9th Grade Parent Orientation



Colorado River Collegiate Academy

Creating Ability Through Effort

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Attendance
- School Safety
- Lunch Applications
- Communication
- BISD Chromebook Protection Plan
- Credits – Transcripts
- Testing
- Tutorials
- Questions and Answers

Introductions

- Martin Conrardy – Principal
- Memory Meyer – Assistant Principal
- Tiffany Jimenez – Counselor
- Josh Gordon – College Access Specialist
- Ellen Tanner - PTA President
- 9th Grade Teachers
  - Monica Roffol – ELA
  - Dante Cardenas – Math
  - Janvier Twizeyimana - Math
  - Tammy Eide – Math
  - Riley Adams – Science
  - Cecil Lherisson – Science
  - Dr. Deirdre Doughty – Social Studies
  - Jonathan Manion – Social Studies
  - Mark Laskowski – TSIA2 ELAR

Welcome

CRCA is an Early College High School – What exactly does this mean?

- Completion of an Associate Degree and High School Diploma simultaneously
- 60 college hours and 26 high school credits – Dual Credit
- Trade Offs:
  - More academic work inside and outside the classroom
  - More rigorous academic work combined with greater focus
  - Less traditional high school activities
  - Fewer students in classes
- Needs:
  - Academic supports – RTI periods, Tutorials – before school and after school
  - Fantastic teachers who know their stuff and love students
  - Support at home

CRCA is Nationally Recognized

Colorado River Collegiate Academy 2025-2026 Rankings

Colorado River Collegiate Academy is ranked #1,629 in the National Rankings. Schools are ranked on their performance on state-required tests, graduation and how well they prepare students for college. Read more about how we rank the Best High Schools.

All Rankings

- **#1,62** in **National Rankings**
- **#182** in **Texas High Schools**
- **#17** in **Austin, TX Metro Area High Schools**
- **#1** in **Bastrop Independent School District High Schools**



Attendance

1. I must attend school 90% of the time to receive credit for my courses.
2. I will have truancy charges filed on me if I miss three days of school within a four week period and these absences are unexcused.

Attendance

3. There are very limited reasons for excused absences.
   - A school district shall excuse a student from attending school for:
     - (1) the following purposes, including travel for those purposes:
       - (A) observing religious holy days;
       - (B) attending a required court appearance;
       - (C) appearing at a governmental office to complete paperwork required in connection with the student's application for United States citizenship;
       - (D) taking part in a United States naturalization oath ceremony; or
       - (E) serving as an election clerk; or
     - (2) a temporary absence resulting from health care professionals if that student commences classes or returns to school on the same day of the appointment.
     - (3) a school district may excuse students for absences that result from illness.

Attendance

It matters. Your student must come to school!

96.5% ADA Last Year

Sames Bastrop Ford and Dodge is giving away a vehicle again this year to a BISD high school student with perfect attendance!

School Safety

1. Front doors (East) to the campus are to remain locked at all times.
2. Exterior doors on the south side of the campus are to remain locked at all times.
3. Teachers doors are to remain closed and locked at all times.
4. Students must not open the front doors or the courtyard gates for anyone…including parents.
5. Parents should only enter the campus through the front doors. Our buzzer is not working at the moment. We have posted the number to the campus for you to call and be let in.
6. Students really should not be using the restroom during class time.
7. Students should take all of our drills seriously.

Lunch/Socioeconomic Applications

1. Many of our upperclassmen do not eat lunch at CRCA and see no need for turning in the lunch application. 10th, 11th and 12th grade CRCA students who qualify for free or reduced lunch get fees waived for PSAT, SAT and AP exams as well as their College Applications.

2. 12th grade CRCA students who have turned in their lunch applications and qualify for free or reduced lunch may also automatically qualify for Pell Grants at university when the graduate from high school.

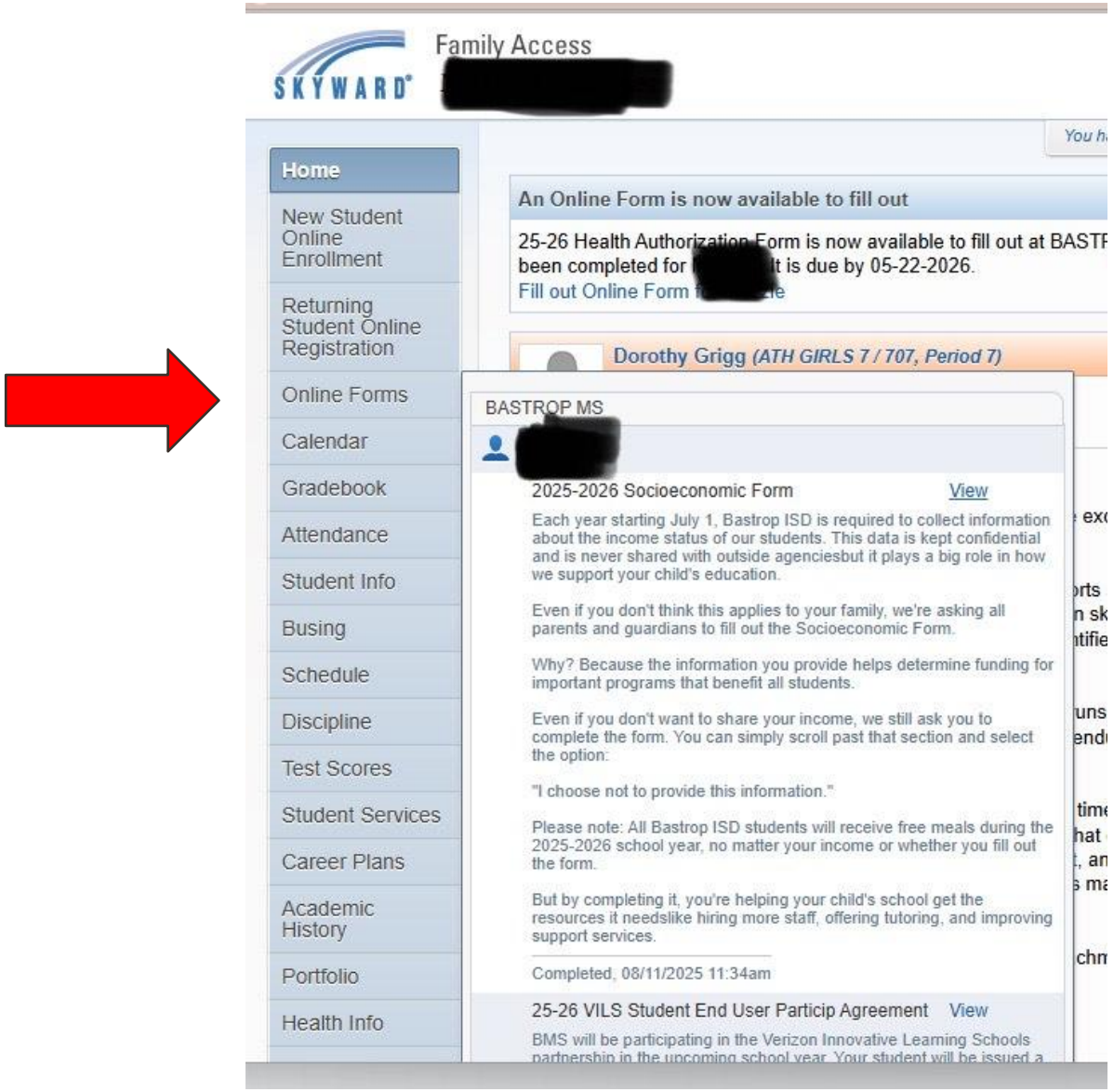
3. Please complete the socioeconomic form! It is very important.

4. The form is now a part of the online registration, but was not available until July. If you have not done so already, please log into Skyward family access and complete the form (example on next slide)

VERY important when parents fill out district socioeconomic form!

Choose YES!!!

If you opt out of sharing the information on this section, You are opting out and do not received free and reduced pricing, on **meals, AP exams, SAT fee waivers, or college applications.**



Bastrop ISD Protection Plan

- The Bastrop Protection Plan is an affordable way to ensure that families are protected in the event of accident, damage, theft, or loss.
- The Bastrop Protection Plan fee is only $25 for the first child in the household and a discounted $15 for each child after that, and a student who had no claims in 24-25 will carry over their fee for the 25-26 school year.
- We have provided a convenient way to pay the protection plan fee here: https://bastrop.revtrak.net/fee-management/

Schoolwide Communications

- Download the Parent Square App.

Available on the App Store

ANDROID APP ON Google play

Credits and Transcripts



- Summer school is for acceleration at ACC.
- CRCA students who fail a high school course must attend summer school at Bastrop ISD.

Credits and Transcripts

- CRCA students earn one half (1/2) credit each semester for each class they are in.

- At Christmas Break, your student should have a half credit for:
  - Honors English 1
  - Algebra 1 or Honors Algebra 2
  - Honors Biology
  - Social Studies Research Methods
  - Practical Writing (TSI Prep Course) or Creative Writing
  - Personal Fitness
  - Honors World Geography, Honors Debate 1 or Honors Ethnic Studies

Credits and Transcripts

3.5 Credits

By Christmas

Credits and Transcripts

- The process repeats itself the second semester – one half credit for:
  - Honors English 1
  - Algebra 1 or Honors Algebra 2
  - Honors Biology
  - Social Studies Research Methods
  - ***EDUC 1300 – 1st College Course***
  - Personal Fitness
  - Honors World Geography, Honors Debate or Honors Ethnic Studies

EDUC 1300

- EDUC 1300 is your student's first college course.

- Your student must pass EDUC 1300 with a C or better to stay in CRCA their sophomore year. ACC will not allow us to enroll a student who has failed or received a D in EDUC 1300.

- EDUC 1300 is your student's most important class during their 9th grade year.

Credits and Transcripts

7 Credits

By Memorial Day

Credits and Transcripts

- Your student will begin a college transcript in January.
- College grades determine future financial aide.
- Don’t let your grades in college classes ever fall below a C.

Testing

- This year, your student will take two (2) different and very important tests.
  1. TSIA2 – Texas Success Initiative (September 19)
     - ELAR – combined reading and writing exam
     - All TSI testing is online.
  2. STAAR EOC –State of Texas End of Course exams
     - English 1 EOC (April 7)
     - Algebra 1 EOC (April 21)
     - Biology EOC (April 14)
     - All STAAR EOC testing is online.

Testing – TSIA2

- The TSIA2 is the state mandated exam students must take and pass in order to enroll in college courses.

- Students who pass the TSIA2 reading and writing by December of their 9th grade year take EDUC 1300 in the spring semester. Students who pass the TSIA2 reading and writing during the spring semester (no later than the third Friday in May), take EDUC 1300 during the first summer session (summer school).

Testing – TSIA2

- CRCA students take the TSIA2 in reading and writing beginning the first week of August prior to their freshman year. All CRCA 9th graders must pass the reading and writing portions of the TSIA2 by the end of their freshman year in order to continue at the Colorado River Collegiate Academy.
    - ***60% of the 9th grade has already passed the ELAR test.***
- Students who do not pass the TSI reading and writing exams by the end of their 9th grade year are matriculated back to their home high school (BHS or CCHS).

Testing – TSIA2

- Cut Scores – Passing Scores

- **ELAR – Combined Reading and Writing Exam – 945 and a 5 on the essay. Students can also pass if they score below a 945 but earn a 5 on the diagnostic.**

Testing – TSIA2

- Students will have multiple times to retest after the September 19th testing.

- Retesting at school on Fridays for the students who are very close to passing.

Testing – STAAR EOC

- Students must pass 5 EOC exams to graduate from HS in Texas.

1. English 1
2. English 2
3. Algebra 1
4. Biology
5. US History

- CRCA Students must pass these test the 1st time they take them.

Testing – STAAR EOC

It matters. Your student must work hard to excel on the EOC exams!

98% of all EOCs Passed

90% of all EOCs @ College Readiness

Tutorials

- Mandatory tutorials are triggered when a grade drops below 80.
- Mandatory tutorials are after school from 4:10 to 5:30, Monday through Thursday.
- There is a late bus, but your student MUST be signed up for Beyond the Bell to receive transportation

WHY JOIN?

CRCA PTSA

#1 OUR STUDENTS BENEFIT

Help your child perform better academically by being an active participant and role model in the community that helps raise your child!

#2 OUR SCHOOL BENEFITS

Help create a positive, caring, and engaging school by supporting students,teachers and administration!

#3 CREATE CONNECTIONS

Develop powerful relationships with teachers and staff while making life-long friends with other parents!

#4 YOU BENEFIT

Volunteering your time, talents, and energy while socializing with other parents is fun, healthy, and rewarding!

READY TO SIGN UP?

Contact PTSA President Elva Conrardy at elva.conrardy@gmail.com

2023-2024

Microwaves for cafeteria and teachers' lounge

Two $500 scholarships for seniors - $1000.00

Five picnic tables and umbrellas for our courtyard

Teacher appreciation lunches and teacher appreciation week

2024-2025

Three $500 scholarships for seniors - $1500.00

Funds for student clubs

More school Lock-Ins (4:10 to 8:30p.m.)

13 extra large planters and evergreen plants for our courtyard

Purchase 24 foldable 6ft tables, 48 chairs, and 2 utility carts for events

Plan and organize Homecoming / Alumni Event

Teacher appreciation lunches and teacher appreciation



Help us make this an AMAZING school year!

Join PTSA



Lock-In Supplies



Eat at Panda Express tomorrow!

20% of daily sales will go to CRCA's PTA!

Owls Abroad

Josh Gordon

Trip to Italy- Spring Break 2026

Trip to Japan - Spring Break 2027

Please see me after the meeting for more information.



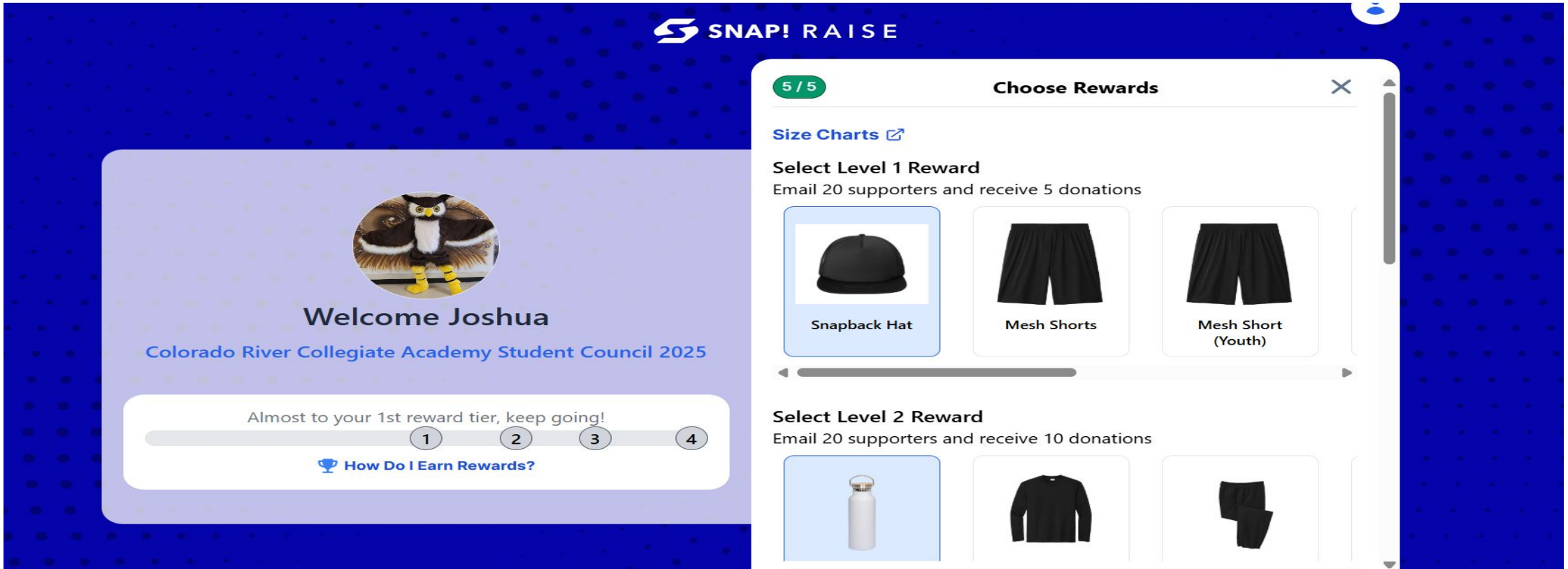




Snap Fundraiser

All Snap Fundraising proceeds go to CRCA events.

Please download the app and sign up using the QR codes on your table.



Questions?

Thank you for attending.



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