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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

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your flexibility, understanding, and support during our temporary relocation to the Crystal River High School campus. Many of our classrooms are in use, however, a few are still undergoing restoration. While we are committed to ensuring minimal disruption, please be aware that some construction activities will occur during school hours. We are taking every precaution to ensure the safety of all students and staff. This includes clear signage, restricted access to certain areas, and close monitoring by our team. We appreciate your understanding and support as we enhance our school facilities. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

As we continue to embark on our academic year, we look forward to the continued success and growth of Crystal River Middle School. We encourage open communication between the school, parents, and the community to ensure that our students receive the best possible education and support. Should you require any assistance or support, please do not hesitate to reach out. We will keep you updated on school events, important dates, and academic initiatives.

GO BEARCATS!

Sincerely,

Brian Lancaster, Principal

Shannon Rossi, Assistant Principal

Joe Paprzycki, Assistant Principal

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# STUDENT SERVICES

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.

# PARENT UNIVERSITY

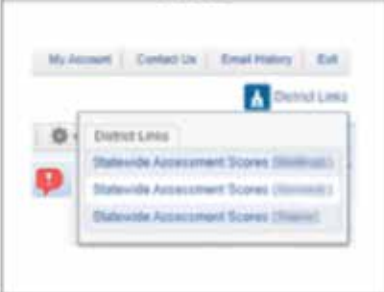

## Testing Information

FAST PM1 assessments are complete and PM2 will start in December and January. If you would like to access your students' scores from PM1 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

<p>Log in to Skyward Family Access or Skyward Student. From the home screen, click on <b>District Links</b> in the upper right corner and then <b>Statewide Assessment Scores</b>.</p>	<p>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 on their portal.</p>
	

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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.




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# PTO

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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# CITRUS COUNTY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2024-2025

\*\*\*Due to Hurricane Milton, school will now be in session on the following days:

- Monday, Oct. 21
- Monday, Nov. 11
- Friday, Dec. 20

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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,

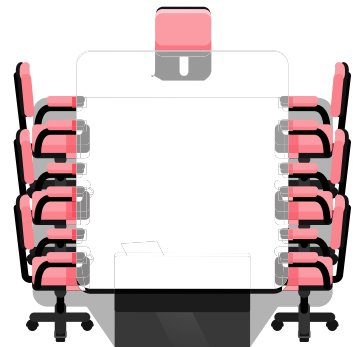
Lanna Wentworth and Christine Stewart

### Support

If your family was affected by the storm and needs assistance or resources, please contact our school social worker, Dawn Balmert, ext. 5236.

## SAEC MEETING DATES

- November 14, 2024
- February 13, 2025
- April 10, 2025



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*(All event dates and times are subject to change)*

## Girls Basketball

Practice begins October 16th

Date	Home Opponent	Away Opponent	Time
Nov 6	Middleton		3:00
Nov 9		Buffalo Ridge	4:00
Nov 13	SS		3:00
Nov 16		WW	4:15
Nov 28	LMS		3:00
Nov 30	IMS		3:00
Dec 4		CSMS	3:00
Dec 5		LMS	3:00
Dec 7	CSMS		3:00
Dec 11		IMS	3:00
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Dec 12		LMS	3:00
Dec 14		County Championships at LMS	10:00



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<p><b>HEAD</b></p> <p>No caps, visors, hoods, bandanas or other head gear, except with administrative permission.</p>	<p><b>ACCEPTABLE</b></p> 	<p><b>NOT ACCEPTABLE</b></p> 
<p><b>UPPER GARMENTS</b></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 bellline or stay tucked.</p> <p><b>NO</b> halter tops, tanks tops, spaghetti straps or muscle shirts.</p>	<p><b>ACCEPTABLE</b></p> 	<p><b>NOT ACCEPTABLE</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin-bottom: 5px;">Straps must be 2 inches wide</div> 
<p><b>LOWER GARMENTS</b></p> <p>Undergarments and the buttocks <b>MUST</b> remain entirely covered even while seated.</p> <p>Dresses, skirts and shorts must be at least mid-thigh or below in length.</p> <p><b>No rips, holes or tears in clothing above the mid thigh on boys or girls</b></p>	<p><b>ACCEPTABLE</b></p> 	<p><b>NOT ACCEPTABLE</b></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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### Out-of-Field Teachers:

Teacher Name	CURRENT ACTIVE CERTIFICATION AREA	PENDING CERTIFICATION SUBJECT AREA FROM FDOE	OUT OF FIELD ASSIGNMENT (COURSE TEACHING)
Sydney Ervin	Long Term Substitute	Middle Grades Mathematics	Math
Isabel Walter	Health	Science 6-12	Science
Lisa Kell	Science 6-12	ESE	ESE Inclusion
Anne Comeau	Middle Grades Math	ESE	ESE Inclusion
Lori Mobley	Educational Leadership	ESE	ESE Inclusion

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