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Dear Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s):

Citrus County Schools is excited to share information about its FIVE special academic programs for high school students; below are short explanations for each. 😊. Your 8th grade student may be interested in applying to one (or more) of these programs.

Want to Learn More? In January, there will be presentations for students and parents.

For students, each of these programs will visit our 4 middle schools to give an in-depth presentation.

- January 17, 2024: CSM (morning presentation) CRM (afternoon presentation)
- January 18, 2024: LMS (morning presentation) IMS (afternoon presentation)

For parents **and** students, each program will ALSO offer 3 nighttime presentations (one at each high school) for those who would like more information. These presentations will occur 6:00-7:30 PM at the following locations and dates:

- January 16, 2024, 6:00 – 7:30 at Citrus High School
- January 17, 2024, 6:00 – 7:30 at Lecanto High School
- January 18, 2024, 6:00 – 7:30 at Crystal River High School

Want to apply? Need more information? On the back of this letter is information on who to contact for more information on each program and a QR code to apply. We strongly encourage all students to apply **AND** to apply to all the programs in which they are interested! While you can only attend one program, it is always good to have options! 😊

Sincerely,

Darrick Buettner

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Academy of Computer Science at Citrus High School:

A good understanding of computer science concepts is extremely important regardless of the type of career you wish to pursue. The Academy of Computer Science at Citrus High School is a 4-year program that provides students with a strong foundation in the ever-growing fields of computer science, computer programming, and cybersecurity.

Academy of Environmental Science at 12695 W Fort Island Trail, Crystal River, FL 34429:

AES is a science focused program providing a hands-on approach to learning about our environment and the impact we have on it. Students will have an honors curriculum with a strong emphasis on science courses. Students will have opportunities to explore the environment through access to our campus habitat and the Salt River.

Academy of Health Careers at Crystal River High School:

Ready to begin the path to a rewarding career? Academy of Health Careers has you covered! Multiple pathways (CNA, EMT, Biomedical Science, Dental Aide, Vet. Assistant), include rigorous STEM coursework, leadership opportunities, real-world clinical settings, job-ready certifications, Dual Enrollment, hands on learning, and preparation for college-level coursework.

International Baccalaureate Program at Lecanto High School:

The Lecanto IB Diploma Program is for students interested in varsity-level academics and a supportive atmosphere of peers and teachers! Build a strong resume and college application while gaining skills in research, communication, socialization, thinking and self-management. Be curious and engaged—you will find success in IB!

Lecanto School of the Arts at Lecanto High School:

LSA is a visual arts program designed to foster student skills in traditional arts and creative technology for innovative careers, such as illustration, animation, graphic design, fine arts, museum curation, entrepreneurship, game art, and more. Students earn college credit or certifications through 2D Art, 3D Art, and/or Animation Technology.

Application deadline is Feb. 2, 2024

CITRUS COUNTY SCHOOLS SPECIAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Students notified by email on Feb. 16, 2024

 <p>ACADEMY OF COMPUTER SCIENCE CITRUS HIGH SCHOOL</p> <p>Citrus High School 600 W. Highland Blvd. Inverness, FL 34452</p>	<p>Coordinator: Mr. Jerry Swiatek swiatekj@citrussschools.org</p> <p>ACS is a 4-Year Program focused on computer science. Students can take Advanced Placement and/or Dual Enrollment classes as well.</p> <p>https://forms.office.com/r/GhSzQTirvp</p>	<p>Apply to ACS via QR Code</p> 
 <p>Academy of Environmental Science 12695 W. Fort Island Trail Crystal River, FL 34429</p>	<p>Coordinator: Mr. Ernie Hopper hoppere@citrussschools.org</p> <p>AES is a 2-Year Program for 9th & 10th grade students with emphasis on science classes and a strong honors curriculum.</p> <p>https://forms.office.com/r/cfCcf6KkiC</p>	<p>Apply AES via QR Code</p> 
 <p>Crystal River High School 3195 Crystal River High Dr. Crystal River, FL 34428</p>	<p>Coordinator: Mrs. Danielle Doherty-Koch dohertyd@citrussschools.org</p> <p>AHC is a 4-Year Program with multiple pathways leading to job-ready, industry certifications in various fields. Students can take Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment classes with their pathway.</p> <p>https://forms.gle/5q7tutMhjCgrETC6Z</p>	<p>Apply AHC via QR Code</p> 
 <p>Lecanto High School 3810 W. Educational Path Lecanto, FL 34461</p>	<p>Coordinator: Dr. Ashley Shidner shidnera@citrussschools.org</p> <p>The IB Diploma Program is a 2-year program for juniors & seniors. Students begin in 9th grade with Pre-IB classes. IB students can also take Advanced Placement classes but cannot do Dual Enrollment.</p> <p>https://forms.office.com/r/Y0jiw7GMBS</p>	<p>Apply to IB via QR Code</p> 
 <p>Lecanto High School 3810 W. Educational Path Lecanto, FL 34461</p>	<p>Coordinator: Mr. David Brown Brownd2@citrussschools.org</p> <p>The Lecanto School of the Arts is a 4-year program where students can earn college credit or industry certifications for their art portfolios in 2D Art, 3D Art, and Animation.</p> <p>https://forms.gle/x4RQ5zKARDDXMrjc9</p>	<p>Apply to LSA via QR Code</p> 