

CRESTDALE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Welcome to your first year as a Crestdale Wildcat!

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North Carolina School to Watch

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Follow us on social media: Facebook: @CrestdaleWildcats and Twitter: @CrestdaleMS

School Colors: Blue and Yellow

Mascot: Wildcat

FRONT OFFICE AND SUPPORT STAFF - WHO'S WHO

Principal - Jennifer Schroeder

Administration

- JaRon Lindsey - 6th Grade
- Brooke Voorheis - 7th Grade
- Steven Rusk - 8th Grade
- Heather Stark - Magnet Program Coordinator

Counselors

- Lisa Stipp - 6th Grade/8th Grade
- Vicky Burger - 7th Grade/8th Grade

Front Office Staff

- Lele Williams - Attendance Secretary
- June Guylitto - Front Office Secretary
- Christy King - Registrar
- Cathy Bettini - Treasurer

GRADE LEVEL TEAMS

Each grade is divided into teams of teachers. The teams are made up of teachers to teach math, ELA, science and social studies. The teams for Crestdale are as follows:

- 6th Grade - Lions, Tigers, Panthers
- 7th Grade - Jaguars, Cougars
- 8th Grade - Cheetahs, Pumas

6TH GRADE TEACHERS

	LIONS	TIGERS	PANTHERS
ELA	Mr. Han	Ms. Hrabovsky	Ms. Cismas
ELA	Ms. Noel	Ms. Sherfinski	
MATH	Ms. Grier	Ms. Kowalski	Ms. Curtis-Sowell
MATH	Ms. Jakiela	Ms. Lasanta	
SCIENCE	Ms. Bollinger	Mr. Wojtalewski	Ms. Curtis-Sowell
SOCIAL STUDIES	Mr. Martelle	Mr. Farley	Ms. Cismas

COMMUNICATION

- **Crestdale Website:** <https://crestdalemiddleschool.wearecms.com/>
- **Wildcat Update Newsletter:** Emailed out every other Monday by the PTO to email addresses provided in students' back to school packets. Look for important upcoming dates, events, messages from PTO, etc.
- **Grade Level Newsletter:** Emailed out bi-weekly on Fridays by Grade Level administrators, created by them and their teachers. This will inform you of what is happening in your child's classes, important upcoming dates, events happening on the grade level.
- **ConnectEd:** Phone calls and emails will be sent out through this system to keep you informed of events and other important information about Crestdale. Your phone number and email address are populated by what is provided in your back to school packet.
- **Student Agenda:** All students are required to purchase an agenda (this is part of their student fees). This is used by all teachers to record homework and upcoming due dates of tests/projects.
- **Facebook/Twitter:** Reminders and exciting happenings around our school will be posted regularly on our social media - be sure to follow and like our pages!

6TH GRADE BELL SCHEDULE

8:40 AM	Morning Bell
9:00 AM	Pledge/Morning Announcements
9:00 AM - 10:22 AM	1st Block
10:22 AM - 11:12 AM	Lunch/Physical Activity
11:15 AM - 12:32 PM	2nd Block
12:35 PM - 1:52 PM	3rd Block
1:55 PM - 2:25 PM	PAW Time/Homeroom
2:28 PM - 3:45 PM	4th Block
3:48 PM - 4:00 PM	Chromebase/Afternoon Announcements

PAY4SCHOOLSTUFF.COM

At Crestdale, we have several parent organizations/booster groups that have funding set up through the **Pay4SchoolStuff** website. These groups are our PTO, Athletics Boosters, Band Boosters and Creative Arts Boosters. On this website, you will be able to do the following:

- Pay PTO Membership, Athletic Booster, Band Booster and CAB Booster Fees and join each of their groups
- Donate to any of the above groups (all are tax-deductible)

ONLINE SCHOOL PAYMENT PORTAL (OSP)

For payments that are going to the school directly (not our parent organizations) you will use our OSP website:

<https://osp.osmsinc.com/CMS/Default.aspx>

Items that will be paid for on **OSP** are:

- Required **School Fees** which cover workbooks, online tools, a student ID and student agendas
- Purchase **PE Uniforms**
- Purchase **Spirit Wear**
- Pay for **school field trips**
- Pay for **club participation fees**

STUDENT AGENDAS/IDS

All students are required to wear their student ID (so it is visible) and carry their student agenda at all times. This is one of our school safety protocols and we look to partner with you in helping our students see their importance. In addition to identifying our students, IDs are used for signing out books in the Media Center, and purchasing school lunches. Our students' agendas are used to help them learn important organization skills during their middle school years. Each agenda contains the following:

- Student Handbook, with Crestdale rules and policies aligned to CMS policies
- Weekly schedule for daily assignments
- Reference pages
- Hall passes for movement throughout the building

CRESTDALE LINGO

- PAW Time - Personalized Academic Work Time
- Homeroom
- Physical Activity
- ConnectEd
- A/B Day
- DEAR time

HOMEROOM, PAW TIME & TUTORING

- Homeroom
- PAW time
- Tutoring opportunities/Extra help

KEEPING UP WITH ACADEMICS

- Parent Portal: <http://cms.powerschool.com/public>
- Canvas
- Teacher Websites: Some teachers may use a website in addition to Canvas
- Team Conferences: Contact your child's counselor to set up team meetings
- Parent/Teacher Conferences: For concerns with a specific class/teacher, contact the teacher directly
 - All conferences/parent meetings are held Monday afternoons, Friday mornings, and Wednesday during the day.

For any questions or concerns, don't ever hesitate to contact me directly!

CHROMEBOOKS

All students will carry their Chromebook around with them this year for the duration of the school day. They will get their Chromebook at the start of the day, and turn it in at the end of the day, in "Chromebase". It is during this time students will also put on their Student ID, and turn in their Student ID, to help lessen the amount of lost ID opportunities. Students will need to return signed required Chromebook forms that are given to them in their Back to School packets prior to receiving their Chromebook for the year.

Chromebook Guidelines:

- Students must carry Chromebooks in bookbags using two straps (NO drawstring bags).
- Students must comply with Student Code of Conduct when using their Chromebook.
- Students may NOT take their Chromebook home.

MORNINGS AT CRESTDALE

Morning Procedure:

- Students may not enter the building until 8:30 AM, unless they have a pass from a teacher for tutoring or a club meeting.
- Once in the building, 6th grade students report to the Cafeteria, 7th and 8th grade students report to the Gym.
- At 8:40 AM, a bell will ring and students report directly to their 1st block classrooms.

Breakfast:

- Breakfast is provided free of charge to all students from 8:30 AM - 8:55 AM.

Late Arrival/Tardy Bell:

- Any student arriving to the school at 9:00 AM or later MUST be accompanied into the building by a parent and signed in.

EARLY DISMISSALS

- Students must bring in a note to the Front Office when they arrive to school if they have an early dismissal for the day.
- The student will then receive an early dismissal pass to show their teacher that they are permitted to leave class.
- The student will turn in their Chromebook to the Main Office when they leave, and pick it back up if they return prior to the end of the day.
- Parents must sign their child out when they pick them up.
- Parents must show their photo ID to take their child out of the school.
- Students returning back to school must be signed in by a parent.
- No early dismissals are allowed after 3:30 PM.
- If a parent comes to sign their child out early, there may be a wait time for someone to pick the child up from class (we do not call over the loudspeaker and disrupt classes).

STUDENT ABSENCES

- When your child is absent, contact our Attendance Secretary via email at serlethias.williams@cms.k12.nc.us.
- You may also have your child bring in a note upon their return.
- If you do not contact the school, you will receive a call from the attendance office.
- Student absences will be marked 'unexcused' if parents do not contact the school.

FORGOTTEN ITEMS

Sometimes, our students forget items at home, such as their lunch, homework, instruments, and PE uniforms. To lessen disruption to classes, we have created a system that allows our students to easily pick up their items - we do not deliver items to students or call them out of class for dropped off items. If your child leaves something that you need to drop off:

- Bring the item to the table in our entryway and label it with your child's name and grade (items to do so are on the table).
- Put the item in the appropriate grade level basket.
- Students will pass the table during the day, either on their way to lunch or electives and check for items. If they haven't done so by the end of the day, we will call them up on the afternoon announcements.

LOST & FOUND

Students often lose items, and don't find them!

If your child loses something, please have them check our Lost & Found, which is located to the right of the Main Office, just outside of Officer Warren's office, to see if it is there. Many students forget about it and it grows and grows!

CARPOOL

- Use the main entrance by the marquee (never use the bus lot).
- Follow the directions of staff members in the carpool, they will guide you through the following.
- Turn to the right, forming two lines, you will alternate merge into one line at the crosswalk.
- If you are the “leader of the line”, pull all the way forward to the top of carpool - the very end of the school building.
- Drop off only at the front of the building when the line stops.
- Watch for pedestrians in the crosswalk as you are moving.
- No cell phones.
- You may not park and wait for your child; carpool must be used if you are dropping off or picking up - this causes a safety hazard for our students.

PTO

Our Crestdale PTO meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30 AM in our school's Media Center. Parents are welcome to attend all PTO meetings.

- President - Traci Fuller
- Vice President - Leslee Black
- Secretary - Nicole Holden
- Treasurer - Beth Brown

For more information visit: <https://sites.google.com/view/crestdalemiddlepto>

FUNDRAISING

- Corporate Matching
- Corporate Partners
 - Starr and Dickens
 - Connolly Orthodontics
 - Joe Pomykacz, State Farm
 - Harris Teeter - Link your VIC card today!
 - Amazon Prime
- Fall Fundraiser: PTO Donation Drive

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- **Campus Beautification** - Help keep up with landscaping around our campus several times each year
- **Lunch/Activity Monitoring** - Help monitor students with our administrators several times a year as we provide lunch for our teachers
- **EOG Proctoring** - Assist teachers with their testing in May/June
- **Hospitality** - Help with staff appreciation events
- **Fundraising** - Help our parent groups with organizing fundraising events throughout the school year
- **Spirit Wear** - Help sell spirit wear at school events
- **General Volunteers** - Help with various events and projects as the need comes up
- **Register** at www.cmsvolunteers.com

BEST PARENT ADVICE

- Add our school's number to your contacts - 980-343-5755
- Like our Crestdale Facebook page - @CrestdaleWildcats
- Sign up for Crestdale Remind - Text @cdinfo to 81010
- Read the bi-weekly Wildcat Update on Mondays and your Grade Level Administrator's Newsletter every other Friday
- Put the Powerschool App on your phone and your child's phone - set up a regular time to review grades and assignments
- Help your child get organized with a system that works for them
- Ask your child each morning if it is an A-Day or a B-Day to help them remember what to bring to school each day (This calendar is located on the back cover of the student agenda and online [here](#))

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Open House - August 22nd, 2 PM - 4 PM
 - Drop-in event for parents and students
 - Meet teachers and staff
 - Walk your child's schedule
 - Food trucks will be on site for you to stop and enjoy a bite with other families!
- Curriculum Night - September 16th, 6 PM - 8:30 PM
 - Structured event for parents only - it will start promptly at 6 PM with a message from the principal
 - Parents will follow their child's schedule for the evening and have time with each teacher
 - The schedule allows for parents to follow a second child's schedule (for multiple child families)