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PIRATE COUNTRY NEWS

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Letter from the Principal

Dear Pirates,

It is hard to believe we are ending the 2021-2022 school year at Crystal River High. It seems just like yesterday that we were starting the school year. I am very proud of all of you and how you have handled yourself during the year.

As we come to the end of the school year, I would like to remind students of the importance of staying focused on your studies in preparation for your end of year exams. I would also like to stress the importance of attendance and the need for you to be in school and in class each day. I would encourage all our students, especially our returning students to continue to read throughout the summer. This will keep your vocabulary and comprehension skills current over the summer months, and you will be further ahead when the new school year begins.

I want to extend a special congratulations to the graduating Class of 2022. Each of you have had a high school experience that you will be telling stories about for years. You have endured Covid, all the restrictions, and have done a great job handling each situation that has been put before you with grace. I look forward to sharing this proud moment of success with you, your family, and your friends as you receive your diploma on May 24th.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your principal this year. I wish our graduates nothing but continued to success as they venture out into the world. Good luck to all of you in your future endeavors. I look forward to seeing all our undergraduates next year and I know we will all have an exciting year as we continue to move Crystal River High forward.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer! Just a reminder that you will receive periodic callouts over the summer keeping you up to date on everything that is happening at CRHS as we prepare for school in the fall.

Respectfully,

Phillip McLeod

SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

May 20, 2022Last Day for Seniors
May 24, 2022Crystal River High School Graduation
May 26 – 27, 2022 Early Dismissal Days/Last Day for Students
May 30, 2022Holiday – Memorial Day
May 31, 2022Last day for Teachers

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



GUIDANCE OFFICE NEWS

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Counselor Assignments

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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.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

CRYSTAL RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

Address: 3195 Crystal River High Drive
Crystal River, FL 34428

Telephone: 352-795-4641

Fax Number: Main Office 352-249-2106
Guidance Office 352-249-2105

Email Secretary: Martin-KendrickM@citrus.k12.fl.us

Principal: Mr Phillip McLeod

Assistant Principals: Mike Einspahr, Brian Lancaster
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Dean of Students: Cliff Dyer

Activities Director: Robert Verlato

Volunteer Coordinator: Robert Verlato

Chaperone Coordinator: Sally Brown

Student School Hours: 7:50 am - 2:40 pm

Teacher School Hours: 7:15 am - 3:00 pm



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.

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 resume next school year in the media center.

Please contact Sheli Martin-Kendrick at martin-kendrickm@citruschools.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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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
Oflia 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.



SCHOOL SUBSTITUTES

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/rapp1joblst484.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.

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.

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State-Level Officials

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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>

PARKING APPLICATIONS

Students who want the privilege of parking on campus must apply by 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.

CHAPERONES AND 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 Percy 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.

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.

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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)
 - ◊ 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
 - ◊ Do 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 non-negotiable 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
- Insubordination
- Profanity
- 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.

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 be eligible for scheduled practices or games.

EARLY 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 remainder of the day and face disciplinary action.

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

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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

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To Addressee or Current Resident

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FFA / AGRICULTURE

Please join me in congratulating our FFA students for earning the following at our 2022 Citrus County Fair:

Landon Barnes-

Reserve Grand Champion Heifer
Grand Champion Steer

Alexis Herndon-

1st in her class with her heifer
Reserve Grand Champion Steer
Grand Champion POM Rabbit
Grand Champion Rabbit
Reserve Grand Champion Rabbit
Best in Show for art with her painting
Best in the division for her elephant sculpture

Alexis also sang the National Anthem and let me tell you that girl can SING!!!!

Calvin Jenkins-

Reserve Grand Champion with our chapter POM rabbits

In addition, all of our exhibitors represented our school very well. I personally received many compliments on how amazing our students conducted themselves throughout the week.

These projects require many hours of diligent work and I'm so proud of all of them. I'd like to recognize all our exhibitors for the commitment they have:

- Bradley Fletcher- chapter heifer
- Hunter Fritz- chapter heifer
- Caleigh Harder- chapter heifer
- Kelsey Thomas- steer
- Adessa Chancey- steer
- Luke Witty- steer
- Hunter Fritz- steer
- Bailey Fass- steer
- Rylee Yarbrough- steer
- Gabby Marko- chapter steer
- Cheyann Dyal- chapter steer, swine
- Brooke Richey- swine
- Nautica Morgret- swine
- Taylor Carroll- swine
- Jordan Money- swine
- Alexis Herndon- chapter swine

