Crest Ridge Secondary

Monthly Newsletter - November 2026

From the Principal's desk

"Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others." – Cicero

As we enter November, this quote reminds us that gratitude is about more than simply saying thank you. It shapes how we treat others, support one another, and recognize the good happening around us. At Crest Ridge, we have so much to be thankful for, especially our dedicated staff, supportive families, and amazing students.

On a personal note, I am especially thankful to be back home at Crest Ridge. I have been asked numerous times how things are going, and my answer is generally the same every time: busy, but great! I am grateful for the opportunity to serve this school community and to work alongside so many people who care deeply about our students.

As we continue working together to provide the best possible learning experiences for our students, we ask all Crest Ridge parents to complete our Fall Parent Survey - I have provided the QR Code in this newsletter. Your feedback helps us better understand your thoughts and perspectives on our schools and the learning experiences we provide. We appreciate your input as we continuously strive to offer all students high-quality learning opportunities in a safe and supportive environment.

Thank you for being part of our CR community and for all the ways you help make it such a special place to learn and grow. I hope you and your family have a wonderful November filled with gratitude and time spent with those who matter most!

-Dr. Krewson, Secondary Principal



Counselor's Corner

We are excited to bring back A.C.E. Club at Crest Ridge! A.C.E. stands for Attendance, Coursework, and Excellence and recognizes students for their hard work, responsibility, and commitment to success.

Middle School students will have the opportunity to participate after each progress period, while High School students will celebrate after each semester.

To qualify, students must have:

- No missing assignments
- No D's or F's
- No behavior referrals or disciplinary consequences, including lunch detention
- At least 90% attendance for Middle School students
- At least 95% attendance for High School students

We look forward to recognizing our students who work hard to meet these expectations and make the most of their time at Crest Ridge!

Cougar Athletics

October has been a busy month for CR athletics and activities! Volleyball finished strong, with varsity placing 2nd in districts and ending the season 19-9-3. JH volleyball also had a great season, finishing 9-3.

JH football showed tremendous improvement despite schedule changes and the challenge of playing 8-man football. HS football finished the regular season 4-5 and hosted North Platte on October 30 to open district play.

The band and color guard had a successful month, participating in the UCM Homecoming Parade and Tournament of Champions.

Homecoming week was full of fun, with congratulations to King Carter Shanks, Queen Dani Chugg, Prince Jace Trobough, and Princess Harley Frazee!

Cross country has set numerous PRs this month and headed to districts on October 31 at Platte Ridge Park in Platte City.

Winter sports kicked off with JH basketball on October 27 and 28. Great job to all our fall athletes, coaches, and activity sponsors, and here's to a great winter season!

RootEd Update

October events for our Crest Ridge seniors included visiting a UCM Career Fair and speaking with UCM, State Fair Community College, and MIZZOU admissions teams. This November we also have many things planned!

On November 5th all Seniors are attending a Union Stars Trade Expo in KC! This shows our students all the information the trades can offer from plumbing, electrician work, and welding to so much more! Additionally, we have an upcoming advisory visit to the high school from State Tech! We also have a FAFSA Frenzy event on the horizon - so our seniors can start sending in those FAFSA applications with the help of Ms. Boyd.

All students are encouraged and given the opportunity to explore their post-secondary options with RootED.



Writing Lab

We are proud to announce our new Writing Center for tutoring! Senior Hannah Cochran came up with the idea and is working with Ms. Bartholomew to implement it. We have 12 tutors who will rotate so that five are available each Wednesday in Ms. Bartholomew's room during advisory. The goal is for the Writing Center to function like a college writing center. It will be a place for students who struggle with writing to get help, as well as a place for stronger writers to improve their essays. This is available for all students, 6-12.





The after school Diamond Art Club has been hard at work decorating a Christmas tree to donate to the Johnson County Board of Services for their annual festival of trees fundraiser.

Colorguard participated in indoor guard competition for the first time in a decade or more and placed second at the UCM Festival of Champions.



2026 Homecoming Royalty



American Government students attended Court of Appeals at UCM on October 20th



SONIA KOVALEVSKY (SK) MATHEMATICS & COMPUTER SCIENCE DAY AT UCM

We had a group of our female students attend SK Day at UCM. Students attended workshops on application of mathematics and computer science in real world settings, competed in problem solving contests, and had the opportunity to listen to a career panel discussion hosted by women working in a variety of positions which require a mathematics or computer science background.



FBLA Update

FBLA closed it's registration with 70 members this month - the program started with just 7 members in 2023. 88% of our members are competing in a contest this year!

We also had a record-breaking Boo Basket fundraiser - last year, we sold 144; this year we sold 270!

We took almost 50 students to Worlds of Fun's Scare School - where we got the 'behind the scenes scoop' on what it takes to put together their haunted houses before they go ride rides for the rest of the day!

It's a great start to our FBLA year! Coming up next: Contest season! We have workshops lined up and a little fun with a UCM Tailgate & game this month!

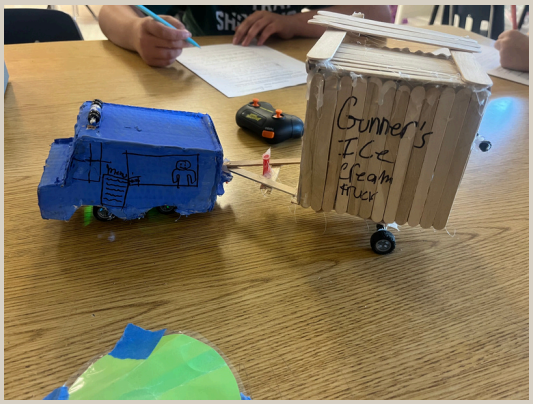


Scan to Complete the District Fall Parent Survey

Classroom Activities!

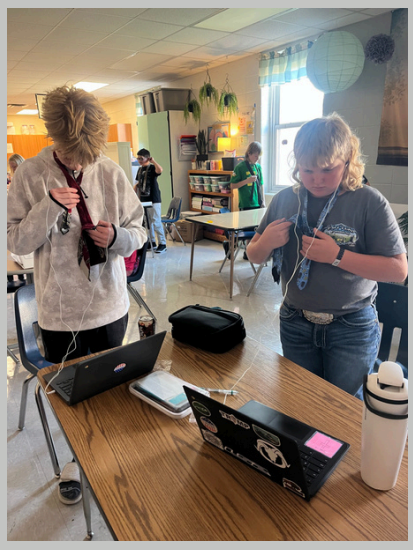
While learning about different types of play FACS students designed and built toys from recyclable home goods that provide learning and play for either an individual child or small group of children.







Learning how to tie a tie in 7th grade FACS.







7TH GRADE STUDENTS ARE DESIGNING MEDIEVAL MANOR SYSTEMS IN SOCIAL STUDIES CLASS.







November Upcoming Events

2- No School; I-70 Conference PD Day

2-4 - JH I-70 Basketball Tournament

6 - Middle School Dance

9 - School In Session

16 - No School; PD Day

16-18 - CR JH Basketball Tournament

19 - Blood Drive

23 - School In Session

25-27 - No School - Thanksgiving Break

30 -School In Session



Blood Drive
Crest Ridge High School

Gym
92 NW 58 Hwy
Centerview, MO 64019

Thursday, November 19, 2026
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.
If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation.
Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: CrestRidgeHS to schedule an appointment.

Come to give blood Oct. 19-Nov. 22 for a $10 Amazon Gift Card by email PLUS earn 200 bonus points toward exclusive Donor Rewards! See rcblood.org/Maze for details.

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