The Crusader

November 17, 2026

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Calendar of Events

Wed. 11/18 6:00pm Sloppy Joes & Hot Dogs Served
6:30pm Children's/Youth/Adult Ministry
Thurs. 11/19 K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's
Fri. 11/20 8:15am Moms of Minis Bible Study
8th Grade Pizza Fundraiser
3:00pm K-8 Hot Lunch Ordering for December Closes
Sun. 11/22 8:00am Traditional Service
9:30am/11:00am Contemporary Service
Mon. 11/23 K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's
3:00pm Christmas Wreath Pickup
Tues. 11/24 K-8 Hot Lunch - Subway
Wed. 11/25-Fri. 11/27 NO SCHOOL
7:00pm Thanksgiving Service
NO Children's/Youth/Adult Ministry
Sun. 11/29 8:00am Traditional Service
9:30am/11:00am Contemporary Service
NO Children's/Youth/Adult Ministry

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, November 25th through Friday, November 27th
NO SCHOOL - *SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED*

CHAPEL CHANGE CHALLENGE
PS-8th Grade
November 9-20

We're adding a little friendly competition to see what our Cross Family can do together to support Gospel on the Go, Belize!
See the link for more details.

Our current total for the school year is **$930.97!!**

K-8 Hot Lunch Information

K-8 Hot Lunch Ordering is now available online for December through **Friday, November 20th until 3PM** for each student in Kindergarten through 8th grade. Please login to the FACTS Family Portal to complete the ordering process.

Lunch Program and Absence

If your child is absent on a day that you have purchased a lunch for them at school, you are welcome to come pick it up after 12:30pm. This gives our volunteers time to organize the multiple deliveries received. Please note: You must call the office by 10:30AM to say that you will be getting it.
THERE ARE NO REFUNDS.





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

16	17	18	19 Paul	20	21
Cheer Camp (4's-K) 4:00-5:15	Cheer Camp (4's-K) 4:00-5:15		Cheer Camp Performance (4's-K)		
Boys Bball at Traughber *	5-6G Bball Pract 3:15-5	Cheer Practice 3:30-4:30	Boys Bball vs Crsroads *		5-6G Bball Pract 8-9:30
7th at 4:30	7/8G bball practice 3:15-5:30	5/6 Bball pract 3:15-4:30	5th at 4:00		B3Ball 10-Noon
8th at 5:30	Boys Bball at Millbrook *		Boys Bball vs NPVL CHRIST*	5/6 Bball pract 5-7	7th St. Rita
	5/6 at 4:15		7th at 5:00	7th St. Rita	8th St. Rita
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	8th at 6:15				
	B3Ball 5:30-7				

Walk with God **Love our Neighbor** **Grow in Faith Together**

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3RD GRADE NEWS - MISS PINNOW

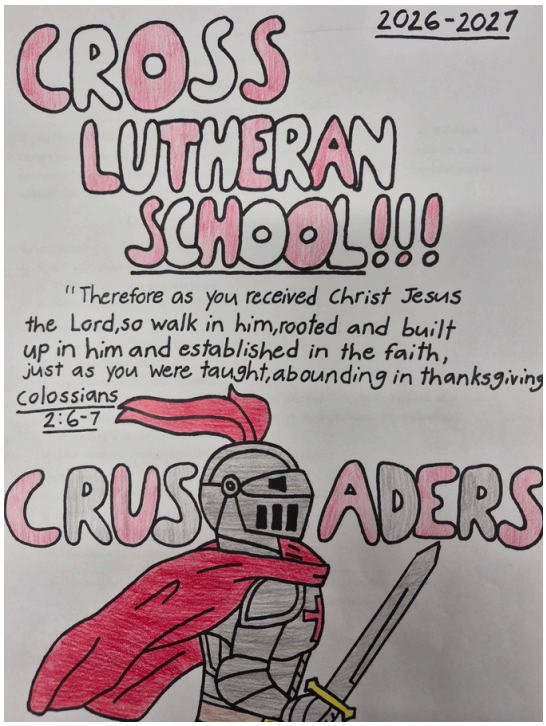
We have really been enjoying the nicer weather this fall and getting more chances to be outside. It is fun to send a weather team out each day to record the temperature, wind speed, wind direction, and cloud cover. They then have a chance to record and report the data to the class.

Again this year the third graders were able to practice some sewing skills and bless veterans in the community with quilts. We are thankful for their service to our country and the freedoms we receive. Now we are learning about immigrants that came to America and the many different hardships they experienced.

In Religion, we have been using our Bibles each day and learning more about some judges and kings of the old testament. We have been taking turns each morning with different students leading the class in devotions and songs.

This Thanksgiving we rejoice in all the blessings that God has given us. Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Thank you to everyone who entered our yearbook cover contest. Congratulations to Noah Grossart, our 2026 winner!





2026 Christmas Wreath Pickup

Wreaths can be picked up on **Monday, November 23rd** from 3:00-5:00pm at Cross at the west end school office portico.

SCHOOL PICTURE ORDERS

If you had your child's picture taken on Wed. Oct. 20th, you can login to Jostens.com, use event code: FE185926 to place your order.

Please note: Please make your selection for the yearbook or submit an alternative picture for yearbook consideration/use to Hillary Weis, hweis@hiscross.net by December 14th.



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

PRAYER CORNER

"Pray without ceasing," 1 Thessalonians 5:17

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

Andersen, Baker/Elia, Hall, Johnson, Johnson, Johnson, Jones, Laesch, McBreen, Palencia, Paprocki, Ratos, Raughley, Roth, Schoppe, Schroeder, Scott, Severson, Willman, Wren

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HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the 1st Quarter Academic Achievers!

5th Grade

Straight "A"
Joshua McBreen
Noah Nguyen
Axel Oliver

High Honor Roll
Emilie Collins
Rocklynn Diaz
Keegan Harris
Micah Hill
Mila Martinez
Ethan Santa
Knox Sluder
Adeline Svoboda

Honor Roll
Casey Bowen
Dominic Braun
Declan Clancy
Abagail Cotton
Drake Edwards
Emma Hageman
Trevor Poplawski
Gabriel Reid
Rowan Sibley
Peter Steltz
Hadley Weiss
Alexander Willman

6th Grade

Straight "A"
Evangeline Weis

High Honor Roll
Noah Grossart

Honor Roll
Nicholas Andersen
Lainey Bocek
Presley Fallon
Declan Hannigan
Madison Hennig
Eleanor Knowles
Remington Miller
Stella Okapal
Eliana Shaw

7th Grade

Straight "A"
Charlee Bowen
Allison Heller
Dawson Mouis

High Honor Roll
Ethan Carty
Easton Kelley
Beckham Miller
Henry Paetzold
Grace Ratos
Jacob Thanepohn

Honor Roll
Calvin Batt
Frida Cruz-Sanchez
Blake Edwards
Magdalene Gunier
Liam Hageman
Chloe Ihrig
Hannah Lechowicz
Olson Morel
Hannah Pavlik
Zachary Reid
Kynlee Rivera
Tyler Suthard
Rainer Weis
Gavin Willis

8th Grade

Straight "A"
Brynn Booras
Camille Booras
Anna Collins
Gavin Diemer
Chloe Johnson
Kiersten Massey
Camilla Willman

High Honor Roll
Isaiah Conrad
Annabel Harl
Olivia Misenko
Matthew Moon
Ari Rakow
Penelope Skinner
Oscar Suthard

Honor Roll
Jaden Fallon
Charlotte Himes
Piper Hopkins
Eric Johansen
Cash Johnson
Eme Langkan
Avery Reichert
London Schroeder
Chelsea Skinner
Lincoln Skinner
Maizy Sluder
Grady Weiss
Kit Wilson







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CROSS CHURCH & SCHOOL

RaiseRight™ Gift Card Program

Looking for money towards tuition? A way to earn easy money for Cross?

We know tuition is a big investment- and that's why we're using RaiseRight- to help make it more manageable!

How it works:

Simply shop through RaiseRight!
Purchase E-gift or physical gift cards
and use them for every day purchases and/or gifts.

Brands share a portion back to **Cross Lutheran** as earnings—and half of those earnings go to our school and the other half toward your child's tuition to lower your costs.

But where do the earnings come from?

Follow these simple steps to join!

1. Scan the URL to join

Enrollment Code: 45LAEC3E7123

2. Create your account
Sign up at RaiseRight.com or in the mobile app using the **Enrollment Code**, then add a payment method.

3. Start Shopping!
Buy gift cards, shop online, dine at participating restaurants, or book travel through RaiseRight.

4. Earn and Save!
A percentage of every purchase goes back to **Cross Lutheran**. Those earnings are deducted from your tuition on a quarterly basis, reducing what you pay out of pocket.





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
CTRANTEPORN@HISCROSS.ORG

Snow Shovelers Needed

Snow Shoveling season is just around the corner … Can you help?
Need 1 volunteer on the following days: Wednesday and Thursday

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.

Hot Lunch Volunteer/PTL Volunteer Opportunities

Hot Lunch Volunteers Needed: 12/10 (1), 12/14 (2), 12/17 (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

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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**

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