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# CRYSTAL LAKE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2022

Dear GATOR Families,

Our Class of 2022 graduated on May 14, 2022. In the final speech of the graduation ceremony, Angel Humphrey stated, "There is one thing we all share in common: our time at Crystal Lake South mattered. We mattered on Zoom, we mattered in our classrooms, we mattered on our fields and courts and we matter now." It was her repeated use of the words "we mattered" that created a continuous smile on my face that day. The words YOU MATTER are painted directly inside our front entranceway and are meant as a daily reminder to our students - we want EACH student to feel a part of the GATOR community, we want EACH student to know they can succeed, and we want EACH student to have a staff member that believes in him or her. We understand that this vision is lofty, but we hope to create the same reality for your children that we did for Angel and the graduating Class of 2022.

As we look ahead to the 2022-2023 school year, we will see a district-wide focus on our Career Experience Program (CEP) aimed at supporting our students and their post-secondary success. CEP will actively engage students in career assessments, 4-year course planning, career speakers, and an overall expansion of career awareness through education. Through advisory periods, Student Services curriculum, our College and Career Center offerings, partnerships with community businesses, and the work that our teachers do with students each day, I am confident that the district-wide rollout of CEP is going to go quite smoothly for our students at CLS. It is the D155 mission to help our students Enter each year with Promise and Leave each year with Purpose. We believe the 2022-2023 school year will highlight that mission more than ever, and we are excited!

For those of you looking to connect with Crystal Lake South through social media platforms, the resources to the left should provide you a great entry point into our community.

It's a great day to be a GATOR!

Sincerely,  
Josh Nobilio  
Principal

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Athletics:

<https://clshs-ar.schooltoday.com>



## DISTRIBUTION DAYS

All students must attend their designated distribution day. Students will receive their class schedule, textbooks, and student ID. Yearbook pictures will also be taken for incoming freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. For incoming seniors, proof of vaccination against meningococcal disease must be turned in prior to or at distribution day. For incoming freshmen, a completed physical is required for entrance into distribution day. Please note that the first 30 minutes of each time slot are typically busy.

Seniors (All) & Juniors (A-K)  
Juniors (L-Z) & Sophomores (All)  
Freshmen

Tuesday, August 2  
Wednesday, August 3  
Thursday, August 4

**Distribution Day Hours**  
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

# SCHOOL INFORMATION



## STUDENT ID'S & YEARBOOK PICTURES

The photo taken on distribution day will be used for student IDs as well as the yearbook photo for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. Students are required to carry their ID with them at all times. They are required to show their ID as they enter the building, and juniors / seniors are required to show their IDs to leave the building for any approved study hall release, lunch release, or work release. The student ID is used for daily functioning in school including attendance in study halls, book check out, cafeteria purchases, and more.

If students DO NOT have a photo taken during distribution days, they may get an ID picture taken in the main office after school starts. Yearbook photos can be scheduled during retakes in October. If students lose their ID they may get it replaced in the main office for \$5.00.



## SENIOR PORTRAITS

Seniors will have their student ID picture taken on distribution day. This picture will differ from the picture used in the yearbook. In order for your picture to appear in the senior section of the yearbook, you must have your picture taken by HR Imaging Root Studios. You are under no obligation to purchase anything, and there is no fee if you are only having a picture taken for the yearbook. Seniors should have received sitting information in the mail from Root Studios. If you do not have an upcoming portrait session scheduled missed your previously scheduled session, or didn't receive the appointment notice in the mail, please call 815-433-1766 immediately during business hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.



## CLS PHOTO GALLERIES

Did you know that Crystal Lake South student photographers and school/district personnel regularly post photo galleries to the school's SmugMug account? The photo galleries are a great way to see what's going on at the high school. Parents can download high-resolution images from the galleries free of charge. The galleries are accessible directly at [clsphotos.smugmug.com](https://clsphotos.smugmug.com).

## YEARBOOK INFORMATION

The ONLY way to purchase a yearbook is online at [www.jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com), or visit this [direct link](#). The cost of the yearbook is \$47.

Yearbooks from the 2021/22 school year may be picked up during distribution days. Graduates who cannot attend may have a friend or family member pickup the book on their behalf. Email Ms. Penna ([jpenna@d155.org](mailto:jpenna@d155.org)) with any questions.



## REGISTRATION

If you have not already registered your student for the 2022-2023 school year, please click this [direct link](#) to see our registration packet and follow the steps indicated.

# SCHOOL INFORMATION

## FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

The Crystal Lake South staff and students invite the Class of 2026 to our annual Gator Leadership Crew Freshman Orientation.

Friday, August 5 - 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
CLS Contest Gym

The purpose of this orientation is to make the transition from middle school to high school a positive one. Seniors and juniors will serve as leaders and mentors to the freshmen. Large and small group activities are designed to address students' needs and concerns in an enjoyable manner. Freshman are encouraged to wear comfortable clothes. School supplies are not necessary! There is no bus transportation on orientation day.

## FRESHMAN PARENT ORIENTATION

Save the date for a special introductory meeting for incoming freshman parents. Plan on joining us the evening of Tuesday, August 16 at 5:30 p.m. to learn more about South and opportunities available for students. More information will be emailed to you in early August.

## TRANSFER STUDENT ORIENTATION

Sophomores, juniors, and seniors who are new to Crystal Lake South are invited to transfer student orientation on Friday, August 5. **Please arrive at the Student Services office at 8:30 a.m. The orientation session will conclude at 9:30 a.m.**

Transfer student orientation provides transfer students with more information about CLS. The program will introduce transfer students to the school and its culture, and help students transition successfully. There is no bus transportation on orientation day.



## TRANSPORTATION

Buses will not run on distribution days and Freshman Orientation. Buses begin running on August 11, the first day of school. Bus route and stop information will be mailed to each student's home in August. Bus schedules and information will be available on freshman distribution day should you have any questions.



## FRESHMAN CHROMEBOOK DISTRIBUTION

Chromebooks will be distributed to incoming freshmen (the Class of 2026) and any transfer students during distribution days, as part of the district's one-to-one computing program.

# STUDENT SERVICES

Student Services encompasses much more than scheduling. Parents and students should feel free to stop in or call our office with any social-emotional needs as our department includes counselors, social workers, a psychologist, and a school nurse. In addition, students and parents have access to our College and Career Center to research various post-high school educational and career options. Student transcripts are also maintained by the Student Services Office.

## COUNSELOR CASELOAD

Student caseloads are determined by alphabet.  
Contact: (815) 455-3860

Brett Collins	(A-DE)	ext. 3221
Kerri Bowers	(JI-JA)	ext. 3220
Kyle McCaughn	(JE-M)	ext. 3225
Mike Collins	(N-SA)	ext. 3223
Tammy Freund	(SC-Z)	ext. 3280
Carson Sterchi	Student Services Coordinator	

Please know that we maintain an open-door policy. Any student can see any counselor with whom he or she feels comfortable; however, the assigned counselor as noted above is the primary case manager and maintains all files and records generated for the student.

## HOMEWORK REQUESTS

All teachers will be using Canvas as their platform to communicate resources, announcements, discussion posts, and assignments to students. Students who are absent should plan to log onto Canvas to find any information they missed as well as any assignments that are due. They are encouraged to reach out to their teachers with any questions they might have.



## STUDENT SERVICES ONLINE RESOURCES

For a wealth of information about scholarships, post-high school options, ACT/SAT testing, college representative visits, and financial aid, please visit the Student Services website at <https://cls.d155.org/student-services>.



## COUNSELOR SUMMER HOURS: JULY 25, 2022

Counselors will be available for appointments on a rotating basis beginning July 25. New student registration and enrollments will be prioritized. Call (815) 455-3860 ext. 3226 to check counselor availability. If you have questions about your schedule, counselors are available during distribution days, August 2-4.

## COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT



On Wednesday, August 24, Crystal Lake South will be hosting a College Night for juniors and seniors and their parents in the CLS theater. The evening will have two portions, and families are welcome to attend either part or both. Watch for additional information in August from our Student Services Office.

# SCHOOL PROCEDURES

## ATTENDANCE

Because irregular or poor attendance denies the student opportunities to maximize benefits from teachers and fellow students, the following policies have been adopted:

- A parent or guardian must call the school each day a student misses all or part of his/her school day.
- You may leave information on the automated voice mail system 24 hours a day, or you may call the switchboard between the hours of 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Written notes are not acceptable to excuse absences.
- A student is only allowed NINE days of absence without question, per semester, provided there is a call from a parent. (*Note: Absences that are valid and accompanied by supporting documentation are not counted toward the nine days of absence.*) Please see the student handbook or the website for further information.

24-Hour Attendance Hotline:  
(815)-893-5270

## ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATIONS

Crystal Lake South will use an automated calling system to alert parents when their student is considered absent/ truant. The notification system also allows the school to communicate via text message. Parents and guardians who gave permission to be called and/or texted and provided a mobile phone number during online registration will receive attendance notifications. Parents and guardians can revoke this consent at any time by notifying Shannon Podzimek, director of communications, [spodzimek@d155.org](mailto:spodzimek@d155.org), or by following the instructions in the automated phone call or text messages. Please ensure that your primary number stays up-to-date throughout the year so that we can provide you with pertinent information if necessary.

## SCHOOL VISITORS

Parents or others visiting during the school day should:

- Park in a "Visitors" space.
- Enter the building through the main door.
- Press the button to be buzzed in.
- Sign in at the greeter's desk in the office.

For the school's security, all visitors must present a valid driver's license or state ID to be scanned through a national database. You must leave your license/ID at the front desk while visiting Crystal Lake South, and it will be returned to you upon check-out.



## EMERGENCY ALERT NOTIFICATIONS

District 155 uses an automated calling system to alert parents of emergency situations including weather closings. In most cases, the system uses the primary phone number listed in Family Access. Please ensure that your primary number stays up-to-date throughout the year so that we can provide you with pertinent information if necessary.

# SCHOOL PROCEDURES

## LUNCH / STUDY HALL RELEASE

Juniors and seniors are allowed to leave campus during lunch and study hall periods as long as they have a signed release form on file. To maintain this open campus release, students must abide by all policies in the student handbook. Students should plan to turn in signed release forms at distribution day so that they can get their ID stamped for open campus prior to the first day of school. Forms are available on the district website, and they will also be emailed to students.

No freshmen or sophomores are allowed to leave during lunch or study hall. If a student chooses to violate this rule, consequences may include a four-hour detention for the first offense.

Click [English](#) or [Spanish](#) for the release form.

## DRIVER EDUCATION

State law requires that no student be permitted to take driver's education courses unless he/she has received a passing grade in at least eight credit-carrying courses during the previous two semesters of school.

All students enrolled in Behind-the-Wheel driver's education must pay a \$235.00 fee due at registration plus the Secretary of State permit fee of \$20.00 due on the first day of class. Students will fill out the permit application on the first day of class.

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

District 155 allows students to use their ID card to make cafeteria purchases. The cashless purchase program allows a student/parent to add money to the ID by clicking the "Food Service" link in Skyward Family Access.

## FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH

Applications should be completed and returned before registering your student for school. If you have a Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF number you should receive a letter in the mail regarding your direct certification of lunch benefits and approval for waiver of fees. If you have any questions regarding the direct certification process or about the forms, please call the Student Services Office at ext. 3226. If you do not receive a direct certification letter and would like to apply for fee waivers, forms will be available on July 11. Please complete this process by July 31.

## STUDENT PARKING

Due to limited space, only juniors and seniors may park in the student lot. A permit must be purchased at the cost of \$150.00. Permits are limited. Emergency, one-day parking privileges are available for \$5.00 per day. Please see the deans' secretary for details.

# SCHOOL PROCEDURES



## CLASS SCHEDULES

### DAILY CLASS SCHEDULE

Period	Time
0*	6:30 - 7:15 a.m.*
1	7:25 - 8:10 a.m.
2	8:15 - 9:00 a.m.
3	9:05 - 9:50 a.m.
4	9:55 - 10:40 a.m.
5	10:45 - 11:30 a.m.
6	11:35 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.
7	12:25 - 1:10 p.m.
8	1:15 - 2:00 p.m.
9	2:05 - 2:50 p.m.

### LATE START MONDAY CLASS SCHEDULE

Period	Time
0*	6:30 - 7:10 a.m.*
1	8:10 - 8:50 a.m.
2	8:55 - 9:35 a.m.
3	9:40 - 10:20 a.m.
4	10:25 - 11:05 a.m.
5	11:10 - 11:50 a.m.
6	11:55 a.m. - 12:35 p.m.
7	12:40 - 1:20 p.m.
8	1:25 - 2:05 p.m.
9	2:10 - 2:50 p.m.

### EARLY RELEASE CLASS SCHEDULE

Period	Time
0*	6:43 - 7:15 a.m.*
1	7:25 - 7:57 a.m.
2	8:02 - 8:34 a.m.
3	8:39 - 9:11 a.m.
4	9:16 - 9:48 a.m.
5	9:53 - 10:25 a.m.
6	10:30 - 11:02 a.m.
7	11:07 - 11:39 a.m.
8	11:44 a.m. - 12:16 p.m.
9	12:21 - 12:53 p.m.

**\*\*Only students enrolled in zero hour will begin at 6:30 a.m.\*\***

## STUDENT HANDBOOK



The student handbook includes all school rules and regulations on academics, student conduct, student attire & dress, attendance, transportation, athletics, and activities.

Parents and students must become familiar with the content of the student handbook, which is available on the school's [website](#). All students will be held accountable for the information found in the handbook.





# HEALTH SERVICES

## FRESHMAN REQUIREMENTS

### FRESHMAN PHYSICALS

All freshmen are required by law to complete a physical exam within 12 months of Freshman Distribution Day, August 4, 2022. Physicals conducted between August 5, 2021 - August 4, 2022 will satisfy this requirement.

The exam must be documented by a physician using the state approved form available to [download here](#) and the parent must complete the Health History section.

***\*\*Please note that Athletic physicals do not meet the requirements for students entering 9th grade.***

### FRESHMAN DENTAL EXAMS

All freshmen are also required to submit proof of a dental exam within 18 months of the start of freshman year.

The exam must be documented by a physician using the state approved form available to [download here](#).

## SENIOR REQUIREMENTS

### MENINGITIS VACCINATION

All seniors must meet Illinois Department of Public Health immunization requirements for meningococcal disease prior to the start of 12th grade.

Proof of vaccination must be provided prior to Senior Distribution Day, August 2, 2022.

## ALL STUDENTS

### MEDICATION FORM

Any student needing to take medication (prescription and/or over-the counter) must have a Medication Form on file with the school nurse. Forms must be submitted annually. The form is available to [download here](#).

### ASTHMA ACTION PLAN

Students who have asthma are required to have an "Asthma Action Plan." It must be kept on file in the school nurse's office. The form is available to [download here](#).



You have two options to submit the State of Illinois Certificate of Child Health Examination and School Dental Examination forms. You can email the forms to your school nurse:

Crystal Lake South

[clsnurse@d155.org](mailto:clsnurse@d155.org)

Or you have the option to bring the forms to Distribution Day in August. This will be your ticket into Freshmen Distribution Day.



## SCHOOL NURSE

There is a school nurse on duty each day. A student who becomes ill at any time during the day should obtain a pass from a teacher and go to the nurse's office. If the illness is of a nature which requires a student to be sent home, the nurse will issue a pass to leave school. A student may not go home due to illness without permission from the nurse. The nurse's office is not intended to be used as a location to rest or avoid classes. Additional information is available on the D155 website. Click on the "Parents" tab and choose the "Health Services" link. For questions or concerns during the school year, please contact the school nurse, Colleen Wing at (815)455-3860 ext. 3230.



# ATHLETICS

Information about athletic teams, forms, tryouts, and practices is available on the [athletic website](#). You will also find game cancellation notices, schedule updates, driving directions, scores, rosters, news, and other announcements. **Please monitor this website for important updates throughout the summer.**

## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Athletic Director: Jason Bott

Assistant Athletic Director  
(Fall/Winter): Brian Bogda  
(Spring): Rob Fontana

Athletic Secretary: Tracey Dayton

Athletic Trainer: Erin Martin



## INCOMING FRESHMAN STUDENT-ATHLETES

Please be sure to make a copy of the physical form for athletics. You will need the original to register for school. Physical forms will be turned in to Tracey Dayton, athletic director secretary. Questions may be directed to Ms. Dayton at [tdayton@d155.org](mailto:tdayton@d155.org) or (815)455-3860 ext. 3257.

## ATHLETIC FEES

Student athletic participation fees for 2022-23 are \$100 per sport, with a student maximum of \$200 per student, and a family maximum of \$400 per household.

Athletic fees will be due after rosters have been finalized. Athletic fee payments can be completed through Skyward Family Access. After logging in, go to "Fee Management" to pay the fees associated with your student. Discover, Visa, and MasterCard are accepted for online payment. Athletic fees can be paid in person at school in the front office. Checks are payable to Community High School District 155. The athletic participation fee(s) will be waived for students who qualify and apply for fee waivers.

District 155 has a no refund policy after the first IHSA event/contest. Athletes who quit their sport prior to the first IHSA event/contest are eligible for a full refund, but must meet the following conditions:

- Notify the coach and athletic office (Athlete should notify coach and athletic office via email)
- Must be cleared of all uniform/equipment rentals by coach

## ATHLETIC REGISTRATION

The athletic department requires every student-athlete to sign up online for participation in any sport. This year, we will be using RSchool for scheduling registrations. The registration site is: <https://clshs.rschoolteams.com>. All student-athletes must also have a current physical form signed by a physician.

# ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

## ADMISSION PRICE TO ATHLETIC EVENTS

Admission prices to Fox Valley Conference and other athletic contests are \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students with ID cards and \$2.00 for children in 5th grade and younger. Football, volleyball, boys/girls basketball and wrestling home events are free if a student has a CLS activity ticket. Costs for IHSA tournament events may differ, and no passes can be accepted for such events.

## ATHLETIC & ACTIVITY TICKET

Most students purchase an activity ticket. It is an excellent investment at \$20 if your student attends more than a few activities this year. The activity ticket is good for all non-tournament home athletic contests and non-fundraising musical events. You can purchase an activity ticket on Skyward when you complete the registration process. Students who have purchased an activity ticket will have their ID punched at distribution day.

## FAMILY PASSES

Crystal Lake South offers family and individual season passes that may be purchased at each sport's first game. These passes allow entry to home games (except IHSA contests) for the entire season of the chosen sport. If you would like to purchase a pass, or have any questions, please contact Tracey Dayton in the Athletic Office at [tdayton@d155.org](mailto:tdayton@d155.org).

## GOLDEN AGE PASSES

For those in the community who are over the age of 60, a Golden Age Pass is provided at no charge. Anyone wishing to obtain a Golden Age Pass for our activities should contact Mrs. Gorman in the Principal's Office. The pass may be used to gain admittance to all school-sponsored activities throughout the district for the holder and his/her spouse. Please note that these passes may not be used at IHSA tournament events.



Activities abound! What will you join? For freshmen, new students, and those looking to explore new options, there are plenty of extracurricular activities. Many organizations have their own Canvas page, and will advertise beginning of the year meetings through school announcements. For more information, students can check out the CLS Activities page [here](#).

# SCHOOL CALENDAR

Tues. - Thurs.	August 2 -4	Distribution Days
Mon. - Wed.	August 8 - 10	Institute Days - No Classes
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 11</b>	<b>First Day of School - ALL STUDENTS</b>
Monday	September 5	Labor Day - No School
Wednesday	September 7	Parents' Night/Early Release
Monday	October 10	Columbus Day - No School
Tuesday	November 8	Election Day - No School
Wed. - Fri.	Nov. 23 - 25	Thanksgiving Holiday - No School
Friday	December 16	Last Day of School in 2022 - End of First Semester
Mon. - Mon.	Dec. 19, 2022 - Jan. 2, 2023	Winter Break - No School
Tuesday	January 3, 2023	Institute Day - No Classes
Wednesday	January 4	Classes Resume - First Day of Second Semester
Monday	January 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School
Monday	February 20	Presidents' Day - No School
Mon. - Fri.	March 27 - 31	Spring Break - No School
Monday	April 3	Classes Resume
Friday	April 7	Day of Non-Attendance - No School
Friday	April 28	School Improvement Day - Early Release
Saturday	May 13	Graduation Ceremony, Class of 2023
Friday	May 19	Last Day of School (if no Emergency Days are used)
Friday	May 26	Last Day of School (if all Emergency Days are used)

*\*Every Monday that school is in session will be a "Late-Start Monday," with classes beginning at 8:10 a.m.*

*\*\*A current calendar is maintained on the school website. The online version is updated after each emergency closing day.*



## SAVE THE DATE PARENT'S NIGHT SEPTEMBER 7, 2022 | 7:00 PM

Parents & Guardians are encouraged to attend Parent's Night. This is your opportunity to visit each of your student's classrooms, meet their teachers and learn about the courses.