



THE CRUSADER

DECEMBER 17, 2024

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Calendar of Events

- Wed. 12/18** 6:15pm Children's/Youth/Adult Ministry
- Thurs. 12/19** K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's
2:00pm & 7:00pm 1st-4th Christmas Program
- Fri. 12/20** PS-8th NOON DISMISSAL
NO PM CROSS CARES
- Sun. 12/22** 8:00am Traditional Service
9:30am/11:00am Contemporary Service
9:30am Children's/Youth/
Adult Ministry
- Mon. 12/23 - 1/3** NO SCHOOL
- Tues. 12/24** 3:00/5:00pm Christmas Eve Contemporary
7:00pm/11:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight
- Wed. 12/25** 10:00am Christmas Day Service
- Sun. 12/29** 8:00am/9:30 Traditional
- Sun. 1/5** 8:00am Traditional
9:30am Contemporary
- Mon. 1/6** School Resumes
K-8 Hot Lunch - Rosati's

School Christmas Programs



1st-4th Grade Program
Thursday, December 19th
Performances at 2PM & 7PM

Please have your students meet their teachers and classes in the following location:

- 1st Grades: New Lunchroom
- 2nd Grade: New Lunchroom
- 3rd Grades: Snack Bar between Big Gym and Fellowship Hall
- 4th Grade: New Lunchroom

The CHURCH doors will open 30 minutes prior to the service start time. Please walk your child to the above location at 6:45. Although you may be coming at 6:30, please wait until 6:45 to drop off your child as any longer than that gets to be a long time of waiting when the kids are super excited.

Attire: Nicer outfits

Thank you for your help with this!!

Looking Ahead

Friday, December 20th - NOON DISMISSAL, NO PM CROSS CARES
Monday, December 23rd - Friday, January 3rd - NO SCHOOL, School Office Closed

STAFF FAVORITES

If you are looking for gift ideas for your child's teacher or other staff members, here is the link to view the document:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1u9cm-8SzgANojttwLHmFc8tilBksDjpbgInfKbhJ1g4/edit?usp=sharing>

Cross Church Family needs a home for a DOG

A family from our church just experienced a house fire. It is difficult to find temporary housing since they have a large 80+ lb. lab mix dog.

At this point, they are looking for a family, who loves dogs, who could possibly keep this dog in the meantime for a short time, or up to 4 months, when they anticipate returning to their home. If you'd like to gain more information to find out if this could be a good fit for you or someone you know, please reach out to churchinfo@hiscross.org.

LOST & FOUND

Please check the table by the office as it is overflowing.

PLEASE NOTE: All items not picked up by Christmas break will be donated.

2024-2025 Cross Handbook

Please be sure to read and acknowledge the updated Cross Handbook.

<https://www.hiscross.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Cross-School-Handbook-2024-25.pdf>

NEW ATTENDANCE EMAIL ADDRESS

Please use attendance@hiscross.net for all student absences.

Walk with God

Love our Neighbor

Grow in Faith Together



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THANK YOU FROM MRS. ULRICH

Thank you Cross families for the recent birthday gifts I received! I'm excited to be refilled on some of my favorite olive oils, do some shopping at Marshall's, and enjoy the beautiful charcuterie board as well. Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness!



SCHOOL NEWS - MRS. MOUIS

Winter is always a busy time for the special education department. We are already almost halfway into the school year, and we are all looking forward to a nice Christmas vacation. But...of course, not a vacation from keeping up on our reading, writing, and math skills!

This January marks my 24th year working with students at Cross. I continue my work with students who have been identified with a specific learning disability, and, therefore, qualify for special education services. I also help create accommodation plans for students in the regular classroom setting. My Literacy Foundations Program for kindergarten through second grade helps to identify kids who need extra support in their early literacy skills. Mrs. Gina Clark, my instructional assistant, and I work together to provide interventions for these kiddos. With creative schedules and teachers who are flexible with their schedules, we are able to work with students both individually and in small group settings.

Did you know that students at Cross can receive speech therapy in our building? We are blessed to have Mrs. Boss, a contracted speech therapist, here two half days a week to provide speech and language services. She is amazing and a blessing to Cross, especially as the population who needs speech therapy grows each year!

As I prepare for Christmas, I remember how blessed I am to be called to this ministry to serve our loving and forgiving God each day in my work. I am thankful for colleagues that go beyond what is expected of them, giving their time and talents to teach the students with compassion. I am grateful that the Cross parents understand our mission at Cross and support our school in numerous ways. And...it fills my heart to see that our students know they are children of God and use their talents to serve Him.

Merry Christmas, Y'all!

Jessie Mouis
Cross Lutheran Special Education Teacher
Cross Lutheran Assistant Principal



Gina Clark, Beth Boss, Jessie Mouis

2024-25
Chapel Offerings



Our offerings for the school year are going to Lutheran World Deaf Outreach.

<https://www.lutherandeafoutreach.org/>

Our current total is **\$1,535.58**.

PRAYER CORNER

"Pray without ceasing," 1 Thessalonians 5:17

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

Adrian, Barkalow, Borneman, Bromeland, Collins, Doshi/Yankle, Duey, Hennig, Hill, Hiller, Hood, Hopkins, Langhoff, Miller, Molek, Moon, Rashid/Davelis, Williams



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You can help KIDS!

YOU CAN HELP KIDS THAT HAVE FOUND THEMSELVES IN FOSTER CARE BY MEETING SOME OF THEIR BASIC NEEDS THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON



ORDER ITEMS OFF OF OUR WISHLIST AND IT WILL BE DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO THE CALLED TO CARE OFFICE
wearecalledtocare.com/amazon



THE TARGET LINK WORKS IN STORE LIKE A BRIDAL REGISTRY FOR THOSE WHO PREFER TO SHOP IN PERSON! Drop-off at Cross.
wearecalledtocare.com/target

WE ARE *Called to Care*
— 1 JOHN 3:16, 18 —

Candy Cane Fundraiser



Price= 2/\$1.00

Candy canes will be sold during lunch time to support the Cross Cheerleading team! (12/9-12/20)
Multiple flavors to choose from!

Bitty Basketball
Ages 4 - 4th Grade
More details to come on
Monday, January 6th

Cross Kids Care

Collection for We Are Called to Care



PreK: baby socks & onesies

K&1st: baby bibs & toddler/kid undies

2nd-4th: baby washcloths & baby wipes

5th-8th: \$5-\$10 gift cards & toiletries

*please avoid holiday themed items

PTL Volunteer Opportunities

PTL has more volunteer opportunities available. Please see the link below:

[PTL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES](#)

Thank you for your support and involvement!

Questions? Email crossptl@hiscross.net

RaiseRight/Scrip Gift Cards

Available on Sundays after church: 12/22

It's that time to start thinking about Christmas gift giving!

If you will be purchasing any gift cards this holiday season, please consider ordering them through the School's RaiseRight (formerly known as Scrip) Gift Card Fundraising program. The school receives a rebate from the retailers for any gift cards that are purchased through the Raise Right program.

Cash and Carry will be available after 8:00 and 9:30 services starting this weekend in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for supporting our school in this way!

You can download the RaiseRight Fundraising App on your smartphone or go to: www.raiseright.com to get started and see complete list of participating retailers. You will need to "Join a Program" (Cross Lutheran School) with Enrollment Code: 45LAEC3E7123 to earn for your family and school.

Questions? Email: scrip@hiscross.net

Your coordinator: Jenelle Heller



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Christmas Service Schedule

Christmas Eve <i>on Tuesday, December 24:</i> -3PM and 5PM Contemporary -7PM and 11PM Candlelight	Christmas B-Sides <i>on Sunday, December 29</i> -8AM and 9:30AM Traditional Both with Communion
Christmas Day <i>on Wednesday, December 25:</i> -10AM Traditional with Communion	After New Years <i>on Sunday, January 5</i> -8AM Traditional and 9:30AM Contemporary Both with Communion

Winterim

Friday, February 28th

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!

Need Prayers?

Scan the QR Code or email prayers@hiscross.org to let our Prayer Warriors know how we can pray for you!

You can submit prayers anonymously, and ask to be on the private prayer chain or in the weekly prayer sheet

Snow Shovelers Needed

We need one more volunteer on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

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. 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.

Cross Spirit Wear

Check out the new items!

Click the QR code to order.

<https://smm-custom-athletics-and-spiritwear.square.site/cross>

Cross Spiritwear

Order your yearbook now!

Yearbooks are \$30.

https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1073515/Cross-Lutheran-School/2025-Yearbook/2024081616152021069/CATALOG_SHOP/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAAR18tFz35ZK_epKF6Y0lck26PtIE4XHwUj_UVECXcW_sPvhOoZpMI3yrSa0_aem_WHUnU9T3MeUfAN8518ZC5w

Please contact Mrs. Weis at hweis@hiscross.net if you have any questions.

UPLOAD PHOTOS TODAY

BE IN THE YEARBOOK
MORE.
A LOT MORE.

PHOTOS.JOSTENS.COM/YB

CONTACT US

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

or email:
schoolinfo@hiscross.net

School Absence Procedures

We would greatly appreciate your help in contacting the office about your child's absences/vacations as soon as possible. Please either call the office at 630-553-7861 or include the office secretaries at attendance@hiscross.net when emailing the teacher.

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