

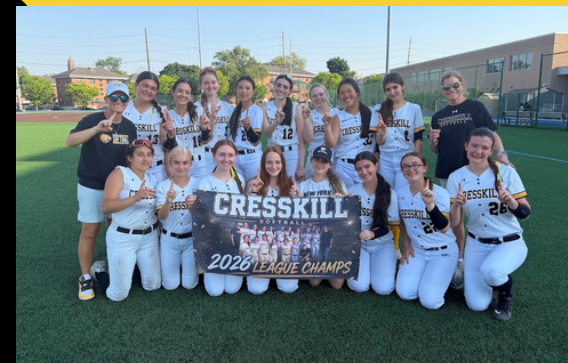
WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

August 2026

We hope you are enjoying a relaxing and rejuvenating summer break! As we prepare to open our doors for the new school year, enthusiasm for seeing our campus bustling with energy once again continues to build. What makes our school family so extraordinary are the incredible individuals who shape the environment. Our students, parents, faculty and staff collectively cultivate a culture where every person is distinct contributor. When classes begin on September 2nd, I encourage you to carry this commitment to community, empathy, and collaboration into our daily work. By partnering together, we will ensure this is another fantastic year filled with deep connections, engaging discoveries, and collective success.

Mr. John Massaro

Principal



IMPORTANT NEWS AND UPDATES

STAFF UPDATES

Please join us in welcoming our new CMS/CHS staff!

- Patricia Alfieri – Special Education Teacher
- Chiara Brenna – Mathematics Teacher
- Eric Harding – Chemistry Teacher
- Brielle Padovan – Special Education Teacher
- Jessica Perucki – Physical Education/Health Teacher
- Jackie Sicheri – Special Education Teacher
- David Sposato – Assistant Principal for Student Support Services
- Thiana Vazquez – Assistant Principal



STUDENT HANDBOOK

Please use this [link](#) to review the updated Student Handbook for the 2026-2027 school year. Specific points of emphasis and daily operational procedures will be reviewed in the first week of school student meetings.

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!

All incoming 6th grade students and new 7th & 8th grade students will attend the Middle School Orientation Program on Monday, August 31st 1:15–2:30pm. Please email Ms. Lana Shtofmakher, Middle School Guidance Counselor, if you have any questions (Ishtofmakher@cresskillnj.net).

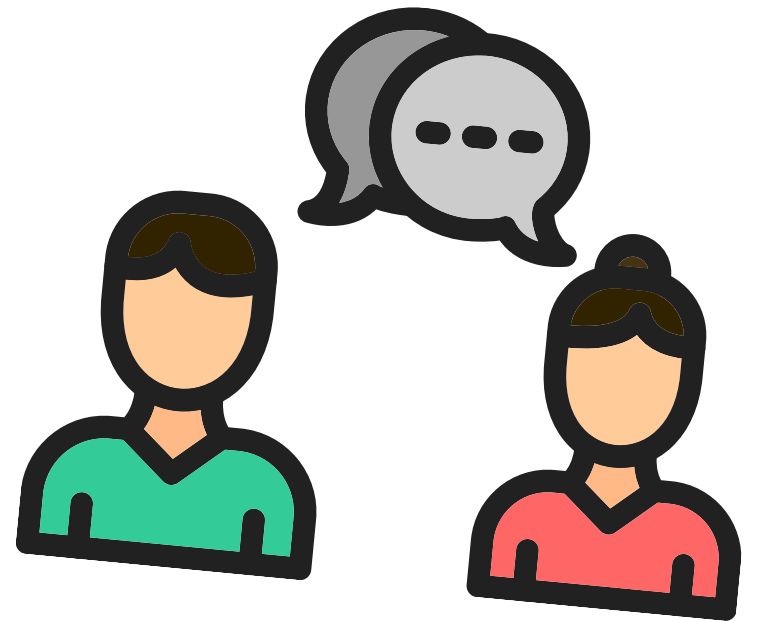
For all new students to Cresskill High School, please attend the New High School Student Orientation Program Mr. David Sposato, Assistant Principal for Student Support Services, on Monday, August 31st, at 2:00–3:00pm. Participating students should report to the main entrance area when they arrive and will gather in the cafeteria.



IMPORTANT NEWS AND UPDATES

COMMUNICATION & CHAIN OF COMMAND

The Cresskill School District values quality communication as the foundation of supportive working relationships. In order to best achieve this goal, we encourage students and families to first contact their teachers, coaches, advisors, and counselors directly with any questions or concerns. If students and families still seek resolution after such communication, our administrative team is available to further support the communication process.



GENESIS PARENT FORMS

Multiple acknowledgment forms have been published on Genesis parent portals including:

- Cresskill BOE policies
- Contact information updates
- Health information
- Student arrival procedures & Item Drop Off
- 1:1 Chromebook/device agreements
- Student Activity Fee, Gaggle, and Cafeteria payments

SOCIAL MEDIA

@CRESSKILLMSHS

Please consider following our various programs and staff members on Instagram. Descriptions, photos, and video clips of daily events in school provide a window into the daily school experience and celebrate the achievements of our students in many different ways.



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT EVENTS

Cresskill Middle School – Thursday, Sept. 17th | 6:30–8:41pm

Cresskill High School – Thursday, Sept. 24th | 6:30–8:41pm

For more information, please see [this link](#) to the details posted on the News section of our website.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Middle school students will have the opportunity to be involved in clubs, athletics, and field trip opportunities throughout the school year, with information shared directly on the grade-level Google Classrooms and morning announcements. Grade-level trips and Student Organization-sponsored trip information will be shared with students and families directly as well. Middle School athletic information can be found on the school website at this [link](#).



WEEKLY ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

Below are designated days of the week for full period tests and long term assignments requiring substantial preparation by students. The spirit of this format is to promote reasonable balance of assignment scheduling for students, and we thank our faculty for their professionalism and adaptability to optimize the learning experience in Cresskill.

Mon. - Mathematics, Social Studies, Health/PhysEd, Business, Art, Music

Tues. - Language Arts, ESL, World Language

Weds. - Science, Social Studies, Health/PhysEd, Business, Art, Music

Thurs. - Mathematics, World Language

Fri. - Language Arts, ESL, Science





PARENT ORGANIZATIONS



Home and School Association (HSA)

The Home & School Association (HSA) is a volunteer-led group dedicated to strengthening the bond between families, teachers, and our school community. Through fundraising and events, we provide programs, resources, and experiences that enrich our students' education and foster a strong, supportive environment. We're excited to kick off the year with our first meeting on Thursday, October 8 at 7:30 PM – and everyone is welcome to join!

We're also proud to introduce our new board:

President: Limor Kovar

Secretary: Tal Erlanger Mashiah

Communications: Ana Solano

VP High School: Christine DePalo

VP Middle School: Gulsah Oral

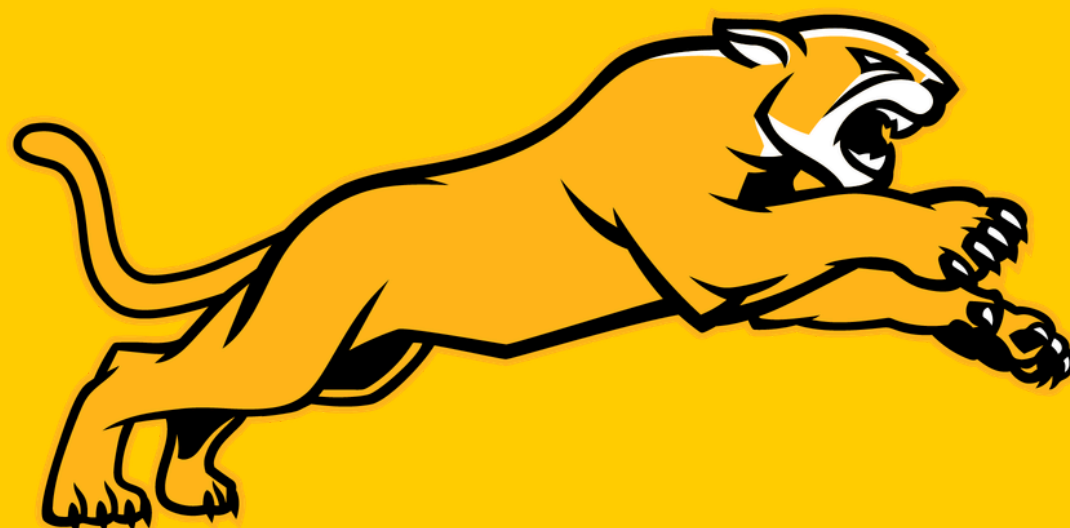
Treasurer: Inbar Charash

We look forward to working together to support our students, teachers, and families.

Have questions, ideas, or want to get involved?

Email us: cmschs.hsa@gmail.com

Follow us on Instagram: [@cmschshsa](https://www.instagram.com/cmschshsa) for updates, events, and ways to connect.





PARENT ORGANIZATIONS



Music Boosters

Welcome Parents of Cresskill Cougar Music and Theater Students!

We are thrilled to have you join the vibrant community of families supporting the extraordinary talent within the Cresskill Middle School and High School music and theater programs. Whether your child participates in any of the bands, orchestras, vocal ensembles or theater productions, you are an essential part of our Cougar Music pride!

The Cresskill Music Boosters is a non-profit organization run by parents just like you, working hand-in-hand with the school's music department to nurture and enhance these programs. Through monthly meetings and various fundraising opportunities throughout the year, we come together to celebrate and support our children's artistic growth.

Your membership and involvement make a powerful impact on supporting all the programs for the music department. That being said, we are currently looking for a treasurer to join our team.

Please visit cresskillmusic.org for more information or email us at cresskillmusicboosters@gmail.com for more information.

Thank you for helping us create a thriving environment where students can express themselves artistically, grow in confidence through creativity, develop skills that will enrich their academics, and build memories that last a lifetime.

Please consider joining us on Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at 7 pm in the CMS/HS Choir Room, to learn how you can help.

Let's make this a fantastic year for our talented young artists!

The Music Boosters



PARENT ORGANIZATIONS



Athletic Boosters

Welcome back to another exciting year of Cresskill athletics! The Cresskill Athletic Boosters are proud to support our student-athletes, coaches, and athletic programs throughout the year. Through fundraising, community support, and the generosity of our Cresskill families, we are able to provide funding for equipment, facility enhancements, scholarships, and other items that directly benefit our athletes and teams.

We are especially proud of what we were able to accomplish last year. Some of the donations and contributions made possible through the Cresskill Athletic Boosters included:

- \$900 – Pop-up tent for Cross Country and Track
- \$1,850 – Windscreens for Softball
- \$1,000 – New shipping container for Baseball and Boys and Girls Soccer
- \$580 – Soccer shelters for Boys and Girls Soccer
- \$468 – New basketball rack
- \$2,500 toward new cheer mats, custom golf bags, a softball bat, and baseball equipment
- League Champions plaques recognizing the accomplishments of our teams
- 86" TVs
- Four additional pop-up tents for our athletic programs

The Boosters also organize the Senior Athlete Banners that proudly recognize our graduating athletes. We coordinate this special tradition with Jason Timochko, helping to make sure our seniors are celebrated for their dedication and accomplishments as Cresskill athletes.

Last year, we also hosted our popular Wizards Basketball Fundraiser, bringing our school and community together while raising funds to continue supporting Cresskill athletics.

Another important part of our mission is our Cresskill Athletic Boosters Scholarship Program. Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors who are two-sport athletes, are in good academic standing, and are selected with input from our coaches. We are very proud to congratulate our scholarship recipients: Julia Couch, Charley Quinn, Max Reiner, and Thomas Reilly!

As we begin a new school year, we wish all of our Cresskill student-athletes and teams the very best of luck! We look forward to cheering you on and continuing to find new ways to support our athletic programs.

The Athletic Boosters are always looking for parents and community members who would like to get involved. Whether you have a fundraising idea, would like to volunteer, make a donation, or simply want to learn more about what we do, we welcome you! Please stop by our table at Back-to-School Night to meet us and learn how you can become part of the Cresskill Athletic Boosters.

Questions, ideas, or interested in joining? Contact us at cresskillathleticboosterclub@gmail.com

Go Cougars!

Cresskill Athletic Boosters Board

- Brenda Jamieson, President
- Joanie Kopczynski, Vice President
- Kim Semenaro, Treasurer



PARENT ORGANIZATIONS

Cresskill Education Foundation

A New School Year, A New Season of Possibilities!



Welcome back, Cresskill Families! As we kick off the 2026–2027 school year, the Cresskill Education Foundation (CEF) is excited for another year of bringing our community together in support of the students, teachers, and programs that make Cresskill Public Schools so special. Our committee is already hard at work planning an exciting lineup of live events and community experiences for the year ahead. We were so excited to see you last year and we hope you'll mark your calendars, bring your family and friends, and join us whenever you can!

Supporting Music & The Arts Together

For 35 years, every event hosted by the Cresskill Education Foundation helps raise funds to support Teacher grants towards music, arts, science, technology, and general education programs throughout all of our district schools. Your participation makes a meaningful difference—helping provide opportunities, resources, and experiences that inspire creativity and enrich the educational journey of all our students.

Whether you attend an event, become a sponsor, volunteer your time, or simply spread the word – your support aids education programs and keeps music and the arts thriving in Cresskill schools.

We Can't Wait to See You! Save the Date!

Please join us on Monday November 2nd at Cresskill High School Auditorium for our first event of the school year! Local and professional musicians from the biggest stages of NYC will once again be donating their time and talents while performing in support of the arts for our 18th Annual Concert for the Arts! Be entertained. Get involved. Bring a friend. Support the arts. Are you a musician, or do you know a performer in our community who might be interested in sharing their talent at a future CEF event? We'd love to connect!

We're looking forward to sharing other upcoming events with you and making this another memorable year for our school community. Together, we can make sure our students continue to have opportunities to learn, create, perform, and shine.

Here's to a wonderful new school year—and a year filled with music, creativity, community, and fun!

With gratitude,

The Cresskill Education Foundation Committee
Supporting Excellence in Every Cresskill School

If you are interested in supporting and learning more about the CEF, please connect with us!

cresskilleducationfoundation@yahoo.com

IG: [@cresskilleducationfoundation](https://www.instagram.com/cresskilleducationfoundation)

[CresskillEducationFoundation.org](https://www.CresskillEducationFoundation.org)



PARENT ORGANIZATIONS



Korean Parents Association (KPA)

안녕하세요.

2026-2027 KPA는 임원진과 학부모님들의 따뜻한 관심과 헌신 덕분에 새로운 학년을 힘차게 시작합니다.

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2026-2027 KPA



PARENT ORGANIZATIONS



Korean Parents Association (KPA)

The 2026–2027 KPA is excited to begin a new school year with the warm support and dedication of our board members and parent community.

This year, KPA will continue to work closely with the school and our families to support our students and help provide them with the best possible environment in which to learn, grow, and thrive.

We are also sharing updates and highlights of KPA activities on our Instagram page. We invite you to follow us and stay connected:

<http://www.instagram.com/cresskillkpa>

Instagram = @cresskillkpa

We look forward to your continued interest, participation, and support throughout the new school year. We wish all of our students and families a happy, meaningful, and successful year ahead.

Thank you,

2026–2027 KPA