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August, 2025

Hello Badger families,

On campus, we have just completed our summer academic and enrichment programs at our high school campus. These programs have been full of learning, activities, friendships, and memories for our summer students. At the same time, we are looking forward to our new school year. Although I definitely want you to continue to relax and enjoy your family time, there is a lot of important information and paperwork that needs your attention. I am excited to welcome everyone to our 2025-2026 school year, and checking this off your list early will help all of us start the year strong.

You will find the following forms and information in this packet.

- **Thursday, August 28th: Welcome Back Picnic and Ribbon Cutting-** Every year we kick off our new school year with a whole school picnic. It is a relaxed time to meet new friends and reconnect with old ones. Students and families can meet their new teachers and see their new classrooms. This year, we are hosting our Henderson Hall ribbon cutting ceremony during our welcome back picnic.
- **PACS Membership Forms:** [PACS \(Parent Association of The Craig School\)](#) is an invaluable resource for our community. This volunteer organization provides countless enrichment activities throughout the year. Rather than fund-raising during the school year, they ask for membership dues from each family at the beginning of the year. Please use this link to read about all the ways to get involved and to download the membership forms.
- **School Supply List:** This explains what the school takes care of and what students need to bring. There are no individual lists for grade levels.
- **No Fuss Lunch Information:** We contract with No Fuss Lunch, which delivers daily. This flyer explains the program and how to go to their website to sign up.
- **[Pick Up and Drop Off Procedures:](#)** Please help us be good neighbors to our Mountain Lakes community by following this routine and being careful to leave enough space for families to get out of their driveways while you are in our car line.
- **Fall Sports Sign-Ups:**
  - Co-Ed Soccer Grades 5-8
  - Fencing
- **Fall Activities Sign-Ups:** The following after-school activities will be offered at no cost. The intention is to offer the same activities three times a year; the day of the week may change for future sessions.
  - [Music](#) on Tuesdays
  - [Art](#) on Tuesdays
  - [Robotics](#) on Wednesdays



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- [Swim](#) on Thursdays
- **Badger Homework Support (BHWS) [Sign-Ups](#):** This program runs the entire school year and is available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. You can choose specific days of the week or all three.
- **Friday, September 19th:** Parent Information Lunch & Learn- Students have a full day of morning academics and afternoon activities. Parents are invited to campus for lunch at 12:30 followed by information sessions throughout the afternoon, ending at 3:00. The faculty hosts information sessions about the elements of our curriculum and programming that make The Craig School unique. A list of suggested sessions tailored to your child's program and grade level will be sent home via the VIP folder the day before the event. Please save the date and watch the Weekly Newsletter for more information.

We are all looking forward to an exciting new school year so make sure to rest up, keep reading, and make memories!

With Badger pride,

Jennifer Guthrie  
Lower & Middle School Director  
The Craig School

# JOIN US!



## ALL-SCHOOL WELCOME BACK PICNIC & RIBBON CUTTING CELEBRATION

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2025**

**11:00AM**

**MOUNTAIN LAKES CAMPUS**

**LET'S KICK OFF AND TOUR THE EXCITING  
CHANGES ON OUR MOUNTAIN LAKES  
CAMPUS, WITH FOOD, FUN, FACULTY, STAFF  
AND COMMUNITY.**

**A FIRST LOOK AT OUR NEW SPACES!**

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

#### **NEW FAMILIES ONLY**

**10:30 – 11:00 AM**

**NEW STUDENT & FAMILY ORIENTATION  
(LOWER, MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL)**

#### **RETURNING AND NEW FAMILIES**

**11:00 AM**

**WELCOME REMARKS & RIBBON CUTTING  
(UNVEILING OUR RENOVATED STEAM LABS,  
MULTIMEDIA LIBRARY & CLASSROOMS)**

**11:15 AM – 1:00 PM**

**BBQ, BOUNCE HOUSE, MUSIC, FACE  
PAINTING & MORE!**

**OPEN TO ALL CRAIG SCHOOL FAMILIES  
(GRADES 2-12)**

**THIS IS NOT A DROP-OFF EVENT: AN ADULT  
MUST ACCOMPANY STUDENTS.**

**RSVP BELOW TO  
LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING!**





Welcome to PACS, The Parent Association of the Craig School! PACS is an all-volunteer, parent-run organization at Craig that is committed to enhancing the educational experience of our children and fostering an impactful sense of community within our school. We work collaboratively with the faculty and administration of Craig and aspire to keep our parents connected, involved and informed by facilitating a bridge between school and home. Some of the goals of PACS are to:

- Support our school and children through volunteer opportunities such as chairing various school events and serving as grade parents.
- Communicating important information for upcoming school events and the various volunteer roles that support our school.
- Lead the Craig Gear store which offers a variety of clothing and accessories that allow our students, teachers, and parents to show their Craig School community spirit.
- Celebrate our students and faculty through Halloween Trunk or Treat, Grandfriends' Day, Winter Wonderland, Read Across America Student breakfast, spirit days, holiday activities, and appreciation events throughout the school year.
- Facilitate the collection of the teacher and staff holiday gift donation. At Craig, our students may have 7 to 10 teachers and various other staff members support them throughout each day. PACS organizes the collection of the funds and distribution to the faculty and staff while making gifting more manageable for our families.

Our entire mission is accomplished solely through parent membership dues and community involvement. We are hoping that we can count on you, our Craig School parents, to be a part of PACS and help us enhance our children's school experience and support our teachers in fulfilling the mission of the Craig School.

We look forward to another year of growth and excitement as we work together as a part of the Craig community!

Warmly,  
PACS Team



Parent Association of The Craig School  
Lower & Middle School Membership 2025-2026

Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Email \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

Student(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Student(s) Grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PACS Membership <sup>1</sup>                     | \$100  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Gift for teachers and staff <sup>2</sup> | \$_____ (suggested amount \$100 per student) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional donation                              | \$_____                                      |
| Total included  | \$_____                                      |

Return this form along with your payment to PACS – Treasurer c/o The Craig School, 15 Tower Hill Road, Mountain Lakes, NJ 07046. Please indicate whether paying by cash, check (made out to The Craig School – PACS) or via PayPal to [pacs@craigschool.org](mailto:pacs@craigschool.org). Cash and checks are preferred to avoid PayPal processing fees.

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<sup>1</sup> Your PACS membership contribution will be used to support the students, families and faculty during the 2025-2026 school year. Your donation will help support many unique events at The Craig School such as Back to School Teacher Lunch, Halloween Trunk or Treat, GrandFriends' Day, Winter Wonderland, Read Across America Student Breakfast, Teacher Appreciation Week and more.

<sup>2</sup> Your holiday gift donation will be collected to provide a monetary gift to thank ALL of the faculty and staff who give so much to our children throughout the year. Here at Craig, our students may have 7 to 10 teachers and various other staff members support them throughout each day. As a tradition, PACS organizes the collection of the funds and distribution to the faculty and staff while making holiday gifting more manageable for our families.



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### **Lower/Middle School Supply List 2025-2026**

The Craig School provides students with binders that are a part of our school-wide organizational system.

Please have your child bring the following items on the first day of school:

- **Earbuds/headphones**
- Pencils
- Extra eraser tops
- Highlighters: orange, blue, purple, yellow
- Colored pencils (10 pack)
- **Laptop compatible backpack for books/laptop** (\**example link below*)

[Sample Laptop compatible backpack for books/binders & laptop](#)

**Must have for home:** Ruler (centimeter & inches) Calculators for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade – Texas Instrument #34

**Please note:** We ask that children **NOT** bring in any toys, trading cards, fidget spinners, hand-held electronic games, etc. unless otherwise notified. We find these items very distracting to our children in the classroom. Classrooms are supplied with fidgets for students to use should they be beneficial to learning.

**Lockers:** All students will be provided a locker near their homeroom, where they can store their backpacks, lunch, and coats. We do not use locks on our lockers.

**Electronic Devices/Cell Phones/Smart Devices:** When students arrive at school, their cell phones **MUST** remain in their backpacks. Once they arrive at homeroom, faculty will ask students to place cell phones or other electronic devices not being used for academic learning in a designated place. The homeroom teachers at the end of the day will return all devices to students before dismissal. If a student is arriving late to school, they can turn their phone into their homeroom teacher before the start of their day.

Students are not permitted to text others or call using their electronic devices during the academic day-including calls to parents and guardians. Students may only place phone calls to parents/guardians from the social clinician's or the nurse's office.



# No Fuss LUNCH



## Healthy, Fresh & Wholesome School Lunches NUT FREE & ALLERGY FRIENDLY



### EACH LUNCH INCLUDES:

Choice of Entrée • Fresh Fruit or Vegetable • Small Treat



Healthy, Wholesome Ingredients • Prepared in a Nut-Free Kitchen • Gluten-Free and Vegetarian Options • No High-Fructose Corn Syrup or MSG • Allergen Filtering • Nutritional Information Provided

- Flexible Ordering: You pick which days you want. Ordering for the upcoming month opens the Wednesday prior to the month beginning and closes weekly on Sunday at 9PM.
- Rush ordering with only 1 or 2 options will be available until the morning of until 7AM.
- Kid-Friendly Seasonal Menu: Your children will see food choices that are fun and familiar, done in a healthy way.
- Birthdays Celebrated: Simply add your child's birthday to your account, order for that date and we will send an extra treat on their special day.
- Online Ordering: Simply log in at [www.nofusslunch.com](http://www.nofusslunch.com) to register and order.

**"OUR KIDS ARE WORTH IT"**



For the Love of Lunch LIC 396 Belmont Ave. Haledon, NJ 07508 973-304-1976



#### Instructions for creating an account

- Go to [nofusslunch.com](http://nofusslunch.com)
- Select Create Account at the top of the screen
- Fill in all of the parent's information then click on create account
- Once you are logged in to your account dashboard, click on child info then add child
- This is where all of the child's information gets entered. If you are a teacher ordering lunch, your information will be entered here as a child.
- Once all information is entered, including allergies, click save child
- Complete this process for each child
- Once all of your children are added, your registration is complete

#### Instructions for Ordering

- Go to [nofusslunch.com](http://nofusslunch.com) and log into your account.
- Click order now at the top of the screen.
- Select the child you wish to order for as well as the date you wish to order.
- A drop down will appear with a list of selections for that given day. Once you click on a selection, you can see the description of the meal as well as a clickable button for nutritional information.
- Once your selection is made for that day, click add to cart. Continue with selections for as many children and as many days as you wish to order.
- Once you are finished selecting lunches, you will click on your cart and complete the check-out process.
- Once checked out, you will receive a confirmation for your order.

**\*\*ALL ORDERS FOR THE WEEK ARE DUE BY SUNDAY AT 9PM WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A FEW VERY LIMITED ITEMS THAT CAN BE ORDERED UNTIL THE MORNING OF LUNCH UNTIL 7AM SHARP\*\***

#### Instructions for Editing/Cancelling a lunch

- Any edits to a lunch must be made before the cut-off on Sunday at 9pm. This will be done by following the cancelling procedure below then selecting a new meal for that date and completing the checkout process.
- All cancellations must be made by 6am the morning of lunch service.
- To cancel a lunch, log into your account and click on cancel at the top of the screen.
- Select the child whose lunch you want to cancel then the calendar date you wish to cancel.
- A pop-up will appear confirming that you wish to cancel the meal for that day. You must confirm cancellation before it is complete.
- Once the lunch is cancelled, you will receive a confirmation of cancellation as well as a credit to your No Fuss Lunch account for the amount of the cancelled meal to use on a future order.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us at [support@nofusslunch.com](mailto:support@nofusslunch.com).



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# Badger Soccer 2025

Boys and Girls Grades 5th, 6th, 7th , and 8th

*Welcome to our **24th** season of Soccer at The Craig School!*

The format for Soccer is as follows:

1. Practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:05 pm to 4:30 pm
2. Game days may vary.
3. Student-athletes are required to commit two days a week to our program. We are flexible with this commitment.
4. All students must have a current academic year physical on file with the health office to participate.
5. Students must also maintain satisfactory grades in the classroom to be eligible to compete on the team. Academics must come first.
6. All players are required to order a jersey. The jerseys will be available from SquadLocker (see link below). All other gear is optional. Returning players do not need to purchase a new jersey.
7. Email Mr. Furlong **before ordering** to receive your jersey number at [NFurlong@craigschool.org](mailto:NFurlong@craigschool.org)

Please click on the link provided to order: [Soccer Jersey Order Link](#)

Sign up for the team using this [Soccer Sign Up](#)

Players will provide the following:

- Black or dark shorts
- Soccer Socks/Shin guards
- *Cleats are optional*

The first three practices will be on **September 9th, 11th, and 16th**, from **3:00 to 4:30** pm.  
**The Full Schedule will be available on September 9th. End date October 30th.**

**Go Badgers!**

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# **Group Fencing Lessons for all grades**

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Taught by World Champion Instructor  
Vladimir Lilov

**Dates: Starting 9/10/25**

**Ending 10/06/25**

**Duration: 8 sessions**

**Location: Reeth-Furlong Gymnasium**

**Time: 3:05 To 4:00**

**Cost: \$200.00**

**\*\*\*Please send payment to the school and make checks payable to Vladimir Lilov.\*\*  
The instructor will provide all equipment.**

All interested candidates should sign up at the link provided below by  
Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

Please click the sign-up link to register your child.

[Fencing Sign Up 2025](#)

**Optional Fencing apparel is available. Please click the link below.**

[Badger Fencing Gear](#)

**We will need at least 8 students to run this program.**

**All students must have a current physical to participate.**

If there are any questions, contact Mr. Furlong at [NFurlong@craigschool.org](mailto:NFurlong@craigschool.org)

The full Fencing Schedule is listed below.

## Fencing Schedule 2025

September 10, Wednesday, 3:05 pm to 4:00 pm

September 15, Monday, 3:05 pm to 4:00 pm

September 17, Wednesday, 3:05 pm to 4:00 pm

September 26, Thursday, 3:05 pm to 4:00 pm

October 1, Tuesday, 3:05 pm to 4:00 pm

October 8, Tuesday, 3:05 pm to 4:00 pm

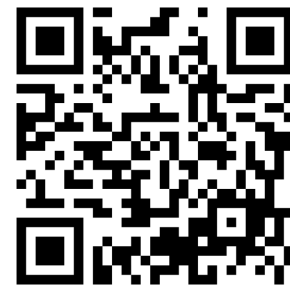
October 15, Tuesday, 3:05 pm to 4:00 pm

October 17, Thursday, 3:05 pm to 4:00 pm

Fencing will take place in the Reeth-Furlong  
Gymnasium. Please arrange to have your Badger  
picked up by 4:00 p.m.



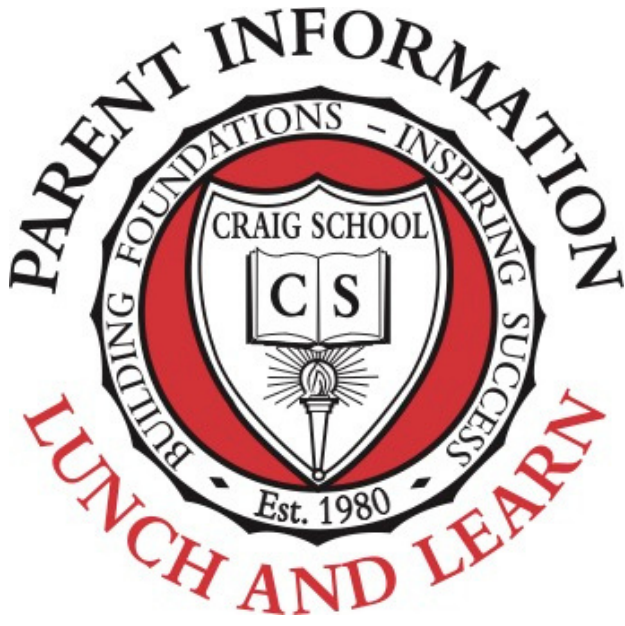
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## 2025-2026 Badger Homework Support Schedule and [Sign-Up Link](#)

Please use the QR code or link above to register for BHWS. BHWS runs 3:05-4:00 on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. There is no BHWS on Noon Dismissal days.

<b>September</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Monday, 15th</li><li>Wednesday, 17th</li><li>Thursday, 18th</li><li>Monday, 22nd</li><li>Wednesday, 24th</li><li>Thursday, 25th</li><li>Monday, 29th</li></ul>	<b>October</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Wednesday, 1st</li><li><b>School Closed Thursday, 2nd</b></li><li>Monday, 6th</li><li>Wednesday, 8th</li><li><b>Noon dismissal Thursday, 9th</b></li><li><b>School Closed Monday, 13th</b></li><li>Wednesday, 15th</li><li>Thursday, 16th</li><li>Monday, 20th</li><li>Wednesday, 22nd</li><li>Thursday, 23rd</li><li>Monday, 27th</li><li>Wednesday, 29th</li><li>Thursday, 30th</li></ul>	<b>November</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Monday, 3rd</li><li>Wednesday, 5th</li><li><b>School Closed Thursday, 6th</b></li><li>Monday, 10th</li><li>Wednesday, 12th</li><li>Thursday, 13th</li><li>Monday, 17th</li><li>Wednesday, 19th</li><li>Thursday, 20th</li></ul>
<b>December</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Monday, 1st</li><li>Wednesday, 3rd</li><li>Thursday, 4th</li><li>Monday, 8th</li><li>Wednesday, 10th</li><li>Thursday, 11th</li><li>Monday, 15th</li><li>Wednesday, 17th</li><li><b>Noon dismissal Thursday, 18th</b></li></ul>	<b>January</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Monday, 5th</li><li>Wednesday, 7th</li><li>Thursday, 8th</li><li>Monday, 12th</li><li>Wednesday, 14th</li><li>Thursday, 15th</li><li><b>School Closed Monday, 19th</b></li><li>Wednesday, 21st</li><li>Thursday, 22nd</li><li>Monday, 26th</li><li>Wednesday, 28th</li><li>Thursday, 29th</li></ul>	<b>February</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Monday, 2nd</li><li>Wednesday, 4th</li><li>Thursday, 5th</li><li>Monday, 9th</li><li>Wednesday, 11th</li><li>Thursday, 12th</li><li><b>School Closed Monday, 16th</b></li><li>Wednesday, 18th</li><li>Thursday, 19th</li><li>Monday, 23rd</li><li>Wednesday, 25th</li><li>Thursday, 26th</li></ul>
<b>March</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Monday, 2nd</li><li>Wednesday, 4th</li><li>Thursday, 5th</li><li>Monday, 9th</li><li>Wednesday, 11th</li><li>Thursday, 12th</li><li><b>Noon dismissal Monday, 16th</b></li><li><b>Noon dismissal Wednesday, 18th</b></li><li><b>Noon dismissal Thursday, 19th</b></li><li>Monday, 23rd</li><li>Wednesday, 25th</li><li>Thursday, 26th</li></ul>	<b>April</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Wednesday, 8th</li><li>Thursday, 9th</li><li>Monday, 13th</li><li>Wednesday, 15th</li><li>Thursday, 16th</li><li>Monday, 20th</li><li>Wednesday, 22nd</li><li>Thursday, 23rd</li><li>Monday, 27th</li><li>Wednesday, 29th</li><li>Thursday, 30th</li></ul>	<b>May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Monday, 4th</li><li>Wednesday, 6th</li><li>Thursday, 7th</li><li>Monday, 11th</li><li>Wednesday, 13th</li><li>Thursday, 14th</li><li>Monday, 18th</li><li>Wednesday, 20th (Last Day of BHWS)</li></ul>



## Friday September 19th 12:30pm

Parents are invited to campus for lunch at 12:30 followed by information sessions throughout the afternoon, ending at 3:00. The faculty hosts information sessions about the elements of our curriculum and programming that make The Craig School unique. A list of suggested sessions tailored to your child's program and grade level will be sent home via the VIP folder the day before the event.

### *Presentations:*

- *Visualizing and Verbalizing*
- *The Writing Process*
- *Handwriting Without Tears*
- *Project Read Report Form*
- *Middle School Math*
- *Social Behavior Program*
- *Orton-Gillingham*
- *Strategies for Oral Language*
- *Read Naturally*
- *Building Numeracy Skills*
- *Assistive Technology*
- *Reading Comprehension*

[\*\*RSVP HERE\*\*](#)