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Dear Crestwood High School Students and Families,

**G-R-E-E-T-I-N-G-S !!!**

*PHEEWW!!* **WOW** what a summer! ...or was there a summer(?)... Busy times here at C-wood planning lots of great things for all of you! I'm very excited to announce our partnership with University Hospitals and Kent State University that brings opportunities for job shadowing, courses leading to various medical certifications and even internships/full time employment in the medical industry! Additionally, more work has been done to bring similar opportunities to our students who have a desire to investigate careers in the manufacturing industry and will yield experiential opportunities later this school year. We have developed more programs to reach some of our at-risk students as well as programs focusing on enhancing the educational opportunities of our traditionally stronger academic students. And our school culture is in great hands, as our newly-created PBIS team of students and staff members will embark on ways to bring even more positive, renewed change to our schoolhouse/high school family. Many of our students approached me at the end of last school year with a strong desire to explore different ways that they could bring positive change to CHS- an exciting prospect that I truly believe will yield an incredible outcome! Great things are happening at Crestwood and I'm glad you'll be a part of them! Students will learn more about all of these initiatives, and more, once our school year begins.

As you know, Crestwood High School has modified it's cell phone policy this year. We will be meeting with students on the first day of school to discuss why this is being done with a focus on the impact on mental health and well being. I invite all parents and guardians to join us at 6:00 PM on August 22 in the high school gymnasium (during the CHS Open House) for a 30 minute presentation by nationally recognized clinician Michael Mercier who will discuss various aspects of smartphone addiction/overuse, and how parents, school, and community can come together to support our kids. Please see the enclosed flyer advertising the event and encourage any/all community members to join us. Parents, grandparents, friends, and/or neighbors who either have or do not have children in our district (ALL GRADES) are welcome and encouraged to attend.

I'm so proud of what I've seen over the summer in terms of so many of our students pushing themselves to improve academically, physically, and socially. Our high school truly never sleeps! So many of you have been hard at work preparing for our upcoming seasons/school year. I've had an opportunity to visit several meetings, practices and performances and will continue to do so in coming weeks. Keep up the great work! Your dedication to self & team improvement makes us all strong!

It is my pleasure to welcome the following new 'Rock-Star' staff members to our CHS family!

<b><u>New Hire Name</u></b>	<b><u>Assignment</u></b>
Angelina Berilla	Assistant Principal
Casey Vastag	Guidance Counselor
Emily Carney	Intervention Specialist
Angela Adkins	Band Director
Nicole Nero	Choir/Band Director



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In past years, delayed start days were in place in order to provide time for professional development for CHS teachers as well as time for data analysis related to student achievement. This year we will continue to provide teachers the opportunity to engage in these best practices, but we will do this at the end of the school day in the form of a one hour early release at 1:42 PM. Students must earn the privilege to participate in this early release by remaining in good academic and behavioral standing in all of their classes. Those students who do not meet the criteria will remain at CHS and receive tutoring in the identified area(s) of need. Transportation will not be provided for students who choose to leave school for the early release on these days. Students who must ride the bus will do so on their regularly-scheduled pickup time. If a student is in good standing and desires to remain at CHS, they will report to the cafeteria to participate in monitored activities/study tables until the school day school ends. The following is a list of the Early Release dates for the entire year:

**Early Release Dates for the First Semester**

Wednesday, September 18, 2019  
Wednesday, October 2, 2019  
Wednesday, October 23, 2019  
Wednesday, November 6, 2019  
Wednesday, November 20, 2019  
Wednesday, January 8, 2020

**Early Release Dates for the Second Semester**

Wednesday, January 22, 2020  
Wednesday, February 5, 2020  
Wednesday, February 19, 2020  
Wednesday, March 18, 2020  
Wednesday, April 29, 2020

**In addition, please note the following important dates:**

**Sunday, August 18**

Community Pep Rally at the CHS stadium begins at 7:00 PM.

**Monday, August 19**

Parking passes are available for purchase from 8:00 AM - noon in the Attendance office. The application can be downloaded at [www.crestwoodschools.org\\_chs\\_parking\\_permit\\_application](http://www.crestwoodschools.org_chs_parking_permit_application). Be sure to have the application completed and bring all information identified on the application with you when you arrive to purchase your permit. This will expedite the process for you and all the others in line!

**Thursday, August 23**

Open house at Crestwood High School, 5:00-7:00 PM. Please join us for a cookout on the front patio, tour the building, attend the Smartphone Policy meeting and meet your teachers!

**Monday, August 26**

First day of school for all students. All CHS freshmen will participate in orientation activities on the first day of school. Freshmen should report at the normal start time of 7:40 AM. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors will be on a two-hour delay schedule, with classes beginning at 9:40 AM. Transportation will not be provided outside of the normal bussing schedule. Any sophomore, junior, or senior who must ride the bus will report to the cafeteria to participate in monitored activities until the beginning of their school day.

Thank you for all you are doing to prepare for the upcoming school year. Be sure to bring your positive attitude, willing/working spirit and ENERGY back to school with you! I look forward to seeing you at open house!

Go Red Devils!

Dave McMahon  
Crestwood High School Principal