



THE CRUSADER

OCTOBER 20, 2026

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Calendar of Events

Wed. 10/21 9:15am - 11:00am Picture Retake Day
6:00pm Nachos/Tacos Served
6:30pm Children's/Youth/Adult Ministry

Thurs. 10/22 K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's

Fri. 10/23 8:15am Moms of Minis Bible Study
8th Grade Pizza Fundraiser

Sun. 10/25 8:00/9:30am Traditional Reformation Service
11:00am Contemporary Service
9:30AM Kindergarten Sings

Mon. 10/26 K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's

Tues. 10/27 K-8 Hot Lunch - Subway
4:00pm-8:00pm Raising Cane's Fundraiser

WE STILL NEED WEDNESDAY HELPERS

Prayer and Praise Helpers Needed

On the 2nd Wednesday of the month, we have a special Prayer and Praise chapel, and we need your help! We need leaders willing to mentor and lead a small group of students from 8:15-8:45am.

If you are interested, please contact

Joanna Shaw by email at jshaw@hiscross.net or call 906-290-0383

OR the School Office by email schoolinfo@hiscross.net or call 630-553-7861

If you are interested in knowing about upcoming games at Cross, please see the sports calendar screenshot below.

19	20	21	22	23	24
Cheer Practice 4:30-5:45 5/6 Vball prac 3:15-5:00 7/8 Vball prac 3:15-5:00 8th boys bball prac 5:30-7:30	Volleyball at York Christian 5/6 at 4:00 7/8M at 5:00 7th Bball open Gym 5-7	5/6 Vball prac 3:15-4:30	Volleyball at Fam. of Faith 5/6 at 4:30 7/8M at 5:30 7th Bball open Gym 5-7 5/6 Bball prac 3:15-5	7th Scary Tournament - Rosary Aurora 8th Scary Tournament - Rosary Aurora 5/6 Bball prac 3:15-5:15	7th Bball Prac 8-10 5/6 Trinity Roselle Volleyball Tourney National CC MEET

SCHOOL PICTURES ARE READY!

View and order at <https://shop.jostenspix.com/login>

- CROSS LUTHERAN SCHOOL
- Event Code: FE185926
- Images are secured using the parents' main email addresses from FACTS Family Portal.
- To request a retake, please choose that option in the top menu.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY
Wednesday, October 21st
9:15-11:00AM

(If you are able to come sooner during that time frame, we would greatly appreciate it.)

WALK-A-THON Fundraiser

Watch for a Total coming soon!!

Thank you so much for your support!

LOST & FOUND

Our table is OVERFLOWING!
Please stop by the office to see if your child's belongings might be there.

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.

CONTACT US

For all school matters, please call:
630-553-7861

or email: schoolinfo@hiscross.net

Parent-Teacher Conferences for Kindergarten - 8th Grade

PLEASE SIGN UP HERE

Conference Dates:

Tuesday, November 3: Beginning @ 3:30 pm
Thursday, November 5: 12:00 pm Dismissal - Conferences to follow
Friday, November 6: NO SCHOOL

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4TH GRADE NEWS - MRS. FISHER

We are having a wonderful time learning, growing, and loving Jesus in fourth grade! We are off to a strong start as we strengthen our multiplication facts, lead chapel, and prepare for our Wax Museum.

In math, we focus on a different multiplication fact family each week and practice in a variety of fun, engaging ways. We are building our skills and confidence as we work toward multiplication fact fluency!

We also had the opportunity to lead chapel and share how Joseph stayed "rooted in Christ" by trusting God through the difficult situations in his life. What a wonderful reminder that God is with us through every season! In reading, we wrapped up our first novel study, *The Lemonade War*, with a fun group challenge to see who could sell the most lemonade! Along the way, we explored setting, figurative language, and business strategies while putting our learning into action.

Our Wax Museum project has also been a highlight! Students learned how to use Google Classroom and Google Docs, research their historical figures, cite their sources, and write speeches that begin with an engaging hook to capture their audience's attention. The Wax Museum is a favorite tradition, and I love seeing students apply what they have learned!

Next week, we are heading to Starved Rock, Buffalo Rock, and the Ottawa Lock and Dam. This field trip will kick off our Illinois Scrapbook project, where we will learn more about our wonderful state and its history.

We are continually exercising our minds, growing in our faith, and discovering new things every day. What a joy it is to learn and grow together!

Culver's FUNDRAISER

We're excited to invite you to our PSK Grandparent's Day Dine & Donate, where you can indulge in a mouthwatering meal while supporting our school!

THURSDAY, NOV 5 | 11AM - 2PM
1745 Marketview Dr. Yorkville
Dine in or Drive Thru

Please mention **CROSS LUTHERAN** when ordering!
15% of your order total goes to the school!



Sunday, November 1st: 9-11:30am

**Tuesday, November 3rd and
Thursday, November 5th:**

**During Parent-Teacher Conferences
3:30-5:30 pm**

Thursday, November 5th:

**During PS 3/4 - KDG Grandparent/VIP
Day 8-11am**

Sunday, November 8th: 9-11:30am

Preschool 3/4's & Kindergarten Grandparent/VIP Day

ROOTED IN CHRIST GROWING TOGETHER

**Save the Date: Thursday, November 5
9-11 am**

CELEBRATING THE FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND SPECIAL
PEOPLE GOD HAS GIVEN US.

SCHOOL CHAPEL OFFERINGS

We are excited to support Gospel on the Go through the LCMS Northern Illinois District. The focus will be projects in Belize include: feeding programs, student scholarships, the Mercy House in Seine Bight, and a new playground for the children of the community where Jesus is the center.

Thank you for your generosity for a total of **\$802.96!!**

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K-7th Art to Remember

Hi K-7th Families and Friends,

Our school is participating in a creative fundraiser with Art to Remember that allows you to purchase keepsake products customized with your child's art. There are over 60 products and many are less than \$20. These make great gifts and a percentage of every purchase goes right back to our school. Click on the link below and enter the online order code shown on your child's order form or to search for your child's artwork. Then, have fun shopping!

<https://arttoremember.com/artshow/4rsxj9>

Orders are due 10/30 and will be delivered by 11/23.
Please email your child's teacher the items are a surprise!

JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER *at* 

TUESDAY, OCT 27 | 4-8PM
RAISING CANE'S 2450 ROUTE 34 OSWEGO, IL 60543

Mention the fundraiser at the Restaurant or apply code **RCFUND96** to online or app orders at checkout and Cane's will donate 15% of Net Sales* to:

CROSS LUTHERAN PTL



TRIVIA NIGHT
8TH GRADE CLASS TRIP FUNDRAISER

PRIZE FOR TRIVIA WINNERS

SILENT AUCTION, RAFFLE, GAMES, & MORE!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, 2026
AT WHITETAIL RIDGE GOLF CLUB

HERE **DOORS OPEN AT: 5:30PM**
TRIVIA STARTS AT: 6:30PM

\$20 per person or \$150 for a table of 8

FOOD AND DRINK AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

TEAM THEME CONTEST!!! EACH TABLE PICK A THEME & DRESS UP (OPTIONAL) AND WIN A PRIZE

Scan here to purchase tickets



Hot Lunch Volunteer/PTL Volunteer Opportunities

Hot Lunch Volunteers Needed: 11/12 (1), 11/19 (2)

Please see the link below for future dates and contact the office to sign up.

HOT LUNCH VOLUNTEERS

If you want to volunteer in other ways, PTL has more opportunities. Please see the link below:

PTL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you for your support and involvement!

Questions? Email crossptl@hiscross.net

Click [here](#) to order your yearbook (\$30) or scan the QR code!



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MOMS OF MINIS

WHAT: BIBLE STUDY & BREAKFAST FOR MOMS OF 4TH GRADERS AND UNDER

WHERE: FELLOWSHIP HALL

WHEN: FRIDAYS 8:15-10:00

*NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND EVERY FRIDAY DROP IN WHEN YOU CAN

FELLOWSHIP, FAITH DEVELOPMENT, FOOD, AND FRIENDSHIPS

QUESTIONS? CALEY
CTRANEPHOHN@HISCROSS.ORG

Reformation Sunday

October 25

Service Times
8 am Traditional
9:30 am Traditional
11 am Contemporary

TAX TIDBITS

Presented by Ben Thanepohn, CPA



- Sunday, October 25
- Noon to 1:30 PM
- Lunch Provided - Food Court

Bringing his financial expertise, Ben will cover tax savvy savings plans, charitable giving, tax bracket changes and other items of interest.

There will also be time for some questions at the end of the session.

Come and learn....and enjoy a meal with your church family

Scan the QR Code to RSVP
or for more information



You can also RSVP to the Church Office
by phone (630-553-7335)
by email (churchinfo@hiscross.org)
or sign up at the Kiosk

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Pastor Appreciation Month

Sunday, November 1

Self-serve breakfast of egg casseroles & juice, and of course our traditional donuts and coffee!

Sign up at the Kiosk
OR email Roxane Griesmann at roxken@att.net

if you would like to bring a breakfast casserole or individual size fruit juice.

Hot casseroles can be delivered to the kitchen at 8:45am, 10:15am, or 11:45am

Pastor Erik - 20 years at Cross
Pastor Matt - 11 years at Cross
Vicar Michael beginning his Vicarage
Pastor Schlote & Pastor Grieves
who help out in so many ways!!!



ALL Youth Ministry

When:
Wed. Nov
4th
6-9:30pm



Register by:
Wed. Oct 21st

Feed My Starving Children Packing Event:
Check your e-mail for details, or send an e-mail to jdvorak@hiscross.org

Men's Fellowship Night

Let's start some new men's ministry at Cross! Come for a night of fellowship, discussion, and bourbon tasting. Let's meet some fellow brothers, hear Pastor Matt's vision for men's ministry, and discuss launching some new opportunities together!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH,
6-9PM AT THE RAINTREE VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE.



Snow Shovelers Needed

Snow Shoveling season is just around the corner ... Can you help?

With the winter season just around the corner, the school is starting to put together a crew of volunteers to shovel all sidewalks Monday - Friday. This requires all sidewalks to be shoveled by 7:00 a.m. This is a great way to help out at our school and get some exercise too! Our plan is to get a least two volunteers for each day and a few substitutes. If this is an area where you can assist, please call the school office at 630-553-7861 and have your name and preferred day added to our list. Once the list is compiled, you will receive a copy of the schedule and final instructions.

Training on our equipment is available.

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