

# CRESTVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you may know, changes have been occurring on our campus this fall that will create a safer environment for our students and staff. Some of the changes, such as enhanced fencing and a secure entrance, are apparent, while others will not be visible. As a result, we are making some adjustments to the ways in which students enter and exit campus. Keep in mind that none of these changes are meant to cause undue delay or hardship to our students or staff. Rather, they are being implemented with student safety as our top priority.

We are working with our students directly so that they understand how they should enter and exit our campus depending on the time of day. We have been stressing that entering and exiting school improperly is not only considered student misconduct, but it also can create unnecessary safety risks for fellow students and staff. Our school is safest when we all work together to follow school procedures including those outlined below.

- At the beginning of the school day, students will be able to enter through identified and monitored entrances beginning at 6:30 a.m.
- Once school begins, all entrances will be closed and students must enter and exit through our main, secured entrance. **Students are not allowed to open gates for anyone at any time.**
- At the end of the day, students will again be permitted to leave campus through identified and monitored exits.
- Parents are asked to continue to use the main entrance when entering the school during the day, whether to check a student in or out or to drop something off. Remember that parents must always have proper identification to check out a student. Our main entrance will also be equipped with a buzz-in entry system.
- Parent and student access for after school athletic events, choral and band performances, etc., will not change.

Since we have already implemented many of these procedures informally, most students will notice little or no difference in the coming weeks. As we move through the second semester, please help us reinforce with your student the important role he or she can play in overall school safety simply by following procedures like those above. Also, encourage your student as we do to report any suspicious activity to their School Administrator, School Resource Officer, or through Crimestoppers or Fortify FL, our anonymous reporting Apps.

My staff and I join Superintendent Chambers and the Okaloosa County School Board in the desire to make our schools among the safest in Florida. Working together, we can accomplish this critical task.

**Therefore, our single point of entry/gate closure will begin March 24 the day we return from spring break.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dexter Day', with a large loop at the end.

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Principal

Remember: Security is not convenient!