

Crete Public Schools

August/September 2018

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School

starts on

Monday,

Aug. 13th!

Welcome to the 2018-19 School Year

pelcome back everyone! Although the summer went by quickly, I hope every person took some time to recharge their batteries. The 2018-19 school year is filled with high expectations, hard work, and a determined group of students, staff, teachers, administrators, board members and parents.

In September 2017, we began a journey of strategic planning which will be approved in the August 2018 Board meeting. Our new 5-year plan will provide guidance, vision, and a direct path forward for Crete Public Schools. The strategic plan brought together many people in our community to discuss issues facing CPS. We have a great school system and this strategic plan will be one part of our success story in the near future.

Crete Public Schools has a long and widely recognized commitment to all students. As we continue to increase student enrollment numbers, it is imperative to have open, two-way communication on many topics. The most important topic is your child. As administrators, teachers and staff, we work diligently every day to meet the needs of every child. We are here to

help your child (ren) attain their educational goals.

Now that you are a part of our CPS family, I encourage you to ask should you have questions. Administrators, teachers, and staff are here to help. Beginning a new grade, a new school building, or a new school system can be exciting and filled with apprehension for parents and students. Please communicate with the school about questions which might arise during the school year. It is important to the success of each student for the school and families to work together. Communication is a crucial component to a successful school. You may find many informational pieces on our website, www.creteschools.com. I can be contacted directly at mike.waters@creteschools.org or 402-826-5855.

Go Cardinals!

Mike Waters, Superintendent

August 13 & 14
 Early dismissal
 August 15 - school in session all day

First Day of Preschool August 14

Early Dismissals
August 13, 14, 27
Sept. 10, 24

NO SCHOOL Sept. 3, 27, 28

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Crete Public Schools is to develop respectful and productive citizens. Learners will demonstrate academic and communicative skills necessary to navigate new challenges while providing support for their families and communities.



Student Health

2018-19 Physical, Eye Exam and Immunizations

IMPORTANT REMINDER for all preschoolers (immunizations required for ALL preschoolers), kindergarteners, 7th graders, and any student new to the district.

BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

PHYSICAL AND EYE EXAM- Nebraska State law requires that you have a complete physical and eye exam done by a physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner. Any school physical form will be accepted. You can find a school physical form on the Crete Public Schools website or at this link:

http://www.creteschools.com/pages/uploaded_files/Elem%20Physical%20and%20Vision%20exam%20form.pdf

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS- Bring your completed immunization record to the school prior to the first day of school. You will not be permitted to attend school without proof of immunizations.

If your child has not received all of the required immunizations, they can be provisionally enrolled as long as they have begun the immunization series prior to enrollment and continue to receive the shots as per the catch up scheduled. Provide the school with the student's next scheduled appointment date and time.

Administering Medications at School

If your child needs medication during school hours please come to the office. Medication that is ordered by the doctor to be administered three times a day should be given before school, after school, and at bedtime, eliminating the need for it to be given at school. This applies mainly to antibiotics. We are requesting that no daily medications be given at school after 1:30 p.m. Any medication that is to be given after this time can and should be given at home. (This does not apply to "as needed" medications like inhalers and acetaminophen.)

Tylenol, cough drops and any other medications your child may need must be supplied by parents. We cannot administer medicine to any student unless we have a written note from the parents with dosage, time to be given, and signatures. If you have any questions regarding this, please call Shannon Kennedy RN Elem. nurse at 826-5822 or 826-7806, Tammy Wenz RN Intermediate nurse at 826-5833, Abbie Page LPN MS/HS nurse at 826-5844 or 826-5811.

Immunization Clinics in Crete

Call for appointments

- Blue Valley Community Action 402-826-2376
- Public Health Solutions 402-826-3880

Student Age Group	Required Vaccines
	4 doses of DTaP, DTP, or DT vaccine
Ages 2 through 5 years enrolled in a school based program not	3 doses of Polio vaccine
licensed as a child care provider	3 doses of Hib vaccine or 1 dose of Hib given at or after 15 months of age
	3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine
	l dose of MMR or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age
	I dose of varicella (chickenpox) or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age. Written documentation (including year) of varicella disease from parent, guardian, or health care provider will be accepted.
st Day of Preschoo	4 doses of pneumococcal or 1 dose of pneumococcal given on or after 15 months of age
Students entering school (Kindergarten or 1* Grade depending on the school	3 doses of DTaP, DTP, DT, or Td vaccine, one given on or after the 4th birthday
district's entering grade)	3 doses of Polio vaccine
	3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine or 2 doses of adolescent waccine is student is 11-15 years of age
	2 doses of MMR or MMRV vaccine, given on or after 12 months of age and separated by at least one month
	2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age. Written documentation (including year) of varicella disease from parent, guardian, or health care provider will be accepted. If the child has had varicella disease, they do not need any varicella shots.
n. 1	Must be current with the above vaccinations
Students entering 7th grade	AND receive
	1 dose of Tdap (contain Pertussis booster)
Students transferring from outside the state at any grade	Must be immunized appropriately according to the grade entered.

Source: Nobraska Immunication Program, Nobraska Department of Health and Human Services. . For additional information, call 402-471-6423.

The School Raise & Regulations are available on the internet http://distr.ne.gov/Passaver t175.acpx (Title 173: Common of Communicables Diseases - Chapter 3: revised and implemented 2011)

Updated 01/26/2018

Head Lice

Head lice is an ongoing nuisance. Please check your children's hair before the first day of school and periodically throughout the year. If live lice are found at school you will be called to pick up your child. They may return to school the next day, having been treated, but <u>must</u> be rechecked by the school nurse before they return to their classroom. If you have any questions regarding this process, please call Shannon Kennedy, RN at 402-826-7806.

PLEASE NOTE

If you have any questions or concerns prior to August 13, please call 826-7806 or 826-7711 and leave a message and the nurse will return your call. Immunization records and physical forms may be dropped off at any school office or the administration office.

Student Health Insurance

Often parents have the misconception that accidents and illness occurring at school are covered by Crete Public School's insurance plan. We would like to remind parents that it is their responsibility to have health insurance coverage for their children.

The Crete Public School District <u>does not</u> provide any type of health or accident insurance for injuries incurred by children at school. If your child is not covered by a health insurance plan you may want supplemental insurance. As a service to our patrons, a supplemental insurance plan from Student Assurance Services (SAS) will be sent home with students. Costs for this plan are included within the literature. We encourage all families to have health/accident coverage.

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Open House:

K-2 Open House will be Thursday, August 9th from 5:00-6:00 pm at the elementary. Families are invited to go directly to their child's classroom that they have been assigned to for the 2018-2019 year. This is an excellent time to drop off school supplies and make the first day of school less hectic. Office staff will be available to take money for school lunch accounts and bus accounts. The school nurse will be available to receive physicals, immunizations records and any medications.

Preschool open house will be on Monday, August 13th at 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. We will begin in the Elementary cafeteria.

THURSDAY FOLDERS:

All important notes, memos, and student work will be sent home in student folders each Thursday. Please look for these and return the folder to school as soon as possible. If your child loses their folder, they need to purchase a new one at the elementary office.

PICTURE DAY:

All students in grade PreK-2 will have their picture taken August 29th. Please check for more information in your child's Thursday Folder.

PTO:

The Parent Teacher Organization has been a great success. If you would like to be involved with this council, watch for emails and notifications on our website and Facebook page. The committee meets several times each year at 7:00pm. We want your input so why not come and join in the fun? Everyone is welcome to attend meetings.

ELementary Start/Dismissal Times:

8:00 School Begins 8:05 Tardy Bell 3:10 Dismissal/1:10 Early Dismissal

ELementary Schedule:

Classroom teachers will provide you with a daily schedule. We use a Day 1 through Day's schedule for K-2 grades. Your school calendar will outline which day is Day 1,2,3. This year we will start Day 1 on Wednesday, August 15th.

SCHOOL CALEIDAR:

Please reference the 2018-2019 school calendar for Early Dismissal and No School dates.

NEW STAFF:

Tara Brown Brittany Telecky Chelsea Burger Alycia Bates Allison Kuntz Amanda Willey Jeniffer Martinez Lopez Mayra Larios



VOLUTITEERS:

We would like to invite you join the volunteer program at our school. We continually strive to involve parents, patrons, and senior citizens in our school on a daily basis. If you have some time and would like to be a part of our school family, or have talents that you would like to share, please feel free to contact the elementary office and we will find a home for you in our school. Give it some thought, we would love to have you share with our students and staffl

TOLL FRee: 1-877-826-1017



Crete Intermediate

Navigating Your Way to Success Through Respect, Responsibility and Safety."

Note from Mrs. Fye......

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year. We are very excited to welcome your child. At Crete Intermediate, we believe that when parents and the school staff work together and communicate, the student can maximize their educational experience! Let's work together to make the school year a fantastic one

Ways We Will Communicate

<u>Thursday Packets</u>: Your child will bring home academic and general information in their Thursday packet.

o follow Crete Intermediate:

*Facebook: facebook.com/creteintermediate

*Crete Webpage: www.creteschools.com

*Twitter: @creteintermediate

Open House

Please mark you calendars to join the staff at Crete Intermediate for an Open House on August 9 from 5:30-6:30 pm. There will be a special meeting for 3rd grade parents and students from 5:30-5:5 in the gym. This is a wonderful opportunity for students and parents to meet all their teachers become familiar with the building. Students can bring their school supplies and parents are welcome to pay for lunches and bus transportation (separate checks must be written for each of these accounts). The school nurse will also be available for questions and medicine distribution.

New Staff

Ms. Cole - Assistant Principal

Ms. O'Brien -3^{rd} Grade (came midyear last year)

Mrs. Mach - 3rd Grade

Ms. Obermier - 4th Grade

Mr. Mues – 4th Grade

Picture Day

All students in grades 3-5 will have their picture taken August 29th. Please check for more information in your child's Thursday Packet.

Parent Teacher Organization

Last year, the parent teacher organization started and was a great success. If you would kee to be involved with this organization, watch for emails and notifications on our website and Facebook page. The PTO will meet several times throughout the year and meetings will be held at Crete Intermediate or Elementary. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings and give valuable input.



Crete Middle School

Where every student is a star....

Learning, believing, succeeding with

Respect, responsibility, integrity, effort, & attitude



1500 E. 15th Street Crete, Nebraska 68333

402-826 -5844 (Lincoln line 877-826-1018)

July 23, 2018

Dear Sixth-Eighth Grade Students and Parents,

It's hard to believe summer vacation is almost over, and we are nearing the start of another year. SCHOOL BEGINS ON MONDAY, AUGUST 13th, AT 8:15, WITH A 1:30 DISMISSAL THE FIRST TWO DAYS. WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15th, IS THE START OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS (8:15 – 3:27).

THE SCHOOL OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M. STARTING JULY 23rd. Feel free to stop by to pay fees, deposit lunch money, or to pick up physical and school activity participation forms. This helps avoid long lines at Open House.

Please take a minute to review upcoming events and information to start the year:

* * STUDENT AND PARENT OPEN HOUSE - Thursday night, August 9th * *

- Parents can pay activity fees and make deposits to lunch accounts during open house.
- Parents can also sign up for the parent components of Infinite Campus and/or lunch accounts. As a protection for our families, parents must show a photo ID to obtain access codes.

6th - 8th Grade Open House; 6:30-7:30 p.m. on August 9th

6:30-6:50 – ALL 6th grade students/parents & New 7th and 8th grade students/parents - meet in the auditorium for an informational meeting. After the meeting, students and parents will be able to tour the building, get student schedules, and meet teachers.

6:30-7:30 – Returning 7th and 8th grade students and parents can pick up schedules & visit classrooms

6:50-7:00 – Students and parents of **8**th **graders taking Algebra** may attend an informational meeting about Algebra in the auditorium.

CRETE HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

HOME OF THE CARDINALS

> HS NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

Students in grades 9-12 who are new to the District should plan to register on Friday, August 3, from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 826-5811 or 877-826-1019.

> HS SCHEDULE CHANGES

High school schedules will be sent home to students by the last week in July. Students in grades 11-12 can make changes on August 6 from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and students in grades 9-10 can make changes on August 7 from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

> HS ORIENTATION & OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, August 9

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon - 9th Gr. Orientation @ HS ALL 9th grade students <u>ARE REQUIRED</u> to attend this informative meeting. A free lunch will be served at noon.

6:00 p.m. - Chromebook Meeting @ HS Aud.

ALL 9th grade students and parents/guardians, and

ALL new students and parents/guardians ARE

REQUIRED to attend this meeting. If unable to attend on this date a second meeting is scheduled for August ____ at 6:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m. - NEW Student Orientation @ HS Aud.

All students new to the district and their parents/guardians are encouraged to attend this informative meeting to help the students start high school successfully.

7:00 p.m. - High School Open House

All 9th-12th grade students and their parents/guardians are encouraged to attend. Teachers will be available in their classrooms to give parents an opportunity to meet them and get an overview of the course work and class expectations. Administrators and counselors will be available in the commons. Lunch money, bus money and any class fees may also be paid in the commons area during open house. Separate checks must be written for lunch and bus deposits.

> HS PICTURE DAY

All High School students will have their picture taken on August 21: Order envelopes will be sent home with students the first day of school so parents can place their orders in advance. The order envelopes are to be given to the photographer on the day of pictures. This is a pre-pay program and satisfaction is guaranteed. Retakes and/or refunds are available.

> SENIOR RELEASE TIME

Seniors requesting release time will be required to purchase a proxy card for \$25 (\$5 for card/\$20 deposit). The card allows students to leave and reenter the building during school hours. When the card is returned at the end of the year, the deposit will be applied to the graduation fee. If the card is lost and reported immediately, there will be no replacement cost. If the card is lost, not reported, and not turned in at the end of the year, the student loses the deposit and pays the graduation fee.

> STUDENT PLANNER

One free student planner will be provided only to students who request one. If a planner is lost, a replacement will be available for the cost of \$3 while quantities last.

WELCOME NEW HS STAFF

Jhonny Beltran – Counselor
Casey Carriker – Voc. Ag.
Travis Coe – Art
Stanley Croft – Success Academy
Lara Kibler – Success Academy
Anna McCarthy - Math
Darcy Meinke – Social Studies
Nicole Menard – English
Amanda Paredes – EL Math
Nicco Salvador – Resource
Todd Sandberg – Resource
Katy Shaw – Science
Jason Weber – Principal



CHS SPORTS & ACTIVITES

HOME OF THE CARDINALS

> PRACTICE DATES & TIMES

Boys' & Girls' Cross Country - Grades 9-12

Coach: Drew Rische Practice: August 6, 7:00 a.m.

Football - Grades 10-12

Coach: Reed Manstedt

Practice: August 6, 7-9:30 a.m. & 4-5 p.m.

Football - Grade 9

Coaches: Tony Jacobsen & Chuck McGinnis

Practice: August 6, 4:00 p.m.

Girls' Golf - Grades 7-12

Coach: Julie Foster

Practice: August 6, 8:00 a.m. at

College Heights Golf Course

Girls' Softball - Grades 9-12

Coach: Shawn Carr

Practice: August 6, 4:00 p.m. @ SB Field

Volleyball - Grades 9-12

Coach: Brooke Ramel

Practice: August 6, 7:00 a.m.

Middle School Sports

Meetings and check-out for all MS sports will take place during the first week of school. Listen for specific dates/times in the daily announcements. If you have questions, please contact BT Kracl at 402-826-5811.

> SPORT PHYSICALS

All students must have a physical before they can practice. All forms must be turned in to the office and an activity pass and participation fee paid before checking out for any sport. An Activity Forms Packet is available in the HS office or online on the HS Activities page at www.creteschools.com. Personnel will be available to accept fees starting August 1.

> TICKETS PRICES & PASSES FOR SPORTING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Crete Public Schools offers many sporting events/ activities throughout the school year. The charge for varsity athletic events is: Adults - \$5 and K-12 Students - \$4.

- Students in grades 7-12 participating in athletics, speech, cheerleading, one-act play, vocal music, or instrumental music are required to pay a \$35 activity participation fee, which includes an activity pass. Every activity fee thereafter is \$15.
- Non-participants of activities may purchase an activity pass for \$25. This pass will admit them to all home extracurricular activities except the one-act play in the fall, spring musical, invitational tournaments, conference tournaments, or district/state events.
- Activity Pass prices are:

Participant \$ 20 Non-participant \$ 25 College Student \$ 25 Adults \$ 50 Family \$125

- A Family Pass includes parents and all children in the household in grades K-12. Children under age 5 are admitted free. A Family Pass does not replace the activity participation fee for students.
- Resident senior citizens, age 65 or older, may apply for an athletic pass at the High School Activities Office. The pass is free and is offered in appreciation for the many years of support of our school programs.

BOOSTER CLUB FALL SPORTS KICK OFF DINNER & MEETING

Thursday, August 16, in HS Commons, dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Parent/player meeting following dinner to discuss general activity procedures and meet the coaches.

Special Programs Office

For questions or to find out if you qualify for any of the following programs, contact the Special Programs Office at 826-5228, FAX: 402-826-1086

- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- GED (General Education Development)
- Citizenship Classes
- Migrant Family Literacy
- Migrant Education Program/Out of School Youth Program
- Sixpence Young Parent Program

Adult Education Opportunities

Do something good for yourself and finish your education!

General Education Development (GED) classes meet on a morning or evening schedule. Charges include \$30.00 for each of the four tests.

English Language Learning (ELL) and Adult Basic Education (ABE) classes are offered during evenings, daytime, and on Saturday mornings. ELL focuses on Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing in English, and ABE focuses on Reading, Writing, Math, preGED developmental and employability

Call 826-5228 and ask for Ryan or Cheryl for more information or you can email:

> Ryan.hinz@creteschools.org cherylf@creteschools.org

Volunteers Needed

Crete Public Schools Adult Education Program is looking for adult volunteers to assist in the ELA and ABE/GED classrooms! No experience is necessary, but individuals must have:

- · a high school diploma, or equivalent,
- · good command of English.
- · the ability to speak clearly and hear well, and
- · a willingness to assist adult students, some of whom could have learning disabilities.

Volunteers need patience, to allow students to achieve on their own, and a positive attitude. Volunteers work closely with instructors and may be asked to teach small groups of students or give individual instruction. They may also assist with attendance, testing, and other classroom duties. Schedules are flexible. If interested, please contact Cheryl Feeken or Ryan Hinz in the Special Programs Office at 826-5228 or ryan.hinz@creteschools.org.

Attention former Crete Public Schools Students:

If you were a student at Crete Public Schools AND in a Special Education Program and graduated in May 2013, your records are available to you at the CPS Administration office, 920 Linden Avenue.

If you would like your records, please call or stop in and request them. If you do not want them, they will be shredded on October 1, 2018. If you have questions, please call 826-5855 for assistance.

An Important Message To All

If You Suspect Something is Wrong - Early Intervention Can Help!



If you suspect that your child isn't developing as he/she should, it's important to get another opinion as soon as possible to see if a problem really does exist. You can turn to a variety of places for help: doctors, health clinics, school districts, and community agencies.

While some professionals may believe that a child will outgrow a problem, it's better to provide help early to make sure that the child has a better chance of success. Many

children do not "outgrow" a problem - they may need extra help called early intervention

Your school and the ESU #6 Preschool Interagency Coordinating Council have a service called Child Find designed to identify children (birth to age 3) who may be at risk for learning and could benefit from special services. Children who display trouble with learning, moving, playing, hearing, seeing, and talking may qualify to receive free assistance.

If your child is found eligible for services, an Individual Family Service Plan will be developed by you, the parent, and the people who will help you meet your child's special needs. The program will build on your child's strengths and improve areas of weakness. The program will provide support, encouragement, and assistance for you in working with your child.

Make the call that really counts. A professional will be happy to discuss your concerns about your child's development. Call a Services Coordinator at: Educational Service Unit #6, P.O. Box 748, Milford, NE 68405, 800-327-0091 or 402-761-3341.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.)

(1) Each State educational agency shall ensure that each child of a homeless individual and each homeless youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, as provided to other children and youths.

The term "homeless children and youths"-

(A) means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence (within the meaning of section 103(a)(1)); and

(B) includes--

- (i) children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement;
- (ii) children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings (within the meaning of section 103(a)(2)(C));

(iii) children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces. abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and

(iv) migratory children (as such term is defined in section 1309 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965) who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii).



Bus Transportation

Crete Public Schools contracts transportation services with Mid States Busing. Effective in 1998, all families living within four miles of school including those within the city limits will pay a fee if they use transportation services. Outlined below is the fee schedule and pick-up locations for children living in the city limits. If multiple families live in a household, <u>each separate family</u> must complete a form and pay for transportation. <u>Payment or purchase of tokens must be made prior to use of bus transportation</u>. Payment can be made in any school office or on our website <u>www.creteschools.com</u>. Click on the Parent tab and then Transportation.

▶ PLEASE NOTE - THERE WILL NOT BE A REDUCED PRICE FOR RIDING ONLY A.M., ONLY P.M. OR LESS THAN 5 DAYS A WEEK.

The transportation fee schedule is as follows:

Quarterly: Payment due on - Aug. 13, Oct. 17, Jan. 7, Mar. 13

\$90/quarter/one student in family=\$360/year

\$135/quarter/two students in one family=\$540/year

\$180/quarter/three students or more in one family=\$720/year

Semester: Payment due on - Aug. 13, Jan. 7

\$160/semester/one student in family=\$320/year \$240/semester/two students in family=\$480/year

\$320/semester/three students or more in family=\$640/year

Year: Payment due on - Aug. 13

\$300/year/one student in family \$450/year/two students in family

\$600/year/three students or more in family

Option Students: Payment due on - Aug. 13

\$ 10.00 a week

\$ 15.00 a week

\$ 20.00 a week

\$500/year-one student \$650/year-two students \$800/year-three students

For those who ride occasionally, the charge is \$2.00 per ride (\$4.00 per day). Tokens may be purchased in \$20.00 packets. A student will pay one token one-way to or from school (2 tokens per day).

Iris & Fairchild	1 st & Juniper	9 th & Pine	18 th & Boswell	18 th & Norman	Elementary School
Iris & Arthur	2 nd & Hawthorne	11th & Hawthorne	20 th & Boswell	20 th & Norman	Middle/Intermediate
4th & Westridge	3 rd & Linden	12 th & Norman	24 th & Forest	23 rd & Norman	mxo.aloetoealen
5 th & Boswell	5 th & Ivy	11th & Unona	24 th & Hawthorne	19 th & Kingwood	igev bas abut rise 3.5
7 th & Forest	5 th & Norman	14 th & Juniper	23 rd & Ivy	Heather & Dawn Dr	
1st & Grove	6 th & Kingwood	16 th & Boswell	20 th & Main	Michelle & Westwood Dr	Isan prinava set A

We are requesting that anyone who needs bus services for their child(ren) to please register.

▶ <u>Out-of-Town (Rural Routes)</u> - Please call Michelle at 402-826-7887 to register. Information needed will include: student name, age, grade, address, pickup/drop off locations, parent name, phone numbers for parents and students. All out-of-town students must be registered by August 3.

Out-of-Town Stops within the District

Denton—Community Center

Hallam—Methodist Church

Martell—At the Daycare

Sprague—Church

Kramer—Community Center

▶ In-Town Busing - Please complete a new Request for Transportation form. Payment must be made prior to use of bus transportation.

Thank you for your assistance. Michelle Claus, Location Manager Mid States Busing, Crete

Bus transportation forms are available in the school offices and on our website - www.creteschools.com



School Meals

MEAL PRICES

EL/IS: Breakfast \$1.65 Lunch \$2.70 MS/HS: Breakfast \$1.85 Lunch \$2.95

REMINDERS

- NO CASH accepted in the lunch lines.
- Negative accounts from last year need to be paid prior to August 10th.
- Family balance/purchases can be accessed on linewww.creteschools.org, click on Lunch Balances on right side of home page. To request a limit for a la carte purchases or if you have any questions, please call 826-7886
- Low Balance Parents will be notified by email/text. To sign up, please send email to: sherryr@creteschools.org
- Money is deposited into a family lunch account. Checks/cash accepted in any school office or make an online payment at, www.creteschools.com, using the Payment tab.
- Bonus dollars offered on larger deposits.

Deposit	Bonus
\$40.00	\$1.00
\$78.00	\$2.00
\$116.00	\$4.00

- ► Free/reduced lunch application included in this newsletter and also available in the school offices and on our website, www. creteschools.com
- Fresh fruits and vegetables will be served daily as a snack to all Preschool, Elementary, Intermediate and Middle School students.
- ► A free evening meal will be served for high school students on school days from 5:45-6:45 p.m.

Student Fees

The Student Fees Board Policy was adopted by the Board of Education on July 8, 2002 in accordance with the state law on student fees. The policy outlines the law and sets the guidelines for student fees and what school supplies can be required that students bring to school. You may find a copy of this policy in your Student/Parent Handbook. Those that qualify for free or reduced lunch may be exempt from these fees in accordance with Section C of this policy. If a parent wants to receive a fee waiver for their child, they must fill out a Release of Information Form allowing school officials that are in charge of the free and reduced qualification forms to inform other school personnel that their child qualifies for a fee waiver. These forms can be obtained in the principal's office.

CCLC

Cardinal Community Learning Centers is accepting K-12 registrations for the 2018-2019 after school program. We strive to improve student learning, foster positive social relationships, and increase community engagement to support student growth. We hope that you will consider allowing your child to be part of our program. The first day of our after school program will be Wednesday August 15, 2018. Slots fill up fast, so please have your registration forms turned in as soon as possible. We begin the after school program every day when school gets out and our program runs until 6:00 p.m. at the Elementary, Intermediate, and Middle Schools and until 8:30 p.m. at the High School.

Registration forms can be found on www.creteschools.com. There is a nominal \$25 supply fee per semester to be part of the program. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns, we would be glad to help!

Elementary: Kim Hier - kimh@creteschools.org Anna Dilley - anna.dilley@creteschools.org

Intermediate: Anna Dilley - anna.dilley@creteschools.org

Middle & High School: Dustin Haider - dustin.haider@creteschools.org

Register Your Child

Monday, August 13th, is the first day of school for students attending the Crete Public Schools. All children who reach age five on or before July 31, 2018 are eligible to be registered for kindergarten. If your child is starting kindergarten or you're new to the district, your child(ren) must be registered before they are allowed to attend the first day.

- Students may register in the elementary, intermediate, middle school, and high school office.
- Current immunization papers and official birth certificate are required when registering. If your child has not received all immunizations, they can be provisionally enrolled as long as they have begun the immunization series prior to enrollment and continue to receive the shots as rapidly as medically feasible.

Check Out Our Website...... www/ creteschools.com for:

- Breakfast/Lunch Menus
 - School Board Meetings
 - Activity Calendar
 - Weekly Bulletins
 - Pay Fees Online
 - A variety of other school information

Infinite Campus - offers a parent portal as an internet access to your child/ children's grades and attendance as well as other important information. If you are interested in obtaining an access code to enter the parent portal, please contact any of our offices to sign up.

Lunch Balances - view your family lunch account balance/purchases. Call 826-7886 for your family lunch I.D. and to set up a password.





CRETE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

July 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. CRETE PUBLIC SCHOOLS offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs, Elementary/Intermediate \$1.65, and Middle/High School \$1.85; lunch costs, Elementary/Intermediate \$2.70 and Middle/High School \$2.95. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals. Reduced price is \$0,30 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch. If your child(ren) qualified for free or reduced price meals at the end of last school year, you must submit a new application by September 14, 2018 in order to avoid an interruption in meal benefits.

This packet includes an application for free or reduced price meal benefits and a set of detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

- WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?
- All children in households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) are eligible for free meals.
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.

Children may receive free or reduced price meals if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children

may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail Dawn Draeger (dawnd@creteschools.org) or Marilyn Schacht (marilyn.schacht@creteschools.org).

DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to:

Crete Public Schools, 920 Linden Ave, Crete NE 68333, 402-826-5855.

SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? No, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact Sherry Rezac, 402-826-7886 or sherryr@creteschools.org immediately.

CAN I APPLY ONLINE? No. However, you can find the application form on our website, creteschools.com.

MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, you child will be charged the full price for meals.

I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please

send in an application.

WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.

IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a

10. hearing by calling or writing to: Marianne Carlson, 920 Linden Ave, Crete, NE 68333, 402-826-5855 or marianne.carlson@creteschools.org.

MAY | APPLY | F SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD | S NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be

11. U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced price meals.

WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.

WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT? Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application, or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empt

or blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.

14. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.

WHAT IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY? List any additional household members on a separate piece of

paper, and attach it to your application.

MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for SNAP or other assistance benefits, please go online to ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov or call 1-800-383-4278.

If you have other questions or need help, call 402-826-5855.

Sincerely.

Mike Waters, Ed.D. Superintendent

Attachment B: 2018-19

For households receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), follow these instructions:

List each child's name, the school they attend and their grade. Part 1:

Enter household's Master Case Number if the household qualifies for SNAP, TANF or FDPIR. Part 2:

Part 3: Skip this part.

Part 4. Complete this part. An adult must sign the form.

This part is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. If you do not select rate or ethnicity, one will Part 5: be selected for you based on visual observation.

For households with FOSTER CHILDREN, follow these instructions:

If all children in the household are foster children:

List all foster children, the school they attend and their grade. Check the box indicating the child is a foster child. Part 1:

Part 2: Skip this part. Part 3: Skip this part.

Complete this part. An adult must sign the form. Part 4.

This part is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. If you do not select rate or ethnicity, one will Part 5: be selected for you based on visual observation.

If some of the children in the household are foster children:

List all children, including foster children, the school they attend and their grade. Check the box if the child is a foster child. Part 1:

Part 2: If the household does not have a Master Case Number, skip this part. Follow these instructions to report total household income from last month. Part 3:

Column 1 - Household Members: List the first and last name of each person living in your household, related or not (such as

grandparents, other relatives or friends) who share income and expenses. Attach another sheet of paper if necessary.

Column 2 - Gross Income and How Often it was Received: Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions; it is not your take-home pay. For each household member, list each type of income received for the month. You must also report how often the money is received - weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly.

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Do not include income from SNAP, FDPIR, WIC, Federal education benefits and foster care payments.

Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony includes the following: Unemployment benefits, Worker's compensation. Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Cash assistance from state or local government. Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), Strike benefits. Child support payments, Alimony payments.

Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income includes the following: Social Security payments (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits). Private pensions or Disability benefits. Regular income from trusts or estates, Annuities, Investment income, Earned interest, Rental income and Regular cash payments received from outside the household.

If you have no income, write "0" or leave the income field blank. If you do this, you are certifying there is no income to report.

Household Size: Enter the total number of people in your household.

Social Security Number: The adult signing the form must list the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SSN) or check the box to the right labeled "Check if no SSN."

Complete this part. An adult must sign the form. Part 4:

This part is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. If you do not select rate or ethnicity, one will Part 5: be selected for you based on visual observation.

For ALL other households, follow these instructions:

List all children, the school they attend and their grade. Part 1:

If the household does not have a Master Case Number, skip this part. Part 2: Follow these instructions to report total household income from last month. Part 3:

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7	70,411	5,868	2,934	2,709	1,355
8	78,403	6,534	3,267	3,016	1,508
Each additional person:	7,992	666	333	308	154

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number are not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

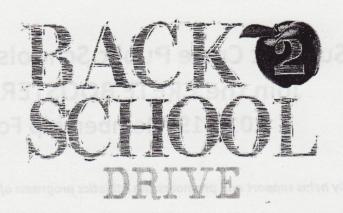
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Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410
- (2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



August 1st to August 8th

Please donate school supplies for Crete Elementary Students Drop off Location: Nexus Multicultural Center

Back 2 School Drive provides an opportunity for our community to help students be successful by providing assistance with school supplies

August 9th

Community Connection Picnic
FREE School Supplies will be provided
Tiger Inn Patio 3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Located outside of the Perry Campus Center by Cassel Theater

FAMILIES PARENTS AND CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO THE PICNIC

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Multicultural Support Services and the Office of Admissions
For more information contact: Wilma.Jackson@doane.edu or <u>Andrew.Brown1@doane.edu</u>

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MULTICULTURAL SUPPORT SERVICES



Support Crete Public Schools Athletics Join the CRETE BOOSTER CLUB 2018-19 Membership Form

Booster Club proudly helps support and promotes the Athletics programs of Crete Public Schools.

Memberships (tax deductible):	☐ Individual or Family :	\$25.00 🔲 Business \$50.00 (Bronze Member)
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Crete Public Schools 2018/19 School Calendar

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Regular Dismissal Days

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8-9	Staff PD full day/ No Students
9	District Open House
10	Staff PD 1/2 day/ No Students
13	First Day of School K-12: Early
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First Day of Preschool; K-12 Early

September

No School - Staff & Students

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Early Dismissal; PT Conferences

6-8:30 Elem/Intm

PT Conferences 6-8:30 MS/HS

27 PT Conferenes All Buildings; No School-Students

28 No School - Staff & Students

October

Early Dismissal

16 End of Quarter 1

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21-23 No School - Staff & Students

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December

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24-31 No School - Staff & Students

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February

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Early Dismissal

March

Early Dismissal

End of Quarter 3

18 No School - Staff & Students

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Early Dismissal

18-22 No School - Staff & Students

19 High School Graduation

22 Last day for students K-12; Early Dismissal, Last day for PreK; End of Quarter 4

23 Staff PD

The 2018-2019 calendar has three built in makeup days. If make-up days are not needed, they will come off the end of the calendar in May.

Key

End of Quarter

No School Staff & Students

Professional Development Staff - No Students

Early Dismissal

Parent Teacher Conferences - No Students

No Preschool Sessions on Mondays

Parent Teacher Conferences First/ Last Student Days

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Early Dismissal Days

No Preschool Sessions on Mondays

8:00-1:10 Elementary

8:05-1:30 Intermediate

8:15-1:30 Middle School

8:05-1:23 High School



Crete Public Schools

 Administration:
 826-5855

 Elementary:
 826-5822

 Intermediate:
 826-5833

 Middle School:
 826-5844

 High School:
 826-5811

 ELC:
 826-4704

 Special Programs:
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Get Off to a GREAT Start

After a long school break, it's time to start off a new school term with enthusiasm and positive anticipation. Remember that a love of education and schooling begins right at home. Convey your excitement about your child's new classroom experiences. Focus on the adventures, friends, and teachers there. From the very first day, try to make every morning routine happy so your child heads to school with a healthy attitude as well as a healthy breakfast. If you have any concerns teachers should know about, share them early on.

