer Jauch:

- Keep gas in your car and computers/phones out of your car....it is COLD OUT.
- Drive safely using caution around **the school zone**.
- Keep an **ice scraper, boots and a blanket** in your car as we roll into winter!
- Come to a **complete STOP** at the stop signs from the parking lot before turning onto S Randall Ave.



## Upcoming Events:

### January

- 15 Advisory
- 20 **No School** - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- 21 Class Selection "Purple Sheets" due to English Teachers for grades 9, 10 & 11
- 22 Final Exams - 8:00 - 2:15 pm - (one hour for lunch) BE at SCHOOL for EXAMS!**
- 23 Final Exams & End of 2nd quarter/Semester 1 - BE at SCHOOL for EXAMS!**
- 24 **No School** - Teacher Professional Day
- 27 Second Semester begins
- 29 Advisory

### February

- 5 Advisory
- 19 Advisory
- 22 District Solo/Ensemble Festival
- 26 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4pm - 7pm
- 27 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 8am - 7pm - NO SCHOOL
- 28 NO SCHOOL, Break Day

## Who's Who?

**Principal:** Dr. Alison Bjoin, 608-743-5155  
**Secretary to the Principal:** Mallory Blabaum, 608-743-5210  
**Asst. Principal (A-K):** Shawn Kane, 608-743-5260  
**Asst. Principal (L-Z):** Zack Gavin\*, 608-743-5270  
**Asst. Princ. Secretary:** Kelly Zastrow, 608-743-5262  
**Dean of Students:** Barry Holloway, 608-743-5213  
**Athletic & Activities Dir.:** Ben McCormick, 608-743-5245  
**Translator/Traductora:** Jalina Cervantes\*, 608-743-5364  
**Athletic & Activities Secretary:** Jolene Hess, 608-743-5266  
**School Resource Officer:** Sean Jauch, 608-743-5221

\* = Hablamos Español

## Student Services

### **School Counselors:**

**A - C:** Shelly Osmond, 608-743-5253  
**D - H:** Sara Lehman, 608-743-5257  
**I - M:** Jonathan Watson, 608-743-5222  
**N - Se:** Janie Sutherland, 608-743-5255  
**Sh - Z:** Luke Hanewall, 608-743-5267

**School Psychologist:** Michele Costello, 608-743-5323

**Social Worker:** Rebecca Boylan, 608-743-5261

**Nurse:** Juliene Ewers, 608-743-5235

**Guidance Secretary:** Heather Last, 608-743-5251

**Registrar (transcripts):** Jessica Cates, 608-743-5252

**Attendance Office:** 608-743-5230

*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.*