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Letter from the Principal

Dear Pirates:

I am excited to start off the 2021-2022 school year as the Principal of Crystal River High School and am inspired by the expertise and dedication of our faculty and staff. We are committed to helping your student establish and achieve educational and career goals. We are appreciative of all who have helped make the start of the school year the best it can be.

We sincerely appreciate your continued support in assisting us with consistently implementing and enforcing the Citrus County Code of Student Conduct.

Each year, we ask for your assistance in helping to improve student attendance and this year especially is no exception. Please make attending school a priority for your student. Class participation is an integral part of the learning process at CRHS as some assignments related to class discussions cannot be duplicated. For this reason, we once again ask for your cooperation in ensuring that your student attends school every day.

Fall is an exciting time of year. Sports are in full swing with Homecoming and Spirit Week just around the corner. As always, we welcome your involvement and hope you will make plans to join us as we strive to provide your student with a positive and memorable high school experience here at Crystal River High School.

Sincerely,
Phillip McLeod
Principal

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

SCHOOL INFORMATION

CRYSTAL RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

Address: 3195 Crystal River High Drive
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Fax Number: Main Office 352-249-2106

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

Principal: Phillip McLeod

Assistant Principals: Mike Einspahr, Brian Lancaster
& Dr. Beth Branch

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

SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

October 1, 2021.....	Professional Development Day
October 8, 2021.....	Early Dismissal Day
October 22, 2021	Holiday – Fall Break
November 11, 2021	Holiday – Veteran's Day
November 20 – 28, 2021	Holiday – Thanksgiving Break
December 20 – 21, 2021	Early Dismissal Day
December 22 – 31, 2021	Holiday – Christmas Break
January 1 – 3, 2022	Holiday – Christmas Break
January 4 – 5, 2022	Professional Development/Teacher Workday
January 6, 2022	Students Return to School
January 17, 2022.....	Holiday – Martin Luther King Day
February 2, 2022	Early Dismissal/Professional Development Day
February 21, 2022	Holiday – President's Day
March 18, 2022.....	Early Dismissal Day
March 26 – 31, 2022.....	Holiday – Spring Break
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



SCHOOL PICTURES

Picture retake day for underclassmen is October 4. If there is any senior who did not get their picture taken for the yearbook already, they will have to call SWI Photography to make an appointment at their Ocala studio. Their phone number is 352-509-6855.

Yearbooks are on sale now for \$60. They can be purchased in Mrs. Amato's room 300-109 or online at yearbookforever.com.

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 Percy at 726-1931 x2246. 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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MESSAGE FROM THE CLINIC

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

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.

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/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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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.

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.

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.

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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.

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, school books/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.

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.

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

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.



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SC – Z Sherry Snowden snowdens@citruschools.org

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.

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>.

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.



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.

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 via Zoom in the media center on the following dates: **04/26/21 September 27, 2021 @ 5:30**

Please contact Sheli Martin-Kendrick at martinkendrickm@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.

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.

EVERY STUDENT 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>.



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.

FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

For more Sports schedules, please check our school calendar at <https://crh.citruschools.org/cms/>.

(*PLEASE KEEP IN MIND, ALL SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

FOOTBALL (VARSITY)

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
09/17/2021	Dunnellon	Away	7:30
09/24/2021	Springstead	Home	7:30
10/01/2021	Lake Weir (Homecoming)	Home	7:00
10/08/2021	Lecanto	Away	7:00
10/15/2021	Citrus	Home	7:00
10/21/2021	South Lake	Home	7:00
10/29/2021	Leesburg (Sr. Night)	Home	7:00

FOOTBALL (JR. VARSITY)

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
09/16/2021	Bellevue	Away	6:00
09/23/2021	Weeki Wachee	Away	6:00
09/29/2021	Citrus	Home	6:00
10/08/2021	Lecanto	Home	6:00

VOLLEYBALL

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
09/17/2021	Lake Howell Tourn.	Away	TBD
09/18/2021	Lake Howell Tourn.	Away	TBD
09/21/2021	Springstead	Home	6:00/7:30
09/23/2021	Citrus	Away	5:30/7:00
09/28/2021	Weeki Wachee	Away	6:00/7:30
09/30/2021	Hernando	Away	6:00/7:30
10/05/2021	Central	Home	6:00/7:30
(Breast Cancer Awareness Game)			
10/06/2021	Lake Weir	Away	5:30/6:30
10/07/2021	Lecanto	Away	6:00/7:30
10/11/2021	South Sumter (Sr. Night)	Home	5:30/7:00
10/12/2021	Nature Coast	Away	5:30/7:00
10/14/2021	Springstead	Away	6:00/7:30

CROSS COUNTRY

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
09/18/2021	Hernando Invitational	McKethan Lake Park	8:00/8:40
09/23/2021	Lecanto Mini Meet	Crystal River High	TBD
10/02/2021	Weeki Wachee	Park Preserve	8:00/8:35
10/14/2021	Conference	McKethan Lake Park TBD	TBD
10/21/2021	County	Lecanto High	TBD
10/25 – 10/30/2021	Districts	TBD	TBD
11/12/2021	State Meet	Tallahassee	7:50/TBD

SWIMMING

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
09/16/2021	Springstead	Home (YMCA)	6:00
09/23/2021	Villages	Away	T4:00
09/28/2021	WWHS	Home (YMCA)	6:00
10/07/2021	Lecanto	Home (YMCA)	5:00
10/12/2021	Citrus – Sr. Night	Away (YMCA)	5:00
10/09/2021	G8 Conference Champ.	Neutral (YMCA)	5:00
10/23/2021	FHSAA 2A R3 Dist.	Long Center	TBD
10/25 – 10/30/2021	FHSAA 2A Regional 2 Champ.	TBD	TBD
11/05/2021	FHSAA 2A State Champ.	Stuart	6:30 am

BOYS GOLF

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
09/16/2021	Central	Away	3:00
09/21/2021	Central	Home	3:30
09/23/2021	Citrus	Away	3:30
09/28/2021	Nature Coast	Home	3:30
09/30/2021	Lecanto	Away	3:30
10/05/2021	Weeki Wachee/S. Sumter	Home	3:30
10/07/2021	Nature Coast	Away	3:30
10/12/2021	Citrus	Home	3:30

GIRLS GOLF

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
09/16/2021	Central	Southern Hills	3:30
09/21/2021	Central	Plantation	3:30
09/23/2021	Citrus/Hernando	Plantation	3:30
09/28/2021	Tavares	Plantation	3:30
09/30/2021	Lecanto	Plantation	3:30
10/02/2021	Buffalo Invitational	Glenview/Villages	3:30
10/05/2021	Weeki Wachee	Glen Lakes	3:30
10/07/2021	Weeki Wachee	Silverthorn	3:30
10/19/2021	GC8 Tournament	Silverthorn	3:30
W/O 10/29/2021	District Tournament	TBA	TBA
W/O 11/01/2021	Regional Tournament	TBA	TBA
W/O 11/11/2021	State Tournament	Mission Inn Howey in the Hills	TBA



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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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