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Winter, 2012

Dear Friends and Families of CLS,

As we approach the end of the first semester, it is a good time to reflect on our accomplishments so far. What a busy and successful fall we experienced! In the fine arts, the production of "Our Town" was quite impressive and delivered a powerful message. Likewise, we have had two students selected for all-state choir and band. Our very own Mr. Stoner will also be directing the Illinois Theater Festival play, which is quite an honor as he is the only director ever selected from McHenry County. In addition, our football, girls' tennis and girls' swimming were conference champs. We also had twenty-nine athletes selected for all-conference recognition. Our extra-curricular clubs have been quite busy as well. NHS raised over \$6000 for breast cancer through the Pink Out. Key Club sponsored a coat drive and Toys for Tots. Many other groups have provided wonderful opportunities for students to attend interesting field trips and to enjoy various activities. Although difficult to highlight all accomplishments, our walls are covered with advertisements for various events. Our students constantly amaze us with their energy and talent!

Academically, the staff continues to focus on curriculum development and assessment through our Monday course learning teams. They share ideas, research best strategies and set goals for improvement. We have seen a gradual improvement in our ACT scores and a gradual decrease in the number of failing grades. These are positive benchmarks of our work to support students. Currently, the staff is developing common assessments across like classes so that we assure all students learn the same outcomes and develop a core understanding of the subjects.

In addition, we are in the third year of our Service Learning Initiative. We have increased from forty projects last year to seventy-three that are currently being offered to our students. Many of these groups are already engaged in serving others or learning about how they can make a difference. Again, we are seeing service learning become an important part of our culture. Because the service learning experiences are included on each student's transcript, please be sure to encourage seniors to share their service learning on college applications, scholarship applications and admission essays.

Hopefully, you find your student being successful and enjoying Crystal Lake South. If not, please take advantage of our many support programs. If you are unsure where to begin seeking this help, contact your son or daughter's guidance counselor. Our goal is to assure each student feels connected to and a part of our school, both academically and socially.

As we begin second semester, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all you do in support of our school. If I can answer any questions or listen to a concern, please contact me.

Warm regards,

Marsha L. Potthoff
Principal

You are invited ...
District 155 4th Annual
Parent University
Saturday, February 25
8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
Crystal Lake Central High School

This is an opportunity for parents to attend three workshops on a variety of topics related to supporting their child through the high school years. The day kicks off with a keynote speaker and then parents choose three sessions presented by professionals from the community as well as District 155 staff that are of interest to them. A brochure describing each session will be mailed to all CLS parents the first week of February. There is no cost, hope to see you there!

Parents of Sophomores & Seniors Only—Illinois Youth Survey

One of your 10th or 12th grade child’s classes has been randomly chosen to participate in a statewide student survey. The survey is being offered to our school at no cost through the Illinois Department of Human Services. The purpose of the survey is to gather information needed to plan important prevention and intervention programs to reduce youth drug use and associated risk behaviors. The survey is entirely anonymous.

Students will not put their names or any other identifying information on the survey booklet. Our school will receive a report of overall results, but we and the sponsoring agencies will not know which students gave which responses. All results from the survey will be presented in a group summary format only, like many opinion polls.

The survey is voluntary, there is no penalty for not participating in the survey. Please complete the form below and return it to the school office by February 3, if you would like to exclude your child from participation. We’re hoping that most or all students will participate in order to give the most valid results.

A blank copy of the survey is available for your review at the school office. If you have any questions about the survey, please call Mr. Cole at 815.455.3860.

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Please exclude my child _____, from the anonymous Illinois Youth Survey.

Date _____

Parent’s Signature _____

(Please return to CLS Main Office by February 3)

Student Services Department News

FAFSA Completion Night

Crystal Lake South will be hosting a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) completion workshop on Thursday, February 16. The workshop will be held in our computer lab, Room C-10. Families will have the opportunity to receive assistance from experts on completing the form. We will be scheduling appointments from 6 to 9 p.m. Space is limited; please contact Mrs. Fitzgerald by February 9 at 815.455.3860 ext. 3279 to reserve your spot. Bilingual assistance is available upon request.

College and Career Center

The College and Career Center continues to bring in new sources of information. Guest speakers from colleges and universities are making their spring appointments. All college visits are posted on Naviance and the CLS Student Services web page.

8th Grade Night

CLS will be hosting 8th grade night for students entering South in the Fall of 2012 on Monday, February 6 and Thursday, February 9. The purpose of this evening is to have students register for their freshmen classes as well as exposing them to the many different extracurricular opportunities that are available. More details and information will be mailed home in January.

PLAN and PSAT Test Results

Last spring, the PLAN test was given to all freshmen and sophomores; in October, the PSAT was given to over 180 juniors. One of the main functions of these tests is to serve as practice for ACT and SAT tests given during second semester of junior year. The results of these tests are reviewed with students and a copy is given to take home. If you have any questions or wish to discuss these tests, please call your child's counselor.

Freshmen and Sophomore Enrollment

Over the last several weeks, all freshmen and sophomores have made their request for the 2012-2013 school year. Students have the ability to make changes to their requests by logging on to their Student Skyward Access. The ability to make changes will remain open through **February 10, 2012.**

Junior News

Counselors will meet with all juniors in small groups during second semester to review college/career resources and to explain the research and application process. Resources including current literature, web sites, the College and Career Center, college and military representatives, and ACT/SAT will be discussed.

All juniors will take the state required Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE) on **April 24** and **April 25**. The first day of testing is the ACT, the national college entrance exam. There is no charge for the ACT and registration is not necessary. More information will be forthcoming regarding the PSAE.

Juniors are encouraged to take an ACT test prior to the April 24 date. Test dates are February 11 and April 14. Students can register for these test dates at www.actstudent.org.

District 155 will offer ACT Prep classes to juniors this March. Zaps Learning Company will be conducting these classes. Each class will be five hours long and will cost about \$85. A letter listing exact times and places will be mailed in February.

Seniors News

Financial Aid

The free application for student aid (FAFSA) is available on-line and in the Student Services office. This is a form that seniors must file if they wish to be considered for financial aid. Any parent who has a student entering college next fall is encouraged to complete a FAFSA, as soon as W2 forms and tax information is available. The form can be filed electronically at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Scholarships

Information regarding many scholarships is available and posted on the scholarship board in the pit area. We encourage all seniors to watch the board closely as many scholarships are available for various schools, majors, interests, abilities, and talents. All scholarship information will also be posted on the Naviance web site. 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 needed, allow 48 hours to prepare it. Any questions regarding scholarships or financial aid may be directed to Mike Collins, 815.455.3860 ext. 3223.

Seniors planning to attend MCC next fall should complete applications now. Students should return the application to their counselor, and fill out a transcript request to be attached. MCC placement tests in math and English must be taken by all students before registering for courses. In April, students who have applied and tested may attend an orientation session at MCC to meet with a counselor.

Be sure to check our Web page for important dates, events, college rep visits, etc.

[http://ww2.d155.org/cls/Student Services2./](http://ww2.d155.org/cls/Student%20Services2/)

From the desk of the School Nurse**NEW IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT COMING FALL 2012 FOR ALL STUDENTS**

Just when you may have thought your student was all done with school required immunizations, the Illinois Department of Public Health has changed the Child Health Examination Code regarding the diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus requirement. Beginning with school year 2012-13, any students entering grades 6 through 12 who have not already received the Tdap immunization are required to receive 1 Tdap dose regardless of the interval since their last booster (DTaP, DT or Td). The Tdap immunization protects people ages 11-64 against pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus and diphtheria. Pertussis immunity received from the series of DTP "baby shots" is known to begin to wane around the age of 10.

Any district 155 student who does not have record of a current Tdap immunization on file will be notified shortly after the start of second semester. All students who receive this notification are encouraged to make an appointment with their family physician as soon as possible as proof of this immunization will be required by the end of this school year.

If you have any questions about this new requirement or need to verify your student's Tdap status, please don't hesitate to call me.

Colleen Wing BSN, R.N.
School Nurse
815-455-3860 ext. 3230

Homework Request Reminder

If your child will be absent for two or more days, you may request homework assignments from his/her teachers. To do so, please call the school before noon at 815.893.5271. You will be asked to leave your child's name, the dates for which the work is needed and your e-mail address. At noon each day, this request will be forwarded to all of your child's teachers. The teachers will either e-mail the assignments directly to you or bring them to the Student Service Office for pick-up after noon the following school day. We encourage you to take advantage of the e-mail option, allowing your child to receive his/her work in a timelier manner.

Student Council News

Student Council recently completed three service projects, and an additional fun project. In cooperation with Heartland Blood Centers, we hosted a blood drive in late October. A total of 172 units of blood were donated being the highest total for a CLS blood drive. We will be hosting another blood drive in April. Our second project was Trick or Treat for UNICEF. This project was led by Student Council President, Lexy Cascone and twenty five other council representatives. They collected \$334.00 in three weeks. The third service project was a joint project organized and run by Student Council representatives and Cards to Troops service learning group. They set up tables in the pit during lunch periods where students and faculty could write a note of appreciation on a holiday card to be sent to active U.S. service-men/women serving overseas during the holiday. We mailed 295 cards. Our fun service project was candy grams. Students had an opportunity to purchase a candy cane and have it delivered with a personal holiday note to another student. 400 candy grams were delivered before winter break.

Turnabout Dance

The Turnabout Dance is scheduled for Friday, March 9 from 7-10:00 p.m. The theme for the dance, as well as the accompanying dress-up days for the "Carnival Week" leading up to the dance, will be determined soon. There will be a pep assembly on Friday, March 9 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets for the dance will be on sale the week leading up to the dance. The price will be \$10 per person in advance, and \$15 per person at the door. The junior class will be sponsoring a coat check at the door. There is no cost to students for this service. Any CLS student who wants to bring a guest from a different school will need to see Mrs. Blum in the main office to complete a guest pass form. This guest pass form will also be available on the school's website for downloading. Song request information for the dance will be made available on the school's website two weeks before the dance.

Junior-Senior Prom News



Junior-Senior Prom should be a memorable and special event in the life of high school students. The following information is provided in order to help plan for the 2012 Prom. The Prom will be held at the Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center in Schaumburg on Friday, May 4. All students and guests who attend prom are required to ride District 155 busses to and from the site.

The Renaissance Ballroom is a very elegant venue and we ask all students to wear the proper attire. We usually see the ladies dressed in long beautiful gowns and the gentlemen in tuxedos. Ladies should be reminded that dresses with open backs, midriffs and plunging necklines can lead to wardrobe malfunctions or exposure of private areas. The administration reserves the right to ask students to cover these areas if necessary. We do realize that economic circumstances exist and so we really encourage the ladies to look into gently used gowns (often only worn once) and gentlemen can wear a regular suit or can sign up to be a representative for one of the tuxedo companies and receive a significant discount. Please watch for special events for these gently used dresses or look online for specials that are available for both dresses and tuxedo rentals.

Our Prom Theme will be announced at the Pep Rally in March.

Prom information/permission slips will be available online on the CLS web site beginning April 1. **Prom tickets will be going on sale in April.**

The Prom evening begins with a signature Gator beverage served in the foyer area and continues in the Ballroom with White Glove service of a delicious 3 course dinner served in an elegant setting. Dancing will follow to the music of Dance Party DJ's. Students will be able to go online to request their favorite music at www.dpdjs.com. A photographer and photo booths will be there to capture all the memories from beginning to end.

Any questions regarding Prom, please email Mrs. McCord (kmccord@d155.org) or Mrs. Dobler (mdobler@d155.org).

Music Department News

Congratulations to the Musicians representing CLS with the 2012 McHenry County Honors Band

The McHenry County Honors Band Concert was held at Crystal Lake South on Saturday, January 21. Colin Clarke from University of Toronto was the guest conductor.

Bari Sax:: Angela Rubeck
 Bass Clarinet: Scott Hornbostel
 Clarinet: Megan McKeon, Rebecca Strandberg
 Euphonium: Matthew McGregor, Michael O'Reilly
 Flute: An-Tien Chang
 Horn: Andrew Poticha
 Oboe: Irene Feng
 Trombone: Sarah Jenkins, Caroline Nielsen
 Trumpet: Rose Gerszewski, Evan Swanson
 Tuba: Ian Sugrue, Zachary Taylor



IMEA All-State Selections

Andrew Poticha, Horn
 All State Band

Randy Luken
 All State Chorus

These students will perform on Saturday,
 January 28 in Peoria at the IMEA Convention.

Upcoming CLS Concerts

- ♪ Jazz Ensemble Concert at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 8. Joining them will be the Lundahl Middle School Monday Night Jazz Band. They will attend the NIU, New Trier and Evanston Jazz Festival.
- ♪ CLS Wind Ensemble and Crystal Lake Community Band will perform together on Sunday, March 11 at 6 p.m. in the CLS Theatre.
- ♪ Concert & Symphonic Band will perform at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14.
- ♪ Wind Ensemble and Lundahl Middle School Gold Band will perform at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 15.
- ♪ Choir Concert will perform at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20.

CLS Athletics—Spring Sports

All athletics must have a current physical on file (within past year) and emergency card in order to tryout. Try-outs begin on Monday, February 27—Look for flyers around school or contact the coach.

Baseball—Coach Bodga
Boys' Tennis—Coach Nead
Girls' Soccer—Coach Santucci
Softball—Coach Busam
Boys' Track—Coach Eschman
Girls' Track—Coach Dunker

Baseball

There will be a baseball meeting for each level to discuss baseball tryouts. The meeting is on February 22 after school, and is for players only. Varsity and sophomores will meet with Coach Bodga and Coach Sherwood in G2 and freshmen will meet with Coach Fontana and Coach Wirth in G4. All students interested in trying out will need to be in attendance for this meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Bodga at bbogda@d155.org.

Girls' Track & Field

Anyone that is interested in joining Track & Field for the spring season, please contact Coach Dunker. Practices officially start on January 18.

Intramural

Intramural basketball will be offered to all current CLS students not involved in winter sports. Intramural activities are available to both boys and girls. There are two divisions; junior/senior division and frosh/sophomore division. Typically students form 5 to 10 player teams, however, we will work to form new teams with students who are interested in participating, but not yet on a team. The schedule will be available to download soon. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Svendsen or visit the intramural page on the CLS website.

Crystal Lake South High School Activities and Clubs 2011-2012

OPEN MEMBERSHIP

All students are welcome to participate in the following activities throughout the course of the school year. For more information e-mail the sponsor directly:

- Anime
- Bass Fishing
- Best Buddies
- Chess Club
- Chinese Club
- CLS Players (Drama Club)
- Debate
- French Club
- Game Club
- Gator Gold
- Gator Image
- German Club
- Intramurals
- Key Club
- Newspaper
- Ping Pong Club
- Science Olympiad
- South Side Story *
- Spanish Club
- Student Council
- Yearbook

ACADEMIC HONORARY & LEADERSHIP

The following activities either have a G.P.A. requirement or a nomination procedure:

- Class Officers
- French National Honor Society
- Gator Link
- Gator Pride
- National Honor Society
- Student Council Officers
- Thespians

MUSIC ACTIVITIES

The following activities are run through the music department:

- Symphonic Band *
- Concert Band *
- Wind Ensemble *
- Percussion Studies *
- Marching Band *
- Jazz Band
- Pep Band
- Men's Choir *
- Beginning Treble Choir *
- Advanced Treble Choir *
- A Cappella Choir*
- Madrigals
- Court Singers
- Musical Pit Band

FOX VALLEY CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

The following groups have a competitive component to their activity and compete in the IHSA and Fox Valley Conference:

- Scholastic Bowl
- Science Olympiad
- Speech Team
- WYSE

TRYOUTS, AUDITIONS, or NOMINATIONS

The following activities hold a tryout, audition, or require teacher nominations to select their members:

- Color Guard
- Fall Play
- JV Poms
- Musical
- Poms
- Spring Play

*Denotes a co-curricular activity that meets as a class during the school day and earns academic credit. For more information, students can check out the CLS Activities Web page: www.d155.org/cls or e-mail Matt Koll, Student Activities Director: mkoll@d155.org

The Drowsy Chaperone

A MUSICAL WITHIN A COMEDY.

2012 Spring Musical: *The Drowsy Chaperone*

Silent Auction Donations Accepted

The CLS Fine Arts Parents Group has a fundraiser each spring which coincides with the Spring Musical. Our Musical Silent Auction Fundraiser has been a tremendous success over the past years! You are invited to participate with an auction item donation or as a silent auction bidder during the weekends of the musical.

100% of the funds raised go directly to the CLS theatre program. If you have a service, item, gift card or anything else to donate for the silent auction, please contact: Wendy Norris at wendynorris10@ycos.com as soon as possible. If you need a donation letter for your contribution, please let us know.

When you attend *The Drowsy Chaperone*, please attend the silent auction which will be displayed in the cafeteria during the run of the show. Please support our future theatrical performances by placing your bid. Thanks in advance for your donation and support.

In person ticket sales opportunities:

Friday, February 3 4-5 p.m. CLS H.S. Choir Room

Friday, February 10 4-5 p.m. CLS H.S. Choir Room

Friday, February 17 4-5 p.m. CLS H.S. Choir Room

Cash or Check payments only for In-Person Ticket Sales.

On-line ticket sales

(Service fee will apply for on-line ticket sales. Credit Card Payment and Seat Selection is available on-line)

*Web Link: Go Directly to Crystal Lake South High School Home Page:

www.d155.org/cls

The cost of tickets is \$5/students and \$10/adults.

Performances will be:

February 24 and February 25 at 7 p.m.

March 2 at 7 p.m.

March 3 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.