



THE CRUSADER

FEBRUARY 3, 2026

Ephesians 4:32 ESV - "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

Calendar of Events

Wed. 2/4	K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's 6:00 PM Pasta Dinner Served 6:30 PM Children's/Youth/Adult Ministry
Thurs. 2/5	K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's
Fri. 2/6	8:15 AM Moms of Minis Bible Study 8th Grade Hot Lunch Fundraiser-Pizza
Sun. 2/8	8:00 AM Traditional Service 9:30 /11:00 AM Contemporary Service 9:30 AM Children's/Youth/Adult Ministry 9:30 AM 3rd-4th Grade Sings 11:00 AM Kindergarten Sings
Mon. 2/9	K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's
Tues. 2/10	K-8 Hot Lunch - Subway
Wed. 2/11	K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's ALL IN 6:00 PM Pizza Dinner Served 6:30 PM Children's/Youth/Adult Ministry 7:30 PM Intergenerational Devotional

Looking Ahead

Friday, February 13th & Monday, February 16th
NO SCHOOL, School Office Closed

RE-ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

If you would like to break up your enrollment payments, please reach out to the office.

PLEASE NOTE:

Public PS/K enrollment opened up on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST.

1ST-8TH public enrollment will open on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH.

The following application link is for a new student to Cross and will need to be filled out for any incoming sibling of a current student.

[Application Link](#)

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Cross School Kindergarten-8th graders will participate in Cross' 48th annual Jump Rope for Heart on **Thursday, February 12th**. Information and materials have been sent home with students. Check out the online tool at <https://www.heart.org/khc>

You can make a difference by asking friends and relatives to sponsor your child through a donation to the American Heart Association. Donation envelopes will be due by **Thursday, February 12th**.

Thank you for being a Heart Hero.



Sex Education continues this week:

PS-4th Grades are February 2-6

Please be sure to read the email from Mrs. Ulrich that was sent out on Thursday, January 15th for more details.

8th Grade Concession Class Trip Fundraiser

The 8th graders will be doing a concession class trip fundraiser on **Tuesday, February 10th** when the whole school will watch the 8th Grade Boys basketball team play Crossroads at 2:00pm.

For \$5.00, kids can get a bag of popcorn, a water, and their choice of Skittles or Starburst.

Parents can order and pay through the link: [Concession Package](#)

Orders must be placed by Thursday, February 5th at 11pm.

PRAYER CORNER

"Pray without ceasing," 1 Thessalonians 5:17

The following families were lifted up in prayer last week by the school faculty:

Amendola, Artman, Coleman, Collins, Cruz-Sanchez/Cruz-Lopez, Durland, Fallon, Grossart, Hill, Kiselyk, Martinez, Martinez, Mathre, Quiles, Schaelein, Skinner, Stange, Svoboda, Wikstrom, Williams, Zaccagni

School Absence Procedures

We would greatly appreciate your help in contacting the office when your child will be absent for illness, appointments, or vacations as soon as possible. Please either call the office at 630-553-7861 or email the office secretaries at [**attendance@hiscross.net**](mailto:attendance@hiscross.net)

This also helps us to be on the same page as a staff when finalizing our daily attendance.



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Hot Lunch Volunteers

WE HAVE NO ONE!!

Monday, 2/9

We need volunteers in upcoming months! Please look at the spreadsheet below and contact the office to sign up.

HOT LUNCH VOLUNTEERS

Thank you for your support and involvement!

Questions? Email crossptl@hiscross.net

SCHOOL CHAPEL OFFERINGS

Thank you for your generosity for a total of **\$1,960.30!** We are excited to support Called to Care, a local Christian organization, helping to support children and their foster families in the name of Jesus!

PRESCHOOL NEWS - MRS. BOUGHTON

Our 2-year-old and 3/4-year-old half-day preschool classes are off to a wonderful start in the second half of the year! The twos are enjoying being back at school, welcoming new friends to the classroom, and building confidence through fine motor and pre-writing activities as they explore and learn together.

In the 3/4-year-old class, we're preparing to begin our next classroom project. The children have shared so many thoughtful and creative topic ideas that narrowing it down to just one has been a challenge—but we're excited to make that decision this week! Recently, our almost-kindergarteners also had the opportunity to visit Mrs. Totsky's kindergarten class, giving them a fun and meaningful glimpse into what next year may hold.

While we're eager to get back outside, we've been making great use of our Large Motor Space and the wonderful equipment we're blessed to have, keeping our bodies active and strong.

As we continue moving through the second half of the school year, we're proud of how much our students are growing—as learners, leaders, and Christians—each and every day.

Bitty Basketball Registration is Open until Thursday, February 12th!

We are excited to announce that the Cross Lutheran's Bitty Basketball Program for children ages 4 through fourth grade will be taking place this year!

This program provides a fun and engaging environment for kids to learn basketball fundamentals, teamwork, and sportsmanship. The season will start the last week of February and end the week before Easter. There will be one practice and one game per week. March 28th is the last game.

Practices – This is subject to change based on how many students participate, (i.e. preschool and Kindergarten may have 30-minute practices vs. an hour).

- Weeks 1 & 2 (February 23rd & March 2nd): Tuesday or Thursday from 3:30 - 4:30 or 4:30 - 5:30 in the big gym.
- Weeks 3-5: Tuesday or Thursday from 3:30 - 4:30 or 4:30 - 5:30 in either big or small gym.

Games will be on Saturday mornings in either the big gym or small gym between 9:00-11:00. The dates of the games are: February 28th, March 7th, March 14th, March 21st and March 28th.

Price: The cost per child is \$35. This fee includes a shirt which will be provided on the first day of practice. Additionally, the fee includes a basketball, medal, and picture for each child which will be handed out at the end of the last game.

Picture Day: Pictures will be taken at the first practice to ensure there is time to print and hand out photos for the last game.

Registration: Registration link below will be open for **four weeks** starting today and closing on **Thursday, February 12th**. As I know there are a lot of siblings that play, it is important that you **complete one form per child**.

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/Cq2GpcQv>

We are looking forward to another successful Bitty Basketball Season!!

ALL COMMUNICATIONS GO TO MICHAEL BRZOSKA, Bitty Basketball Coordinator: 630-947-4072 or michaelbrzoska87@gmail.com

Walk with God

Love our Neighbor

Grow in Faith Together



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Winterim Friday, March 20th

Save The Date AND Volunteers Needed
If you have a special talent or skill and are willing to share it with our kids, please keep this date in mind!

SPELLING BEE WINNERS

Congratulations to Dominick Deterding for being the champion of the 2025-2026 Annual Cross Spelling Bee. Dominick will represent our school at the Grundy/Kendall County Regional Spelling Bee which will be held online sometime in March. If Dominick is unable to complete the online test, Charlee Bowen will be the alternate for Cross.



PTL would like to THANK all of those who have dedicated time, talents, and energy toward helping our school events and activities happen successfully.

As a small token of appreciation, the following volunteers (randomly selected) are Gift Card WINNERS for January.

- Kenzie Fuller
- Marisa Beversdorf
- Natalie Booras

Please stop by the office to collect your prize!

26-27 School Year Open Positions:



- Full Time 5th Grade Teacher
- Full Time 3rd Grade Teacher
- Part Time PE Teacher (3 full days a week)
- Part Time Reading Specialist

Anyone interested OR who would like to submit names of potential candidates for these positions

Reach out to Mrs. Ulrich (Principal) as soon as possible by contacting the school office (630-553-7861).

TAX CREDIT REPORT FOR K-8TH GRADE

When you go into the FACTS Family Portal, choose Financial, choose the link to your payments.

Then, click on View Details. You will see a link at the top to View Payment Summary (Be sure to pick the correct year.)

The summary (depending on what options you selected) will show the payments you made in 2025 including Cross Cares and will provide the school's tax ID number. There will not be anything specific to IL on the report, but should provide the information you need.



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5th Grade

High Honor Roll

Lainey Bocek
Presley Fallon
Noah Grossart
Declan Hannigan
Eleanor Knowles
Stella Okapal
Eliana Shaw
Evangeline Weis

Honor Roll

Nicholas Andersen
Madison Carty
Skylar Ganesan
Madison Hennig
Ava Holzer
Morgan McQuade
Remington Miller
Weston Olin
Ainsley-KokoRae Wilson

6th Grade

Straight "A"

Dawson Mouis
Grace Ratios
Gavin Willis

High Honor Roll

Sophia Bakka
Charlee Bowen
Ethan Carty
Allison Heller
Easton Kelley
Beckham Miller
Henry Paetzold
Jacob Thanepohn

Honor Roll

Calvin Batt
Frida Cruz-Sanchez
Magdalene Gunier
Liam Hageman
Chloe Ihrig
Hannah Lechowicz
Olson Morel
Andrew Orozco
Zachary Reid
Kynlee Rivera
Tyler Suthard
Rainer Weis

7th Grade

Straight "A"

Brynn Booras
Anna Collins
Kiersten Massey
Camilla Willman

High Honor Roll

Camille Booras
Gavin Diemer
Chloe Johnson
Ari Rakow
Oscar Suthard

Honor Roll

Eme Brisco
Isaiah Conrad
Annabel Harl
Piper Hopkins
Eric Johansen
Silas Klimek
Joshua Laesch
Olivia Misenko
Matthew Moon
Olivia Okapal
London Schroeder
Lincoln Skinner
Penelope Skinner
Maizy Sluder
Kitridge Wilson

8th Grade

Straight "A"

Lily Bromeland
Lillian Brzoska
Dominick Deterding
William Durland
Alys Ihrig
Bella Mouis
Eli Santa
John Schobert
Cecilia Stewart
Liliana Williams
Ella Willis

High Honor Roll

Madeline Batt
Sophia Fischer
Maggie Kirk
Mylee Mouis
Sophia Nolan
Alayna Russell
Nora Shaw
Vivienne Weis

Honor Roll

Zeke Edwards
Adelyn Hannigan
Quinn Kerley
Nathan Konczal
Luke Murray
Roman Niklos
Colton Saxe
Gryffin Sittler
Kannon Wilson

HONOR ROLL

**Congratulations to the
2nd Quarter Academic
Achievers!**





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Children's Ministry & Youth Ministry

ALL IN
FEBRUARY 11
BINGO NIGHT!

6:00- Free Dinner (Pizza)
6:30- BINGO
7:30- Evening Devotional

Join Cross Children's Ministry & Youth Ministry for a fun night of family BINGO! Lots of fun prizes!

Questions? Caley @ cthanepohn@hiscross.org

Living N' Active
Sundays Starting February 1 at 9:30AM
Location: Discipleship Room 50

Join us to learn more about Cross!
To RSVP, contact the Church Office:
Phone (630-553-7335) or Email (churchinfo@hiscross.org)

ASH
WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 14

5:30PM Dinner | 6:15PM Hymn-sing | 6:30 Evening Service
10AM Day Service
Ashes will also be available at Caring Hands Thrift Shop

Lenten Worship and Ministry Schedule
Wednesdays starting February 25

10AM Traditional Lenten Service
Livestream Available
6:00PM Dinner

6:30-7:30PM Discipleship Ministries
for Children, Youth, and Adults
7:30 Lenten Devotional

GRIEF SHARE
"Grief is a journey that shouldn't be traveled alone."

Every Thursday starting February 19 through May 21
6:30-8:00PM and Location is Disciple Room #50 in Old School Wing

For more information or to sign up:
Contact Jan Kinsel by email at jkinsel@hiscross.org
or by phone at 630.234.6190

Financial Peace Course
ARE YOU MANAGING MONEY
GOD'S WAYS
OR YOUR WAY?
9 sessions with the goal of financial growth and freedom
Scan the QR Code to sign up (Cost is \$20)
Scholarships available

Questions? Contact the Church Office at 630-553-7335 or churchinfo@hiscross.org

Looking for Volunteers . . .

Would you be willing to host our high school youth on a Sunday night this summer?

Some ideas include, but aren't limited to...

Pool **Dinner** **Yard Games**
Fire pit/bonfire **Outdoor movie**
Cookout **Trivia** **Board Games**

Check the newsletter or reach out to Jessica for more information: jdvorak@hiscross.org

Donating Altar Flowers

Looking to commemorate a special occasion?
Donate altar flowers to bring beauty to our Sanctuary, and either pick up your flowers after services or have us donate them further to bring even more joy!
Sign up on our flower chart located in the hallway by the Fellowship Hall

Questions? Mary Leedy (mleedy@outlook.com) OR Barb McCoy (mccoyba48@gmail.com)