

# Connections

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR GRAND TRAVERSE ACADEMY FAMILIES

## Dates to remember

**Tuesday, October 17** – School Pictures (original picture packet required for retakes)

**Tuesday-Friday, October 17-20** – Scholastic Book Fair, Small Gym (see [GTA website Event Calendar](#) for times)

**Tuesday, October 17** – Senior Parent Meeting, 6:00 pm, Lecture Hall (important – please plan to attend!)

**Tuesday & Thursday, October 17 & 19** – Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4:00-7:00 pm

**Thursday, October 19** – Board of Directors Meeting, 6:00 pm, Lecture Hall

**Friday, October 20** – Parent-Teacher Conferences, 1:00-3:00 pm

**Tuesday, October 24** – **Pink Out** Varsity Volleyball Game, 7:00 pm, Big Gym (see related story)

**Friday, October 27** – Travel Club Trunk or Treat Fundraiser **CANCELLED**

students outside of our classroom. She helps make our classroom a loving place to learn. Thank you, Lainie, for always being kind, helping others and showing our class that small acts of kindness can change the world.”

*Mrs. Johnson*



**Zaydin Bell**, grade 1, is the son of Cheyenne Bell.

“Zaydin arrives each morning with a big smile on his face and greets his teacher with a ‘hello’ and a hug! He always has something to say first thing in the morning and waits his turn to share exciting news with

his teacher and classmates. Zaydin notices when others need help, like opening up their water bottle, and he is there to lend a hand. He loves helping out with classroom jobs and is one of the first to volunteer to assist me with a task. At recess, Zaydin started a game and by the end of recess there were 10 students playing with him. He has many friends in the Pink Hall because of his positive attitude, big heart and kind gestures toward others!”

*Ms. Popp*

## Students of the Month selected

Congratulations to the following students, who were chosen as September’s Students of the Month for demonstrating Grand Traverse Academy’s character traits. Their teachers described them as follows:

### Elementary – Kindness



**Elaine Zolikoff**, kindergarten, is the daughter of Caroline and Cameron Zolikoff.

“Lainie comes to school every day with a smile on her face.

Throughout September, I have found her helping others with assignments, showing kindness on

the playground by including others and even helping



**Braxtyn Wise**, grade 6, is the son of Elizabeth Bouthillier.

“Braxtyn is always willing to help his teacher and fellow classmates. He shows compassion and kindness by including all of his classmates in his card games, and encouraging his them to do their very best. At

the end of the day, Braxton straightens up the classroom and stacks chairs for other students who are struggling to get packed up and ready to.”

*Ms. Diemer*

## Secondary – Initiative



**Madelyn Tessin**, grade 7, is the daughter of Erika Shenk and Karl Tessin.

"When I think about ambition, motivation and follow-through in order to complete objectives and succeed, that's Madelyn. If she has a question or doesn't

understand something, she finds a way to connect with me – whether at school, during class or via email from home. Her motivation to succeed has been evident. That, along with her respectful attitude, caring and kindness toward others, has made her a standout for this award."

*Mrs. Dix*



**Paige Brown**, grade 10, is the daughter of Ben and April Brown.

"Paige has exhibited great initiative this school year. She has been working hard to complete her assignments when time is provided. When she finishes all of her work, she reads quietly at her desk so as

to not disturb her classmates. She readily participates in class and is a great contributor."

*Ms. Ramsey*

## Mark your calendars for **Pink Out Night!**

Mustang volleyball will play their annual **Pink Out**



game on **Tuesday, October 24 at 7:00 pm** in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Lots of fun games with prizes are planned, as well as a silent auction fundraiser. Proceeds from the door, auction item revenue and cash contributions will be

donated to Traverse City's Smith Family Breast Health Center. It's also Senior Night and Parent Night, so a special event is in store. Wear your Pink Out t-shirt if you have one (or anything pink) to show your support. If you ordered a Pink Out 2023 t-shirt, you will receive it soon. We look forward to seeing you on the 24<sup>th</sup>!

## Conference reminder

Our first parent-teacher conferences of the school year



take place next week! All parents are encouraged to meet with their children's teacher(s) to discuss their progress or any concerns you may have. If you haven't done so already,

reserve your spot at School Bookings online for [Elementary](#) or [Secondary](#). You may also scan the appropriate QR code:

### Elementary



### Secondary



Parents without internet access may give us a call (995-0665 for Elementary or 932-6038 for Secondary) and we will schedule conferences for you. Conferences are planned as follows:

Conference Dates	K-12 Conference Times
Tuesday October 17	4:00-7:00 pm
Thursday, October 19	4:00-7:00 pm
Friday, October 20	1:00-3:00 pm

## Help wanted

**Coaching vacancies.** Winter sports will be starting



before you know it, and a few coaching positions need to be filled. Spots available include elementary girls'/boys' basketball (one or two), junior high basketball (two) and high school bowling (one or two). If interested, please contact Mrs.

Alejandro at [alejandros@mygta.us](mailto:alejandros@mygta.us) for more information.

**Guest teachers.** There is a shortage of guest teachers in Michigan, and the Grand Traverse area (including Grand Traverse Academy) is no exception. If you are interested in being on our list to cover teacher absences, please contact Maria Dean at [deanm@mygta.us](mailto:deanm@mygta.us). Applicants should have successfully completed at least 60 college credit hours to be considered. Choose your own schedule, have an opportunity to spend time with our wonderful students and make \$150 per day!

## GEMS students celebrate “Socktober”

Did you know that over 600,000 people in the US



experience homelessness every night? A small act of kindness, such as donating a pair of socks, can make a big difference

in the lives of our neighbors who are homeless. Once again, Mrs. Mroczkowski’s and Mrs. Drost’s GEMS classes are celebrating “Socktober” by collecting **new, warm socks and toiletry items** to donate to area homeless shelters. The biggest need is for adult-sized socks, but there is a need for children’s sizes as well. Toiletry items are welcome as well and could include toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap or shampoo. We hope you’ll help them reach their goal of collecting 1,000 pairs of socks and toiletry items by the end of the month. **Send your donation to school with your child through Friday, October 27.** And thank you for contributing to this worthy cause.

## Book Fair shopping made easier than ever!

No more crumpled bills and loose change at this year’s



Scholastic Book Fair, scheduled for **next week**. Say “hello” to eWallet, a convenient and secure digital payment account. Setting up an eWallet for your child enables them to shop effortlessly during this fun

event. It’s simple: just visit our [Scholastic website](#), create an account and add funds. The account can even be shared with family and friends who may want to contribute to your child’s reading experience. Leftover funds may be saved for the next book fair if you like.

## Family Council volunteers update

**Book fair help needed.** GTA is hosting a [Scholastic Book Fair](#) next week and we need your help in making it a success. Fair hours for students/parents are Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday during the school day (plus after hours on Thursday) and Friday until 1:00 pm. We thank those who have volunteered to help out but could use a few more parents on Thursday and Friday. If you can help, please sign up on our [Fall Book Fair volunteer sheet](#). If you have not worked at a book fair in the past, it’s a fun and rewarding experience! We look forward to seeing you.

**Staff meals for evening conferences.** Parent-teacher conferences are next week! The GTA Family Council will once again be providing dinner for teachers and staff members who stay during these long days. A big thanks to those who have signed up to bring sides, beverages and paper goods – all slots are full! *Please click on the link below to help set up the room or make a donation toward the purchase of pizza:*

[Sign Up Here for Either October 17 or 19](#)

Your contribution of any kind or amount is greatly appreciated.

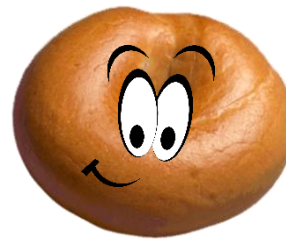
## Student absences and late arrivals

If your child will be absent from school or arriving late, please contact the appropriate office at your earliest convenience:

- Secondary, [hsoffice@mygta.us](mailto:hsoffice@mygta.us) or (231) 932-6038
- Elementary, [elementaryoffice@mygta.us](mailto:elementaryoffice@mygta.us) or (231) 995-0665.

## Secondary bagel sales are back

The Class of 2026 will be selling bagels every



**Wednesday from 7:30-8:00 am in the Multipurpose Room.** Several varieties will be available at a cost of \$2.00 each. Quantities will be limited initially until they determine the demand, so students are encouraged to

stop by early for the best selection!

## GTA water bottles available

Did you know that our brains are 73 percent water and need proper hydration to function normally? One study even found that drinking water improves memory and focuses our attention. That’s why we encourage students to bring a water bottle to school each day to stay hydrated! Water bottle fillers are located throughout the school for refills. And, right now, 27-ounce easy grip water bottles with the GTA logo are available for sale in either office for just \$3 each. Parents may buy them too, to promote our school wherever you go!





## Mustang Roundup

The following athletic events are scheduled for this weekend:



**Friday, October 13** – 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball vs. Trinity Lutheran, 4:30 pm, GTA

**Saturday, October 14** – Hail Mary Cross Country Invitational, 9:30 am JH/10:30

am Varsity, Veronica Valley County Park (Lake Leelanau)

**Saturday, October 14** – JH Soccer vs. TBays U14, 10:15 am, Keystone Soccer Complex

For a full schedule of athletic events by season and sport, visit the [Practice & Event Schedules webpage](#) and click on the sport and grade level of your choice. Calendars may be printed or viewed by week, month or as a list by clicking on the appropriate option at the upper right corner. Events are listed by opponent, and details (including a location map) are available by clicking on the calendar item. Our Mustangs love to have fans to support and cheer them on!

## Veterans Day celebration t-shirts for sale, deadline this Sunday

The GTA National Junior Honor Society is sponsoring our annual Veterans Day celebration **on Friday, November 10**. New this year is a commemorative t-shirt, with profits going to a local veterans' non-profit organization. The shirts come in short- or long-sleeved styles and youth or adult sizes. Purchases are made directly through [Custom Ink](#) and orders for GTA students and their families will be delivered to the school for distribution. Those who do not have a GTA student may have their order delivered directly to



their home. We hope that everyone will wear their shirt for the event to show our American pride and gratitude to our veterans. These shirts may be worn as spirit wear for the rest of the school year. **Don't delay, as the deadline to order is Sunday, October 15!**

## Have a question?

No question is too silly or trivial to ask! Here's where to go for fast answers to general questions about all things GTA, like uniforms, school pictures, carpool procedures, school hours and more:

**Elementary Office: (231) 995-0665**

**Secondary Office: (231) 932-6038**

For answers to more specific questions, please refer to the [list on our website](#). We want to be sure that you know exactly where to go for accurate answers.

## College representatives to visit GTA

Juniors and seniors are invited to visit with representatives and gather information about various colleges and universities right here at GTA! A sign-up sheet is available outside the Secondary Office. Meetings will take place in MPR 1 & 2 on the dates and times below.

College	Date	Time
Aquinas College	October 13	8:30 am
Lake Superior State University	October 19	9:00 am
Northern Michigan University	October 26	9:00 am

## Crystal Mountain school ski/snowboard program returns

Once again, Crystal Mountain in Thompsonville is offering discounted lift tickets and equipment rentals, including professional on-hill instruction, to students of Grand Traverse Academy.

Passes are good for **Thursdays only from January 11-February 15**. Children must be at least 7 by January 1, 2024 to participate in the program. Information and registration materials are attached to this newsletter. **The deadline for paperwork is Friday, November 10**. For more information about how the program works, feel free to attend a parent/advisor meeting on Sunday, October 15 from 12:00-2:00 pm at Crystal Mountain (see attached flyer). Questions may be directed to GTA parent Phil Conner, program coordinator, at (231) 342-0897 or [paconner413@gmail.com](mailto:paconner413@gmail.com).



## Easy ways to raise funds for GTA

**Save your Oleson's receipts, please!** Do you shop at



Oleson's Food Markets? Did you know that your cash register receipts are worth money for our school? With the Oleson's

Community Share Program, you earn "Community Share Points" each time you shop (with the exception of alcohol purchases). One point equals one cent, so if you spend \$100 on groceries, you've earned \$1 for GTA! These points add up quickly. It's easy to participate – simply save your receipts and deposit them in the box just to the right of the Elementary Office door.

**Box Tops for Education.** Box Tops for Education offers



a way to support our school with the purchase of many grocery items: The [Box Tops mobile app](#) allows you to

scan store receipts, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our earnings online. No more clipping, taping onto collection sheets and dropping them off at school!

## Ongoing events

**Secondary Bagel Sales** – Every Wednesday from 7:30-8:00 am in the MPR; \$2.00 each

**Elementary Pizza Days** – *Every other Wednesday, as follows: October 18, November 1 & 15, December 6 & 20, January 10 & 24, February 7 & 21, March 6 & 20, April 10 & 24 and May 8 & 22 (order and pay by the preceding Monday using forms sent home on off weeks), \$2.00 per slice of pepperoni or cheese*

**Secondary Pizza Days** – *Every Thursday (order and pay by Tuesdays using forms provided in Advisory classrooms), \$1.50 per slice of cheese or pepperoni*



# AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM PARENT/ADVISOR MEETING

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15**  
**12PM - 2PM** INSIDE THE LOWER LEVEL  
OF THE CRYSTAL CENTER

- ◇ Come and learn how our After School Program runs, including Season Passes offered and lessons.
- ◇ Speak with members of Crystal Community Ski Club; a non-profit snowsports club welcome to all.
- ◇ Meet with Tammie Budrow and Ski Patrol who will educate families on proper helmet and winter safety to prevent injury.
- ◇ Save big on youth snowsports equipment through the mountain sports gear up program.
- ◇ Visit [CRYSTMOUNTAIN.COM/AFTERSCHOOL](http://CRYSTMOUNTAIN.COM/AFTERSCHOOL) to learn more about the Crystal Mountain After School Program.



## **Crystal Mountain After School Program Information**

The Crystal Mountain After School Program offers discounted lift tickets and rental equipment for students ages 7 and up, including professional on-hill instruction for ages 7-17. This program has been a part of Crystal Mountain for over 40 years in some way, shape, or form. Many of our local skiers and snowboarders can say they have been a part of this program at some point in their lives. Thank you all for making it possible.

### **Lift Ticket & Equipment Rental Options for the 2023-2024 Season**

We have new and improved pass options for this season, allowing students more choices and flexibility when it comes to purchasing a pass.

- **NEW Sunday Add-on After School Pass** - On top of the classic program which offers skiing and snowboarding on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings, a Sunday Add-on will be offered. This pass will allow for skiing anytime on Sundays except January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and February 19<sup>th</sup> 2024. This will allow students with other events/sporting conflicts to still participate in the program. Lessons will not be offered on Sundays. Private lessons may be reserved in advance, with the Crystal Mountain Snowsports School <https://www.crystalmountain.com/ski/lessons/>. Students can also register for the Master the Mountain multi-week group lessons offered by Crystal Community Ski Club, subject to availability. <https://www.ccskiclub.org/>
- **Premier Pass Holders** are able to sign up for Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday lessons by purchasing the \$75 instruction only option, which is available for each day your school is participating. Lessons will not be offered on Sundays.
- **NEW Seasonal Rental** – In addition to the new pass, we are offering a seasonal rental to allow rental all season for one price. This option is intended to be purchased with the premier season pass only. The seasonal rental option is intended to be purchased with the Premier Pass only.
- **NEW Armbands** – Armbands with a visible pass and lesson sticker are REQUIRED for After School Program participants. This will help the RFID scanners read the passes on all students.
- **NEW Single Trip Procedure** – Single trips must be reserved in advance if a student is renting and/or needs lessons. If the student needs a lift ticket only, this can be processed on the afternoon of their visit at the ticket window. We must have a rental form on file for all equipment rentals.
  - If you have students who wish to register for a single trip visit, please have them RSVP at least 72 hours prior to the night they plan on participating. This can be done by having parents email the single trip application form to [schoolprogram@crystalmountain.com](mailto:schoolprogram@crystalmountain.com). This advance notices in necessary in order for students to participate in lessons.

- **Rental Fitting Week** – After successful testing in the 22/23 season, we will offer a rental fitting week in which students will be sized for their equipment, and have all necessary waivers completed prior to the actual program start date in January. Advance rental fitting will be offered December 12<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 7pm. These dates are subject to change based on resort operation.
- **Passes** – Crystal Mountain will hold passes until all paperwork is completed and turned in. It is very important that all release forms are signed prior to the season and before use of the pass. **All Paperwork is due on or before November 17th**
- **Lessons** – Coming Soon, Crystal is launching a new online booking platform for lessons. More information will be shared once the install is complete. Please look for messages this fall which will outline the steps you will follow in order to reserve your lesson times.

## **Program Schedule**

Dates for this year's regular program are **January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 through February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. These dates include lessons on your scheduled evening of Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Skiing and snowboarding will still be available in the weeks following instruction and for the entire month of March. As in prior years, there will be a daily charge for rental in March, if applicable.

**Skill Assessments** - Every student must participate in a skill assessment this season regardless of sticker level or past participation. Skill Assessments will be offered January 2 – 4, 2023 at 4:30, 5:30 & 6:30. This will allow students to be placed at a certain sticker level prior to their first week of lessons to ensure they are in the correct lesson for their skill level. These dates are subject to change based on resort operation.

**Remainder of February** - Students will still be able to ski or snowboard on their regular scheduled days of the week at no additional rental cost. These weeks are included for lift access but lessons will not be offered. Students are encouraged to practice their skills and enjoy additional time on the slopes.

**March** – All after school program passes purchased will become valid any day of the week in March.

- **If students are renting, there will be a \$20 charge on any day that isn't their regular scheduled day of the season. Example: If your scheduled day is Tuesday your rental will be free. But if you visit on a Friday your rental charge will be \$20.**



## **Lesson Information**

- Coming Soon! Crystal is launching a new online booking platform for lessons. More information will be shared once the install is complete. Please look for messages this fall which will outline the steps you will follow in order to reserve your student lesson times.

**Participation in a Skill Assessment is required for ages 7-17 to access lifts and certain slope areas. A sticker must be displayed on your pass in an armband for access to lifts.**

Participants age 7-17 will need to meet at the Mountain Adventure Zone Beginner Area after checking in with our Snow Sports team at the window near the Mountain Adventure Zone.

- We ask that students are at the Mountain Adventure Zone Beginner Area and ready for check in no later than 10 minutes prior to the start of their lesson.
- All lessons are 45 minutes, and will start and end in the Mountain Adventure Zone Beginner Area
- Students will need to have their passes visible in their armbands so instructors can place them in the correct lesson based on ability level (sticker color).
- Parents or Advisors are required to check out participants with their instructor after their lesson is complete.

Students in the program are guaranteed 4 lessons this season. We will be offering 6 weeks of lessons to allow flexibility in case of conflicts in scheduling or due to weather or change in resort operation.

Students are able to take lessons the full 6 weeks if they choose. As always, this is subject to change, due to weather and resort operation.

- **Snow Day Special: Students receive 50% off lift tickets when a normally scheduled school day is cancelled due to weather**

Note: After School lessons are for students able to participate and progress in a group setting. If your child requires individualized instruction for successful learning, please consider private lessons with Crystal Mountain's Snowsports School. <https://www.crystalmountain.com/ski/lessons/>

### **Important Lesson Information:**

- Lessons are offered on your scheduled day at 4:30pm, 5:30pm or 6:30pm
- Helmets are **required** for all lessons. Students will be sent back to the rental area to rent a helmet for \$5 if they do not have one.
- As stated above, a sticker must be displayed on your pass in an armband for access to lifts.

## **Lesson Skill Levels/Proficiency**

**All students must attend a skill assessment at the start of each season.**

- Instructors will evaluate skills and issue a colored sticker to denote the student's skill level. This sticker will be applied to the pass and ensures that the students are allowed on trails/lifts according to their ability. All school program passes MUST be worn in an armband with the pass and sticker visible.

### Lesson and Sticker Levels:

**Skiers and snowboarders must demonstrate controlled turns and stops before using any of the lifts. Levels are as follows:**

*The Pink sticker includes all beginner level participants from their first time learning to turn and stop until they are ready for, and have successfully completed, a controlled Green Run (easiest). Participants with Pink stickers are welcome to use the Crystal Carpets in the Mountain Adventure Zone Beginner Area to practice their turns and stops*

- **Pink Sticker: Beginners, pre-chairlift**
  - Students at this level improve their skills in the Mountain Adventure Zone beginner area.
  - First-timers begin with boot work and learn basic skills working toward turning and stopping.
  - Students who demonstrate controlled linked turns and stops will be prepared for riding the chairlift.
  - Some students may require several lessons in the Mountain Adventure Zone beginner area before advancing to the chairlift.
  - **Pink stickers are given out after** the first lesson in the Mountain Adventure Zone beginner area. Pink stickers may be updated with specific tasks as students work toward turns, stops, and preparing for the chairlift.
- **Green Sticker: Advanced Beginner**
  - Students at this level are working on controlled stops and linked turns on Green (easiest) terrain.
  - **Green stickers are given out after** students demonstrate appropriate turns and stops on Green terrain and ride the chairlift safely.
  - Green stickers allow access to the Loki Quad and Crystal Clipper chairlifts.
  - Students may ski or ride Green runs.
  - **This sticker does NOT allow Terrain PARK access!**
- **Blue Sticker: Intermediate**
  - Students at this level are working on controlled stops and turns on Blue (medium/ more difficult) terrain.
  - Skiers will be working on beginning parallel turns. Snowboarders will be working on more dynamic skidded or carved turns.
  - **Blue stickers are given out after** students demonstrate appropriate turns and stops on blue runs (medium pitch).
  - Students are allowed to use all lifts and they have access to green and blue runs.

- **This sticker does NOT allow Terrain PARK access!**
- These skiers or riders are usually participants who have been involved with the program in the past and must test into this level if they are returning for the season.
- **White & Black Sticker: Advanced**
  - Students at this level are working on controlled stops and linked turns on Black Diamond (most difficult) and other terrain.
  - Skiers at this level demonstrate controlled, linked, open parallel turns and stops. Snowboarders will demonstrate dynamic skidded or carved turns.
  - **White & Black stickers will be given out after** students demonstrate appropriate turns, stops on advanced terrain (steeper pitch).
  - Students are allowed on all lifts, and permitted to explore more advanced terrain.
  - **This sticker does NOT allow Terrain PARK access!**
  - These skiers or riders are usually participants who have been involved with the program in the past and must test into this level if they are returning for the season.
- **Orange Sticker: Terrain Park SAFETY**

*Students who have demonstrated skiing or snowboarding proficiency in advanced terrain will be led by a Freestyle Certified instructor through Terrain Park Safety, Park S.M.A.R.T. guidelines, and appropriate basic Freestyle skills. The sticker is earned when participants demonstrate basic Freestyle skills and that they can make safe choices in Terrain Park and Freestyle settings. Students are NEVER required to perform tricks on terrain park features during a lesson.*

- **Subject to availability, specialized staff required!**
- While “Freestyle” elements of skiing and snowboarding may have been introduced in previous lessons, this lesson is specifically a SAFETY lesson for terrain park usage.
- Students at this level will learn the basics of Crystal’s Terrain Parks, including the Park S.M.A.R.T. Guidelines for making safe choices in terrain parks. Students will learn how to identify and understand terrain park features, and use them appropriately.
- **Orange stickers will be given out after** students demonstrate an understanding of Park S.M.A.R.T. Guidelines, applying them to terrain park features, and making safe choices in and outside of Crystal’s terrain parks.

**Levels can take multiple lessons to complete. Students are encouraged to take additional lessons to improve skills and gain additional lift and slope access.**

**Additional Points to Know –**

- **Students are expected to ski and snowboard safely and within their ability level.**

- **Students who disregard rules will be given a warning and will be required to take the next scheduled lesson.**
- **Continued disregard for safety or Responsibility Code may result in the loss of lift privileges and pass.**

## **Responsibility Code**

Skiing and snowboarding can be enjoyed in many ways. At Crystal Mountain, you may see people using alpine skis, snowboards, tele mark skis, cross country skis, and other specialized equipment. Regardless of how you decide to enjoy the slopes, always show courtesy to others and be aware that there are elements of risk in skiing that common sense and personal awareness can help reduce. Observe the code listed below, and share with other skiers and riders the responsibility for a great skiing experience.

### **Ten Points to Your Responsibility Code**

1. Always stay in control, and be able to stop or avoid other people or objects.
2. People ahead or downhill of you have the right of way. You must avoid them.
3. Only stop where you are visible from above and do not restrict traffic.
4. Look uphill and avoid others before starting downhill or entering a trail.
5. You must prevent runaway equipment.
6. Read and obey all signs, warnings and hazard markings.
7. Keep off closed trails and out of closed areas.
8. You must know how and be able to load, ride and unload lifts safely.
9. Do not use lifts or terrain when impaired by alcohol or drugs.
10. If you are involved in a collision or incident, share your contact information with each other and a ski employee.

**KNOW THE CODE: IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.**



Make sure all participants read the Responsibility Code and the Crystal Mountain Behavior Agreement

**CONDUCT and BEHAVIOR Agreement**

“By participating in this program, I am agreeing to the following points:

- Be respectful, and courteous to other skiers and snowboarders, Ski Patrol and Crystal Mountain employees.
- Have Fun, but be aware of your space and surroundings. Loud and rude behavior or inappropriate language will not be tolerated.
- Respect Crystal Mountain equipment and property. Misuse of Crystal Mountain rental equipment will result in loss of pass and privileges.
- Do not be wasteful. Reduce waste and recycle. Pick up after yourself.
- Do not Litter.
- Ski/Ride at the level of your ability (sticker), straight running and out of control behavior is prohibited. Lessons are available to advance in your skills.
- Any activity that places yourself or others at excessive risk will be deemed out of control and will result in a loss of your pass and privileges.
- Any Crystal Mountain Representative or School Program advisor is granted the right to enforce these rules and other conduct
- Take advantage of the lessons offered. Everyone can improve their skills.
- Learn what you need to know to become a snow sports instructor!
- Stay safe and have fun! We look forward to seeing you on the slopes.”

**Thank you!**

# CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN

## 2023-2024 After School Program Pass Application

(Please complete one form for each participant)

**School:**

**Day:**

**Online Confirmation #**

Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ **\*Students must be 7 years old by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 to participate**

Grade Level \_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Have you skied before with the Crystal Mountain After School Program? If you have, what was your sticker level?

Pink (Novice) ☐ Green (Advanced Beginner) ☐ Blue (Intermediate) ☐ Black (Advanced) ☐

School Program Pass Options	2023/24 Pricing:	Please Select Your Option(s):
Student Pass and Instruction <b>With</b> Rental	\$120	
Student Pass and Instruction <b>Without</b> Rental	\$100	
Adult (Chaperone) Pass <b>With</b> Rental	\$220	
Adult (Chaperone) Pass <b>Without</b> Rental	\$170	

Add On Items	2023/24 Pricing:	Please Select Your Option(s):
*Seasonal Rental Ages 7 and older	\$249	
Premier Passholder <b>Instruction Only</b>	\$75	
Add on Sunday <b>With</b> Rental	\$100	
Add on Sunday Pass <b>Without</b> Rental	\$80	

**Important:** All participants must have both signed Online **RELEASE of LIABILITY** forms on file before passes will be issued. Participants renting equipment for the season must also have a signed **CONTINUING RENTAL** form on file before equipment will be issued. All participants using Crystal Mountain equipment will also be issued a helmet. Forms must be returned to your group's advisor prior to your visit to Crystal Mountain. Please make checks payable to Crystal Mountain. **Lost Pass fee of \$25**

**\*Blackout days All Saturday's January-March 2<sup>nd</sup>, MLK weekend Friday-Monday, President Weekends Friday-Monday**

**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**  
**\*\*\*IMPORTANT DATES\*\*\***  
**FOR ADVISORS & PARTICIPANTS**

- **SEPTEMBER 12 OR 13, 2023:** PRE-SEASON ADVISOR ORIENTATIONS (ATTENDANCE REQUIRED)
- **OCTOBER 15, 2023:** PRE-SEASON PARENT ORIENTATION - ADVISORS, CHAPERONES & PARTICIPANTS WELCOME. More details will follow.
- **DECEMBER 12 - 14, 2023:** RENTAL FITTING WEEK – Participants are invited to visit Crystal Mountain for advance fitting of rental equipment before the After School Program begins in January. NOTE: Rental fittings will be available to participants ONLY if all registration paperwork is complete and participant reserves an assessment time in advance. Dates are subject to change based on resort operations.
- **JANUARY 2 - 4, 2024:** ASSESSMENT WEEK – Students who have already participated in the after school program or who already know how to ski or snowboard are invited to participate in assessments on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm, 5:30pm or 6:30pm. This assessment will determine what level students are before the first week of the program. NOTE: Advisor, Chaperone and Student passes with arm band and color-coded sticker level will be distributed ONLY if all registration paperwork is complete and participant reserves an assessment time in advance. Dates are subject to change based on resort operations.
- **NOVEMBER 17, 2023:** ALL REGISTRATION PAPERWORK MUST BE TURNED IN AND COMPLETE BEFORE FIRST VISIT
- **JANUARY 9 – FEBRUARY 15, 2024:** SCHEDULED AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

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**Advisors, Chaperones and Participants are responsible for the review and understanding of all program information provided. Questions or concerns may be directed to:**

Emily Modjeski – School Program Coordinator

- Phone: 31-378-2000 ext. 3003
- Primary Email: [schoolprogram@crystalmountain.com](mailto:schoolprogram@crystalmountain.com) (used for lesson sign up and parent communication)
- Alternate Email: [emilymodjeski@crystalmountain.com](mailto:emilymodjeski@crystalmountain.com)

**Let's have a great season!**

**ADULT/PARENT/GUARDIAN:** In further consideration, I do hereby **Release, Hold Harmless, Indemnify and Defend**, Crystal Mountain and its employees, owners, officers, representatives, directors, shareholders, agents, and vendors (collectively "Providers") from claims, actions, losses, suits, damages, and allegations, including claims or actions brought by the Minor and claims related to or arising from incidents that occurred prior to, on and/or following the date of this release, including, but not limited to, allegations of negligence, including the negligence of Providers, breach of contract, or breach of statutory or other care and breach of express or implied warranty, whether consisting of personal injury, property damage, or death. I further agree to **Indemnify, Hold Harmless and Defend** Providers from damage, costs or expenses, including attorney's fees and costs which they may sustain in relation to or arising out of my and/or the minor's participation in the activities.

I consent to and authorize the taking of photographs and/or videos during my and/or the minor's visit to Crystal Mountain. I grant permission to Providers to use said photographs and/or videos in advertising, displays, web sites, and brochures, other forms of electronic or social media, illustrations or publications without notifying me. I hereby waive rights to privacy in the photographs/videos and to compensation related to the use of the photographs and or videos.

I recognize that situations may arise where emergency or emergent medical or dental care may be necessary for me and/or the minor. I authorize Providers to render first aid and to call for medical and/or dental care if, in their opinion, such medical or dental care is needed. I agree to pay for expenses and costs associated with such care and related transportation. I understand this **Release and Indemnification Agreement** may be binding upon my assignees, subrogors, distributees, heirs, next of kin, executors, personal representatives and administrators and may be pled by Providers as a complete bar and defense against claims, demands, or causes of action by or my behalf. Provisions of this **Release and Indemnification Agreement** which may prove to be invalid, void or illegal in no way affects, impairs or invalidates other provision hereof, and such other provisions may remain in full force and effect. I acknowledge this activity is taking place in the State of Michigan and I further agree that the laws of the State of Michigan may apply in the construction or application of this Agreement.

**I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FOREGOING RELEASE OF LIABILITY, INDEMNITY AGREEMENT AND MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION. I UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS AND THAT IT IS BINDING DURING THE ENTIRE 2023-2024 SEASON AND MOVING FORWARD. I HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO IT AND I VOLUNTARILY SIGN IT WITH NO RESERVATIONS AND WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE. I**

**Parent, guardian:** If participant is a minor, I verify that I am the parent or guardian of the minor and I have authority to enter into this agreement on behalf of the minor and I agree to be bound by the terms of this agreement.

Child(ren)'s Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_



**2023-2024**  
**RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**  
**IMPORTANT**

***PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING. THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND  
WAIVER OF CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS***

I, the Undersigned, Individually (or as Parent or Guardian of the Undersigned Minor(s)), hereby state that I am aware that **snowboarding, skiing, running, mountain biking, fat tire biking, archery, snowshoeing, ice skating, ice skating lessons, laser tag, surrey rides, riding in resort shuttles, adventure course, climbing wall, ON HILL FAT TIRE BIKING, ON HILL SNOWSHOE HIKE, MARDI GRAS RAIL JAM, TURKEY VULTURE TROT, FITNESS CLASSES, FAT CHANCE BIKE RACE, PAINTBALL BIATHLON, CARDBOARD CLASSIC, SLUSH CUP, KAYAK ON THE SNOW RACE, EASTER EGG HUNT, THOR'S CHALLENGE, SPRING INFLATABLES, Family Adventure Programs and Special Events, including: Biking, Campfires, Field Games, Scootering, Skating, Hiking, Fishing, Boating, Outdoor laser tag, Swimming, Adventure Course and Zip Line, Climbing Wall, Alpine Slide, Archery, Archery Tag playing Disc Golf, Wagon rides, Petting Zoo, Pumpkin Carving, Inflatables, Carnival games, Obstacle course, hippo game, pool games, loading, unloading and riding the chair lift, present many RISKS, DANGERS and HAZARDS**, including, but not limited to: falls, bike rentals, bike riding; bumps, bruises, brain damage, changing weather conditions and/or changes or variations in the terrain which may create challenging conditions, blind spots or areas of reduced visibility; changes or variations in the surface or subsurface, impact or collision with natural or man-made objects, other participants; negligence of other participants and negligence on the part of Crystal Mountain, its employees, owners, officers, representatives, directors, shareholders, agents, and vendors, of which may result in severe and occasionally fatal injury. I am also aware that the **RISKS, DANGERS and HAZARDS** referred to above exist throughout the Resort area and that many are unmarked.

In consideration of Crystal Mountain allowing me and/or the minor to participate in the activities and use the Crystal Mountain equipment on Crystal Mountain's property, I HEREBY EXPRESSLY ACCEPT RISKS AND DANGERS ASSOCIATED WITH MY AND/OR THE MINOR'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES AND USE OF THE EQUIPMENT INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE POSSIBILITY OF SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURIES, DEATH AND PROPERTY DAMAGE AND **AGREES NOT TO SUE** CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN, ITS EMPLOYEES, OWNERS, OFFICERS, REPRESENTATIVES, DIRECTORS, SHAREHOLDERS, AGENTS AND VENDORS.. I understand that I am solely responsible for loss or damages, including death, that I and/or the minor sustains while using the equipment and/or participating in the activities and that by this agreement, I am relieving Crystal Mountain of liability for such loss, damage or death. I hereby waive claims I may hereafter have as a result of injury to my person or property as a result of my and/or the minor's use of Crystal Mountain's equipment, participation in activities and/or in other activities in which I and/or the minor may voluntarily participate.

Crystal Mountain strongly recommends the use of a helmet and protective equipment for participation in biking. I have been advised that this equipment is available for my use at no additional charge.

**Crystal Mountain After School Program Meal Deal 2024**

**\$10.00**

Choice of:

Turkey Wrap

Hot Dog

Chicken Tenders

Hamburger/Cheeseburger

Pizza

Prepared Salad

All includes choice of fruit cup, veggies & dip or French Fries. Also includes a fountain drink, milk or hot chocolate.

Available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during the after school program season. Participants must show their school program pass to receive this deal.