

# Cary-Grove Summer Newsletter

Summer 2017



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## Principal's Welcome

Families of Cary-Grove,

I am extremely excited to join the Cary-Grove family and serve as the new principal! I am especially grateful for the opportunity to work with a dedicated staff, supportive community, and incredibly talented students. Together, we will carry on the legacy that CGHS has established of providing a quality high school experience and a supportive environment where all students are challenged to learn and grow.



Neil Lesinski  
Principal

To share a little about me: I am originally from Grayslake, IL. In my educational career, I have led a few different divisions, including English and Career Tech Ed. Most recently I have been serving District 155 as the Director of Curriculum and Assessment. I completed my undergrad at Western Illinois University and played tennis there for four years (Go Leathernecks!). My masters degree in school administration is from Concordia University, and I am currently pursuing a doctorate in educational leadership through Aurora University. My wife, Sara, and I have two children, Leo (22 months) and Ella who was born on May 30. Sara is a high school English teacher, so we share a passion for education. We both feel very fortunate to be able to raise our family in the traditions and Trojan spirit of Cary-Grove High School and its community.

As the 2017-2018 school year approaches, I am looking forward to seeing the hallways filled with the energy and enthusiasm of students and teachers. I especially want to welcome our incoming Freshman Class of 2021 as they join me in becoming the newest Trojans. Together, we will all make the 17-18 school year an incredible experience for everyone.

Accompanying this letter is information regarding various events and deadlines in preparation for the upcoming school year. If you have questions regarding the materials, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Neil Lesinski  
Go Trojans!



# School Information

## **Student IDs & Yearbook Pictures**

Every student's ID picture will be taken at distribution day.

Please come prepared to be photographed. This photo will be used in the yearbook (for freshmen, sophomores, juniors) and on all student IDs. Any student unable to have his/her yearbook photo taken on distribution day will have an opportunity during retakes in October. Students who were unable to get an ID picture taken may get their ID picture taken in the Media Center once school starts. Students are required to carry their ID at all times while at school. It serves as their library card, bus pass, work-release, lunch release, and activity ticket, and is required for textbook sign-out and admittance to computer labs, the Media Center, and commons. The replacement cost for a lost or altered card is \$5.

## **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. The second round of photo sessions is July 24 - 25. There will be a final make-up session Tuesday, October 17, and Wednesday, October 18. 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 1-800-433-1766 immediately during business hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

## **Locks for Hall Lockers**

Incoming freshmen and transfer students will receive a lock which they will retain for four years. Returning students may use last year's lock or purchase a replacement for \$6. Only locks purchased from CGHS are permitted. Any other lock will be cut off. Please be aware that all students, including seniors, will have their lockers assigned. Each year we ask students to keep their locker combinations confidential and to keep their lockers locked in order to minimize theft of personal property.

## **Transportation**

Buses will not run on distribution days and Freshman Orientation. Buses begin running on August 16, 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.

## **YEARBOOK INFORMATION!**

The **ONLY** way to purchase a yearbook is online at [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com), or visit this direct [link](#) for Cary-Grove High School. The cost of the yearbook is \$45.

## Freshman and Transfer Student Orientation

**The Cary-Grove staff and students Invite the Class of 2021 to Link Crew Freshman Orientation  
10 a.m.–1:15 p.m. Tuesday, August 15, Lower 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. Wear comfortable clothes and don't bring school supplies. Travel light! Due to the nature of this program, make-up opportunities are not available. If you have any questions, please email your Link Crew Coordinators, Mr. Magnini ([mmagnini@d155.org](mailto:mmagnini@d155.org)) or Mrs. Wilhelmi ([mwilhelmi@d155.org](mailto:mwilhelmi@d155.org)).

# School Information

## **Chromebook Distribution**

District 155 will be implementing a one-to-one computing program in the fall. Chromebooks will be distributed to all students this summer. It is important that you come to Cary-Grove only during your scheduled date and time if at all possible to pick up your Chromebook.

Visit the [district's webpage](#) to find more information about the district's one-to-one program.

<b>Date</b>	July 19	July 20	July 21	July 24	July 25
<b>Grade</b>	Seniors	Seniors	Juniors	Juniors	Sr. & Jr.
<b>Time</b>	1 - 7 PM	9 - 3:30 PM	8 - 11 AM	1 - 7 PM	9 - 3:30 PM

<b>Date</b>	July 26	July 27	July 28	July 31	Aug. 1
<b>Grade</b>	Soph.	Soph.	Freshmen	Freshmen	Soph. & Fr.
<b>Time</b>	1 - 7 PM	9 - 3:30 PM	8 - 11 AM	1 - 7 PM	9 - 3:30 PM

### **Make Up Schedule:**

<b>Date:</b>	Aug. 2	Aug. 3	Aug. 4	Aug. 7
<b>Grade:</b>	All	All	All	All
<b>Time:</b>	8 - 11AM	12 - 4PM	8 - 11AM	12 - 4PM

# 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 Caseloads**

Student caseloads are determined by student last names as follows:

A - Da	Meghan Kratzke	ext. 4117
Db - Hs	Dori Chianakas	ext. 4113
Ht-Mc	Matt Berg	ext. 4125
Md - Sc	Katy Kline	ext. 4127
Sd - Z	Patrick Hurley	ext. 4126
Student Services Coordinator		Dr. Hank Harvey

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 Services on the Web**

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 <http://ww3.d155.org/cg/StudentServices/>.

## **Counselor Summer Hours: July 31**

School counselors will be available for appointments beginning August 8. The only schedule changes allowed will be for errors (i.e. schedule has Spanish IV, but should have Spanish III).

## **Academic Assistance**

Should your student struggle academically, we strongly suggest that you contact their teacher as a starting point. Our teachers are happy to meet individually with students to provide additional assistance before school, perhaps during your student's study hall or lunch, or even after school. If you notice that your student is struggling in multiple classes, please telephone your student's counselor. They are able to set up a meeting with you, your student, and all necessary teachers. Through this process, your student may be considered for other interventions. These might include smaller guided study halls, assistance in our literacy and math centers, or help through our homework club which meets after school in our Media Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 p.m.-4 p.m. (bus transportation provided).

# School Procedures

## **ID Cards**

IDs are distributed on distribution day. **Students are required to carry their ID cards at all times while at school.** The ID is required for attendance purposes in various classes. Depending on the student's schedule, grade, and optional purchases, it may serve as the activity ticket, lunch release, lunch ticket, work release, and bus route identification. If your student's ID is damaged or lost, a \$5.00 fee will be assessed for replacement. ID pictures will be taken on distribution day; make sure you have your ID before you leave distribution day.

## **Student Handbook**

The student handbook includes all school rules and regulations on academics, student conduct, 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.

## **Student Attire & Dress**

To enhance the educational atmosphere of our school, students must remove all outerwear (coats and jackets) and headgear such as hats, sunglasses, and bandannas upon entering the building. These items are to be left in the student's locker during the school day. Other clothing deemed inappropriate at school includes loose-fitting pants that the student does not keep pulled up; t-shirts carrying an inappropriate message or advertising of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs; or tops/shorts/skirts/pants that are too revealing. All tops/dresses must have straps. If a student is referred to the Dean's Office for inappropriate clothing, he or she may be asked to "cover up."

## **School Visitors (Including Parents)**

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 Cary-Grove, and it will be returned to you upon check-out.

## **School Lunches**

### **Lunch Purchases**

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.

### **Lunch Release**

Seniors and juniors may be granted lunch release privileges with their parent's/guardian's permission. Lunch release forms can be picked up in the main office during distribution day and returned on the first day of school.

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

## **Driver's 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 \$100.00 fee 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.

## **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 \$100.00. Permits are limited. You may not use Visa or MasterCard to purchase parking permits. Emergency, one-day parking privileges are available for \$5.00 per day. Please see the deans' secretary for details.

## **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.

## **More Policies & Procedures**

More information about policies and procedures is available in the student handbook and the board of education policies. Both are available through links at [www.d155.org](http://www.d155.org).

# School Procedures

## Cell Phone Use

Cary-Grove students are allowed to use their cell phones ONLY during passing periods and their lunch period. All other times the phone must be OFF AND PUT AWAY. If a student's phone rings or they are using it during non-designated times, it will be taken by the teacher and given to the dean. On the first offense, the student may pick up their phone after school and will receive a two-hour detention. The second offense will be a two-hour detention and a parent will have to pick up the phone. For three or more offenses, additional discipline may be given.

## Cum Laude Graduate Program

This program is designed to honor our students who continually challenge themselves in academics, school participation, volunteerism, and citizenship. Students who meet or exceed the criteria will be honored at their graduation with a medal and notation on their diploma. Access criteria for the program by clicking the "[Cum Laude Graduate Program](http://www3.d155.org/cg/Pages/CumLaudeProgram.aspx)" link in the website's For Students quick link: <http://www3.d155.org/cg/Pages/CumLaudeProgram.aspx>.

## Class Schedules

### Daily Class Schedule

Period	Time
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
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
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.

## 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.
- Failure to call the school within 24 hours of a student absence results in an unexcused absence or truancy.
- A student is only allowed SIX 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 six days of absence.)** Please see student handbook or the website for further information.

## NEW THIS YEAR: Attendance Notifications

Cary-Grove 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.

**24-Hour Attendance Hotline: 847-474-6100**

# 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 website. To visit the nurse's page, click on the "For Parents" quick link and choose the "[Health Info \(Nurse's Site\)](#)" link.

## Freshmen Physicals

All freshmen are required by law to have a physical examination, completed on a Department of Human Services [State of Illinois Certificate of Child Health Examination form](#). Freshmen must present this current physical examination on freshmen distribution day. The physical examination needs to be dated within the 12 months prior to freshmen distribution day.

Your physician will need to sign this form in two places;

1. The immunization portion; and
2. The physical examination portion.

A Parent/Guardian needs to complete, sign, and date the "Health History" section on the back of the physical form prior to the appointment with a health care provider.

If your student is interested in participating in athletics, an additional copy of the Certificate of Child Health Examination must be submitted to the Athletic Department.

**On freshmen Distribution Day you will need to present the Certificate of Child Health Examination physical form with immunizations to the School Nurse. This will be your ticket into freshmen distribution day. Physicals will not be collected at the school prior to that date.**

## Medication Form

If your student requires medication at school, the medication authorization form must be on file in the nurse's office. You may download this form using the steps listed above. This form is required for **both prescription and over-the-counter medications** including Tylenol, aspirin, Midol, antacids, etc. as well as asthma inhalers and Epi-pens. Students may carry inhalers and Epi-pens with them during the school day.

## Class of 2018 Meningitis Vaccination Requirements

The Illinois Department of Public Health requires that students entering 12th grade must be immunized for meningococcal disease. Documentation must be provided to the school nurse by August 4 to be able to attend Distribution Day on August 8.

## Asthma Action Plan

The State of Illinois passed a bill that now requires students with asthma to provide the school nurse with an "Asthma Action Plan." The "Asthma Action Plan" should be a written plan developed with a student's medical provider to help control their asthma.

Parents or guardians must provide the school nurse with written authorization for self-administration and self-carry of asthma medication. Permission needs to be renewed each school year.

The "Asthma Action Plan" must be kept on file in the school nurse's office. For more information visit the school nurse's webpage.

# Athletics

## **Athletic Staff, Practices, & Other Information**

Information about athletic teams, forms, tryouts, and practices is available on the athletic website at <http://il.8to18.com/CaryGrove>. You will also find game cancellation notices, schedule updates, driving directions, scores, rosters, news, and other announcements.

## **Athletic Department**

Athletic Director: Jim Altendorf  
Assistant Athletic Director: Tim Garis  
Athletic Secretary: Donna Ganshaw  
Athletic Trainer: Paul Gerhardt

## **Football Games**

Football season will soon be here, and we remind you that junior high (or younger) children need to be chaperoned by an adult during our football games. Please help us create a safe environment both on and off the football field, especially during the varsity games. In the past, we have been concerned for the safety of many young people who are running around and not seated with a parent or adult supervisor during the game. It is most difficult for us to supervise large numbers of children who are unaccompanied by an adult. We encourage you to attend our football games and to cheer on the Trojans with your children seated next to you. Thank you for your help.

## **2017 Home Game Dates**

September 1  
vs. McHenry High School  
September 15  
vs. Jacobs High School  
September 30  
vs. Dundee-Crown High School (Homecoming)  
October 6  
vs. CL South High School Senior Night

## **C-G Boosters Reserved Seating Program**

Cary-Grove Booster Club/Football Association is again making reserved seats available for all 2017 home football games. Seats are limited to the middle section of the home bleachers. If demand exceeds the number of allocated seats, then we will guarantee seat requests to those who pay in-full with a completed form on a first come, first serve basis. Each seat package is \$60.00 and includes admission to all 4 regular season home games (a separate admission will be charged for any home playoff games; however, your reserved seat will be honored), with an assigned row and seat number. Seat assignment requests will be honored to the best of our ability in order of sponsors, varsity, sophomore, and freshman families. Forms with checks (payable to Cary-Grove Boosters) will be accepted through August 14. Seat assignments can be picked up at the Navy and White scrimmage on August 18 or at the first two home games. We look forward to another exciting season of Trojan football, so be part of the excitement and reserve your seats now. Download the reservation form at [http://www.cgtrajanfootball.com/Reserved\\_Seating.html](http://www.cgtrajanfootball.com/Reserved_Seating.html).

## **Athletic Fees**

Student athletic participation fees for 2017-2018 are \$50 per sport, with a student maximum of \$100 per student, and a family maximum of \$200 per household.

Athletic fees will be due after rosters have been finalized. The athletic fee will be posted in [Skyward Family Access](#). 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 \$50 athletic participation fee 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 will be 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

# Extracurricular Activities

## Activities Aboard: What Will You Join?

For freshmen, new students, and those looking to explore new options, many questions revolve around extracurricular activities. Most students find that being involved in activities makes school more fun, helps them do better academically, and looks great on a resume when applying for jobs, college, awards, and scholarships! Encourage your student to check out the website for a description of each activity as well as check the announcements. Most organizations post “beginning of the year” meeting information on hallway walls in visible locations. Below is a list of activities, sponsors, and where to find them. Students should contact the sponsor via email with questions or seek them out once school starts. Email addresses are available in the “[Staff Directory](#)” at [www.d155.org/cg](http://www.d155.org/cg).

Activities Director	Mr. Cook (Faculty Office/Business)
Auditorium Coordinator	Mr. West (Industrial Tech/Autos)
Freshman Class Sponsor	Mrs. Sukow (Faculty Office/English)
Sophomore Class Sponsor	Mrs. Veldhoff (Faculty Office/English)
Junior Class Sponsors	Mrs. Cole (Special Ed Office) & Mrs. Jacobson (FACS Office)
Senior Class Sponsors	Mrs. Matthias (Faculty Office/World Language) & Mrs. Garis (Social Science Office)
Band/Jazz Band	Mr. Magnini or Mr. Whalen (Band Office)
Better Buddies	Mrs. Jauch & Mrs. Schnake (Special Education Office)
Book Club	Mr. Mack (Faculty Office/English)
Chess Team	Dr. Chianakas (Student Services)
Color Guard	Mrs. Taylor
Comedy Club	Mr. Neff (Faculty Office/English)
CVC Club	Mr. Anderson (Faculty Office/English)
Fall & Spring Plays	Mrs. Whalen (Special Ed Office)
FCA	Mrs. Lamb (Faculty Office/Math)
Fishing Club	Mr. Huff (Faculty Office/Science)
Friends of Rachel	Mrs. McKnight (Faculty Office/FACS) & Mrs. Schnake (Special Ed Offices)
Girls Learn	Mrs. Wadlington (Faculty Office/English)
GSA	Mrs. Vetta (Health)
History Club	Mrs. Huff & Mrs. Stonebraker (Social Science)
Homework Club	Mrs. Peranich (Faculty Office/Math) & Mrs. Williams (Math Dept.)
Interact Leadership	Mr. Kelly (Dean)
Jazz Choir/Combo	Mr. Whalen (Band Office)
Latino Leadership Club	Mrs. Bachtta and Mrs. Matthias (Faculty Office/Spanish)
Link Crew Mentors	Mrs. Wilhelmi (Math/Lit Center) & Mr. Magnini (Band Office)
Math Team	Mr. Hawley (Faculty Office/Math) & Mrs. Thakur (Faculty Office/Science)
Musical	Mr. Boncosky (Music and Faculty Office/English)
National Honor Society	Mrs. Lamb (Faculty Office/Math) & Mrs. Thakur (Faculty Office/Science)
Poetry Club	Mrs. Montgomery (Faculty Office/English)
Robotics Club	Mr. Hawley (Faculty Office/Math)
Science Olympiad	Mr. Wagner (Faculty Office/Science)
Speech Team	Mrs. Sukow (Faculty Office/English)
Student Council	Mr. Mack (Faculty Office/English) & Mr. Kelly (Dean)
Scholastic Bowl	Mrs. Suhrhoff (Special Ed. Office) & Mrs. Lada (Student Services)
Swing Choir	Mr. Boncosky (Faculty Office/English and Music)
Trojan Times (Newspaper)	Mr. Hester (Faculty Office/English)
WL French Club	Mrs. Johnson (Faculty Office/World Language)
WL German Club	Mrs. Kieffaber (Faculty Office/World Language)
WL Spanish Club	Mrs. Withers & Mr. Meunch (Faculty Office/World Language)
WYSE	Mr. Norten (Faculty Office/Science)
Yearbook	Ms. Mangano (Art Dept.) & Mrs. Wilhelmi (Math/Lit Center)



## Athletic & Activity Passes

Cary-Grove students with an activity pass are admitted to all non-IHSA tournament athletic and non-fundraising musical events at Cary-Grove.

### 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 C-G activity ticket. Costs for IHSA tournament events may differ, and no passes can be accepted for such events.

### Family or Season Passes

Cary-Grove 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.

### 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. Nobbe 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.

# School Calendar

Tues. - Thurs.	August 8-10	Distribution Days
Mon. & Tues.	August 14 - 15	Institute Days – No Classes
Wednesday	August 16	First Day of School – ALL STUDENTS
Monday	September 4	Labor Day – No School
Saturday	September 30	Homecoming Game/Dance
Monday	October 9	Columbus Day – No School
Wednesday	October 11	NMSQT/PSAT Testing/Parents' Night / Open House – Early Release
Wed. – Fri.	Nov. 22-24	Thanksgiving Holiday – No School
Thursday	December 21	Last Day of School in 2017 - End of First Semester
Friday	December 22	Institute Day - No Classes*
Mon. – Fri.	Dec. 25, 2017 - Jan. 5, 2018	Winter Break – No School
Monday	January 8, 2018	Classes Resume - First Day of Second Semester
Friday	January 12	Institute Day - No Classes
Monday	January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School
Monday	February 19	Presidents Day – No School
Friday	March 23	School Improvement Day - Early Release
Mon. – Fri.	March 26 - March 30	Spring Break – No School
Monday	April 2	Classes Resume
Friday	April 27	School Improvement Day - Early Release
Saturday	May 19	Graduation Ceremony, Class of 2018 - All Schools 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday	May 22	Last Day of Exams (if no Emergency Days are used)
Monday	May 28	Memorial Day – No School
Wednesday	May 30	Last Day of School (If all Emergency Days are used) <i>(In event emergency days used, Monday, May 28 is Memorial Day and no classes will be held on that day.)</i>

- Every Monday that school is in session will be a "Late-Start Monday," with classes beginning at 8:10 a.m. •
- In the event a snow day occurs on a first semester final examination day (December 19, 20, or 21) the exam make-up day will be Friday, December 22, 2017, and the Institute Day will move to Monday, January 8, 2018.
- A current calendar is maintained on the school website. The online version is updated after each emergency closing day. •

# Parents' Night

**Wednesday, October 11**

**7:00 p.m.**

Please begin the evening in your child's first period class. If your child has study hall or physical education for first period, begin in the cafeteria. All members of the faculty will be in classrooms from 7:00-9:07 p.m. to meet with you according to your child's daily schedule. Please ask your son/daughter to fill in his/her schedule for Wednesday, or you may print a copy of your child's schedule through Family Access. There will be no scheduled study halls; instead you are invited to visit the cafeteria for refreshments.

We continue to extend our heartiest welcome to all parents to contact or visit the school on other occasions, but we particularly encourage you to attend Parents' Night.

Please bring this completed form with you on October 11.

<b>Period</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
1	7:00-7:23	1st Period Classroom		
2	7:28-7:36			
3	7:41-7:49			
4	7:54-8:02			
5	8:07-8:15			
6	8:20-8:28			
7	8:33-8:41			
8	8:46-8:54			
9	8:59-9:07			

## Community High School District 155

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Crystal Lake Central: 815-459-2505/ fax 815-459-4169

Prairie Ridge: 815-479-0404/ fax 815-459-8993  
Crystal Lake South: 815-455-3860/ fax 815-477-6907

### AUTHORIZATION FOR ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

#### Parent Permission

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School (circle one):      Cary-Grove                      CL Central                      CL South                      Prairie Ridge

Medication: \_\_\_\_\_ Dose: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Your signature below verifies the school nurse may administer this medication. For asthma medication and Epi-pen only your son/daughter is able to carry and self-administer this medication. It is recommended that you provide an additional dose of the medication to be kept at school in the event that your student forgets or loses his/her medication.

Community High School District 155, along with its employees and agents, incur no liability (except for willful and wanton conduct) as a result of any injury arising from the pupil's self-administration of asthma medication or Epi-Pen use.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Physician's Orders:

Medication: \_\_\_\_\_ Dose: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Duration:      From (date): \_\_\_\_\_      To (date): \_\_\_\_\_

Condition requiring medication: \_\_\_\_\_

Possible side effects: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby request that the school nurse or authorized school personnel administer the above prescribed medication as it is medically necessary to do so during school hours. For asthma medication and Epi-pen only: student is able to carry and self-administer this medication.

Physician's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

#### Authorization for Administration of Medication Procedure

Whenever possible, the parent or guardian should make arrangements for medication to be administered at home, before or after school hours. In situations when a student's health could be compromised by not receiving medication during school hours, school district policy and procedures must be followed for administering all medications.

1. Medication is defined as prescription or non-prescription (over the counter) drugs.
2. Medication cannot be administered without **written** physician's order **and written** parent/guardian permission.
3. Prescription medication must be in a pharmacy or physician labeled container. Over the counter medication must be brought in with the original manufacturer's label, clearly marked with the student's name.
4. It is the parent/guardian's responsibilities to supply prescribed medication and assure that a responsible person brings it to school.
5. All medications to be taken during school hours will be kept in the nurse's office. It is the responsibility of the student to report to the nurse' office at the proper time to receive his/her medication.
6. **For metered dose inhalation medication and Epi-pens only:** students may carry their inhalers and Epi-pens and self-administer medication as prescribed. Inhalers and Epi-pens must be properly labeled and stored in a safe, accessible location.
7. **If a student is unable to self-administer inhaler or Epi-pen,** parent must notify the school nurse.
8. The parent/guardian must assume responsibility for informing the school (in writing) of any change in the student's health or change in medication.
9. The school district retains the discretion to reject requests for administration of medication if all required information is not received on the authorized form.
10. Medication authorization must be renewed each school year.

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Dear Families of District 155,

In an effort to make assessment more authentic and reflective of students' true progress towards mastery in a given course, committees of teachers and administrators have been collaborating to evaluate and revise the district's grading practices. After investigating various approaches to assessment, the district is ready to move forward with a new grading structure, and we wanted to take a moment to share this news with you and provide some information about the changes.

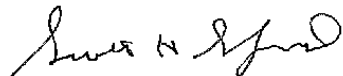
Previously, throughout the district, each semester grade was calculated based on the letter grade for each quarter and the final exam grade. These were weighted 40%, 40%, and 20% for each quarter and the final exam. Under the new structure, the two independent quarter grades have been eliminated. Instead, each course will track a student's progress over the length of the whole semester using three grade categories titled Formative, Summative, and Final Exam. These terms should be familiar to D155 families, as they have been used in classrooms for the past few years. As before, though the formative and summative assessments may be weighted differently in different classes, no course final exam will exceed 20% of the overall grade. It is also possible that a course not use a final exam; in this case, the semester long formative and summative assessments will determine a student's grade.

To help with communication, the district is adopting progress reports in place of midterm and quarter grades, which will be periodic checkpoints communicated to families through the Skyward portal. Although students' grades will be ongoing, these designated progress report periods will be points at which a student's grade is completely updated to reflect their progress in the course.

There are a number of benefits to the revised assessment system. First and foremost, it allows for the design of more meaningful assessments that are relevant to students and provide feedback that can more accurately inform instructional decisions and student goal-setting. Second, the new grading system makes room for more long-term skill building that can result in a variety of evaluative experiences, including presentations, debates, portfolios, etc. Third, under the old system, students' grades reset after the quarter, but, with the new system, there will be more opportunity for teachers to incorporate reassessments, editing, revision, and resubmission.

We are excited about the changes we have made to improve assessment, and we are looking forward to the positive impact it will have on the teaching and learning in our classrooms. Next school year, we plan on providing more information to students during the first few days of school and to families during Parents' Night/Open House. Until then, please have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,



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