# Crest Ridge Secondary

Monthly Newsletter - October 2026



## From the Principal's desk

I can't believe we are already in October! The school year is flying by, and we have had such a great start to the year at Crest Ridge Secondary. We truly have an amazing staff, and our students continue to show us each day what makes Crest Ridge such a special place to be.

As we move into October, we have a lot to look forward to! One of the highlights of the month will be Homecoming on October 9. Homecoming is always a fun opportunity for our students, staff, community, and alumni to celebrate our school, build school spirit, and create memories together. I'm looking forward to seeing our Cougars enjoy all that Homecoming week has to offer!

October also brings Parent-Teacher Conferences, and we encourage our parents and guardians to take the opportunity to meet with our teachers, ask questions, and learn more about how your student is doing. Communication is key to building a strong partnership between home and school, and we greatly appreciate your involvement and support.

Thank you for trusting us with your students and for being such an important part of the Crest Ridge community. We are excited about the year ahead and all that is still to come!

-Dr. Krewson, Secondary Principal



## Counselor's Corner

We are thankful to have community partners who help make sure our students have what they need. **Church of Hope** and **Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church** provide snack bags for students who may need a little extra food over the weekend. This support is completely confidential, and snack bags are discreetly placed in the student's locker.

We will also be starting trips to the Cougar Closet, where students can shop for clothing and hygiene products at no cost.

If you feel either of these resources would be helpful for your student, please contact the front office or email Whitney Peer at wpeer@crestridge.org. We are happy to help!

# Wall of Handprints

We kicked off the school year by updating our Wall of Handprints! Each school year, a new handprint section is created for our 6th grade class, with each student adding one handprint to mark the beginning of their journey at Crest Ridge Secondary. As seniors, students return to the wall to add their second handprint, creating a lasting tradition that follows them from 6th grade through graduation.







This tradition is planned and led by Coach Woolsey's Leadership Class through the Jostens Renaissance program. We love seeing our students take ownership of traditions that help build school pride and create lasting memories!

# Cougar Athletics

The fall sports season is in full swing, and our Cougar athletes are having a great start to the season!

The JH volleyball team has gotten off to a great start, finishing 2nd in the Crest Ridge Tournament and taking 1st place at the Wellington Tournament. The HS volleyball team is also playing well, currently holding a 7–3 record and recently winning the Knob Noster Tournament. Our JV and C teams continue to improve each week. Varsity will compete in the I-70 Tournament in a couple of weeks before District play at Green Ridge October 20–22.

The JH football team picked up its first win of the season against Midway in a high-scoring shootout, 76–62! The boys are playing hard and continuing to improve each week. The HS football team faced a tough schedule to begin the season but has bounced back with impressive wins over Lexington in double overtime and Pleasant Hope on the road. The JV football team is also off to a strong start, winning all three games they have played so far this season.

We are looking forward to an exciting Homecoming on October 9 as the Cougars take on Lone Jack!

## RootEd at Crest Ridge

RootED is a dedicated initiative that works to equip rural high school students with the tools needed to navigate their post-secondary pathways. The program provides support by organizing college visits and industry tours, while also offering personalized guidance to ensure students can successfully transition to higher education or the workforce. At Crest Ridge High School, the RootED program pairs students with a dedicated advisor, Ms. Boyd, to guide their post-secondary planning. During the designated advisory period with Ms. Boyd, juniors receive targeted ACT preparation on Thursdays, while seniors receive it on Fridays. To ensure completion of their post-graduation goals, Crest Ridge High School also covers the cost of each student's first ACT registration and provides assistance for FAFSA completion. All rural high school students deserve a chance at success post-graduation, and Crest Ridge High School, partnered with RootED, is dedicated to making that possible.

If you have any questions, feel free to email: **rboyd@crestridge.org**

## Court of Appeals Field Trip

American Government students will be going to UCM on October 20 to observe arguments in four cases before the Western District Missouri Court of Appeals. This is a great opportunity to learn about the Court of Appeals in its annual session at UCM, and students will have an opportunity to ask the judges questions at the conclusion of the cases.

**Our FFA members had a busy summer showcasing their projects at District FFA and the Missouri State Fair. We've also had several chapter meetings with strong participation and successfully wrapped up our fall fundraiser. October is another busy month, with our Pulled Pork/Loaded Baked Potato meal during the Homecoming game put on by our Booster Club, an October chapter activity at Fun Time Farms, the Area 7 Barnwarming Dance, and the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis.**
**If you or your business are interested in becoming an FFA chapter sponsor, please reach out—we'd love your support!**

MISSION:
We cultivate and empower every student for success.

**Morning Arrival Reminder**
Secondary students should not be in the building before 7:30 a.m. unless they are supervised by a staff member. Students who need to arrive earlier may be dropped off at Crest Ridge Elementary and utilize the Before School Care program before riding the bus to Crest Ridge Secondary. Students who are already at Crest Ridge Elementary and need to be at the Secondary School early for a group meeting, activity, or other school-related purpose may walk over to the Secondary building earlier.

## October Upcoming Events

5 - No School - Teacher PD
7 - Big Smiles
9 - Homecoming
12 - No School
15 - Kid Sight
15 -Flu Shot Clinic
19 -No School - Parent/Teacher Conf. & Volleyball Senior Night
23 - Fall Activities Senior Night
26 - No School




**Homecoming Dance is Friday, starting 30 minutes after the game and will last until 11pm.**
**Admission is $5.**