

# Crystal Lake South High School

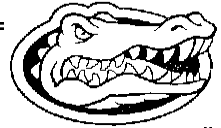
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Dear Friends and Families,

After this brutal winter, we are anxiously awaiting some warmer weather, especially for our athletes who are ready to use the fields, courts and track rather than the gym! While the entire school year is quite busy, the fourth quarter seems to offer much in the way of celebration and recognition. Prom, Honors Night, and Graduation highlight our students at their best. Also, the spring play, concerts, Mr. CLS, Battle of the Bands and many other activities feature our talented students.

In addition, April 22 and 23 are very important dates for our junior students. On those two days, all juniors are required to take the PSAE test, which is a combination of the ACT and the Work Keys assessment. While these tests play an important role in your son's or daughter's post high school plans, their performance also assesses our school as part of the No Child Left Behind legislation. Please remind your students of the importance of these exams and the benefits of doing their best. Juniors are released after testing on both of these days.

Finally, each year, I would like to clarify the parking sticker process. With nearly 1000 juniors and seniors and 400 available spots, the task of allocating stickers is challenging. Therefore, please read the enclosed information carefully. As a reminder, seniors who turn in applications on time will obtain a sticker. Juniors who turn in applications on time will be pooled in a lottery after senior stickers are determined. Because we get many more applications than can be accommodated, **students turning in parking applications late will not get a sticker for the 2009-10 school year.** To be fair, we also cannot consider special circumstances or requests due to family issues, after school activities or work commitments. There are simply too many requests to honor these issues. However, last year we were fortunate to partner with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church to offer more parking. We are hopeful that we can continue this arrangement for next year. More details will be provided in the summer newsletter.

With so much talk about the economy and all the related issues, it is easy to develop a negative outlook. However, each day at Crystal Lake South, the students restore my optimism. If we are putting our faith and future in their hands, we should feel confidence and hope. Their energy, creativity and enthusiasm are amazing. In times like these, I hope we celebrate the education our children are receiving, their caring teachers, the many opportunities our students receive and our supportive community.

Sincerely,

Marsha L. Potthoff

*"When you look at life through the eyes of gratitude, the world becomes a wonderful place. The more you feel grateful about, the more you find to be grateful about. Gratitude is a wonderful antidote to depression. It lifts you out of your small self and gives you an expanded view."*

## *Guidance Department News*

### **Scholarships**

Information regarding many scholarships is available and posted on the scholarship board in the pit area. We encourage seniors to watch the board closely as scholarships are available for various schools, majors, interests, abilities, and talents. Scholarship information is also available on the CLS Guidance Web page. For more scholarship information, be sure to check with the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend. If a copy of a transcript is required, allow 48 hours to prepare it. Any questions regarding scholarships or financial aid may be directed to Mike Collins, (815) 455-3860 (ext. 223).

### **Schedules for 2009 - 2010**

Schedules are in the process of being finalized for next year. Students will be given their course selections before the end of the school year. Counselors have spent time balancing and moving classes. Please remember that schedules will be changed for only the following reasons:

1. Change in level
2. Failure of a prerequisite course
3. Counselor error

Schedule changes to have a particular lunch period, a particular teacher, or a particular class period are not allowed.

### **Attention Parents of 2004 Graduates**

If you had a student who was a member of the Class of 2004, your student's cumulative file will be available for pick up in the Guidance Office, June 9 – July 1, 2009. If you will be picking up your student's folder, you must have a signed release from your student to do so. By law, we cannot release these folders to anyone other than the student without a release.

### **Career Center**

Family Connection by Naviance is a secure web based career, college research tool. It provides the student with up-to-date career trends and provides personality interest surveys to match themselves to a possible career which in turn will lead them on an educational path. Family Connection also supports communication between the Guidance Department, Career Center, and students more efficiently. The program offers many different options for all grade levels. For example, the freshmen in their seminar class have started the life long process of documenting their accomplishments and keeping their resume current. The College Career Center has all activation codes to set up their private account. Family Connections can be accessed from school or home all year long.

## *Prairie State Achievement Exams*

When President Bush implemented the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), it impacted each school in the United States. Essentially, the act mandates that all schools raise student achievement, and that each state develop a test to measure achievement. Additionally, each year, high schools must perform at a higher level than the previous year, so that by 2013, 100% of students in high school pass the standards. In Illinois, all juniors must take the Prairie State Achievement Exam as part of NCLB. On April 22 and 23, all juniors will take the ACT and the WorkKeys tests.

To help students prepare, counselors met with all juniors to explain these tests and their importance to both the students and to the school. The CLS staff is also taking time to provide students with information and practice. Each junior received a prep manual that you may want to review and encourage your child to do as well.

Students will receive individual scores on each test. These scores are averaged for the school score. While our students have scored very well on these tests and exceeded the state average in the past, each year the requirements increase. Schools that do not meet these standards face significant consequences.

Please discuss this information and encourage your junior to make a sincere effort on these exams.

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all juniors  
will take the  
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## *ACT vs. WorkKeys: What's the Difference?*

Most people are familiar with the ACT as a college entrance exam. When the juniors take the ACT on April 22, they are taking an important step in the college selection process. Because college entrance has become more competitive, the ACT score is crucial.

The WorkKeys is the second test of the Prairie State Achievement Exam, and juniors will take this exam on April 23. WorkKeys is a technical math, English, and science test. Many companies now require applicants to pass this test for employment, and some students may be required to provide evidence of passing WorkKeys to gain employment. Individual student scores on the WorkKeys are recorded on the official transcript for this reason.

Thus, both tests are important and now a necessity for post-secondary plans. We appreciate your assistance in sharing this message with your junior.

### **2nd Semester Exam Schedule 2009**

Second semester exams will be held over three days according to the following schedule:

#### **Tuesday - June 2**

Period 7     9:25 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.  
 Period 8     10:45 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.  
 Period 9     12:05 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

#### **Wednesday - June 3**

Period 1     9:25 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.  
 Period 2     10:45 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.  
 Period 5     12:05 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

#### **Thursday - June 4**

Period 3     9:25 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.  
 Period 4     10:45 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.  
 Period 6     12:05 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Each day will have a built in make-up period from 1:25 to 2:35 p.m. or before the first hour exam for students who walk or can provide their own transportation. After exams, buses will depart no later than 1:25 p.m.

The main cafeteria line will be open each day until noon. Some students may be scheduled for three exams on one day without a break for lunch. If this is a problem for your child, it may be possible to reschedule an exam. Exams will be rescheduled only if extraordinary circumstances exist. Exams will not be rescheduled to accommodate vacations or to allow students to finish early.

#### **Final Exams cannot be taken prior to Tuesday, June 2**

Physical education, music classes, and study halls will not meet during exam days. Preferably, a student will be at school only during his/hers exams, or take advantage of the following options:

- 1) Use the study hall, resource centers or library as quiet study areas.
- 2) Use the commons as a cooperative study area.

## *Purchasing Parking Stickers for 2009 - 2010*

*No parking applications will be accepted after the deadline. There will be no exceptions for late applications and/or payments.*

1. Applications may be picked up in the main office starting **Monday, March 30** for next year's seniors who are interested in obtaining a parking ticket for 2009-2010 school year. Completed applications for seniors must be turned in to the main office no later than **4:00 p.m., Friday, April 24** with a \$75.00 check made payable to Crystal Lake South High School.
2. Next year's juniors may pick up their application starting **Monday, April 27** if there are still available spots. Juniors will need to turn in their completed application by **Friday, May 22** and do not pay at this time.
3. If there are junior spots available, a list of eligible juniors will be posted during finals, listing those juniors whose names were chosen from the lottery and, therefore, eligible to purchase a parking sticker.
4. Juniors must turn in their \$75.00 when they register in the fall.

### *Prom 2009*

The Junior Class Officers are hard at work planning Prom 2009, "Welcome to the Good Life". Prom will be held on Friday, May 1 at the Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center in Schaumburg. **Students need to be at CLS by 5:00 p.m. in order to load buses and leave at 5:30 p.m.** Because parking is very crowded prior to loading buses, students should allow extra time to find a parking spot.

The Prom evening will begin with a delicious meal served in an elegant setting. Dancing will follow to the music of Dance Party DJ's. CLS favorite, Anthony, will MC the evening.

Students will be able to go online and choose their favorite music for dancing. A photographer will be there to capture all the memories from beginning to end. The information packets and photography order forms will be available in the main office on Monday, March 30. Read all of the information carefully and complete all needed forms to avoid problems when purchasing your tickets.

\*\* Tickets will be sold for \$62.50 per person/\$125 couple during lunch hours in the cafeteria to seniors only on April 6 & 7.

\*\* On April 8, 9 & 13 both juniors and seniors may purchase tickets.

Any questions on Prom, please call sponsors Ms. Leineberg (ext. 224) or Mrs. McCord (ext. 251) at (815) 455-3860.

### *Post-Prom 2009*

The Crystal Lake South Booster Club is excited to sponsor the annual Post-Prom event for juniors and seniors. South students will be cruising aboard the Anita Dee II yacht along Lake Michigan, located at the Chicago River Front. This special evening includes a two hour cruise, soda & juice bar, snack buffet and dancing to a live DJ. Boosters have raised money to subsidize this event and keep the final cost at \$45.00 per person.

Tickets are limited and are available at the same time as prom tickets.

### *Graduation - 2009*

It's already time to begin thinking about graduation. This year, graduation will be held on Saturday, May 30 at 12:30 p.m. The ceremony will take place on Ken Bruhn Field, weather permitting. If we must move inside, graduation will be held in the main gym and simulcast into the theatre. Please remember that graduation is a formal ceremony and graduates should dress appropriately. Graduation practice will take place on Thursday, May 28. At that time, students will receive their graduation tickets. A letter will be sent to graduates in April regarding important dates and details for graduation. (tickets, special seating, cap and gown, announcement pick-up, etc.)

## Student Council News

The Student Council sponsored the Heartland Blood Drive in December. South students and faculty donated 164 units of blood, our highest total ever. Student Council, again in affiliation with Heartland Blood Centers will be hosting a 2<sup>nd</sup> Blood Drive on Thursday, May 7. Any student who will be sixteen years old by May 7, weighs at least 110 lbs., along with not having donated blood within eight weeks of the drive date may be eligible to donate. Students who are interested in donating should sign up at the C9 classroom door, no later than Wednesday, April 8. Any questions regarding the Blood Drive should be directed to Mr. Altmann, waltmann@d155.org. Additionally, we are looking for a few adult volunteers to assist on this day with administration of the blood drive. If you can help on this day, please contact the Student Council Advisor, Mr. Altmann at the above e-mail address.

The CLS Student Council hosted the annual Turnabout Dance and "Winter Carnival" week. Dress up days and a pep assembly saw great school participation the week of February 16. The junior and senior classes elected a court, with each member of the respective courts being recognized at the pep assembly. The week culminated with the formal dance on Saturday night. Many Student Council members worked hard in the planning and execution of the entire week's events.

Senior Student Council members can pick up an application for a student council leadership scholarship from Mr. Altmann (Room C-39). The deadline for turning in a completed application is Friday, April 24. Recipients will be notified by May 8. Recognition and receipt of the scholarship check will occur at Honors Night on May 19 in the auditorium. Individual, one-time scholarships up to \$250 will be awarded.

Any current sophomores or juniors interested in running for a Student Council Officer position can pick up a petition to run for office from Mr. Altmann or from the main office. Advertising with fliers and posters can begin April 13, and the deadline for turning in a completed petition to Mr. Altmann is April 17. All posters and fliers must first be approved by Mr. Altmann and then by Mrs. Blum in the main office before they can be distributed or posted. The election for next year's four officer positions will be on Tuesday, April 21 in the pit during the last fifteen minutes of each lunch period. Every CLS student can vote once for each office position, with this year's seniors not participating in the election. Any students interested in running for Class Officer positions need to see the respective Class Sponsors for information regarding running and the timeline for elections. Sophomore Class Advisors are Mrs. Money and Mr. Marrano. Junior Class Advisors are Mrs. Leineberg and Mrs. McCord. Senior Class Advisors are Mrs. Brancato and Mr. Wiese.

### 2009 CLS Turnabout Courts

#### Senior Boys

Nate Byrne  
Jon Jorgensen  
Mike McKenna - King  
Alex Shimon  
Dan Vasko

#### Senior Girls

Sammie Allen  
Abby Ellison  
Jaclyn Teasdale  
Katie Trayser - Queen  
Lauren Winiacki

#### Junior Boys

JD Barchard  
Mike Benson  
Carey Bienert  
Zach Cannella - Prince  
Billy Flanagan

#### Junior Girls

Tori Maule  
Lauren Patinella  
Katie O'Connor  
Katie Ozarka  
Kelsey Taldone -  
Princess

## National Honor Society

Thanks to the 2008-2009  
Chapter Officers for their  
outstanding efforts throughout  
the school year.

President – Nicole Peckels  
Vice President –  
Chanel Cochran-Moore  
Secretary – Courtney Wolf  
Treasurer – Alexis Wells  
Service Chair – Jennifer Marin  
Web Chair – Daniel Janes

The Leonard G. Scheel Chapter of National Honor Society at Crystal Lake South cordially invites all members of the CLS community to attend the following event sponsored by the chapter.

**CLS Honors Night will be Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Theatre.**

All seniors who received academic honors during the 2008-2009 school year will be honored during this ceremony. If your child has received an academic award and needs to be recognized, please contact Mr. Adcock or Miss Ratliff. Your student may also submit a copy of his/her award to be presented for recognition during the evening. Any questions regarding Honors Night, please call Mr. Adcock (ext. 247) or Ms. Ratliff (ext. 241) at (815) 455-3860.

## Other CLS Highlights

### Drunk-Driving Simulation

The Student Council, in conjunction with Gator Gold, will be hosting a drunk-driving awareness and education simulation with guest speakers on **Tuesday, April 28**. The entire student body will be seated in the home-side bleachers viewing a simulation that depicts a drunk-driving induced car crash. First responders will then arrive to the main athletic field in response to a drunk-driving crash at Ken Bruhn Field. The simulation will include a mock arrest of the perpetrator, along with mock injuries and a mock fatality. After the simulation there will be two guest speakers, a drunk-driving perpetrator and a victim. These individuals will share their authentic experiences and a message about the perils of such activity. Please don't be alarmed if you see or hear many sirens and emergency vehicles arriving on the school property on this day. In case of inclement weather on April 28, the rain date for this event is scheduled for the next day.

### Mark Your Calendar

**Parenting Teenagers: Challenging?  
Fun? Confusing?**

**Saturday, May 16 8:30 – 12:30 p.m.  
at Crystal Lake South**

A Parent University will be offered to all District 155 parents, including incoming freshmen parents. The purpose of this workshop is to provide parents information and resources on a variety of issues related to adolescence. Parents will choose sessions to attend based on their interests. Watch for more details on our Web site, through e-mail updates and mailing.

### CLS Poms

From "Wild" to "Hard Working", CLS's JV and Varsity Poms completed another awesome season. The Varsity squad ended its 2008-09 competition season capturing the state championship in Division AA Kick at the Peoria Civic Center. They also took second place in the AA Pom category. We will miss the talent and dedication of our seniors Samantha Allen (co-captain), Abby Ellison (captain), Rachel LaVoie, (captain), Rachael Partyka, Brooke Piller, Stephanie Punda, Gabby Rubin, Lauren Winecki, and Courtney Wolf.

Try-Outs for next season:

*April 20 - 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

Information Meeting

*April 21 & 22 - 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

Learn Routine

*April 23 - Try-outs*

Judges come at 5:00 p.m.

*April 24 - 4:00 p.m.*

Announcement of the Team

### Parents of Juniors

Early this summer you will receive information from H&R Photography, our official school photographer, regarding Senior Portrait packages, dates, and times. While you are NOT obligated to buy a package, we ask that you encourage your child to make an appointment to have their portrait taken for inclusion in the yearbook. If your child is not photographed by H&R, he or she will not be in their graduating yearbook or on the wallboard posted in our hallways. Look for information from H&R in the mail to arrive sometime in June.

### Sports Physicals for 2009-2010 School Year

Information about how to make an appointment will be mailed out to all upperclassmen that were in an activity this year. Cost of the physical will be \$25.00. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Gerlach (ext. 214) at (815) 455-3860.

### CLS Varsity Hockey

CLS Varsity Hockey team advanced to the final 8 in the Illinois High School State Playoffs. The Gators, ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the state, beat Lake Forest High School, and two time defending state champions Glenbrook North before racing off against 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked Loyola (Gold) High School in the quarter finals. The Gators lost 3-2 as a result of Loyola scoring with just over one minute left to play in the game. The Gators never trailed in this game until the final minute and senior Trevor Christenson made over 40 saves. The Gators finished the season 47-11-7 overall. Senior defenseman Erik Wolf was named Metro Central Defensive Player of the Year, and senior Nick Reuter was selected to the conference All Star team. Other members of the team include: seniors Drew Koopman, Dan Kremer, CJ O'Neil, Scott Pecora, and Eric Widing; juniors Eric Bartos, Michael Frickelton, Mark Greenberg, Max Hamrick and Chris Hollich; sophomores Will Davies, Kenny Hall, Brian Lichterman, Eric Purcell and Scottie Stalo.

## *Very Important Dates*

### Book Return

**Seniors** will be able to return their books on May 26, 27, and 28 to G4. In addition, they will need to take care of any fines or fees. Lockers must be cleaned out or incur a \$10.00 fee. This must be done by Friday, May 29 in order to receive a diploma on Saturday, May 30.

**Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors** will return their books on exam days in C7. Students will be responsible to return all their own books. Lockers must be cleaned out by Friday, June 5 or incur a \$10.00 fee.

### Summer School Information

Summer school for 2009 will be held at Prairie Ridge High School (815)479-0404. Registration begins Monday, April 13.

1<sup>st</sup> Semester will be June 10 through June 30

2<sup>nd</sup> Semester will be July 6 through July 24

Deadline for 1<sup>st</sup> semester registration is May 8  
Deadline for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester registration is June 19

\*PAYMENT is due with the registration form  
\$150.00 per semester – separate check for each semester

Special Education summer school will be held at Crystal Lake Central. Freshmen reading program will be held at Prairie Ridge High School. You may contact Mr. Boberg for more information, lboberg@d155.org

### Registration Dates for 2009-2010 School Year

Freshmen Registration – Thursday, August 13

Senior Registration – Friday, August 14

Junior Registration – Monday, August 17

Sophomore Registration – Tuesday, August 18

*Late registration will be on Monday, August 24 at 8:00 a.m. in the theatre. Numbers will be handed out beginning at 7:00 a.m. \*A late fee of \$10.00 will be charged*

First Day of School – Monday, August 24

Homecoming Game – Friday, October 2 vs. Jacobs

Homecoming Dance – Saturday, October 3

### Art Department Happenings – Show Dates

Annual Chicago Area 4x5 Art Exhibit  
Fremd High School  
Reception – Wednesday, May 6 6 – 8 p.m.

CLS Spring Equinox Art Show  
Thursday, May 14 6 – 9 p.m. Awards 7:00 p.m.  
This show has art work from all students who took an art class, fall '08 and spring '09.

### Upcoming Fine Arts Events at Crystal Lake South

April 18 @ CLS	Instrumental Solo & Ensemble	May 15 @ 6:30 p.m.	“Jazzin’ It Up”
April 21 @ PR	Percussion Showcase	May 21 @ 7:00 p.m.	Choir Concert
April 23-25	Spring Play ( <i>Inherit the Wind</i> )	May 22 @ 6:00 p.m.	Battle of the Bands
May 6	Concert & Symphonic Bands	May 25 @ 11:00 a.m.	Memorial Day Parade
May 7	Wind Ensemble Concert	May 30 @ 12:30 p.m.	2009 Graduation

### Driver's Education Information

1<sup>st</sup> Semester will be June 8 – July 3  
will be held at Crystal Lake South

2<sup>nd</sup> Semester will be July 6 – July 31  
will be held at Crystal Lake Central

## *CLS Booster News*

### **Crystal Lake South Boosters Annual Gator Open Golf Outing**

LOCATION: Pinecrest Golf and Country Club, Huntley. IL

DATE: Friday, June 12, 2009

CHECK-IN TIME: Noon

TEE TIME: Shotgun Start @ 1:00 p.m.

FORMAT: Scramble

COST: \$100.00 Includes 18 holes with cart and buffet dinner

PAIRINGS: You do not need a foursome to enter. We will pair you up with other golfers

CLS's annual golf outing is a great time for all and benefits the CLS Booster Club which supports the fine arts, clubs, sports, and activities at Crystal Lake South High School.

We are looking for Hole Sponsors and Prize Donations. Registration and sponsor information can be found on our Web site at [www.clsboosters.com](http://www.clsboosters.com)

### **Crystal Lake South Boosters and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton BINGO NIGHT**

DATE: May 16, 2009

TIME: Doors open 6:00 p.m. Bingo Starts 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Crystal Lake

COST: \$25.00 for 5 cards, 9 Faces/Card

Please visit our Web site at [www.clsboosters.com](http://www.clsboosters.com) for more information

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