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## From the Principal, Stan Gorbatkin...

Dear Crone Parents:

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year at Crone Middle School. We are excited to welcome approximately 1,200 students as the year begins. The Crone staff is anticipating a great year of academics, as well as high levels of participation in the special events and activities which are offered here at Crone.

Assistant Principal Pohlmann and I are pleased to welcome Mr. Bob Close to our administrative team as acting assistant principal as Mrs. Nowak is on a leave of absence for the first several weeks of this school year. Mr. Close has worked in several capacities during his long tenure in District 204 including serving as a dean, assistant principal, and principal, all at the middle school level. We are fortunate to have a person with his depth and experience in this interim role during Mrs. Nowak's absence.

Please also join me in welcoming our new PTSA president, Maria Neufeld. We look forward to a continued partnership with our parent community as we strive to serve our student population. In the spirit of this partnership, I encourage you to join the PTSA if you have not already done so.

I would like to remind you that specific Curriculum Night dates and times are listed on the back page of this newsletter. We hope you can attend to learn about the units of study and methods of instruction to be employed as the Crone faculty works to provide a quality educational experience for your child. Specifically, on these evenings, you will hear about the various ways that our new schedule will support student learning along with new areas or instructional technology which will be employed this year.

Please know that in recognition of the importance of school safety, we will be conducting fire, tornado, and lock down drills during the first several days of school. As we prepare for these exercises, please reinforce their importance with your child. In addition, students will receive their student handbooks and have expectations reviewed by teachers and administrators. Please assist by reviewing this information with your child.

As always, feel free to contact a member of the office staff or administration if you have any questions or concerns. Here's looking forward to a great school year.

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## *From the Assistant Principals, Sarah Nowak and Elizabeth Pohlmann...*

Welcome Back to a New School Year!

As assistant principals, we wanted to take the opportunity to welcome you to the 2009-2010 school year. As usual, the summer months have flown by so fast, but we are eager for the students to return. They bring so much energy and enthusiasm into the school, and we really do miss that when they are not here.

Shortly after the start of the school year, we will be meeting with the students by grade level to personally welcome them to this school year and to discuss some highlights of the student handbook. During the first couple of weeks of school, the students hear a lot of do's and don'ts, but the most important theme that the students need to adhere to is that of *Respect-Respect Others, Respect Yourself, and Respect the Environment*. We want for all of our students to embrace these concepts for their personal and academic success.

As the school year gets underway, it is important to develop and recognize good habits for success in school.

Listed below are some suggestions from the National Education Association for starting the year off right:

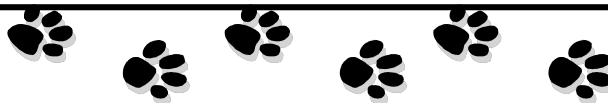
- **Getting to Know You** – Take the opportunity to know those adults who work with your student. Let the teacher know that you are interested in feedback on your child's performance, both positive and negative. Talk to your child about this feedback.
- **Dedicated Space** – Every student needs a dedicated time and place for school work at home. Discuss this with your student and agree upon a good time (like right after school or dinner) and place (like the kitchen table) to do homework without distractions from siblings, television, or the telephone. Adolescents really do thrive on structure and routine.
- **Create High Expectations** – Provide clear guidelines to your child, both academically and socially. Adolescents crave feedback on their performance, especially from the most important adults in their life, their parents.
- **Make Time for Reading** – Dedicate time for reading each night. Research shows that children who are read to early in life do better in school. It is important for students to read at home and see their parents read too.
- **Be involved** – Find out important dates and mark them on your calendar. The school website and newsletter are great sources of information.
- **Talk to Your Child** – Make it a priority to talk to your child about school and social situations. These conversations help to develop open communication between you and your child.

Below are a few helpful tips for students the first few days of school. Parents, please share these with your students...

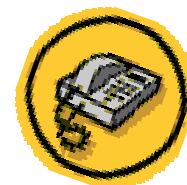
- **Know your bus number.** Bus route numbers are posted on the first window of the bus on the side opposite of the bus driver. Knowing the bus number makes it easier to find the right bus after school.
- **Know your ID number (It's on your schedule).** Our automated cafeteria system requires all students to enter their ID number into a keypad to purchase their lunch. The line goes much faster if you have your ID number memorized or in an easy to access location.
- **Don't put too much "stuff" in your locker.** The lockers will jam if there are any items blocking the lock apparatus so it is best to keep things clear of it.
- **Be patient with yourself and others.** Transitioning into a new school or a new school year takes a little time. We understand and are here to help.



If you have any questions or concerns, please feel welcome to contact us.



## Crone Middle School Telephone Contact Information



A Full Staff Directory Can Be Viewed on the Internet at:

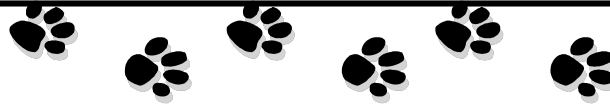
[www.ipsd.org/crone](http://www.ipsd.org/crone)

Main Office	428-5600 (7:15-3:45)
Fax	428-5601
Absence Line	428-7460
Homework	428-7457
Guidance	428-6518
School Nurse	428-7146
LMC	428-7141

**District 204 is in the process of installing a new district-wide telephone system. Our main numbers will remain the same once the system is installed. However there will be changes in some of our other telephone numbers. More information will be sent out once it becomes available.**

<i>CORE TEAM OFFICES</i>	
Team 6-0 428-6591	Team 6-1 428-6578
Team 6-2 428-6539	Project Arrow 428-6590
Team 7-0 428-6540	Team 7-1 428-6543
Team 7-2 428-7148	Team 8-0 428-6540
Team 8-1 428-6543	Team 8-2 428-6541
Strategic Reading 428-6578	

<i>ENCORE OFFICES</i>	
Art	428-7340
Band	428-7176
Chorus/Music	428-7177
Computers	428-7141
FACS	428-6541
Foreign Lang.	428-6591
Health	428-7145
Ind. Arts/Tech	428-7340
Orchestra	428-7178
Physical Education	
• Women's Dept.	428-7145
• Men's Dept.	428-7144



## Transportation News



Parents will have a new way to access student bus route information this year. Each student will be **assigned a specific bus route and bus stop** to assist in over-crowding concerns. Starting August 15, parents will be able to visit the district's website at [www.ipsd.org](http://www.ipsd.org), and type in their home address to access assigned bus route and stop information. The district is launching this new user-friendly system to provide more accurate information that can be easily updated for parents. After the information is available on the district website on August 15, specific bus route and stop location information will also be available at Crone Middle School.

Students in Ashwood Creek and Century Trace, including the Reserves of Century Trace, are designated walkers for the 2009 - 2010 school year. There will be crossing guards before and after school to assist in a safe crossing of students at the traffic light on the corner of 248th Avenue and 111th Street. Walking students are expected to cross at this location only. Further information for walkers will be communicated at a later date.

**Route change requests will only be considered if received in writing to the Department of Support Services at P.O. Box 3990, Naperville, IL 60567 or via email on the district website. Please do not contact the school or First Student to request a route change.** After school begins, route changes will not be made until after the third week of school unless there is a safety concern.

Two other changes are also planned this year. All middle and high school students will be required to show their student ID, which will have their assigned bus route printed on the front, before boarding the bus in the morning and afternoon, and all kindergarten through eighth grade students will have assigned seats on the bus. With 25 buses at Crone, we are confident that these changes will assist with student safety and management on the buses.

To allow students the opportunity to choose a seat on the bus they are comfortable with, students will not be signing up for assigned seats until September 15. Students will be allowed to change seats at the semester.

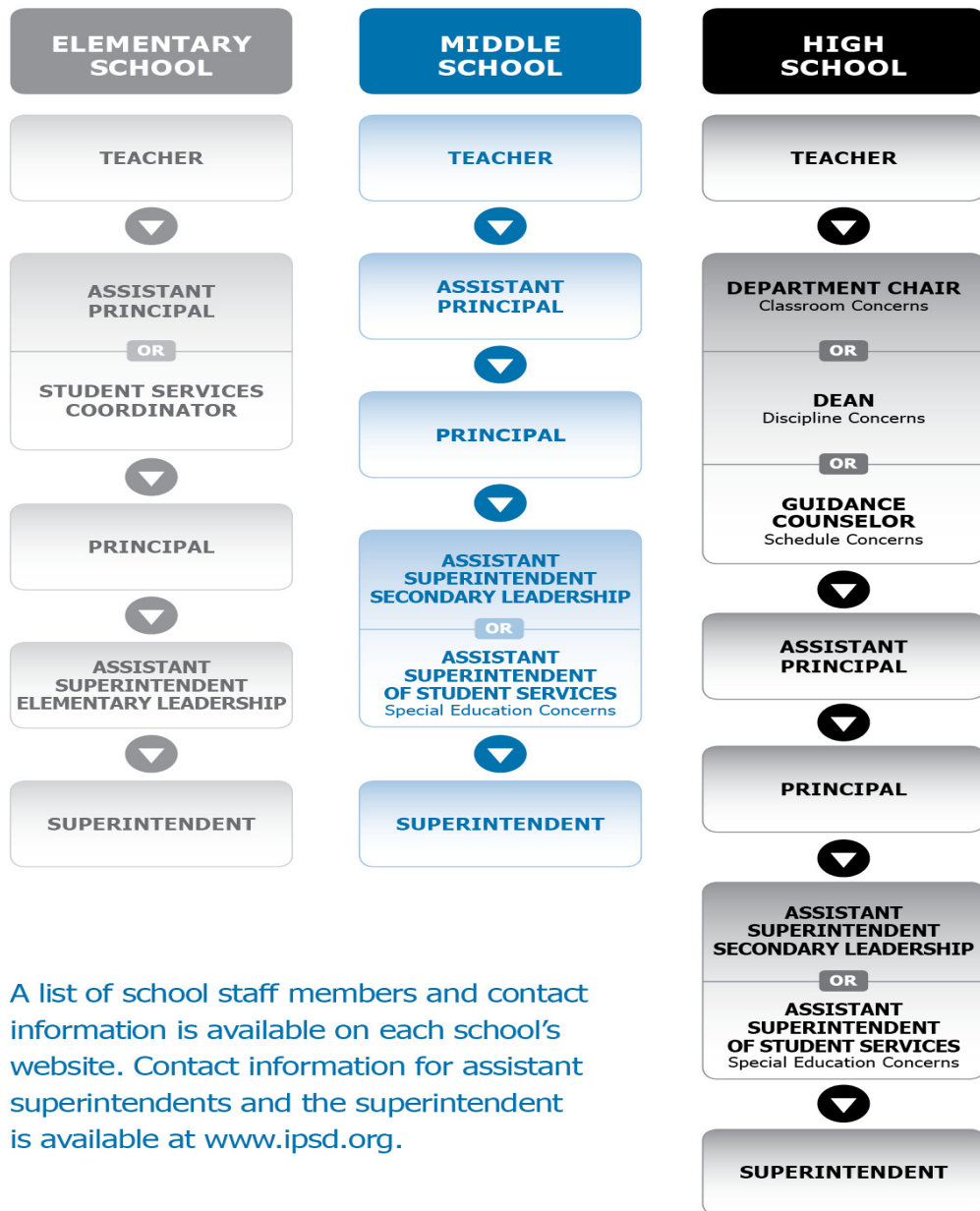
In addition to showing their student ID prior to boarding the bus in the morning and afternoon, students will also be using their student ID cards to purchase lunch in the cafeteria and to check out materials from the LMC. To assist students in keeping track of their student ID cards, Crone Administration will be providing every student with a lanyard at the start of the year. Though students are not required to wear their ID cards, we are hopeful that by providing students with these lanyards it will assist students in keeping track of their student ID cards as well as ensure they know where it is at all times. If a student loses their ID card, they will be expected to purchase a new one thru our guidance department.

More information will be shared with students regarding these changes the first few weeks of the 2009 - 2010 school year.



# WHERE TO GO IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN

Generally speaking, questions or concerns should first be discussed with the staff member who is closest to the situation. It is always best to follow the chain of command to ensure that all parties involved are properly informed of the situation. Parents should expect a response from the staff person listed, or his or her designee, within one business day to discuss their concern.



A list of school staff members and contact information is available on each school's website. Contact information for assistant superintendents and the superintendent is available at [www.ipdsd.org](http://www.ipdsd.org).



## Interscholastic Sports/Sports Health Exams For 7th & 8th Students From Mr. Cournaya, Athletic Director

The school year is quickly approaching and that means school athletics will be getting started as well. Fall sports offered for boys are soccer, football, and cross country. Girls can play volleyball and cross-country. Winter sports offered are boys basketball, wrestling & girls basketball. In the spring, the following sports are offered, track and girls soccer.

Grade 7 & 8 students who plan to try out for an interscholastic sport must have a current physical on file with the nurse. Physicals are good for 365 days only. Students without current physicals will not be allowed to try out or participate. Please plan ahead as fall sports begin right at the start of the school year.



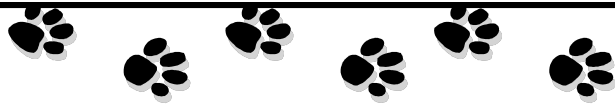


## 2009-2010 Crone Interscholastic Coaches for 7th & 8th Grade

FALL

<b>SPORT and COACH</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Phone</b>
<b>Soccer</b> Josh Cournaya (Athletic Director)	josh_cournaya@ipsd.org	630-428-6540
<b>Heavyweight Football</b> Eric Williams	eric_williams@ipsd.org	630-428-7144
James Short	james_short@ipsd.org	
<b>Middleweight Football</b> Dan Shields	daniel_shields@ipsd.org	630-428-7144
Dominic Piscitiello	dominic_piscitiello@ipsd.org	
<b>Lightweight Football</b> Charles Lantz	charles_lantz@ipsd.org	630-428-6591
Bryan Buss	bryan_buss@ipsd.org	630-428-6590
<b>8th Volleyball</b> (AA) Bryan Jenkins	bryan_jenkins@ipsd.org	630-428-7144
(A) Amy Bridgewater	amy_bridgewater@ipsd.org	630-428-6590
<b>7th Volleyball</b> (AA) Kelly Gabrys	kelly_gabrys@ipsd.org	630-428-7145
(A) Lindsey Kinczyk	lindsey_kinczyk@ipsd.org	630-428-6540
<b>Cross Country</b> Karen Olsen	karen_olsen@ipsd.org	630-428-7176
David James	david_james@ipsd.org	630-428-6540

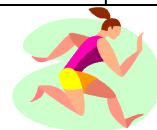
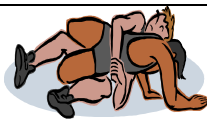


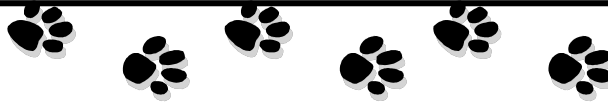


WINTER

SPRING

<b>SPORT and COACH</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Phone</b>
<b>8th Boy's Basketball</b>		
(AA) Eric Williams	eric_williams@ipsd.org	630-428-7144
(A) Dan Shields	daniel_shields@ipsd.org	630-428-7144
<b>7th Boy's Basketball</b>		
(AA) Matt Blaser	matthew_blaser@ipsd.org	630-428-6578
(A) Nancee Furlan	nancee_furlan@ipsd.org	630-428-7145
<b>Wrestling</b>		
Dominic Piscitiello	dominic_piscitiello@ipsd.org	
Tom Mirus	tom_mirus@ipsd.org	630-428-7340
<b>8th Girls Basketball</b>		
(AA) Eric Williams	eric_williams@ipsd.org	630-428-7144
(A) Dan Shields	daniel_shields@ipsd.org	630-428-7144
<b>7th Girl's Basketball</b>		
(AA) Matt Blaser	matthew_blaser@ipsd.org	630-428-6578
(A) Nancee Furlan	nancee_furlan@ipsd.org	630-428-7145
<b>Track</b>		
Charlie Lantz	charles_lantz@ipsd.org	630-428-6591
Josh Cournaya	josh_cournaya@ipsd.org	630-428-6540
Eric Williams	eric_williams@ipsd.org	630-428-7145
Nikki Pyle	nikki_pyle@ipsd.org	630-428-6591
Beth Wisner	beth_wisner@ipsd.org	630-428-6539
<b>Girls Soccer</b>		
Lindsey Kinczyk	lindsey_kinczyk@ipsd.org	428-6540





## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEDNESDAYS

District 204 is adjusting the student starting time for students on Wednesday mornings for the 2009-10 school year. We believe this change will benefit our students through providing school-wide professional development opportunities for our teachers.

This set block of time for teachers to work collaboratively on improving student learning will occur each Wednesday before school. Elementary teachers will have 75 minutes and middle and high school teachers will have 50 minutes before school. The start of the school day will be adjusted slightly as follows on Wednesday mornings to accommodate this program:

On Wednesdays, Middle School Students will attend school from 8:20AM-3:00PM.. Bus schedules will be adjusted on Wednesdays.

For your information, the regular and Wednesday bell schedules are listed on the following page. Please note students cannot access the building until the following times unless they are participating in a school-sponsored endeavor with supervision by a staff member.

Building access times for students: M,T,TH,F - 7:35AM

W. 7:55AM



## Regular Bell Schedule Mon., Tues., Thur. & Fri.

Period	6th Grade
1	8:00 - 8:49 Core
2	8:51 - 9:40 Core
3	9:42 - 10:31 Core
4	10:33 - 11:22 Core
5	11:25 - 11:55 Lunch
6	11:59 - 12:48 Core
7	12:51 - 1:32 Encore
8	1:35 - 2:16 Encore
9	2:19 - 3:00 Encore

Period	7th Grade
1	8:00 - 8:41 Encore
2	8:44 - 9:25 Encore
3	9:28 - 10:09 Encore
4	10:13 - 10:43 Lunch
5	10:47 - 11:36 Core
6	11:38 - 12:27 Core
7	12:29 - 1:18 Core
8	1:20 - 2:09 Core
9	2:11 - 3:00 Core

Period	8th Grade
1	8:00 - 8:49 Core
2	8:51 - 9:40 Core
3	9:42 - 10:31 Core
4	10:34 - 11:15 Encore
5	11:18 - 11:59 Encore
6	12:02 - 12:43 Encore
7	12:46 - 1:16 Lunch
8	1:20 - 2:09 Core
9	2:11 - 3:00 Core

## Late Start (Wednesday) Bell Schedule

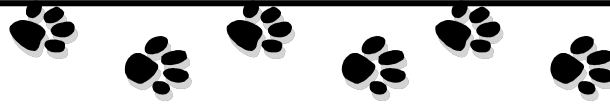
Period	6th Grade
1	8:20 - 8:59 Core
2	9:01 - 9:40 Core
3	9:42 - 10:21 Core
4	10:23 - 11:02 Core
5	11:04-11:34 (L) Lunch
6	11:37-12:16 Core
7	(Advisory) 12:18-12:57 Encore
8	12:59-1:38 Encore
9	1:41-2:19 Encore
9	2:21-3:00 Encore

Period	7th Grade
1	8:20 - 8:59 Encore
2	9:01-9:40 Encore
3	9:42-10:21 Encore
4	10:23-10:53 (L) Lunch
5	10:56-11:35 Core
6	11:37-12:16 Core
7	12:18-12:57 Core
8	12:59-1:38 Core
9	1:41-2:19 Core
9	(Advisory) 2:21-3:00

Period	8th Grade
1	8:20 - 8:59 Core
2	9:01-9:40 Core
3	9:42-10:21 Core
4	10:23-11:02 Encore
5	11:04-11:43 Encore
6	11:45-12:24 Encore
7	12:26-12:56 (L) Lunch
8	12:59-1:38 Core
9	1:41-2:19 Core
9	(Advisory) 2:21-3:00

Students may access the building at 7:35AM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday; 7:55AM Wednesday

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# District 204

## Middle School Lunch News

### 2009-2010 School Year



Dear Indian Prairie School District Families:

We are thrilled to announce that Crone Middle School now offers MealpayPlus ([www.mealpayplus.com](http://www.mealpayplus.com)), a state-of-the-art online service that offers you the convenience and information you need to manage your student's meal account. THIS WILL REPLACE CAFÉ PREPAY FOR YOUR ON-LINE PAYMENTS. Look out for other schools in our district to come on board with MealpayPlus soon! This system will eliminate the need to send checks to school or worry about lost or forgotten lunch money, and speeds up serving lines in the cafeteria.

At no cost, MealpayPlus allows any family to:

- Create a free, secured account to manage all of your student's accounts
- Check your student's current account balance
- Monitor the items your student has been purchasing in the cafeteria
- Create settings to receive email notifications when the account reaches a low balance

For a small program fee, MealpayPlus allows any family to:

- Make a prepayment into your student's meal account using a check, credit card (MasterCard/Visa), or debit card at [www.mealpayplus.com](http://www.mealpayplus.com) or by calling 866-260-6822. Funds deposited through MealpayPlus are usually available for student use within a matter of minutes.
- Create settings to automatically replenish your student's account when it reaches a low balance

You will need to establish a new account on MealpayPlus. Your student's balances have been transferred, but you will need to create an account.

We strongly encourage all parents (even if you do not prepay for your student's meal account) to create an account at no cost through [www.mealpayplus.com](http://www.mealpayplus.com). To create a new account, follow the onscreen directions and register your student using their Student ID number. You can obtain your student ID number by contacting your school's administrator.

For those who do wish to prepay into their student's meal account, MealpayPlus offers several convenient ways to do so by visiting [www.mealpayplus.com](http://www.mealpayplus.com) or calling 866-260-6822 from anywhere, at anytime.

Thank you for your continued support, and I am proud that we will continue to offer you convenience and information through MealpayPlus. We consistently strive to find new and better ways to serve our students and our families, and I thank you for partnering with us in this effort.

Indian Prairie School District



### *District 204 Internet Policy*

Indian Prairie School District 204 uses an opt-out policy from Internet activities. Parents no longer sign permission forms. Parents who want to exclude their children from Internet access can sign a form and return the form to the school's office. Forms will be available at schools and on the Internet ([www.ipsd.org](http://www.ipsd.org)) during the new school year's registration. This exclusion needs to be signed only once when a student enters the school or changes levels.

### *Crone Newsletter*

Crone Newsletter will not be mailed to households. Copies will be available in the main office for families not accessing the newsletters via the website.

### *Cell Phones & Electronic Listening Devices*

In an effort to maintain an appropriate and safe atmosphere in the middle school environment, students are not permitted to use iPods, MP3 players, CD players, radios, Nintendo, PSP's, or any other portable game systems or electronic devices at anytime during the school hours of 8:00am-3:00pm. The school day is defined as the start of the first period until the end of the last scheduled school period. District 204 Middle Schools strongly discourage students from bringing any of these items to school and is not responsible for these items in any way and will place a low priority on investigating thefts of these devices. If these devices are used, seen, or heard during school hours (8:00am-3:00pm), a referral may be written and the device may be confiscated. If a student has an electronic device confiscated, he/she must have a parent or guardian pick up the device.

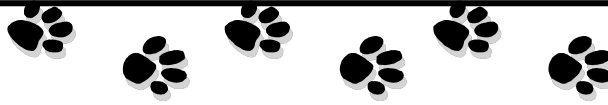
**Note:** Electronic devices may be used as a curricular tool as noted in the teacher's syllabus or per teacher approval.

**Disciplinary Action:** Level II Consequences are based on the seriousness of the incident and become more restrictive as the behavior persists. One of more of the following consequences may occur, but are not limited to: Student services referral, Detention, In-School Detention, Social Probation, Out of School Suspension, or Possible Expulsion..

The school administration is authorized to discipline students for gross disobedience or misconduct, including, but not limited to using a cellular telephone or other electronic device that is otherwise not banned by this policy, including using the device to cheat, signal others, or otherwise violate student conduct rules. Unless otherwise banned under this policy, all electronic devices must be kept off and out of sight during the regular school day unless: (a) use of the device is as a curricular tool noted in the teacher's syllabus or per teacher approval, (b) use of the device is provided in a student's IEP or (c) it is needed in an emergency that threatens the safety of students, staff or other individuals.

Illinois law prohibits the possession of personal pagers by students on school grounds due to possible connection with the distribution of controlled substances. Use of cellular phones during school hours is prohibited.

Additional information regarding the policy of the use of electronic devices is listed in the student handbook.



*Crone Listserve Information*

Families are encouraged to sign up for the Crone listserv. By doing so, you will receive daily announcements and other important notices via email. Included will be notification when monthly newsletters are posted on the Crone website.

Signing up for District-Wide E-News is simple. Go to the 204 District website [www.ipisd.org](http://www.ipisd.org). Once you are on that website select the "Subscribe to Email News" option. Simply follow the directions on this page.

On the same page are instructions to sign up for a "School Specific Email News List." Again, the directions given will walk you through signing up. If you would like us to manually enroll you, please fill out the form below and return it to the school.

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**Manual Listserv Enrollment**

Please manually subscribe me to the Crone Listserv.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My email address is: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form to the attention of Miriam Tavegia.**

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*ID Verification*

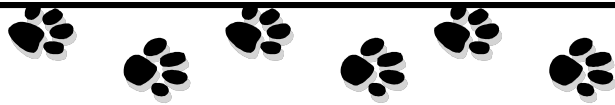
For student early dismissal, please be advised that as a general rule anyone picking up a student will need to show a picture ID. All students must be released only to parent or guardian for any dismissal during school hours. The parent or guardian must sign the student out and back in. Release to any other individual during school time necessitates administrative approval. This includes individuals listed on the emergency cards.

*Parent Access to On-line Grades*

The Pinnacle Online Grade Book System allows students and parents to monitor their grades from any computer with internet access. Pinnacle logins and passwords will be handed out to students in the first few weeks of school.

*Crone On-line Calendar*

The Crone school calendar is now available on the Crone website. From this calendar, you will be able to view district-wide meetings and events, PTSA meetings and activities, school musical concerts, programs, sports schedules and conferences, and other school information.



### *Report Cards/Progress Reports*

Again this year, academic report cards will **NOT** be mailed to parents with 6th—12th grade students who have Internet access. If you have Internet access, you may view your student's report card at: <http://gradebook.ipsd.org>  
Progress reports will continue to be viewed on-line.

If you do not have Internet access, please complete the form below and return it to the Guidance office.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: Crone Middle School    Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_    Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

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## School Dance Information

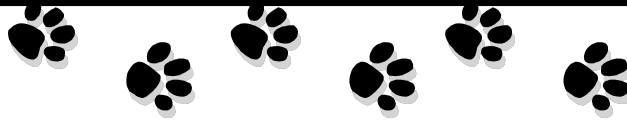
### Crone Middle School Dances 2009-2010

- October 2nd-6th Grade Dance 6:00-8:00 PM
- October 16th-7th & 8th Grade Dance 6:00-8:00 PM
- December 4th-All School Dance 6:00-8:00 PM
- March 12th-All School Dance 6:00-8:00 PM
- May 7th-8th Grade End of Year Dance 7:00-9:00 PM

Only current Crone students are eligible to attend dances.

More information will be forthcoming.





*Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Registry*

*Dear Parent, Guardian or Staff Member:*

*Public Acts 91-0099 and 91-0525 mandate Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for Illinois public schools. IPM manages pests with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment. IPM may include judicious use of pesticides. In this context, “pesticide” includes insecticide, herbicide, rodenticide and fungicide.*

*Typically, if a pesticide application is required, it will not present a health concern to the majority of students and staff. However, it is the intent of IPM to allow those with special sensitivities to take appropriate precautions. Therefore, IPM provides parents and staff the opportunity for prior notice of pesticide application. For purposes of efficiency and economy, IPM calls for the creation of a registry of people who wish to receive prior notice. To be included in your school’s registry, please provide the following information and return this form to your main office by Friday, September 19. Dependent on circumstances, written notice will be sent home with your child or via U.S. Mail. The registry will be updated each school year.*

*Sincerely,  
Pete Vlamis  
Director of Buildings and Grounds  
Indian Prairie School District #204*

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*“I wish to be notified two days before the use of pesticides (insecticide, herbicide, rodenticide, fungicide) at school. I understand if there is an immediate threat to health or property that requires treatment before notification can be sent, I will receive notice as soon as possible.”*

*Student/Staff Name(s)/Grade(s)*

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*Mailing Address*

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*Parent or Guardian Name*

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*Parent or Guardian Signature*

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*Date* \_\_\_\_\_



*Family & Friends,  
Please support  
Crone Middle School's  
upcoming  
2009 Magazine Drive*

*Students will have the opportunity to sell  
various magazine subscriptions*

From

August 31, 2009 Through September 17, 2009

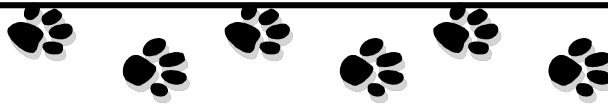
**All Profits Benefit Student Activities**

Profits for the 2008-2009 Magazine Drive totaled \$13,475.70.

Special events funded by the magazine drive included:

*8th Grade Celebration Carnival and Rental, Food for Carnival, Honors Breakfast, Annual school musical production, student awards, PBIS, Panther Paws, special speakers, science fair materials, plaques and special recognition awards, athletic recognition banners and many more.*

By having a successful magazine fundraiser we are able to avoid other fundraising activities during the school year.



### NEUQUA VALLEY FOOTBALL

*Future Neuqua Valley Wildcat Students and Families,*

*Friday night football games are one of the great traditions of high school. At Neuqua Valley, that is no different. We celebrate both the performance on the field and the enthusiasm the community continues to show toward our school.*

*We encourage future Wildcat families to join us on Friday evenings to enjoy the games, the Grammy award winning half-time music, and the performances of our cheerleaders and pom squads. These are great opportunities to experience a part of the Neuqua Valley culture as a family. As many of you know, attendance at our home football games grew to record numbers last year. In order to provide an environment in which all spectators can safely enjoy the game and half-time show, we have enacted the following policies for this season:*

- No elementary or middle school students will be admitted to high school football games without an adult chaperone*
- Students must stay with their adult chaperone during the event.*
- Students who are not directly supervised by the adult with whom they entered the game/event may be asked to contact a parent/guardian to arrange for supervision or a ride home.*
- Students whose behavior is not appropriate may be referred to their building administrator which may result in restrictions to attend NVHS games/events.*
- Students are expected to follow all school rules and conduct themselves in a positive, sportsmanlike manner.*
- Chaperones are asked to supervise an appropriate number of students to ensure their ability to effectively direct acceptable behavior.*

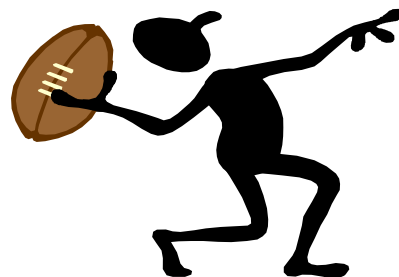
*We thank our future students in advance for their respectful compliance of our policies and of our requests of them at our events. We have received the support of our middle school colleagues in spreading this message and thank them and the parents of our student guests in advance for reinforcing appropriate behavior and compliance to our expectations at Neuqua Valley events.*

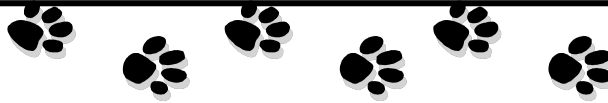
*Thank you for your continued support of our school community and for our goal of providing a fun and safe environment for all of our fans.*

***GO WILDCATS!***

*Robert McBride, Jr.*

*Principal, Neuqua Valley High School*





## IMPORTANT PROCEDURE REMINDERS

### Procedures for an Early Dismissal

1. Students are expected to bring a note in before school to the greeter desk. If for some reason they do not get the note to the greeter, this note should be taken to the front office as soon as possible.
2. The greeter/secretary will issue an early dismissal pass to the student.
3. The student will give the pass to the teacher at the time indicated on the early dismissal pass and be excused from class.
4. Students are to meet their parents at the main office.
5. Please be advised that as a general rule anyone picking up a student will have to show a picture ID. All students must be released only to their parent or guardian for any dismissal during school hours. Please be sure the parent or guardian signs the student out. Release to any other individual during school time necessitates administrative approval. This includes individuals listed on the emergency cards.

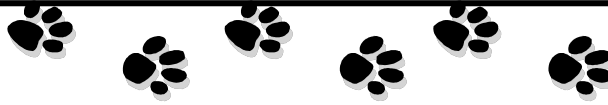
### Procedures for retrieving items/messages from parents

1. Students are expected to be responsible and bring needed items to school.
2. Our overall goal is to allow classroom instruction to continue without interruption. Therefore, classes will not be interrupted to give students messages or call them to the office to pick up items left by parents.
3. If a parent needs to drop off an item, or if a student calls home regarding an item left at home, please drop off at the main office prior to 10:00 AM whenever possible. Items brought in prior to the student's lunch will be put in the lunch bin for that particular student's lunch period. These bins will be brought to the lunchroom-students can check when they go to the lunchroom for any items/messages left by parents. Lunchroom monitors will also call students to pick up the item/message.
4. Any items dropped off after a student's lunch period should be taken to the front office. The items will still be placed in the student's lunch bin. The student **WILL NOT** be called down. It is the student's responsibility to check the lunch bins on their own.

### Visitors at Crone Middle School

To help ensure a safe environment at Crone, please note the following:

1. Visitors must enter through the main entrance.
2. Upon entering, visitors should sign in at the main office, providing name, time of arrival and purpose of visit.
3. A visitor's tag will be provided-visitors must have this tag visible at all times while in Crone Middle School.
4. Students from other schools are not allowed in the building during school hours.



July, 2009

Dear Crone Families,

*Welcome to the new school year at Crone! The Crone PTSA is a partnership between parents, teachers and students. There are exciting events planned for the coming year and I encourage you to get involved.*

PTSA Membership – By joining the PTSA, you are part of an organization that works for the well being of your children, you have a voice in PTSA functions and you receive a **free** copy of the Crone directory. Simply complete the enclosed membership form and return it to the Crone office along with your check payable to the “Crone PTSA”.

Voluntary Donation Program – The Crone PTSA is funded entirely through **voluntary donations**, which means no gift wrap or candy sales. The suggested \$25 contribution for each Crone student is tax deductible and provides for the following programs:

- End of Year Celebrations for 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grades and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade End of Year Dance
- Crone Directory
- Dance Refreshments for all grades
- Music and Athletic Recognition Emblems
- Red Ribbon Week & Health/Safety Activities
- Purchase of books for Crone LMC
- Reflections Program
- Educational Enrichment Programs for all grades and Parent Education Evenings

#### Volunteers

Many volunteers are needed to successfully manage all of our PTSA Committees. Please consider volunteering either at school or from home by completing the enclosed Volunteer Form and returning it to the Crone office.

#### Dates to Remember

Thursday, August 18th – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pre-ordered School Supply Pickup (3:00-5:00pm), Crone Spirit wear sales (5:00-8:00pm)

Thursday, August 18th – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation, Pre-ordered School Supply Pickup, gym/band locker sales, \$5 directory “Love Ad” sales, and Crone Spirit wear sales (5:00-8:00pm).

Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup> – First Day of School

Tuesday, September 15th – PTSA meeting before Encore (6:00 pm)

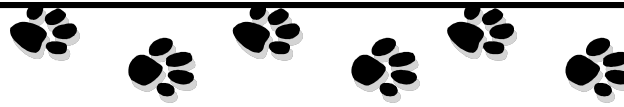
Thank you in advance for your support during the 2009/2010 school year. Together, we can make a difference in our children’s education.

Sincerely,

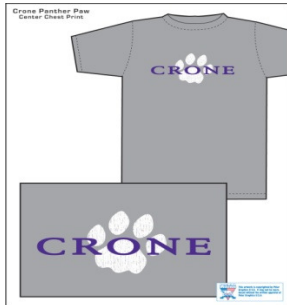
*Maria Neufeld, PTSA President*

*Please note that the Crone Middle School (and all other 204 middle schools) magazine fundraiser in September is **NOT** a PTSA fundraiser. The magazine sale supports the school’s student activity fund which provides for special music department events and athletic programs as well as special assemblies and supplements student events while providing families an opportunity to purchase magazines at a discount.*

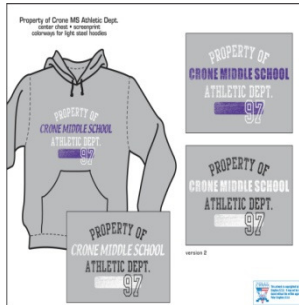




**Crone Spiritwear 2009-2010**



**Paw Print Tee**  
Adult S, M, L, XL  
\$7 each



**"Property of" Hoodie**  
Adult S, M, L, XL  
\$12 each



**Long Sleeve Tee**  
Adult S, M, L, XL  
\$8 each



**Girl's Lightweight Hoodie**  
Adult S, M, L  
\$12 each



**Girl's Paw Print Flannel Pants**  
Adult S, M, L  
Youth L  
\$10 each



**Cell Phone Charm**  
\$1 each

Tank Top \$8

Fleece Board Shorts \$5

Fleece Pants \$10

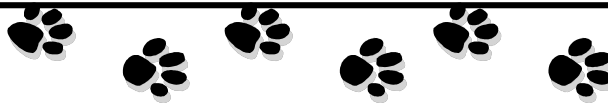
Flip Flops \$5

Cheer Shorts \$5

Basketball Shorts \$10

All Items are Cash and Carry

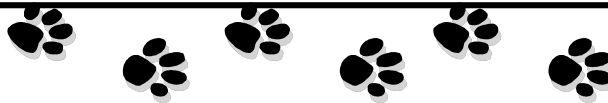
Quantities Limited - All Items Available at Orientation



## August/September 2009

Date	Event	Time
08/20/2009	Classes Begin	
08/25/2009	8th Grade Curriculum Night	7:00-9:00 pm
08/31/2009	Magazine Sales Kick Off	
08/31/2009	7th Grade Curriculum Night	7:00-9:00 pm
9/2/2009	Boys Soccer vs. Still @ Crone	4:00 pm
09/03/2009	Boys Soccer @ Gregory	4:00 pm
09/07/2009	Labor Day No School	
09/08/2009	Boys Soccer @ Granger	4:00 pm
09/08/2009	Volleyball vs. Still 7th Grade @ Home, 8th Grade @ Still	4:00 pm
09/09/2009	Football vs. Washington Middle/Light home, Heavy away	4:00 pm
09/09/2009	8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip Parent Information Meeting	7:30—8:30 pm
09/10/2009	6th Grade Curriculum Night	7:00 pm-9:00 pm
09/10/2009	Volleyball vs. Gregory 7th Grade @ Gregory, 8th Grade @ Home	4:00 pm
09/14/2009	Boys Soccer vs. Fischer @ Crone	4:00 pm
09/15/2009	Cross Country vs. Washington & Gregory @ Gregory	4:00 pm
09/15/2009	Volleyball vs. Jefferson 7th Grade @ Jefferson, 8th Grade @ Home	4:00 pm

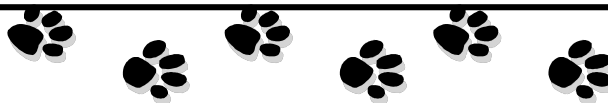
All athletic events begin around 4:00 PM. This will vary due to travel time. Buses for away games depart from Crone Middle School at 3:45 PM.



## September 2009

Date	Event	Time
09/15/2009	PTSA Meeting	6:00 pm
09/15/2009	Encore Curriculum Night & 8th Grade Parent Presentation for Amplify	7:00 pm
09/16/2009	8th Grade Parent Presentation For Amplify	2:00 pm
9/16/2009	Football vs. Hill Heavy Home, Middle/Light Away	4:00 pm
9/16/2009	Boys Soccer @ Still	4:00 pm
09/17/2009	Volleyball vs. Still 7th @ Home, 8th @ Still	4:00 pm
09/17/2009	Cross Country @ Crone vs. Still & Lincoln	4:00 pm
09/18/2009	Building Articulation Day No School	
09/21/2009	Boys Soccer vs. Hill @ Hill	4:00 pm
09/21/2009	Cross Country @ Madison vs. Madison, Jefferson & Granger	4:00 pm
09/21/2009	Volleyball vs. Granger 7th @ Home, 8th @ Granger	4:00 pm
09/22/2009	Picture Day	8:00 am

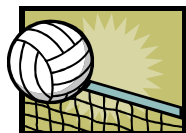
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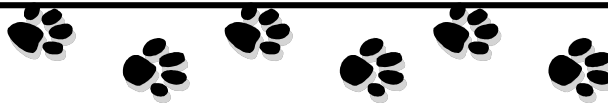


## September 2009

Date	Event	Time
09/22/2009	Boys Soccer vs. Scullen @ Crone	4:00 pm
09/22/2009	Cross Country @ Kennedy vs. Kennedy & Hill	4:00 pm
09/23/2009	Football vs. Madison Middle/Light Home, Heavy Away	4:00 pm
09/24/2009	Volleyball vs. Kennedy 7th Grade Away, 8th Grade Home	4:00 pm
9/24/2009	Boys Soccer vs. Gregory @ Crone	4:00 pm
9/28/2009	Cross Country @ Granger	4:00 pm
09/28/2009	Boys Soccer vs. Granger @ Crone	4:00 pm
09/28/2009	Volleyball vs. Scullen 7th Grade @ Home, 8th Grade @ Scullen	4:00 pm
09/29/2009	Boys Soccer vs. Fischer @ Fischer	4:00 pm
09/30/2009	Football vs. Gregory Heavy Home, Middle/Light Away	4:00 pm
09/30/2009	Volleyball vs. Lincoln 7th Grade Home, 8th Grade Away	4:00 pm

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## Special Announcement for all bus riders from Stan Gorbatkin



On the first two days of school, August 20-21, we are asking that parents of bus riding students refrain from dropping off or picking up students if at all possible.

During this time, *District 204* and *First Student* will be working together to assess bus capacity issues. Accurate counts can only occur if students ride the buses.

As the year progresses, please continue to use bus transportation whenever possible to facilitate good traffic flow. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

## Curriculum Nights

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Tuesday, August 25, 2009                      7:00PM-9:00PM    8th Grade

Monday, August 31, 2009                      7:00PM-9:00PM    7th Grade

Thursday, September 10, 2009                      7:00PM-9:00PM    6th Grade

Encore Curriculum Night will occur on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 from 7:00PM-9:00PM. More information will be forthcoming.