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## ADMINISTRATIVE

### TEAM

#### Principal

Janet Tuggle

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Robert Miloscia

#### Deans of Students

Cliff Dyer  
Brian Lancaster

#### Athletics & Activities Director

Robert Verlato

#### Guidance Counselors

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## Letter from the Principal

Dear Pirate families,

Words cannot express how excited I am to return to Crystal River High School. As you may be aware, I served as Assistant Principal here for four years before moving to Pleasant Grove Elementary in Inverness as Principal. During the past three years I enjoyed being back in an elementary school working with our youngest students, however my heart was pulling me to return to CRHS. With over 21 years of experience working within Citrus County Schools I have served as elementary school teacher, district literacy coach, curriculum specialist, assistant principal and principal. The slogan, "Once a Pirate, Always a Pirate is so true. I am truly thrilled to be "Back Aboard" as your principal.

We hope you are planning to attend some of the wonderful events on our calendar for this spring. The next few months are also filled with exciting spring sporting events such as track and field, baseball, tennis and softball. Please plan to come out to support our Pirates.

Sincerely,  
Janet Tuggle

## SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

March 20 – 29 .....Spring Break  
April 10 .....Good Friday  
April 22 .....Professional Development – Early Dismissal  
May 21 .....Last Day for Seniors  
May 25 .....Memorial Day  
May 27 .....Crystal River High Graduation

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

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### CRYSTAL RIVER HIGH

**Address:** 3195 Crystal River High Drive  
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& Robert Miloscia  
**Dean of Students:** Cliff Dyer & Brian Lancaster

**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

## FALL OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, August 29th  
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

\* Advanced Placement  
Presentation  
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm;  
general Open House  
6:00-7:00 pm.

## 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.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CLINIC

Parents, please review the "medication policy" and necessary medication forms on Citrus County Schools Website. To insure 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.

## 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 Bernadette Salmaggi at 726-1931 x2233. 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](http://www.c2cschools.com/downloads).

## 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.

## 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.

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## ATHLETIC NEWS

### 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](http://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](http://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

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**Activities for Youth Wednesdays 6:00pm**

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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.

#### FAMILY ATHLETIC PASS

Did you know that available for purchase is a Crystal River High School Family Athletic Pass? For \$125.00, you can purchase a pass to all regular season home games for ANY sport here at CRHS. This pass is for 4 family members and you can add additional members for \$30.00 per person. Children 5 and under are admitted at no charge. Student passes are available for 35.00, an adult pass for 45.00, and a senior citizen pass for 25.00. Please note, these passes are not valid for parking, away games, jamborees, FHSAA sponsored tournaments, district or state play off games. Please stop by our athletic department and see Sally Brown to purchase this pass.

#### COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENTS:

A – DA Claudia McCoy mccoyc@citrus.k12.fl.us  
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HO – ME Trudee Mason masont@citrus.k12.fl.us  
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SC – Z Sherry Snowden snowdens@citrus.k12.fl.us

#### DUAL ENROLLMENT

- 10th and 11th grade students who are interested in taking Dual Enrollment classes at CF next school year should be completing their applications now. In order to be eligible to take Dual Enrollment classes students must have an unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher, and must meet qualifying test scores on the ACT, SAT, or PERT. Students should see their Guidance Counselor for more information.

#### 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](http://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.

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## 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 our school website under Student Links/Scholarships.

## BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIPS

Bright Futures online application process began on October 1, 2019. Students should log on to <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org> to complete the application. You must apply before graduation to be considered.

## FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid application process began on October 1, 2019. Students can register online at <http://fafsa.ed.gov>

## 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 held on the fourth Monday of each month, in the Media Center. Our next meeting will be on April 13th, 2020 at 5:30. Please contact Sheli Martin-Kendrick at [martin-kendrickm@citrus.k12.fl.us](mailto:martin-kendrickm@citrus.k12.fl.us) if you have any questions. Any revisions to this schedule will be posted on our School Calendar of Events.

## TESTING INFORMATION

### Crystal River High School 2020 Spring Testing Plan

Primary Testing Dates	Test
FSA ELA WRITING	
April 1st	9th Grade Writing
April 2nd	10th Grade Writing
April 3-15	9th & 10th Make Ups
FSA ELA READING	
May 5-6	10TH Grade Reading
May 7-8	9th Grade Reading
FSA Algebra 1 & Geometry EOC	
May 11-12	Geometry EOC
May 18-19	Algebra 1 EOC
NGSSS Biology & US History EOCs	
May 13th	NGSSS US History EOC
May 14th	NGSSS Biology EOC
MAKE UPS FOR ALL TESTS	
May 20-29	Make Ups for all Tests

### SAT and ACT Test Dates

SAT Test Date	SAT Deadline	SAT Late Registration
May 2, 2020	April 3, 2020	April 21, 2020
June 6, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 27, 2020
(Register online for the SAT at: <a href="http://www.collegeboard.org">www.collegeboard.org</a> )		
ACT Test Date	ACT Deadline	ACT Late Registration
April 4, 2020	February 28, 2020	March 9 – 22, 2020
(Register online for the ACT at: <a href="http://www.actstudent.org">www.actstudent.org</a> )		

### Algebra 1 EOC Bootcamp

Free Algebra 1 tutoring will be offered every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00-4:30 pm beginning February 25th and ending May 14th. This "boot camp" will help prepare students for the FSA Algebra 1 EOC exam in May. Transportation home for in-zone students is available upon request.

Students must complete a registration form including a parent or guardian signature before attending. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Josey at 795-4641 ext. 4815.

### PERT – (Post Secondary Education Readiness Test)

The PERT is given at the College of Central Florida. Call 249-1213 to make an appointment. The cost of the PERT is \$10.00.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### 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 Mrs. Carnahan 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.

### 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, 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
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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.

## SENIOR INFORMATION

Prom and graduation are quickly approaching. Don't forget to check with Mrs. Brown and the media center to make sure that all of your obligations are met. By checking now, you are going to make the process of buying a prom ticket, and receiving your graduation materials much easier.

## GOLDEN CITRUS SCHOLARS

The Golden Citrus Scholar Award is a prestigious award designed to recognize outstanding Citrus County high school seniors for their academic achievement, personal accomplishment, and service to their school and community. Each school chooses nominees who will be celebrated at an awards ceremony in April where the winners will be announced. All nominees will receive scholarship money. CRHS is proud to announce its nominees:

- English/Literature/Journalism..... Katelyn VanValkenburgh
- Mathematics/Engineering ..... Dominick Correa
- Science ..... Isabel Huerta
- Social Studies /Civics ..... Bayley Edwards
- World Languages & Foreign Studies..... Andrew Esser
- Fine & Performing Arts..... Sarabelle Slicer
- Career/Technical ..... Robert Barker
- Leadership & Service ..... Arielle Hudson

## IT'S NO JOKE

The "It's No Joke" awareness campaign created by the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice is aimed at reducing school threats made by students in Florida. Such threats can result in felony charges. The It's No Joke campaign furthers seeks to educate youth and parents that threats of violence include statements made anywhere online. Making threats, even if in jest, can have serious consequences.

To reduce incidents of school threats, DJJ has developed this resource guide link to educate, encourage and support parents and guardians as they strive to keep their children safe, healthy, and free from potentially long-term effects of even joking about threatening a school.

[www.djj.state.fl.us](http://www.djj.state.fl.us)

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## CLUB CORNER

### **S.T.A.C. (Students and Teachers Against Cancer)**

Students and Teachers Against Cancer would love for you to be involved and earn community service while having fun in this wonderful club. S.T.A.C. is a group which meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 2:45 in Mrs. Miller's room (2-111). We formed this club to bring fundraising and awareness to our community to help local cancer patients while supporting national research to help end this terrible disease. Please spread the word to help make this a successful year

The enrollment for the 2021 trip to London, Paris, and the Alps has been extended to April 15th. If you and/or your family or friends would like to attend this trip of a lifetime, please contact Mrs. Miller at [miller@citrus.k12.fl.us](mailto:miller@citrus.k12.fl.us) or by calling 352-795-4641 ext. 4869.

### **FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)**

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets every Wednesday morning in the gym from 7:20 – 7:40. Come out and join us for an uplifting message to start your day.

### **Show Me the Money!**

A new elective course has been added to the CRHS curriculum: **Personal Financial Literacy**. Our first group of students have successfully completed the class and learned a great deal about money management. The topics that we covered included: Budgeting, Savings & Investing, Banking, Credit, Being a Wise Consumer, Insurance, Careers, and Taxes.

This 18-week class offers a variety of learning methods such as: digital learning, notes, discussions, guest speakers, projects, presentations, and tests. Mrs. Laura Wingate has been teaching Business at CRHS for over 25 years and has been wanting to offer this course for years. Mrs. Wingate states, "There is a major need to educate our students (and adults) about money management. Too many people are living paycheck-to-paycheck and are in severe credit card debt. Money is often feared because we don't understand it, yet it is a part of our everyday lives. Financial knowledge can be very powerful."

See your guidance counselor today to enroll in Personal Financial Literacy!