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For the Parents, Staff, and Community of Crystal River Middle School



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ADMINISTRATION

David Roland..... *Principal*

Amanda Stringer..... *Assistant Principal*

Keith Crisp..... *Assistant Principal*

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Bearcat Families and Friends,

We are off to a terrific start to the school year. Thank you for sending such a wonderful group of students. We have been impressed with our students' cheerful approach to school and their willingness to help build a positive school culture. On more than one occasion staff members have commented about the refreshing positive attitude of our student body.

For the 2022-2023 school year we are continuing to utilize "The Big Three" as a tool and slogan to help students make good choices. "The Big Three" was coined by successful collegiate football coach Lou Holtz. We encourage our students to use "The Big Three" when making difficult decisions.

The Big Three are as follows:

1. Do What's Right
2. Do your Best
3. Treat Others as You Want to Be Treated

This school year, we are working on student engagement and classroom rigor. Additionally, we want to continually add fun activities for our students. We want students to enjoy coming to school and learning.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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Our other area of focus is to transition to the BEST standards to ensure rigorous instruction so students can practice critical thinking skills. We believe our students will increase learning with challenging curriculum and appropriate support.

Your child's education is a partnership. We look forward to working with you and getting feedback to ensure we sustain this wonderful beginning into a successful year.

Sincerely,

David Roland

Principal

LETTER FROM STUDENT SERVICES

Dear Bearcat families,

With a month of school behind us, it is important to revisit important items in the Citrus County Schools Code of Student Conduct, available on the district website at www.citruschools.org. For this month, please discuss with your child the dangers of making a false report and the real consequences that follow. Have talks with your children about the importance of being truthful at all times, not only at school but in life beyond school. As always, please reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Keith Crisp
Assistant Principal

REMINDERS- SCHOOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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 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.

DELIVERIES

Delivery of non-school related items, i.e. balloons, flowers, fast-food deliveries, etc. will not be accepted by the front office. We will attempt to get assignments, school projects, change of clothes and other school related items, delivered by the parent/guardian, to their students.

EARLY DISMISSALS

Please make sure your child knows about any scheduled appointments or has pertinent family information before he/she leaves for school in order to avoid miscommunication. It is encouraged to make appointments outside of school hours to help us keep classroom interruptions to a minimum.

Activities for Youth Wednesdays 6:00pm

Join us Sundays...

Contemporary Service 9:30am
Traditional Service 11:00am

Tim Lantzy, *Senior Pastor*
pastortim@firstbaptistcr.org

Cliff Ford, *Student Pastor*
cford@firstbaptistcr.org

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PARENT UNIVERSITY

Testing Information

FAST PM1 Assessments are complete and PM2 will start in Decemeber and January. If you would like to access your student's scores from PM,1 please follow the directions below.

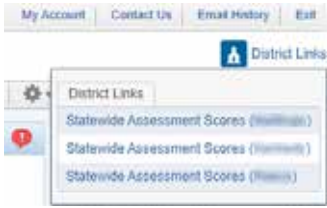


Citrus County families now have access to assessment scores via the Florida Statewide Assessments Family Portal.

Accessing the Family Portal

Log in to Skyward Family Access or Skyward Student. From the home screen, click on **District Links** in the upper right corner and then **Statewide Assessment Scores**.

Clicking on this link will open a new window to the Family Portal where student's current and previous test results can be viewed. Any student or parent/guardian of a student with available scores will have access to their portal.



Results for the current school year are required to be provided to the schools and available via the Family Portal, by the Florida Department of Education, no later than the July 31st of each year.

Assessment scores are also available via Skyward Student and Family Access Portal by clicking on "Test Scores" under a student's profile.

Home	Test Scores
New School Enrollment	Test Date
Online Emergency Form	05/02/2022
Online Forms	05/19/2021
Area Scheduling	05/03/2021
Calendar	05/03/2021
Gradebook	05/03/2021
Attendance	05/03/2021
Student Info	05/03/2021
Schedule	05/03/2021
Test Scores	05/03/2021
Management	05/03/2021
Activities	05/03/2021
Graduation Requirements	05/03/2021

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The Mobile Response Team (MRT) is a 24/7 on-call crisis intervention service provided through LifeStream Behavioral Health. MRT provides emergency behavioral health assessment, and diversion to alternatives to inpatient treatment when appropriate. Beyond working to resolve the crisis situation, the team also works with the individual and their family to identify and create strategies for effectively dealing with possible future crisis, and rapid follow-up after the initial contact. Anyone can call the MRT helpline at 352-408-6625.

FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS IN MATHEMATICS: GRADES 6 - 8

Foundational Skill in Mathematics course is designed to enable students to develop mathematical skills and concepts through critical thinking, problem solving, and an online-learning program; ALEKS.

ALEKS is a research-based program that offers spiraling topics that constantly adapts to each student's knowledge helping students master their course topics through a continuous cycle of knowledge retention and positive feedback. Students in the Foundational Skills course have targeted goals each week to complete up to 18 ALEKS topics with a goal of completing their RTI 6, RTI 7 or RTI 8 course by the end of the first semester. Students that meet their targeted goals will receive incentives along while they are learning mathematics.

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<p>UPPER GARMENTS</p> <p>All garments must cover shoulder to shoulder. No rips/tears or skintight items.</p> <p>All garments must be long enough to clearly overlap the beltline or stay tucked.</p> <p>NO halter tops, tanks tops, spaghetti straps or muscle shirts.</p>	<p>ACCEPTABLE</p> 	<p>NOT ACCEPTABLE</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin-bottom: 5px;">Straps must be 2 inches wide</div> 
<p>LOWER GARMENTS</p> <p>Undergarments and the buttocks MUST remain entirely covered even while seated.</p> <p>Dresses, skirts and shorts must be at least mid-thigh or below in length.</p> <p>No rips, holes or tears in clothing above the mid thigh on boys or girls</p>	<p>ACCEPTABLE</p> 	<p>NOT ACCEPTABLE</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin-bottom: 5px;">Shirt must come to mid thigh if wearing leggings</div> 

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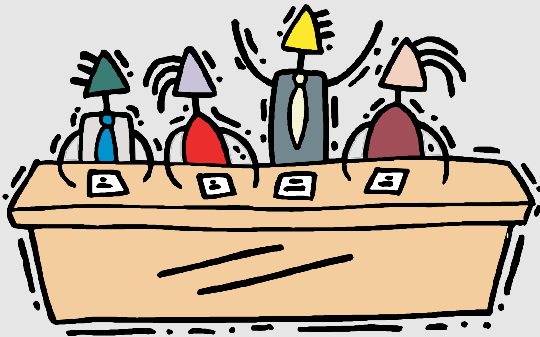
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OUT OF FIELD

Crystal River Middle School is proud that all 63 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.

Employee Name	Current Active Certification Area	Pending Certification Subject Area from FLDOE	Out of Field Assignment (Course Teaching)
Stacie DiRuzza	Social Science	ESE	ESE
Lisa Kell	Health	Science	Science
Tracey Potter	ESE	Gifted	Gifted
Brittany Crowder	None	Science	Science
Katherine Yanez	None	ESE	ESE



SAEC SCHEDULE- SCHOOL ADVISORY ENHANCEMENT COUNCIL

Below are the meeting dates for the 22-23 school year.

Meeting Dates

November 10, 2022

February 9, 2023

April 20, 2023

WHEELS AND DEALS



EASY FINANCING

BUY/SELL/TRADE

352-212-5169

2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR CITRUS COUNTY

10-14 FTE Week - Survey 2
31 Student Early Dismissal - Professional Development

October						
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6-10 FTE Week - Survey 3
20 Holiday - Presidents' Day

11 Holiday - Veteran's Day
19-27 Holiday - Thanksgiving Break

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15 Student Early Dismissal - Teacher Workday
25-31 Holiday - Spring Break

21-22 Student Early Dismissal - Teacher Workday
23-31 Holiday - Christmas Break

December						
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1-2 Holiday - Spring Break
7 Holiday - Good Friday
19 Student Early Dismissal - Professional Development

1-8 Holiday - Christmas Break
9 Professional Development / Teacher Workday
10 Students Return to School
16 Holiday - Martin Luther King Day

January						
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18 CREST Graduation
19 Last Day for Seniors
22 WTC Graduation
23 Lecanto High Graduation
24 Crystal River High Graduation
25 Citrus High Graduation
25-26 Student Early Dismissal - Teacher Workday
26 Last Day for Students
29 Holiday - Memorial Day
30 Professional Development / Teacher Workday
31 Teacher Workday

Legend			
	Holiday - Schools closed. Students and teachers do not report.		Professional Development - Students do not report.
	Teacher Workday - Students do not report.		Important Date
	Elementary & Middle School Parent Conference Day / High School Professional Development - Students do not report.		End of Reporting Period

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