



# 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

<b>Wed. 2/4</b>	K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's 6:00 PM Pasta Dinner Served 6:30 PM Children's/Youth/Adult Ministry
<b>Thurs. 2/5</b>	K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's
<b>Fri. 2/6</b>	8:15 AM Moms of Minis Bible Study <b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Hot Lunch Fundraiser-Pizza</b>
<b>Sun. 2/8</b>	8:00 AM Traditional Service 9:30 /11:00 AM Contemporary Service 9:30 AM Children's/Youth/Adult Ministry <b>9:30 AM 3rd-4th Grade Sings</b> <b>11:00 AM Kindergarten Sings</b>
<b>Mon. 2/9</b>	K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's
<b>Tues. 2/10</b>	K-8 Hot Lunch - Subway
<b>Wed. 2/11</b>	K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's <b>ALL IN</b> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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, Schaefflein, 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](mailto: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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> & March 2<sup>nd</sup>): 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 28<sup>th</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup>, March 21<sup>st</sup> and March 28<sup>th</sup>.

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 12<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto:michaelbrzoska87@gmail.com)**

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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.



## THANK YOU

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 Ratos  
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 @ cthaneponh@hiscross.org

# ASH

WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 18

5:30PM Dinner | 6:15PM Hymn-sing | 6:30 Evening Service  
10AM Day Service

*Ashes will also be available at Caring Hands Thrift Shop*

## 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)

## 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 (mccoybarb@gmail.com)

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