



THE CRUSADER

OCTOBER 27, 2026

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Calendar of Events

Wed. 10/28 6:00pm Chili & Hot Dogs Served
6:30pm Children's/Youth/Adult Ministry

Thurs. 10/29 K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's

Fri. 10/30 8:15am Moms of Minis Bible Study
8th Grade Pizza Fundraiser

Sun. 11/1 8:00am Traditional Service
9:30am/11:00am Contemporary Service

Mon. 11/2 K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's

Tues. 11/3 K-8 Hot Lunch - Subway
3:30pm K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences
3:30pm-5:30pm Book Fair

Wed. 11/4 6:00pm Chicken Served
6:30pm Children's/Youth/Adult Ministry

Thurs. 11/5 9:00-11:00am PS/K Grandparents Day
8:00-11:00am Book Fair Open
1st-8th NOON DISMISSAL
PM CROSS CARES until 4:30pm

Fri. 11/6 **NO SCHOOL**

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.

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

Looking Ahead

Thursday, November 5th - PS/K 11AM DISMISSAL
1st-8th NOON DISMISSAL
PM CROSS CARES AVAILABLE UNTIL 4:30PM
Friday, November 6th - NO SCHOOL

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

26	27	28	29	30
	Cheer Practice 3:30-5:00	Cheer Practice 3:30-4:45	Cheer Practice 3:30-4:30	
7/8 Vball pract 3:15-5:00	7/8 Vball pract 3:15-5:00	8th bball pract 3:15-4:30	7/8 Vball pract 3:15-5:00	
8th boys bball pract 5:30-7:30	7th Bball Prac 5-6:30	8th mand sports meeting	7th Bball Prac 5-6:30	7th Bball Prac 3:15-5
	5/6 Bball pract 6:30-8			5/6 Bball pract 5:00-7

Parent-Teacher Conferences for Kindergarten - 8th Grade

SIGN UP HERE BY NOON on F, 10/30

Conference Dates:

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



We need 22
empty, clean
gallon jugs, with
lids if possible.
Please drop
them off in the
office by
November 5th.

CONTACT US

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

or email: schoolinfo@hiscross.net

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1ST GRADE NEWS - MRS. BRANNING

Greetings from First Grade!!

We have been very busy these past few weeks in science learning all about the life cycle of a pumpkin! The students will even get the opportunity to look inside a real pumpkin and use their senses to see, smell, and feel it. They have enjoyed sharing their experiences with one another, including visits to different pumpkin farms and whether they have pumpkins at home.

Our new reading curriculum, Superkids, has been fun to explore! The students are getting to know the characters in the curriculum, and many can relate to the Superkids in different ways. Our current unit focuses on animals and how they relate to us. In our main reader, we have learned about the pets the Superkids have and which pets they like best. This past week, we explored different kinds of pets and discussed what makes each one a good pet. This topic has sparked many fun conversations about the pets students have at home! It also connects nicely with our writing lessons, where students chose whether they think a dog or a cat is the best pet and gave reasons to support their opinions. We have been focusing on opinion writing over the past few weeks, and the students have really enjoyed this unit because it relates to their own lives and experiences at home.

In math, we have completed several chapters on addition and subtraction. We are now working on counting by tens beyond 100 and exploring numbers using tens and ones. The students are using tens rods and cubes to build and represent different numbers. We will continue practicing our addition and subtraction facts through a variety of fun games and activities.

In religion, we have been busy learning our memory verses, which is something new for first grade this year! We are now learning the Ten Commandments through practice and songs. We have also enjoyed getting to know our new chapel families and making new friends. In addition, we have started practicing a new song that we will sing in church in a few weeks!

We are excited for our Fall Fest activity at the end of the month—bowling! We are looking forward to a fun time making memories and enjoying this special activity with our friends!

WALK-A-THON Fundraiser

Total to be revealed to school on W, 10/28!!!

Thank you so much for your support!

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 **\$886.55!!**

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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



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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!



2026 Christmas Wreath Sale

Cross Lutheran 8th graders are selling Christmas wreaths and cemetery pots to help pay for their class trip. All items are made at Winding Creek Nursery. If you are ordering a wreath through an 8th grader, you can choose to have them deliver the wreath to you, or you can personally pick the wreath up at the school. The wreaths come with a red plastic blow. If you are personally picking up your wreath(s) they will need to be picked up on *Monday, November 23rd* from 3:00 - 5:00 P.M at the West end school portico. If paying by check print the order form attached, make checks payable to Cross Lutheran School, and turn it into the office. The last day to turn in orders is **Sunday, November 15th**.

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/GZhlUX3U>

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.

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), 11/30 (1)

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

[PTL October Meeting Minutes](#)

Thank you for your support and involvement!

Questions? Email crossptl@hiscross.net



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Cross Lutheran Church & School

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
CTRANEP@HISCROSS.ORG

Pastor Appreciation Month

Sunday, November 1

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

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!!!

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!

THANK YOU

November 11-All In
Children's Ministry

6:00- Free Dinner (Pizza)

6:30- Human Hungry Hippos

7:30- Evening Devotional

Join us for a night of family fun!!

Questions?
Caley @
ctranepohn@hiscross.org

Yum!

NOVEMBER 11th

ALL IN

HUMAN HUNGRY HIPPOS

Middle School
vs
High School

6:00-FREE pizza
6:30-Devotion and
Hungry Hippos
7:30-Evening
Devotion

bring a helmet

Contact Jessica Dvorak: jdvorak@hiscross.org for details

CHANGE OF DATE

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!



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



RISE UP! Join us
Monday, Nov. 9th

THE LINEUP

11/9 - The Heart of God to Man: Noah

12/14 - OFF for Christmas Activities

1/11 - The Heart of Obedience: Moses

2/8 - The Heart of Remembrance: Joshua

4/12 - The Heart of Fire: Elijah

5/10 - The Heart of the Father: Jesus



THE ALTAR OF MY HEART

What: A Rise Up Women's Bible Study
When: November 9th, 6:45-8:30
Where: Discipleship Room 49
Why: Jesus + fellowship



Scan QR Code
to register

PRAYER CORNER

"Pray without ceasing," 1 Thessalonians 5:17

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

Attanasio/VanEtten-Kahl, Collins/von Schwedler, Griffing/Hester, Henrichs, Hill, Johansen/Peterson, Mathre, Mazany, Mendez/Wilger, Miller, Pfister, Poplawski, Prisco, Ramirez/Petero, Steltz/Wheaton, Thanepohn, Wathen/Wahlgren, Wendling, Wikstrom, Wilks, Wysoglad, Wyss

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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