JANUARY 2026

District COUGAR NEWS

OUR VISION:
Crest Ridge R-VII is determined to be a dynamic and innovative school district in an evolving world

OUR MISSION:
We cultivate and empower every student for success

UPCOMING EVENTS: FEBRUARY

2 NO SCHOOL PD DAY
9 NO SCHOOL
9 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 6PM
16 NO SCHOOL
23 NO SCHOOL PD DAY

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

CSIP

WE ARE REVISING OUR CSIP THIS YEAR!!

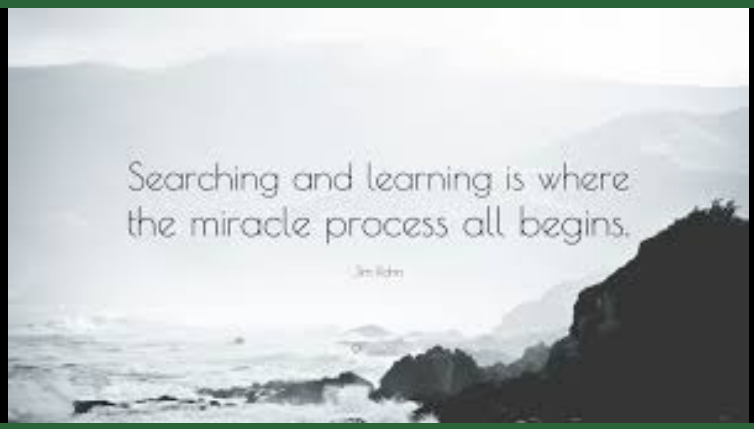
Crest Ridge will engage in the CSIP revision process on April 15 and April 22.

We have enlisted Dr. Kevin Daniel with FiredUP Consulting to lead us in this effort.

We are looking forward to developing our new strategic plan!

NO SCHOOL

ALL
MONDAYS
IN
FEBRUARY



COUGAR CHAMPIONS!!

WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR STAFF AND LOOK FORWARD TO HONORING THEM. WE HONORED ONE STAFF MEMBER IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY!!!!



COUGAR ACHIEVERS
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HABIT #3: PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST, WORK FIRST THEN PLAY



THANK YOU TO DR. FRANK FOR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO CREST RIDGE STUDENTS AND STAFF! GOOD LUCK IN YOUR NEW ENDEVAOR AS SUPERINTENDENT!





Board Recap: January

- THREE BOARD MEMBER SEATS ARE UP IN APRIL 2026: MELISSA LIVENGOOD, DEKE ALKIRE, AND BOB BRAMWELL. THREE CANDIDATES FILED AND COMPLETED PAPERWORK BY THE DEC 30 BOARD CANDIDACY DEADLINE: DEKE ALKIRE, DANIEL RING, AND BOB BRAMWELL. THE BOARD APPROVED THE NOTICE OF NON-ELECTION AS WE HAVE THREE CANDIDATES FOR THREE SEATS.

- THE BOARD APPROVED THE REVISED SUBSTITUTE HANDBOOK TO REFLECT THE INCREASE IN SUBSTITUTE PAY. THE HANDBOOK CAN BE REVIEWED HERE.

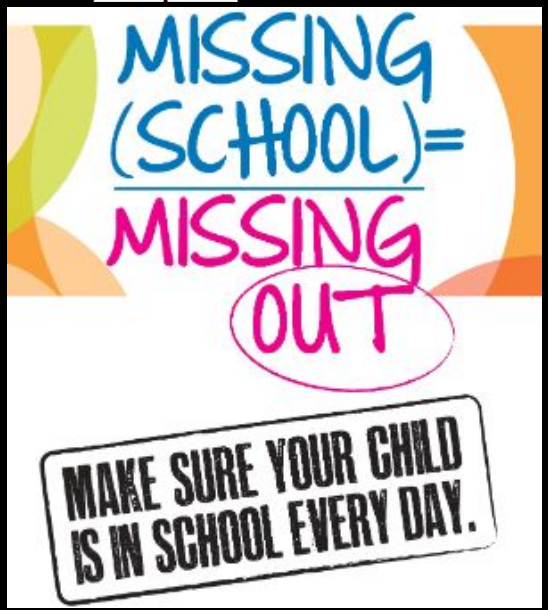
- THE BOARD APPROVED THE DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS PLAN.

- THE BOARD APPROVED THE ADDITION OF THE MO-FLEX PROGRAM TO SUPPORT STUDENTS REQUIRING AN ALTERNATIVE PATHWAY.

- THE BOARD HEARD THE FOOD SERVICE REVIEW AND THE MID-YEAR CSIP REVIEW.

- THE JANUARY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT CAN BE VIEWED HERE.

NEXT MEETING:
FEBRUARY 9, 2026
6:00PM



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

CSIP SMART GOAL #7: BY 2026, DISTRICT OVERALL ATTENDANCE WILL BE NO LOWER THAN 95%.

ATTENDANCE, JANUARY:
CR ELEMENTARY: 94.56%
CR MIDDLE SCHOOL: 95.97%
CR HIGH SCHOOL: 94.14%

MADE AN IMPACT

SENIOR BASKETBALL PLAYERS AND CHEERLEADERS
RECOGNIZED STAFF MEMBERS THAT HAVE MADE AN IMPACT ON THEIR LIVES!!















CONGRATULATIONS!

SEVERAL STUDENT-ATHLETES HAVE SIGNED TO CONTINUE THEIR ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC CAREERS IN COLLEGE!



LIAM MCCARTNEY
POWERLIGTING
MISSOURI VALLEY



JENNA SHELTON
SOFTBALL
STATE FAIR



ERIN HARMS
SOFTBALL
INDIAN HILLS

2ND QUARTER RECOGNITION
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STUDENTS WHO WERE RECOGNIZED FOR DEMONSTRATING SELF-REGULATION, PERSEVERANCE, COMMUNICATION, TEAMWORK, AND 99% ATTENDANCE!









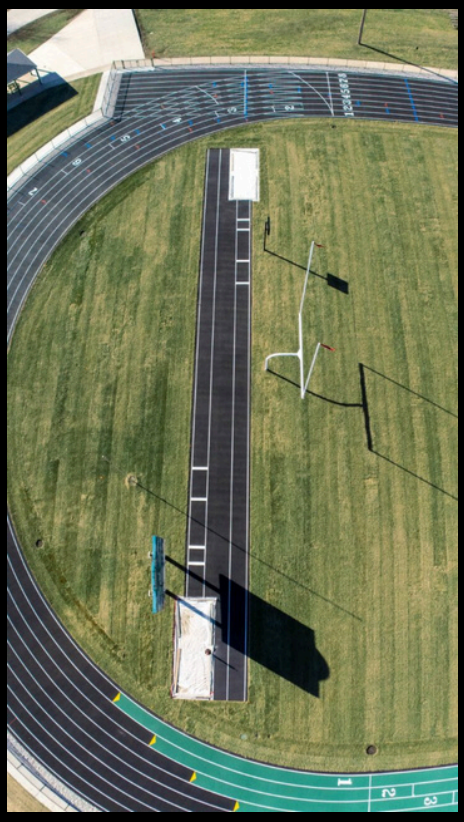


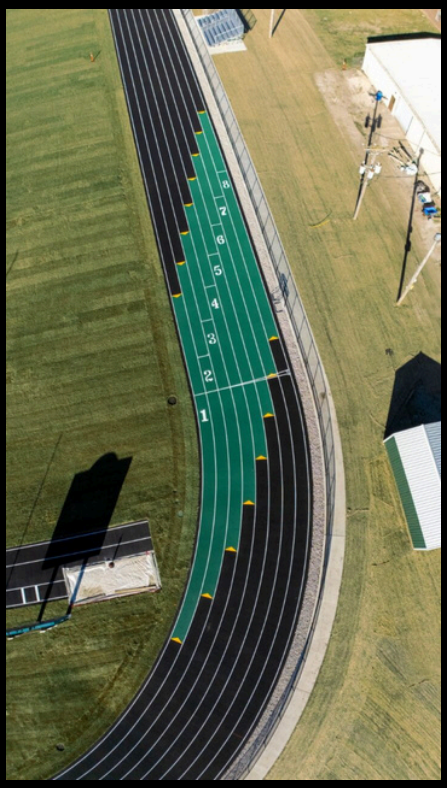
TRACK AND FIELD

FINAL PICTURES!
PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED FOR PUBLIC USAGE RULES!
TRACK USAGE RULES













REMINDERS!!

STANDARDS-BASED GRADING

CSIP SMART GOAL #4: PROVIDE INDIVIDUALIZED COMPETENCY-BASED INSTRUCTION IN 100% OF CLASSES/COURSES BY ADDING ONE SECONDARY GRADE LEVEL EACH YEAR, BEGINNING WITH GRADE 6 IN FALL 2024

- **WE ARE CONTINUING TO IMPLEMENT OUR BOARD APPROVED CSIP AND THIS INCLUDES WORK TOWARD STANDARDS-BASED GRADING**

- **A REMINDER THAT YOU CAN VIEW INFORMATION TO GROW CAPACITY IN STANDARDS BASED GRADING HERE!**

PROJECT KIDS

SMART GOAL #1: STAKEHOLDER SURVEY RESULTS WILL INCREASE BY 3- 4% IN "AGREE" CATEGORIES THAT OUR FACILITIES WILL HAVE A WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE THAT GENERATES PRIDE IN STAKEHOLDERS.

We have many updates and upgrades happening in the district. Please adhere to signage and safety around the District during this exciting time!

Here is an update on our projects thus far:

- **SAFE AND SECURE ENTRYWAYS: COMPLETE**
- **TRACK AND FIELD: COMPLETE**
- **ELEMENTARY ROOF: TO BEGIN MID-FEBRUARY**
- **FOOTBALL FIELD LIGHTING: INSTALLATION, MID FEBRUARY**
- **ELEMENTARY ADDITION: IN PROGRESS, COMPLETION SUMMER 2026**
- **SECONDARY BUILDING WINDOWS: INSTALLATION, JUNE 2026**
- **TRACK AND FIELD EQUIPMENT: DELIVERY MID-FEBRUARY**

THANK YOU, CREST RIDGE COMMUNITY, FOR VOTING YES ON PROJECT KIDS!!