



THE CRUSADER

FEBRUARY 24, 2026

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Calendar of Events

Wed. 2/25	K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's 6:00 PM Chicken Dinner Served 6:30 PM Children's/Youth/Adult Ministry 7:30 PM Lenten Devotional
Thurs. 2/26	K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's
FRI. 2/27	NO SCHOOL
Sun. 3 /1	8:00 AM Traditional Service 9:30 /11:00 AM Contemporary Service 9:30 AM Children's/Youth/Adult Ministry
Mon. 3/2	K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's
Tues. 3/3	K-8 Hot Lunch - Subway
Wed. 3/4	K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's 6:00 PM Tacos & Nachos Dinner Served 6:30 PM Children's/Youth/Adult Ministry 7:30 PM Lenten Devotional

Friday, February 27th - NO SCHOOL

School Office Closed
It's a Professional Development day for teachers.

Winterim
Friday, March 20th

Need to sign up by Friday, February 27

Volunteers Needed
If you have a special talent or skill and are willing to share it, please sign up by scanning the QR Code above OR check out the Crusader or Church E-Newsletter

If you want to sign up to volunteer for Winterim, please click [HERE](#) by **Friday, February 27th.**

PRAYER CORNER

"Pray without ceasing," 1 Thessalonians 5:17

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

Anderson, Balog, Becker, Borneman, Doran, Gifford, Gillman, Hill, Himes/Paetzold, Hubrich, Hurd, Johnson, Lorange, Niklos, Okapal, Olen, Quantock, Saxe, Scott, Sibley, Slaughter, Weis, Yerly

RE-ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

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

All PS-8th grade enrollment is now open to the public.

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET RE-ENROLLED YOUR CHILD(REN) FOR NEXT YEAR, PLEASE MAKE THAT A TOP PRIORITY. WE ARE ALREADY WORKING TO MAKE STAFFING PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR. THE MORE SOLID NUMBERS WE HAVE, THE BETTER JOB WE CAN DO TO PREPARE FOR NEXT YEAR. THE PREPARATION IS VERY IMPORTANT, AND EVERYONE COMPLETING THEIR RE-ENROLLMENT IS A BIG PART OF THAT.

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.

[New Student Application Link](#)

8th Grade Pizza Fundraiser for March

Sorry! There will not be a pizza ordering link for the month of March due to the following reasons:

March 6th: Pizza make-up day

from Jan. 23rd

March 13th: No Lunch - Noon

Dismissal

March 20th: No Kitchen/Lunch

Room available due to Winterim

for the upper grades that day

March 27th: No Lunch - Noon

Dismissal

Hot Lunch Volunteers Needed We need TWO people on 2/5

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

First Day of School for 2026-2027

Wednesday, August 19th
More dates still to come

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

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



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Join us for FUN FAIR - Monday, March 9th

Cross hosts an annual Fun Fair open to all school families, their family, and friends. Fun Fair is scheduled for the Monday afternoon of Lutheran Schools Week, which is March 9th. Admission is free, but we do sell tickets for the games and other activities.

Purchase Tickets online
(<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/moEryKOa>)

Volunteer to help on Monday, March 9th - we need volunteers to help distribute tickets, hand out prizes, run concessions, supervise bouncy houses, etc. Use our [Cross Fun Fair - 2026 Volunteer Sign up](#) or contact Maren Batt (mrbatt13@gmail.com; 815-508-8071) if you're willing to take a shift.

We are excited for this opportunity to build community within our school families.

PRESCHOOL NEWS - MRS. GAUSS

There are probably many people out there who wonder...what in the world can anyone do in a two-year-old preschool class! The 12 students on MWF and 11 students on T/Th have learned so much this school year, and still have much more to grow and learn about before May.

Our Circle Time includes name and letter recognition activities, a story to read, and a game to play or counting songs to work on. These 2 (and some 3 now) year olds can listen, ask and answer questions, and tell anyone who will listen about whatever is on their mind. They share so much now, that teachers have started teaching them how to raise a quiet hand and wait for a turn. (Bet you didn't think that was possible!)

The classroom is full of activity as they learn to find shapes, paint and draw, match pictures, practice new vocabulary, share with friends, build castles and tents, read to each other, take care of babies, cook all kinds of crazy "pizzas", and the list goes on. The imaginations of these preschoolers are growing each day, along with the ability to act on what they are thinking about.

A favorite time for these smallest Cross Crusaders is working on a new Bible verse each month. This week, our twos class will help lead the older preschoolers in chapel by teaching the verse they have learned this month, "Jesus said, let the children come to me". They are so brave and proud of what they have learned and cannot wait to share it with others!

If you have a family member or friend who would like to know more about the twos class at Cross, please reach out to Mrs. Gauss (agauss@hiscross.net), we still have space available for the 26-27 school year!

CROSS LUTHERAN SCHOOL
YORKVILLE, IL

TRACK & FIELD

PRACTICES BEGIN: MARCH 11TH
3:15 PM - 4:45 PM

LET US RUN WITH ENDURANCE THE RACE GOD HAS SET BEFORE US.
HEBREWS 12:1

OPEN TO ALL 5TH-8TH GRADE BOYS & GIRLS!

+ TRACK EVENTS: +

- + Sprints: 100m, 200m, 400m Dash
- + Distance: 800m Run, 1600m Run
- + Relays: 4x100m, 4x200m, 4x400m
- + Hurdles: 110m Hurdles (boys), 100m Hurdles (girls)
- + Field Events: Long Jump, High Jump, Triple Jump, Shot Put, Discus

SIGN UP NOW!
FILL OUT THE EXCEL FORM BELOW!

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Kz2aLvJ0IQg_Uyr-G-TgYmIipinxTSDI7dJLAHainE/edit?usp=sharing

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK
MARCH 9TH-13TH

"Let's Make A Joyful Noise" Psalm 98:4

Monday: Jersey/Sports Day
Tuesday: Camo Day
Wednesday: K-8th: Students dress as Teachers Preschool: Wacky Wednesday
Thursday: Pajama Day
Friday: K-8th: Class Color Day Preschool: Favorite Color Day



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2026

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Kentucky Derby

Derby-inspired elegance encouraged!
Dresses & hats/fascinators recommended!

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH

6PM-830PM ~ CROSS LUTHERAN GYM

WE KINDLY ASK FOR YOU TO BRING A SNACK
LAST NAMES A-G SALTY * H-R SWEET * S-Z HEALTHY

OPENED TO ANY FATHER-FIGURE OR VIP
IN YOUR DAUGHTER'S LIFE!

RSVP BY APRIL 10TH!

4th ANNUAL CROSS LUTHERAN PTL SPONSORED

FAMILY SKATE NIGHT

SCHOOL WIDE WALK-A-THON PRIZE

Sunday, March 15, 2026 5-7 PM

Join us for a night of fun on wheels! Admission and skate rentals are on us. Don't forget to bring your cash for tasty snacks. Remember, this is a family event, so kiddos need to have their adult sidekicks also in attendance!

AURORA SKATE
34W113 Montgomery Rd, Aurora, IL 60504

HEALTH REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR

Kindergarten through 8th grade parents ... Plan now to meet state health requirements and save yourself some time and extra running next fall!

Physicals are required for students entering **kindergarten** and **6th** grade.

Dental exams are required for students entering **kindergarten**, **2nd** grade and **6th** grade.

Vision exams are required for children entering **kindergarten**.

If your insurance requires a date after the first day of school, please get an appointment card, so the date can be entered in our records.

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.

BLUE RIBBON BOOK FAIR

WE THINK READ! THAT'S THE BEST!

READ 'EM COWBOY!

COMING SOON!!

SCHOOL CHAPEL OFFERINGS

Thank you for your generosity for a total of **\$2,048.80!** 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!



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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).

Children's Ministry All In- Family Lego Night — March 11 —

- 6:00- Dinner (Pizza)
- 6:30- Family Devotional & Lego Building
- 7:30- Closing Devotional

Questions? Caley cthanepohn@hiscross.org



MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECT

6:00: Free Dinner

ALL IN
March 11
6pm - 8pm

6:30: Phil's Friends service projects (tie blanket making, cards, box decorating)

7:30: Evening Devotion

Questions? Email Jessica jdvorak@hiscross.org

Fundraising Event for Cross Lutheran Youth

Egg My Yard

Pre-filled Eggs to be delivered and hidden in your yard for Easter Morning OR picked up at Family Easter Service

Delivery date: Sat NIGHT April 4th or Pick-up at Family Easter Service and Egg Hunt

Order Deadline: Sun. March 15th

Delivery Radius: 15 miles around Yorkville, IL

Questions: Contact Jessica Dvorak at jdvorak@hiscross.org

Available Packages

25 EGGS \$20	50 EGGS \$40	75 EGGS \$60	100 EGGS \$75
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Order HERE! 

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

Starting Wednesday, February 25

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

Cross Family Easter Service & Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4

10:00am



RSVP Here



Join us for our Cross Family Easter Service and Egg Hunt to follow. Invite friends & family! RSVP preferred, but not required

Questions? Caley cthanepohn@hiscross.org



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH
MISSOURI SYNOD
Lutheran Early Response Teams

Training Opportunity

Cross has a Disaster Response/LERT ministry for the purpose of preparing volunteers to respond in the event of a disaster/crisis.

Here is an upcoming training that can be a first-time training or a refresher

When: Saturday, March 7 from 8:30AM to 12:30PM

Where: Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Elburn, IL

How to Sign Up: scan the QR Code here to see more information and register

Questions? Contact Linda Arnold

by texting 630-430-8610

OR by emailing

crosslutheranLERT@gmail.com

