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Letter from the Principal

Dear Pirates,

As we approach our final quarter of the year, I would like to remind the class of 2022 to work closely with their guidance counselor to ensure all requirements and obligations are fulfilled prior to graduation. Thank you to all who have supported our students. Please continue to encourage and assist all our students in achieving their academic and personal goals.

This is a busy time of year for our staff and students. Please review our school calendar and join us for any or all the extracurricular activities listed. Our students are heading into a rigorous standardized testing schedule and I want to stress how important it is that your student attends school daily as we prepare them for these state mandated assessments. I know your student is looking forward to spring and summer breaks but please encourage them to stay focused and finish strong!

We are already planning for the 2022-2023 school year. I welcome your feedback so please feel free to contact me with comments or suggestions as we strive to continuously improve all aspects of Crystal River High School. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Phillip McLeod Principal

School Calendar of Events for the 2021-2022 School Vear

April 1 – 3, 2022	. Holiday – Spring Break
April 15 – 18, 2022	. Holiday – Easter Break
May 20, 2022	. Last Day for Seniors
May 24, 2022	. Crystal River High School Graduation
May 26 – 27, 2022	. Early Dismissal Days/Last Day for Students
May 30, 2022	. Holiday – Memorial Day
May 31, 2022	. Last day for Teachers

For the parents, staff, students and community of Crystal River High School

School Information

CRYSTAL RIVER HIGH SCHOOL		
	Crystal River High Drive	
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Principal: Phillip McLeod		
Assistant Principals: Mike Einspahr, Brian Lancaster and Dr. Beth Branch		
Dean of Students: Cliff Dyer		
Activities Director:	Robert Verlato	
Volunteer Coordinator		
Chaperone Coordinate	or: Sally Brown	
Student School Hours:	7:50 am - 2:40 pm	
Teacher School Hours:	7:15 am – 3:00 pm	

Teachers Teaching Out of Field

Crystal River High School is proud that all of our teachers and administrators who work with our students are certified by the State of Florida or other governing board. We appreciate the following teachers who have volunteered to teach a subject outside of their primary certification and are currently taking classes to obtain certification in the area they are teaching out-of-field.

Teacher	Course/Class
Layne Cheek	ELA
Ofelia Alberto	ELA
Kori Grimsley	Chemistry
Bridget Barton	Parenting Skills

Each of these teachers has both experience and coursework in the area they are teaching. They are excellent teachers and we appreciate the extra effort they are putting forth on behalf of our students.





Message from The Clinic

Parents, please review the "medication policy" and necessary medication forms on Citrus County Schools Website. To ensure an easy transition, medication forms can be downloaded for completion by the parent and health care practitioner. All completed forms and/or Doctor orders can be faxed to CRH @ 352-249-2105.

PARKING APPLICATIONS

Students who want the privilege of parking on campus must apply be completing the Student Parking Application and completing the Teen Driver Challenge Program through the Citrus County Sheriff's Department. Students who have not completed this free defensive driving program will not have a parking permit issued until the course requirements have been satisfied. Student Parking Applications are available during the summer months with instructions and information about what you will need to provide to obtain this privilege.

School Substitutes

School health Advisory Committee

Citrus County School's School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) is a group that meets quarterly to provide advocacy for school health and identify needs and opportunities to maximize community resources. We welcome parent and community involvement. The meetings are held quarterly at the Technology Resource Center on the Lecanto campus. For any questions, please call Student Services at 527-0090, and ask for the Student Health Specialist.

Chaperones & Volunteers

To all who chaperoned, volunteered, or mentored students this past year, a huge THANK YOU! Your service is greatly appreciated.

If you would like to chaperone this upcoming school year, a new application form must be filled out with a legible clear photocopy of your current driver's license attached.

Volunteers and mentors, please check in at the front office each time you are on campus with a CCSB ID badge.

For more information on CCSB Volunteer and Mentoring Program classes, contact Tara Pearcy at 726-1931. Contact Sally Brown at 785-4641 x4810 for chaperone and concession stand applications or go online to download a copy at www.c2cschools.com/ downloads.

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Citrus County Schools is now hiring for all substitute positions (Teacher, Support (Aide), Custodian, Food Service and Bus Drivers). If you are interested or have any questions please call 352-726-1931 Ext 2295 or go to https://skyfin.citrus.k12.fl.us:444/scripts/wsisa.dll/WService=wsFin/rappljoblst484.w select the substitute position(s) you would like to apply for, click on apply for selected position(s) and fill out all the required information/application.

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FAMILY ACCESS

Skyward Family Access allows parents and guardians of Citrus County students to be part of the educational process by using state-of-the-art encryption technology to provide a secure Internet link, allowing parents and guardians the opportunity to monitor educational progress, view student information, and communicate with teachers. Sign up online at www.citrus.k12.fl.us/skywardfa . Follow these simple steps:

Step 1: Complete the Skyward Family Access Verification form and follow the instructions on the form. Only one form per family should be completed. Return the form to any school that any child in the family attends. (Note: This form may require installation of the free Adobe Reader.)

Step 2: Once Family Access has been enabled, you will receive an email providing you with your Login and a link to obtain a Password.

Step 3: Use the Family Access Link on the district web site under the Schools tab to access Skyward. There is also a link to the Family Access User Guide. Family Access Signature forms are also available through any guidance department in the district. If you have questions or need help, please contact our guidance department, extension 4816 or 4814 for assistance.

homeroom

Each Thursday, homeroom is held for all grade levels. The homeroom teacher on your schedule will be your "home base" during the school year. This is the place where important announcements will be made, midterm reports and other materials distributed and where you can ask questions that come up during the course of the year.

Scholarships

Applications for various scholarships are kept on file and are available for student access whenever they visit the guidance office. A list of these applications can also be found on the Citrus County Coalition for College and Careers website at https://www. citruscollegecoalition.org/local-scholarships/.





COMMUNITY SERVICE

Pick up a log sheet and a "Community Service Facts" booklet explaining the specific types of community service that qualifies seniors to receive Bright Futures Scholarships. You must work and record 200 hours of community service in order to receive a gray cord to wear at graduation. Log sheets must be completed and turned into the guidance department by the end of third quarter of the graduation year.

Online Graduation Requirement

Students are required to complete an online learning course as part of the 24 credits for high school graduation. Please visit http://www.flvs.net/ for more information or see your guidance counselor for online course recommendations.

School Advisory Enhancement Council

The SAEC welcomes all parents, students and community members who would like to take an active part in assisting with the development, monitoring and evaluation of school improvement goals. Meetings will be in the media center on the following dates:

• April 25, 2022 @ 5:30

Please contact Sheli Martin-Kendrick at martin-kendrickm@citrusschools.org if you have any questions or would like to attend these meetings. Any revisions to this schedule will be posted on our school calendar of events.





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A Message from the Guidance Counselors

The counselors and staff in the Guidance Department diligently strive to serve the needs of each student and help them reach their full potential while enrolled at CRHS. From the student's first day of enrollment until graduation, our guidance department is designed to help students understand their academic options, set personal goals and achieve academic and vocational success. Students can find help in discovering the many choices and opportunities available to them by visiting our guidance office frequently throughout the school year. Questions students and parents may have regarding careers, scholarships, testing, exams, college applications, and course requirements can be acquired from our staff. We also encourage students and parents, friends, and family to "LIKE" and "SHARE" the news and announcements we post on our **Crystal River High School Department** FACEBOOK page.

EVERY STUDENTS SUCCEEDS ACT

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), requires every state and district to publish report cards that show how the state, district and schools are doing regarding student achievement and success. As a parent, you can access these reports online by visiting the following link: https://edudata.fldoe.org.



Bright Futures Scholarships

Bright Futures online application process begins October 1, 2021. Students should log on to http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org to complete the application. You must apply before graduation to be considered.



GRADUATION

With graduation quickly approaching, please keep in mind the following important dates:		
May 22nd	Baccalaureate, Crystal River Church of God @ 3:00	
May 23rd	Mandatory Graduation Practice immediately after school	
May 24th	Graduation @ 7:00 – students need to be here by 5:15	

If you have not already done so, please go to https://www.herffjones.com/schools/ highschool/09000840000/ to order your cap and gown. You can only purchase thru the Herff Jones website.



To view Sports schedules, check our school calendar at https://crh.citrusschools.org/cms/.

ATHLETIC AND ACTIVITIES

Happenings On Campus

Please join us for a night full of laughs for our first "Random Acts of Talent "Talent show February 18th at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased online.

INFORMATIVE SITES

FHSAA.org is a very informative website for athletes. Any forms that are needed for an athlete for sports is also available for download. Just pull down the "For Parents and Students" bar at the top, and you will find the physical and other forms there as well. Max Preps is also another very good site where you can find schedules, score updates, and stats for all sports here at CRHS.

SCHOOL INSURANCE

Visit www.schoolinsuranceagency.com to view affordable insurance plans for students. After enrolling online, you can print your ID card when the payment process is completed.

ARE YOU AWARE?

The requirements are changing for students who enroll full time at an NCAA Division I school after August 1, 2016. Students must graduate high school and meet ALL the following requirements:

- Complete 16 core courses:
 - ♦ Four years of English
 - ♦ Three years of math (Algebra 1 or higher)
 - V Two years of natural/physical science (including one year of lab science if your high school offers it)
 - One additional year of English, math or natural/physical science
 - Two years of social science
- Four additional years of English, math, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy
 Complete 10 core courses, including seven in English, math or natural/physical science, before the seventh semester. Once students begin
- their seventh semester, they may not repeat or replace any of those 10 courses to improve their core-course GPA.
- Earn at least a 2.3 GPA in their core courses.
- Earn an SAT combined score or ACT sum score matching their core-course GPA on the Division I sliding scale, which balances their test score and core-course GPA. If students have a low test score, they need a higher core-course GPA to be eligible. If they have a low core-course GPA, they need a higher test score to be eligible. If they have a low core-course GPA, they need a higher test score to be eligible.

For more resources regarding these changes, visit NCAA.org/student-athletes/play-division-i-sports or the Division I Academic Requirements Guide.

HEAT RELATED ILLNESS

As the school year is ending and the Florida heat has returned, we must all be aware of the dangers that heat exposure can cause for our students and ourselves during daily activities. Normally when the temperatures are high, our bodies cool themselves by sweating. When the weather is extremely hot and humid the body's ability to cool itself is impaired. Please pay close attention to our students as they are outside for recess, PE, ROTC, sports, band, or other special events. The following are some tips to help prevent heat related illness:

- Drink plenty of fluids
 - On not wait until thirsty to drink
- ♦ Take frequent water breaks anytime there is outside activity
- Keep students out of direct sunlight as much as possible
- Monitor children closely

If you have any concerns about a student who is feeling ill after exposure to the heat, please contact the clinic and/or your school nurse as soon as possible.







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FYI

Citrus County Schools previously developed an Asbestos Management Program for all facilities. Required re-inspections of the facilities are performed at six month intervals. Information from these re-inspections, along with that from the original Management Plan, is available for review at each facility.

ATTENDANCE

Regular school attendance promotes student achievement and is crucial for academic success, where an academic year is compressed into four months. The Citrus County Attendance Policy requires mandatory school attendance for students 16 years of age and younger. State laws have also been written that govern school attendance. Parents or guardians are responsible for following the compulsory attendance laws and communicating with the school when problems arise so that the school and parent can work together to ensure their child's success. Parents, if at fault for jeopardizing their child's academic success, may be held legally responsible which may include court hearings, fines and/or placement of the child in youth shelters where school attendance is insured.

Please call Ms. Richardson at extension 4802 if you have any questions or concerns.

Cell Phones

Students are allowed to have cell phones on ONLY BEFORE SCHOOL, BETWEEN CLASSES, DURING LUNCHES, AND AFTER SCHOOL. Violations of this policy will result in disciplinary action.

Zero Tolerance

The expectation of the CRHS Administration and Staff is that while you are on campus, you make choices that will positively improve your education and high school experience. The following nonnegotiable rules have been adopted by our discipline committee and will be implemented by teachers and staff. Violations will result in disciplinary action.

- Controlled Substances/ Drugs & Alcohol
- Theft / Stealing
- Bullying / Fighting
- Dress Code
- Electronic Devices
- Tardiness
- InsubordinationProfanity
- Disruptive Behavior
- Excessive Public Display of Affection

ABSENCES

When a student has been absent from school, the parent/ guardian is required to send a note with the student's legal name, date of absence(s), and reason for the absence(s) signed by the legal parent/guardian to the attendance office within two (2) days of the student's return to school. If the written statement is not provided by the parent, the absence(s) will be unexcused. After 10 days of excused or unexcused absences, a written statement from a licensed health care practitioner will be required for subsequent absences due to illness indicating they are under the supervision of the physician.

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### TARDY POLICY

Students are to be in their classroom BEFORE the late bell rings. An unexcused absence will be recorded if a student is more than 20 minutes late to class. If a student accumulates 9 tardies overall during a nine-week grading period, the student will receive a discipline referral. Students who have multiple tardies, attendance and discipline issues may lose privileges of participating in extra-curricular activities.

Athletes are to be in attendance no less than half of his/ her classes to eligible for scheduled practices or games.

### Deliveries

Delivery of non-school related items, e.g. balloons, flowers, fast-food delivery, etc., will not be accepted by the front office. We will attempt to get assignments, school projects, change of clothes, schoolbooks, and other school related items,

delivered by parents, to their students.



### DRESS CODE

Appropriate school attire for students is explained on pages 33 - 34 in the Citrus County Code of Conduct.

### DRIVING PRIVILEGES

Students who fail to comply with attendance requirements per Florida Statute, Section 322.091 will have their driver's license revoked by the state if they accumulate 15 unexcused absences in a period of 90 calendar days.

### GARLY DISMISSAL PROCEDURE

Please make sure your child knows about any scheduled appointments or has pertinent family information before he/she leaves for school to avoid miscommunication, missed appointments, to help us keep classroom interruptions to a minimum. There will be no early dismissals taken over the phone. The administration strongly encourages appointments be made outside of school hours but, if an occasion arises that a student does need to leave campus early, please follow this early dismissal procedure:

- 1. Students must come to the attendance office prior to the first bell with a written note from home and to receive a school issued early dismissal pass.
- 2. The note from home should contain the following information: student's full legal name, student ID #, reason for leaving school, the date and time student is to be released, parent's/guardian's name and a phone number for verification.
- 3. No student will be dismissed without an adult signing him/her out in the front office and showing proper identification.
- 4. Students who leave campus between classes without a note will have unexcused absences recorded for the reminder of the day and face disciplinary action.



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FortifyFL automatically routes your tip report to the appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



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The tip report goes to your local school officials when submitted.

#### Local Law Enforcement

Your local police department or sheriff office receive copies of your tips automatically.

#### State-Level Officials

State-level officials also have access to your tips to make sure proper steps are taken.

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. FortifyFL was created and funded by the 2018 Florida Legislature as part of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.

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To Addressee or Current Resident





### GOLDEN CITRUS SCHOLARS

The Golden Citrus Scholar Award is a prestigious honor recognizing outstanding Citrus County high school seniors for their academic achievements, personal accomplishments, and service to their school and community. Each school chooses nominees who will be honored in April when the county winners will be announced. All nominees will receive scholarship money as part of their award.

Crystal River High School is so VERY proud to announce its 2022 Golden Citrus Scholar nominees:

| William Spencer Green | English/Literature/Journalism   |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Rebecca Cridland      | Fine and Performing Arts        |
| Gabriel Cairone       | Mathematics/Engineering         |
| Kendall Barker        | Science                         |
| Molly Widel           | Social Studies/Civics           |
| Sydney Callaway       | Career Technical                |
| Phoebe Shaw           | World Languages/Foreign Studies |
| Marleigh Miller       | Leadership and Service          |

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