

Welcome Back, CC-V Secondary Families!

Back-to-School Newsletter | 2026–2027 School Year

Dear CC-V Secondary families, welcome back! I am honored to serve as the new Secondary Principal at Cripple Creek-Victor. My career in education has included roles as a teacher, CTE and vocational administrator, assistant principal, and principal. Each experience has strengthened my commitment to helping students feel known, supported, and prepared for the future. As someone with deep roots in Teller County, I am grateful to be part of this community again and excited to partner with you in a year of learning, growth, and Pioneer pride.

Holly Sample

CTE Programs: Real Skills for Real Life

Our CTE programs in Construction Trades, Culinary, and Fire Science will focus this year on community-service projects throughout Southern Teller County. Next month's newsletter will include partnerships, projects, and ways families can support these students as they use classroom skills to serve the community. For more information, contact Annie Durham at adurham@ccvschools.com.

After-School Clubs

Students will have several opportunities to get involved, meet new people, and try something new through after-school clubs. **Clubs typically meet from 4:00–6:00 p.m.** More club information will be shared soon.

- Monday: Archery Club with Mr. Dale in the CTE Building
- Tuesday: Board Game Club with Mr. Schrag, beginning September 1
- Wednesday: Gaming Club with Ms. Tremene in Room 205; Weights with Mr. Dale in the Weight Room

Athletics and Pioneer Pride

Volleyball, cheer, and cross country have kicked off their seasons! **The Lady Pioneers host Creede today, August 20 and Miami-Yoder on August 22.** Cross country will compete in its first meet on August 28 and will host the **Pioneers Donkey Classic on September 4 at 9:00 a.m. at Adventure Park.** Junior high athletes will race 2 miles, and high school athletes will run a 5K. **This is the first time in several years we've hosted a cross country meet - please come out and support our Pioneers!**

Student Council Is Coming

CC-V will have a student-run Student Council this year. A meeting will be held soon for students who want to learn more. **Student Council is a great way for students to build leadership skills, share ideas, help plan events, and make a positive impact on our school community.** No experience is needed, and more details will be shared soon.

Counseling and Wellness Support

Hello and welcome back from Sadie Miller, CC-V's 6–12 counselor. **Ms. Miller is the point of contact for counseling questions, student services, and support needs this year.** She plans to offer student groups, including an attendance-support group, with parent consent. CC-V is also expanding the use of Wayfinder through advisory classes to help students build 21st-century skills. Wayfinder welcome letters: [English](#) | [Spanish](#).

Families may contact Ms. Miller at samiller@ccvschools.com.

Cell Phone Reminder

To help students stay focused and engaged during the school day, families are encouraged to review and support the school's cell phone expectations. **Students are allowed to use cell phones before school, at lunchtime and after school.**

Attendance Matters

Regular attendance is one of the strongest ways families can support student success. Please help students arrive on time, attend consistently, and communicate with the school when absences are necessary. We will continue monitoring attendance closely and providing early students support when concerns arise.

Absences may be excused for reasons such as illness, medical or dental appointments, family emergencies, religious observances, court appearances, or other situations approved by the school. Please contact the school as soon as possible when your student is absent so we can document the absence appropriately.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who attended **Back to School Night**. We appreciate the positive feedback and the strong start to the year. We are grateful for your partnership and look forward to a year filled with learning, growth, and Pioneer pride.

As we begin this school year together, I want families to know how much I value your partnership. I look forward to working alongside you to support each student's growth, success, and sense of belonging at CC-V Secondary. Thank you for sharing your students with us, and

Go Pioneers!

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