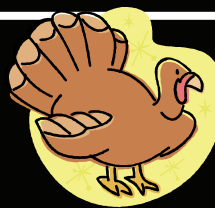


Crescent View South Newsletter



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We're Moving!

In case you haven't heard, Crescent View South Public Charter is M-O-V-I-N-G. Don't worry, it's just a small move.

Our school site is moving down the sidewalk over at the south end of the mall. We will be located at 1901 E. Shields #169, right next

door to King Buffet. Our contact numbers, both FAX and phone, will remain the same. The projected date to move is around December 2009. In our new and improved campus, we will be able to have everything we



need in one building. You will meet with your teacher in this building and when it's time for lab,

you will just go down the hall. We will have our Registrar in the building as well for any questions regarding transcripts/

credits/forms to be completed etc.. Once we have an exact move date, we will notify you and your parents via phone calls and/or flyers mailed home. No need to be sad, our new home is bigger and better!

Academic Plans Hold the Answers

How many credits have I earned? How many do I have left? How many did I have when I came here? Where did I put my keys? Questions like these are common. Luckily for you, the brilliant team of educators at Crescent View has developed a tool that can answer most of these questions and many more. What is this powerful tool? The Academic Plan! If you didn't

know, your teacher has worked with our talented Registrar, Sharai Kato, to comb through all of your transcripts, and assess how many credits you have earned, and how many you have left. This allows your teacher to place you in the correct classes. Your teacher can then develop your academic schedule for the entire school year. In doing so, we

look at your individual pace, skill set, and unique needs. This ensures that every student at Crescent View has a personalized education. The Academic Plan can also tell the future! It shows the teacher how many credits you are turning in per week, and it calculates your exact graduation date. If you're not happy with your graduation date (some of you are not scheduled to graduate until 2021), the plan can let you know exactly what you need to do to move your date closer. Take the time to ask your teacher about your academic plan. You will find the answers to many of your questions. As for your keys, ask your mom. Mom always knows.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *CV South is WASC Accredited!*
- *Mrs. Parkin is back soon!*
- *Mrs. Tuel's son is a football star!*

Important Dates

Veterans Day: November 11

School will be closed, so make sure to reschedule your appointment with your teacher if you have school on Wednesday.

Thanksgiving Break: November 23-November 27.

School will resume November 30

Crescent View Changed My Attitude About School

I had an opportunity to sit and talk with a very bright student. Ashlee Lopez is a Senior at Crescent View South. She recently told me about her experience being a new mom and her experience here at CV South. Ashlee is very articulate, so I will let her share a little bit of her story in her own words:

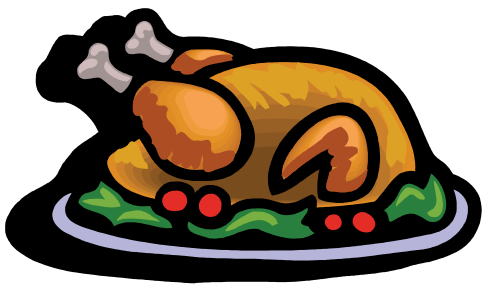
“My name is Ashlee Lopez. I spoke with Mr. Debbas about my experience at Crescent View, and I am very pleased that he took an interest in it. I really enjoy being a

student at Crescent View. The high school that I was going to before was great, but I never received such praise as I do at Crescent View, and I believe that praise is a very important thing to have. A lot of students need this kind of praise in their lives because they may not have it at home. It's great knowing that there is a school out there that really cares. A lot of teachers claim that they'll call your home to let your parents know that you're doing great in school. I always tried my hardest in school. I studied hard and

got awesome grades, but not one phone call was made. When Mrs. Sternieri took the time to call my mother to let her know she was proud of me, it really made me feel good, and I felt my mom took a greater interest in how I was doing also. Being a young mother has been a challenge. There are so many things to worry about, and my baby takes up all of my time and focus (not that I mind). Because of this, I think I've forgotten about myself and have had every bit of my mind focused on my child.” *Interview continues on back page*

Thankful Thoughts

November is a great month for a lot of things. It's a great month to watch some good football on TV. It's a great month to play some bad football in the back yard. It's a great month to stuff your face with turkey, potatoes, and stuffing. Most importantly, it's a great month to



be thankful. Hundreds of years ago, the Pilgrims gave thanks for their new home and freedom. We continue that tradition every November by remembering the things in our lives that give us strength and keep us safe and happy. I asked some Crescent View Students to share some things that they are thankful for. I think that you'll see, in this crazy

world, we continue to be most thankful for our friends and loved ones.

Jesus Herrera-*I am thankful for my girlfriend. She cares for me and helps me make good choices.*

Christopher Hernandez-*I am thankful that my parents work hard to make my life better than theirs.*

Adrine Rose-*I am thankful that Crescent View let me come to school here (so are we!)*

Paris Payne-*I am thankful for God's mercy and grace.*

James Colburn-*I am thankful for my common sense.*

Julie Ana Hernandez-*I am thankful that my family tries to help me and keep me on-track.*

Vicky Cruz-*I am thankful that I have a good family that respects one another.*

Erika Mendoza-*I am thankful for my brother. He is always there for me to talk to, especially when I am in trouble.*

Ana Curiel-*I am thankful for my faith and religion.*

Nathan Smith-*I am thankful that I have friends that I can trust and depend on.*

This is just a very small sample of the responses that I received. Many more students said that they were thankful for family or friends. This holiday season, take time to remember one thing in your life that you are thankful for. It may be hard for some of you. Just try to think of someone in this world in a worse situation (prison, starving, living in midst of war). Thank God that you are not there.

A Big Change is Coming for the Labs

As many of you have figured out, nothing ever stays the same, and the labs are no exception. Since their inception, we have changed the labs to make them better and more engaging. Well, surprise! They are changing again. When we, Crescent View South, make our big move to the new campus, our lab schedule will change yet again. The labs will be a little bit shorter, and they will be

located in the same building where you meet with your teacher! We will have fewer labs for you to choose from, meaning there might be only one English lab in the morning and one in the afternoon instead of having four labs a day, five days a week. We will keep you posted about the specific times and changes but we wanted to let you know that change is coming.



So, just be ready when it does!



School Play Was a Holiday Miracle!



On Thursday, October 15th, a small miracle took place in the school's library at the South campus. Family, friends, students, and a couple of teachers gathered to watch a very funny theater performance. The fact the play was funny is not the miracle, rather, the fact that it happened at all. "We had a very difficult time getting this play ready," said Mr. Debbas, Theater teacher at Crescent View. According to Debbas, at least seven students were forced to leave the play at one point or another. Some were

dropped, some moved, and some transferred schools. Yet every time a student left, a new one would show up to take their



place! The cast also battled illness leading up to the play. One student was in the hospital just two days before the play opened, and another went to the hospital the day after

the show. Debbas admits that he was very concerned as to whether or not the show would happen at all. In the end, it all seemed to work out. The cast was healthy enough for one evening, and everyone showed up and turned in a brilliant performance. "I am very proud of this cast," says Debbas. "They battled long odds, and put on a hilarious show." If you missed it, you'll have plenty of chances to redeem yourself. The theater department is already busy planning the next show. They hope to perform again in early 2010.



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Interview Continued:

“That one phone call has made me realize that I do need to be praised, because sometimes, I don't feel that I'm good enough. I think we all feel like failures at some point, and this feeling is stressful. Anyhow, Crescent View is truly a great school because you and all the other teachers make it great. You take time to talk with us and encourage us. I hope that you guys continue to let students know how important they are to everyone.”

Wow Ashlee. Thank YOU for the kind words. My hope is that all students will realize that we are here for them. The teachers here really do care about the success of all of our students and we are here to help and encourage them. We take great care in keeping track of the progress of our students with the Academic Plans, unique intervention actions, and parent contact. If you feel unsure of your progress or success, just ask your teacher to review your Academic Plan. You should review your plan with your teacher about once a learning period.

Where is Mr. Debbas?

There is too much salt in the air. My hair is going to dry out. I've been trying for hours, but I can't get the sand out of my tiny shoes. Yes, I'm at a beach. But which beach? I'll give you a clue. I'm standing on a famous rock. That's right, Plymouth Rock! I'm here in Plymouth, Massachusetts, learning a little bit about this celebrated location. Why is this rock a big deal? Plymouth rock is traditionally considered to be the place where the Pilgrims stepped off of the Mayflower and set foot on their new home. These Pilgrims founded the Plymouth colony



(named after the defunct car company—just kidding) in 1620. Their new home eventually became part of the United States of America. The Pilgrims survived a very harsh winter, and they received help from a Native American named Squanto. Squanto taught the Pilgrims how to survive on the land by catching eels (surprisingly tasty with gravy) and growing corn. In 1621, the Pilgrims gathered to give thanks for their survival and for their successful growing season. And this, my friends, is why we celebrate Thanksgiving. So remember to give thanks, and please pass the eel!