



Cary-Grove

2025 Summer Newsletter

Message from the Principal

Families of Cary-Grove,

It's hard to believe we're already looking ahead to the 2025–26 school year! I'm excited to see the Class of 2026 continue to set the standard as role models for our underclassmen, demonstrating what it means to be great leaders and well-rounded individuals. Speaking of underclassmen, we are excited to welcome the Freshman Class of 2029 to the Cary-Grove family! I have every confidence that they will find their transition to high school to be a positive and rewarding experience as they begin their journey at C-G.



Our commitment remains firmly rooted in the core values that define what it means to be a Cary-Grove Trojan. These values are represented in our six C-G Pillars of Success: Self-Advocacy, Perseverance, Integrity, Engagement, Responsibility, and Citizenship. Throughout the year, we will teach, model, and encourage our students to embrace and demonstrate these pillars in their daily lives. By living out these values, our students will continue to find success—not only in the classroom but in all aspects of life.

As our students Enter with Promise, our mission is to help them Leave with Purpose. We are committed to guiding each student in recognizing their unique talents, discovering their passions, and exploring potential career pathways and course options that align with their goals. In addition to academic success, we encourage all students to get involved in the many clubs, activities, and athletic programs available at Cary-Grove. We truly believe there is something for everyone, and we hope every student finds a sense of connection and belonging through these opportunities.

It is an exciting time to be a Trojan! I am looking forward to seeing the hallways, fields, courts and auditorium filled with the energy and enthusiasm of students, teachers, sponsors and coaches.

Accompanying this letter is information regarding various events and deadlines in preparation for the upcoming school year. If you have any questions regarding the materials, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Saffert

Go Trojans!

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Administrative Team

Rebecca Saffert- Principal

Sarah Schwartz- Vice Principal

Ryan Ludwig- Athletic Director

Emily Schnake - Assistant Principal of Student Services

Alexa Farella- Tosa Dean of Students (A-K)

Ryan Slattery- Administrative Dean of Students (L-Z)

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Instagram: [@carygrove_hs](#) |

Website: <https://cg.d155.org/>

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



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 will be available on the [Student Services website](#) after July 14. To view the fee application process, please click the link below.

[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.

Distribution hours: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Seniors (All) & Juniors (A-K): Tuesday, August 5

Juniors (L-Z) & Sophomores (All): Wednesday, August 6

Freshmen: Thursday, August 7

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, juniors) 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 library 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 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 www.empirephotos.com/carygroveseniors. If you need to contact Empire Photography for any reason, their customer service number is 608-257-2941.

YEARBOOK INFORMATION

The yearbook will ONLY be available to purchase online at 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

The Cary-Grove staff and students invite the Class of 2029 to Connect Crew Freshman Orientation.

10 a.m.–1:15 p.m. Tuesday, August 12, Lower Gym

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. Wear comfortable clothes and don't bring school supplies. Travel light! Due to the nature of this program, make-up opportunities are not available. If you have any questions, please email your Connect Crew Coordinators, Mr. Neff (cneff@d155.org) or Mrs. Anderson (sanderson@d155.org).

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: (847) 474-6100

CELL PHONE USE

Cary-Grove 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, 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 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 main door.
- 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 Cary-Grove, 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'

secretary 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 day 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) 459-2505 ext. 2249. If you do not receive a direct certification letter and would like to apply for fee waivers, forms will be available on the school's website after July 14. Please

complete this process by distribution day. To learn more about the Fee Waiver Application Process please click the link below.

[English Resource Link](#)

[Spanish Resource Link](#)

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 EXAM:

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.

ALLSTUDENTS

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](#).

Freshmen need to bring the two forms to Distribution Day on August 7. 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.

Emily Schnake - Assistant Principal of Student Services

COUNSELOR CASELOAD

Meghan Kratzke - (A - DIA) ext. 4177

Patrick Hurley- (DIB - HUM) ext. 4113

Matt Berg - (HUN - MC) ext. 4125

Pamela Cronin - (MD - SAM) ext. 4127

Hailey Kelly - (SAN - Z) ext. 4126

COUNSELOR SUMMER HOURS

A school counselor will be available for scheduled appointments **beginning July 31**. The only schedule changes allowed will be for errors (i.e. schedule has Spanish IV, but should have Spanish III).

STUDENT SERVICES ONLINE RESOURCES

All 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://cg.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://carygrovehs.schoolteams.com> You will also find game cancellation notices, schedule updates, driving directions, scores, rosters, news, and other announcements.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Athletic Director: Ryan Ludwig

Athletic Secretary: Kris Phillips

Athletic Trainer: Cindy Hernández

Assistant Athletic Directors

Fall: Rachel Fischer and Tim Garis

Winter: Tim Garis

Spring: Eric Chandler and Ryan Passaglia

Summer: Brad Seaburg

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 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

2025 HOME FOOTBALL GAMES

AUGUST 29 VS. Prairie Ridge

SEPTEMBER 12 VS. McHenry

SEPTEMBER 26 VS. Crystal Lake Central (**Homecoming**)

OCTOBER 10 VS. Crystal Lake South

OCTOBER 17 VS. Hampshire (Senior Night)

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.

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**
Search "School Name"
Select Event

TEAM INFO, SCHEDULES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Information about athletic teams, forms, tryouts, and practices is available [on the website](#). You will also find game cancellation notices, schedule updates, driving directions, scores, rosters, news, and other announcements.

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), and Lacrosse (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 show their student ID for entry.

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. Phillips 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)

****Every Monday school is in session will be a “Late Start Monday”, with classes beginning at 8:10 a.m.**

PRINTABLE CALENDARS AVAILABLE BELOW

English calendar [HERE](#)

Spanish calendar [HERE](#)

View in ParentSquare

Please do not reply to this email.

Stay involved with your child's learning and activities at school.

