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August, 2026

Hello Badger families,

On campus, we have just completed our summer academic and enrichment programs. 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 2026-2027 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, September 3rd: Welcome Back Cookout:** Every year we kick off our new school year with a whole school community. It is a relaxed time to meet new friends and reconnect with old ones. This year, the whole school will gather at the Craig High School campus in Montville to kick-off the new school year. New family orientation is at 10:30 with the cookout officially getting started at 11:00. [RSVP Here](#)
- **PACS (Parent Association of The Craig School):** PACS is an invaluable resource for our community. This volunteer organization provides countless enrichment activities throughout the year and plays an important role in supporting our students, families, and school. Membership information and opportunities to get involved will be shared in a separate communication following the PACS Board's August meeting. We look forward to welcoming new and returning PACS members soon.
- **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 All Grades
- **Fall Activities Sign-Ups:** The following after-school activities will be offered at no cost.
 - [Art](#) on Tuesdays
 - [Swim](#) on Tuesdays
 - [TREP\\$](#) on Wednesdays



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- **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 25th:** 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



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WELCOME BACK-TO-SCHOOL COOKOUT

Join our entire Craig community (grades 2-12) as we kick off
the start of the 2026-2027 school year!



When: September 3rd, 2026

10.30 am: New Family Orientation

11.00 am - 1.00 pm: Cookout

Address: Craig High School

24 Changebridge Road, Montville, NJ 07045



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Lower/Middle School Supply List 2026-2027

The Craig School provides students with binders as 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 7th & 8th grade – Texas Instrument #34

Please note: We ask that children NOT bring in any toys, trading cards, fidgets, putty, 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. At the end of the day, homeroom teachers 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.



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 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
- 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 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.

The Mountain Lakes Police Department recommends the following procedures

Morning drop-off and Afternoon pick-up

- ❖ All vehicles enter Laurel Hill Road from Martin's Lane and travel south on Laurel to the School.
- ❖ All vehicles turn left onto Tower Hill Road when exiting the school driveway.
- ❖ Buses may drop off in school driveway, but they must pick up at Island Beach.
- ❖ Numbered parking spaces are for Craig employees only.
- ❖ Visitor parking is for up to one hour. If you are staying at the school longer, please park across the street at the beach.
- ❖ Tower Hill Road is off limits on both sides of the street for parking, stopping and standing.
- ❖ Laurel Hill Road is off limits for parking, stopping and standing.
- ❖ Due to the congestion of the parking lot, we ask that you do not leave your car unattended.
- ❖ Please make every effort to keep the car line moving.
- ❖ Please continue using Martin's Lane traffic pattern. Tower Hill Road is a one-way (out) between 2:20 PM and 3:20 PM. This is enforced by the Mountain Lakes Police Department.
- ❖ ***Please do not line up for pick-up before 2:50 PM. (If you are early, please park across the street at the beach while waiting.)***
- ❖ ***Please do not block our neighbor's driveways.***

Please Note:

- ❖ Our driveway/parking is ONE WAY ONLY





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Badger Soccer 2026

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

*Welcome to our **25th** season of Soccer at The Craig School!*

The format for Soccer is as follows:

1. Most practices are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:05 pm to 4:30 pm
2. Game days may vary.
3. Student-athletes are required to commit to our program for 2 days per week. 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

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 practices will be on **9/10, 9/15, 9/17, and 9/29** from **3:00 to 4:30 pm**. Games **9/22, 9/23, and 9/30**. The Full Schedule will be available on 9/10. End date October 29, 2026

Go Badgers!

Group Fencing Lessons for all grades

**Taught by World Champion Instructor
Vladimir Lilov**

Dates: Starting 9/16/26

Ending 10/26/26

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
Friday, September 11th

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

[Group Fencing Sign-up 2026](#)

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

[Badger Fencing Gear](#)

All students must have a current physical to participate.

If there are any questions, contact Mr. Furlong at NFurlong@craigschool.org

The full Fencing Schedule is listed below.

Fencing Schedule 2026

September 16, Wednesday, 3:05 pm to 4:00 pm

September 23, Wednesday, 3:05 pm to 4:00 pm

September 28, Monday, 3:05 pm to 4:00 pm

September 30, Wednesday, 3:05 pm to 4:00 pm

October 5, Monday, 3:05 pm to 4:00 pm

October 7, Wednesday, 3:05 pm to 4:00 pm

October 21, Wednesday, 3:05 pm to 4:00 pm

October 26, Monday, 3:05-4:00 pm

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



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2026-2027 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.

September • Wednesday, 23rd • Thursday, 24th • Monday, 28th • Wednesday, 30th	October • Thursday, 1st • Monday, 5th • Wednesday, 7th • Noon dismissal Thursday, 8th • School Closed Monday, 12th • Wednesday, 14th • Thursday, 15th • Monday, 19th • Wednesday, 21st • Thursday, 22nd • Monday, 26th • Wednesday, 28th • Thursday, 29th	November • Monday, 2nd • Wednesday, 4th • School Closed Thursday, 5th • Monday, 9th • Wednesday, 11th • Thursday, 12th • Monday, 16th • Wednesday, 18th • Thursday, 19th • School Closed 23rd-27th • Monday, 30th
December • Wednesday, 2nd • Thursday, 3rd • Monday, 7th • Wednesday, 9th • Thursday, 10th • Monday, 14th • Wednesday, 16th • Thursday, 17th • School Closed 21st-1st	January • Monday, 4th • Wednesday, 6th • Thursday, 7th • Monday, 11th • Wednesday, 13th • Thursday, 14th • School Closed Monday, 18th • Wednesday, 20th • Thursday, 21st • Monday, 25th • Wednesday, 27th • Thursday, 28th	February • Monday, 1st • Wednesday, 3rd • Thursday, 4th • Monday, 8th • Wednesday, 10th • Thursday, 11th • School Closed Monday, 15th • Wednesday, 17th • Thursday, 18th • Monday, 22nd • Wednesday, 24th • Thursday, 25th
March • Monday, 1st • Wednesday, 3rd • Thursday, 4th • Monday, 8th • Wednesday, 10th • School Closed, Thursday, 11th • Monday, 15th • Wednesday, 17th • Thursday, 18th • Monday, 22nd • Wednesday, 24th • Thursday, 25th	April • Monday, 5th • Wednesday, 7th • Thursday, 8th • Monday, 12th • Wednesday, 14th • Thursday, 15th • Monday, 19th • Wednesday, 21st • Thursday, 22nd • Monday, 26th • Wednesday, 28th • Thursday, 29th	May • Monday, 3rd • Wednesday, 5th • Thursday, 6th • Monday, 10th • Wednesday, 12th • Thursday, 13th • Monday, 17th • Wednesday, 19th • Thursday, 20th No BHWS • Monday, 24th • Wednesday, 26th • Thursday, 27th (Last Day of BHWS)