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



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ADMINISTRATION

Brian Lancaster *Principal*

Joe Paprzycki *Assistant Principal*

Shannon Rossi *Assistant Principal*

MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Hello Bearcat Families! With the holidays fast approaching, much excitement is in the air. Please remind your child of the importance in continuing to make positive choices and finishing Semester 1 on a high note. To reward students for their hard work and positive behavior, we will have a PBS Field Day! Students who have had no Saturday School, no ISS, no OSS, and no more than 1 Detention will be eligible to participate. Additionally, our Annual Winter Showcase will be Dec 10 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. All students and families are invited to attend. Happy Holidays!!

GO BEARCATS!

Sincerely,

Brian Lancaster, Principal

Shannon Rossi, Assistant Principal

Joe Paprzycki, Assistant Principal

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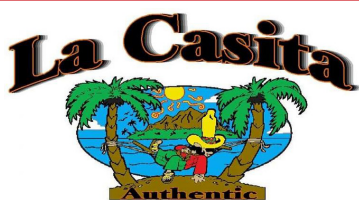
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Upcoming Title I Events:

Winter Showcase
December 10

SAEC MEETING DATES

February 13, 2025
April 10, 2025



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Visit the NCHE website at <http://nche.ed.gov> to:

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A NOTE FROM GUIDANCE

Just a few reminders...

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.

Schedule Changes

There will be no schedule changes unless a meeting is scheduled with administration, teachers, and parents. Thank you.

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 to avoid miscommunication. Administration strongly encourages appointments to be made outside of school hours to help us keep classroom interruptions to a minimum.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation,
Lanna Wentworth and Christine Stewart



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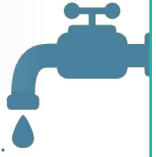
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During this time of year, we start to see a rise in disciplinary behaviors. Please, revisit the Citrus County Schools Code of Student Conduct. It is crucial for us to work together to ensure a positive and respectful learning environment for everyone. We are committed to fostering a culture of kindness and responsibility, please feel free to reach out if you notice any specific concerns with behavior. Thank you for your partnership and support in this matter.

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ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

(All event dates and times are subject to change)

Boys Basketball

Practice begins Jan 11th

Date	Home Opponent	Away Opponent	Time
Jan 29	Middleton		3:00
Feb 1		Buffalo Ridge	4:00
Feb 5	SS		3:00
Feb 8		VVW	4:15
Feb 12	LMS		3:00
Feb 15	IMS		3:00
Feb 20		CSMS	3:00
Feb 22		LMS	3:00
Feb 26	CSMS		3:00
Feb 29		IMS	3:00
Mar 5		County Championships at IMS	3,4,5



Girls Tennis

Practice begins January 10th

Date	Home Opponent	Away Opponent	Time
Jan 30		Middleton	3:00
Feb 1	Buffalo Ridge		3:00
Feb 6		CSMS	3:00
Feb 8	IMS		3:00
Feb 13	LMS		3:00
Feb 15	CSMS		3:00
Feb 20	Middleton		3:00
Feb 22		IMS	3:00
Feb 27		LMS	3:00
Feb 29		LMS County Championships	10:00

Track

Practice begins Feb 20th

Date	Host	Time
Mar 14	IMS	3:00
Mar 21	LHS	3:00
April 4	CSMS at LHS	3:00
April 11	County Championship at CRMS (CRHS)	3:00
April 18	Conference at SS	4:00



CITRUS COUNTY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2024-2025

***Due to Hurricane Milton, school will now be in session on the following day: Friday, Dec. 20

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- 1 Holiday - Thanksgiving Break
- 20 Student Early Dismissal - Teacher Workday
- 20 End of Quarter 2
- 21-31 Holiday - Christmas Break

April						
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- 18-21 Holiday - Easter Weekend

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- 1-5 Holiday - Christmas Break
- 6 Professional Learning Day
- 7 Teacher Workday
- 8 Students Return to School
- 20 Holiday - Martin Luther King Day

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- 15 CREST Graduation
- 16 Last Day for Seniors
- 19 WTC Graduation
- 20 Crystal River High Graduation
- 21 Citrus High Graduation
- 22 Lecanto High Graduation
- 26 Holiday - Memorial Day
- 29-30 Student Early Dismissal - Teacher Workday
- 30 Last Day for Students
- 30 End of Quarter 4

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- 17 Teacher Workday

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- 13 End of Quarter 3
- 22-30 Holiday - Spring Break

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Legend			
	Holiday - Schools closed. Students and teachers do not report.		Professional Learning - Students do not report.
	Teacher Workday - Students do not report.		Important Date
	Elementary & Middle School Parent Conference Day / High School Professional Learning - Students do not report.		End of Quarter
			*Days out of school due to holidays may be affected by possible hurricane make-up days throughout the year.

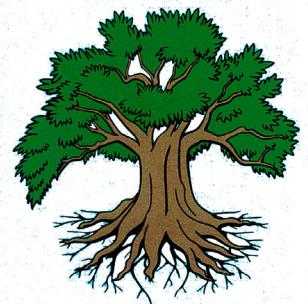
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Hello parents and community!

My name is Amy Antill and I'm a teacher at CRMS and President of our newly formed PTO (parent-teacher organization)

I am happy to report that we are off to a fantastic start this year thanks to our generous donors!

Our goal is to fundraise for new educational resources, support extracurricular activities for our students, provide needed materials and/or supplies for our teachers, and organize community events that benefit both students and families.

One of our popular fundraisers has been our Bearcat Gear. We have a design for all sports including band and chorus, if you would like more information please let me know!

If you would like to join or know someone who would love to contribute to our cause, whether it be a financial donation,

goods, or services, please contact me by email: antilla@citruschools.org or phone: 352-795-2116 ext. 5220.

Our next scheduled PTO meeting will be Wednesday, January 22nd at 3pm in the media center. Hope to see you there!

Thank you for all you do!
Amy Antill



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ACCEPTABLE



NOT ACCEPTABLE



UPPER GARMENTS

All garments must cover shoulder to shoulder. No rips/tears or skintight items.

All garments must be long enough to clearly overlap the beltline or stay tucked.

NO halter tops, tanks tops, spaghetti straps or muscle shirts.

ACCEPTABLE



NOT ACCEPTABLE



Straps must be 2 inches wide

LOWER GARMENTS

Undergarments and the buttocks **MUST** remain entirely covered even while seated.

Dresses, skirts and shorts must be at least mid-thigh or below in length.

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ACCEPTABLE



NOT ACCEPTABLE



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