

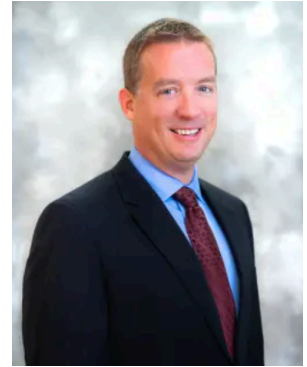


# Prairie Ridge 2025 Summer Newsletter

## Message from the Principal

Happy summer, Prairie Ridge families! Welcome, or welcome back, to our great school!

This past year exemplified Prairie Ridge's reputation for excellence by just about any metric one might choose: academic scores that are the highest in the area, athletic titles and trophies across all sports seasons including multiple trips to state, and extracurricular achievements such as theater groups invited to perform at U of I. Beyond these accolades, however, we stand by our Wolf Way characteristics of Integrity, Inclusion, Respect, Resilience, and Empathy. These help to create and sustain a positive culture here at PR while also helping our students to develop into the good human beings we all want them to be. Each year, our student surveys indicate a happier and healthier student body of young adults who feel connected to their school. As a PRHS dad myself, I'm most proud of that particular data point.



Whether you are new to our great school or are a veteran family of Wolves, there is one new practice related to attendance of which to be aware. **Starting in the Fall of 2025, families still have the ability to excuse students from classes, but only up to 5 times, which is a decrease from prior years.** (Note that this does not include things like religious holidays or doctor's visits, which continue to be excused.) Look for plenty of communication from the district and the school about these changes towards the end of summer. Attendance is critical to success in school, so we look forward to seeing full classrooms and students getting as involved as possible in everything PR has to offer.

Families can get involved, as well! Join our boosters (fine arts and/or athletics) or our Wolf-PAC (parent advisory committee). Contact me at [skoch@d155.org](mailto:skoch@d155.org) for information. Looking ahead, mark your calendars for Distribution Days on August 5-7, a Freshman Parent Orientation Night on Aug 7, and September 11th for Open House (that's a Thursday night, in a change from past practice).

Once more, welcome to our great school! I hope you learn to love the maroon and silver as I do. Go Wolves  
Sincerely,

Dr. Steve Koch  
Principal

## Administrative Team

**Dr. Steve Koch** - Principal

**Kevin Koeppen** - Vice Principal

**Chris Schremp** - Athletic Director

**Matt Koll** - Assistant Principal of Student Services

**Evan Kozlowski** - Dean of Students (A - K)

**Alia Bluemlein** - Dean of Students (L - Z)

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# REGISTRATION INFORMATION



## STUDENT INFORMATION

Parents and guardians are required to review and verify:

- Student Information
  - Family Address
  - Emergency Information
  - Health Information
  - Complete Handbook Acknowledgment
  - Complete Release Acknowledgment
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## FEE PAYMENT

Parents and guardians can pay registration fees online from May 12 - August 12 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. All past due fees/fines are due and payable before Distribution Day.

**PAY BY AUGUST 12 AND SAVE \$25 PER STUDENT. The registration fee AFTER August 12 is \$280 per student.**

If you do not have computer access, you may pay online at the District Office ([1 S. Virginia Road, Crystal Lake](#)) or pay by check or cash.

DROP-OFF PAYMENTS ARE ACCEPTED AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE OR SCHOOL BEGINNING JUNE 2, 2025  
Monday - Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Please note: Applications for Fee Waivers are available from Student Services after July 14. Please below to view the fee application process.**

[English Resource Guide](#)

[Spanish Resource Guide](#)

## FORGOT YOUR PASSWORD?

If you forgot your login or you're new to District 155 [click here](#)

## NEED ASSISTANCE WITH ONLINE REGISTRATION?

Contact the District 155 Enrollment & Registration Center: **(815)455-8510**



## DISTRIBUTION DAYS

All students must attend their designated distribution day listed below. Students will receive their class schedule, textbooks, and have their student ID and yearbook photo taken. Students will also be required to turn in a physical, vaccination record, and/or medication form. Please plan accordingly; the first 30 minutes of each session is usually quite busy.

### **Tuesday, August 5: Seniors (ALL) & Juniors (A-M)**

#### **Seniors:**

(A-F) - 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

(G-M) - 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

(N-Q) - 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

CLOSED - 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

(R-Z) - 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

#### **Juniors:**

(A-F) - 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

(G-M) - 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday, August 6: Juniors (N-Z) & Sophomores (All)**

#### **Juniors:**

(N-R) - 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

(S-Z) - 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

#### **Sophomores:**

(A-F) - 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

CLOSED - 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

(G-M) - 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

(N-S) - 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

(T-Z) - 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

### **Thursday, August 7: Freshmen (All)**

(A-D) - 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

(E-H) - 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

(I-L) - 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

CLOSED - 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

(M-P) - 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

(Q-T) - 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

(U-Z) - 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

All freshmen must bring the following materials to Distribution Day:

- Current physical examination on the school health form, signed by physician (dated within one year of registration)
- Proof of up-to-date immunizations recorded on the school health form and signed by the health provider.

The school nurse will be present to verify all required health documents.

**\*\*All students/parents must complete the student information, fee payment and Distribution Day steps for the Registration process. There will be no cashier on duty these days, so all fees will need to be paid prior to Distribution Days. Computers will be available if families would like to add optional items for the student.**

# SCHOOL INFORMATION

## STUDENTS ID'S & YEARBOOK PICTURE

Every student's ID picture will be taken on Distribution Day. Please come prepared to be photographed. This photo will be used in the yearbook (for freshmen, sophomores and juniors ONLY) and on all student IDs. Any student unable to have his/her yearbook photo taken on distribution day will have an opportunity during retakes in October. Students who were unable to get an ID picture taken may get their ID picture taken in the deans' office once school starts. Students are required to carry their ID at all times while at school. It serves as their library card, bus pass, work-release, lunch release, and activity ticket, and is required for textbook sign-out and admittance to study hall, the library, commons, and math & literacy center. Juniors and seniors approved for open campus will present their ID when entering and exiting the building. The replacement cost for a lost or altered card is \$5.

## SENIOR PORTRAITS

Seniors will have their student ID picture taken at registration. 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 [www.empirephotos.com/prairieridgeseniors](http://www.empirephotos.com/prairieridgeseniors). If you need to contact Empire Photography for any reason, the customer service number is 608-257-2941.

## YEARBOOK INFORMATION

The yearbook will ONLY be available to purchase online at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) for \$52. Visit Jostens' direct [link to find your school](#).

## TRANSPORTATION

Buses will not run during distribution days or freshman orientation. Buses begin running on August 13, 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 Distribution days should you have any questions.

## CHROMEBOOK DISTRIBUTION

Chromebooks will be distributed to the class of 2029, and transfer students during distribution days.

## FRESHMAN & TRANSFER STUDENT ORIENTATIONS

### Freshman and New Family Parent Orientation: Thursday, August 7, 2025

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | PR Auditorium

Students Services will provide important information on the transition to high school and answer parent questions.

### Freshman Orientation: Tuesday, August 12, 2025

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | PR Gym

Freshmen will meet other freshmen, their mentor, and their teachers. Participants will also locate their classrooms.

*\*\* Bus transportation will start on the first full day of school: Wednesday, August 13.*

# 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 FIVE 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 five days of absence.*) Please see the student handbook or the website for further information.

**24-Hour Attendance Hotline: (815) 893-5600**

## CELL PHONE USE

Prairie Ridge students are allowed to use their cell phones ONLY during passing periods and their lunch period. All other times the phone must be OFF AND PUT AWAY. If a student's phone rings or they are using it during non-designated times, it will be taken by the teacher and given to the dean. On the first offense, the student may pick up their phone after school and will receive a two-hour detention. The second offense will be a two-hour detention and a parent will have to pick up the phone. For three or more offenses, additional discipline may be given.

## ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATIONS

The school 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 guardians can revoke this consent at any time by notifying Shannon Podzimek, director of communications, [spodzimek@d155.org](mailto: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 COMMUNICATIONS & EMERGENCY ALERT NOTIFICATIONS** D155 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 <http://www.parentsquare.com/> 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

## SCHOOL VISITORS

Parents or others visiting during the school day should:

- Park in a “Visitors” space.
- Enter the building through the door one.
- Press the button to be buzzed in.
- Sign in at the greeter’s desk in the office.

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 Prairie Ridge, and it will be returned to you upon check-out.

## 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’ office for details.

## 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 .

## LUNCH RELEASE

Seniors and juniors may be granted lunch release privileges with their parent’s/guardian’s permission. Lunch release forms can be picked up during distribution days and returned on the first day of school. No freshmen or sophomores are allowed to leave campus during lunch. If a student chooses to violate this rule, consequences may include a four-hour detention for the first offense.

## FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH FEE WAIVERS

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 (815) 479-0404 ext. 5110. 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 the school’s website after July 14. [Click here](#) for application. Please complete by distribution days.

## 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 website. All students will be held accountable for the information found in the handbook, which is available on our website .

## CLASS SCHEDULES

### DAILY CLASS SCHEDULES

Period	Time
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

Period	Time
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

Period	Time
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	11:49 a.m. - 12:16 p.m.
9	12:21 - 12:53 p.m.

## SAVE THE DATE: OPEN HOUSE

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025 | 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.

## HEALTH SERVICES

### FRESHMAN REQUIREMENTS

#### FRESHMAN PHYSICAL

All freshmen are required by law to have a physical examination completed between August 8, 2024, and August 7, 2025. The exam must be documented by

a physician using the state approved form available to download on the district

website, parents must complete the Health History section. Physical examination forms are available on the [Health Services website](#).

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

**FRESHMAN DENTAL EXAMS:** All freshman are required to submit proof of a dental exam within 18 months of the start of freshman year. The exam must be documented by a physician using the state approved form available on the [Health Services website](#).

### SENIOR REQUIREMENTS

**MENINGITIS VACCINATION:** All seniors must meet Illinois Department of Public Health immunization requirements for meningococcal disease prior to the start of the 12th grade. Proof of vaccination must be provided prior to Senior Distribution Day, August 5, 2025.

### ALL STUDENTS

**MEDICATION FORM:** Any student needing to take medication (prescription and/or over-the-counter) must have a Medication Form on file with the school nurse. Forms must be submitted annually. The form is available on the [Health Services website](#).

**ASTHMA ACTION PLAN:** Students who have asthma are required to have an "Asthma Action Plan." It must be kept on file in the school nurse's office. The form is available to [download here](#).

You have two options to submit the State of Illinois Certificate of Child Health Examination and School Dental Examination forms. You can email the forms to your school nurse: [prnurse@d155.org](mailto:prnurse@d155.org) Or you have the option to bring the forms to Distribution Day in August. This will be your ticket into Freshman Distribution Day.

# 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.

**Matt Koll** - Assistant Principal of Student Services

## **COUNSELOR CASELOAD**

Missy Berg - (A - FI)

Sue Smits - (FJ - LE)

Anne Nemshick - (LI - RE)

Daren Dusenske - (RH - Z)

## **COUNSELOR SUMMER HOURS**

School counselors will be available in the front on distribution days. The only schedule changes allowed will be for errors (i.e. schedule has Spanish IV, but should have Spanish III)

## **PROGRESS & SEMESTER GRADES**

Grade reports can be viewed on Skyward Family Access. Log into your Skyward account, go to the portfolio, and click on attachments to see your child's report card and current transcript.

## **STUDENT SERVICES ONLINE RESOURCES**

For a wealth of information about scholarships, post-high school options, ACT/SAT testing, college representative visits, and financial aid, please visit the Student Services website at <https://pr.d155.org/student-services>.

## **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 State 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. [English Resource Link](#)  
[Spanish Resource Link](#)



# ATHLETICS

Information about athletic teams, forms, and tryouts is available on the athletic website at <https://prhs.rschoolteams.com>. You will also find game cancellation notices, schedule updates, driving directions, scores, rosters, news, and other announcements.

## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

**Athletic Director:** Chris Schremp

**Athletic Secretary:** Janie Piccolo

**Athletic Trainer:** Anna Holke Naranjo

### Assistant Athletic Directors

**Fall/Winter:** Kristen McGowan

**Spring:** Ross Ryan

## FOOTBALL GAMES

Football season will soon be here, and we remind you that junior high (or younger) children need to be chaperoned by an adult during our football games. Please help us create a safe environment both on and off the football field, especially during the varsity games. In the past, we have been concerned for the safety of many young people who are running around and not seated with a parent or adult supervisor during the game. It is most difficult for us to supervise large numbers of children who are unaccompanied by an adult. We encourage you to attend our football games and to cheer on the Wolves with your children seated next to you. Thank you for your help.

### 2025 HOME FOOTBALL GAMES

**SEPTEMBER 5** Vs. Jacobs

**SEPTEMBER 26** Vs. McHenry (Homecoming)

**OCTOBER 10** Vs. Crystal Lake Central

**OCTOBER 24** Vs. Crystal Lake South

## ATHLETIC FEES

Student athletic participation fees for 2025-26 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. The athletic fee will be posted in Skyward Family Access. 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 main 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.

# ATHLETICS

## 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 senior citizens and children in fifth grade and younger. Football, volleyball, boys/girls basketball and wrestling home events are free for D155 students with ID. Costs for IHSA tournament events may differ, and no passes can be accepted for such events.

## FAMILY PASSES

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

## DIGITAL TICKETS FOR ATHLETIC EVENTS

The district uses 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.

- Go to [www.gofan.co](http://www.gofan.co)
- Search "School Name"
- Select Event

## HOMECOMING

The homecoming parade and football game will be held on Friday, September 26, and the homecoming dance will be on Saturday, September 27.

## LIVE STREAMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

You will now be able to watch several athletic events for free on the district's live streaming platform, hudl tv, [click here](#) 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\*

## ACTIVITY PASS

NEW: The Registration Fee includes a Student Activity Pass which covers D155 hosted events/non-state series. Students will need to show their student ID.

## 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. Dolan 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.

## D155 SCHOOL CALENDAR (2025-2026)

**Mon. – Tues. August 11–12** (Institute Days – No Classes)  
**Wednesday, August 13** (First Day of School – All Students)  
**Monday, September 1** (Labor Day – No School)  
**Thursday, September 11** (Parents' Night/Open House – Early Release)  
**Monday, October 13** (Columbus Day – No School)  
**Wed. – Fri. November 26–28** (Thanksgiving Holiday – No School)  
**Thurs. – Fri. December 18–19** (Final Exams – End of First Semester)  
**Mon. – Fri. December 22 – January 2** (Winter Break – No School)  
**Mon. – Tues. January 5–6** (Institute Days – No Classes)  
**Wednesday, January 7** (First Day of Second Semester)  
**Monday, January 19** (Martin Luther King Day – No School)  
**Monday, February 16** (Presidents' Day – No School)  
**Monday – Fri. March 23–27** (Spring Break – No School)  
**TBD - April** (State Testing- Modified Schedule, no seniors in attendance)  
**Friday, April 3** (Day of Non-Attendance)  
**Friday, April 24** (School Improvement Day – Early Release)  
**Saturday, May 16** (Graduation – All Schools)  
**Tues. – Wed. May 19–20** (Final Exams – Second Semester)  
**Wednesday, May 20** (Last Day of School if no Emergency Days used)  
**Monday, May 25** (Memorial Day – No School)  
**Thursday, May 28** (Last Day of School if all Emergency Days used)

### PRINTABLE CALENDARS AVAILABLE BELOW

English calendar [HERE](#)

Spanish calendar [HERE](#)