



THE CRUSADER

JANUARY 14, 2025

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Calendar of Events

Wed. 1/15	6:15pm Children's/Youth/Adult Ministry
Thurs. 1/16	K-8 Hot Lunch - Southern Belle's
Fri. 1/17	PS-8 NOON DISMISSAL NO PM CROSS CARES
Sun. 1/19	8:00am Traditional Service 9:30am/11:00am Contemporary Service 9:30am Children's/Youth/ Adult Ministry
Mon. 1/20	NO SCHOOL
Tues. 1/21	K-8 Hot Lunch - Subway
Wed. 1/22	6:15pm Children's/Youth/Adult Ministry

PRESCHOOL NEWS - MRS. HILL

Happy New Year! Winter is here and our preschool class is staying busy learning all about the cold weather along with what Jesus' childhood was like. The new year has brought many milestones of development and growth for our preschoolers and our 2 year old class.

This year, our preschoolers have finished our first project focused on trains and have learned much about the Bible. We built our own model trains to display our learning. We researched the types of trains that exist, then the students chose their favorite to construct. Recently, the preschoolers were excited to learn that Jesus was a carpenter like his dad. The preschoolers have become more aware of Jesus' humanity and likeness.

Our 2's class have become increasingly independent and cooperative during our learning time. We love learning all about polar animals and how Jesus can heal the sick. We enjoy music and dancing.

We are looking forward to experiencing the snow and all the activities winter brings! Stop in and visit our class and prepare to get messy!

Looking Ahead

Friday, January 17th - NOON DISMISSAL, NO PM CROSS CARES
Monday, January 20th - NO SCHOOL, School Office Closed

STUDENT COUNCIL

The results are in, and the Student Council members have been elected!

Lily Brzoska (7th) has been chosen as President, Bella Mouis (7th) as Vice President, Luke Murray (7th) as Secretary, and Cecilia Stewart (7th) as Treasurer. Joey Nardone, Lily Bromeland, Dominick Deterding, Mylee Mouis, Sophia Nolan, Gavin Diemer, Silas Klimek, Matt Moon, London Schroeder, and Chelsea Skinner are also on the Student Council as 6th-8th grade representatives. These dedicated students are excited to represent the student body and work together to make the rest of this year memorable.

Congratulations to all the new council members!

RE-ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

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

PLEASE NOTE:
Public PS/K enrollment will open on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND.

1ST-8TH public enrollment will open on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH.

Snow Shovelers Needed

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

We are in the midst of the winter season and have a crew of volunteers to shovel all sidewalks Monday - Friday. All sidewalks are required to be shoveled by 7:00 a.m. Our plan is to have at 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. You will receive a copy of the schedule and final instructions.

Training on our equipment is available.

NEW ATTENDANCE EMAIL ADDRESS

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

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**PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN
OPEN HOUSE**

**FEBRUARY 2
1:00 - 3:00PM**

Cross Lutheran School
8535 Route 47
Yorkville, IL
www.hiscross.org
schoolinfo@hiscross.net



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K-8 Hot Lunch Information

K-8 Hot Lunch Ordering is now available online for February through **Thursday, January 23rd 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 12:15pm**.

This gives our volunteers time to organize the multiple deliveries received. Please note: You must call the office by 11AM to say that you will be getting it or giving it to another child in your family.

THERE ARE NO REFUNDS.



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!

If you want to sign up to volunteer for Winterim, please click [HERE](#) by **Friday, February 14th**.

SPELLING BEE

The Cross Annual Spelling Bee will be held on Thursday, January 30th, beginning at 8:15 a.m. This event will be held in the church, and parents are welcome to attend. The student representatives from 6th -8th grades are Chloe Johnson, Kiersten Massey, Joshua Laesch, Liliana Williams, Will Durland, Colton Saxe, Clay Johnson, Zach Nguyen, and Owen Hood. The alternates are Dominick Deterding, Camilla Willman, and Finn Hood. The winner of our spelling bee will then represent Cross at the Kendall-Grundy County Spelling Bee through an online format later in February.

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>

BITTY BASKETBALL

4YR - 4TH

This program provides a fun and engaging environment for kids to learn basketball fundamentals, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Practices:

Week 1 (February 23rd): Wednesday or Thursday from 3:15 - 4:15 or 4:15 - 5:15 in either big or small gym.

Week 2 - 4: Tuesday or Thursday from 3:15 - 4:15 or 4:15 - 5:15 in either big or small gym.

Week 5 (March 23 - 29): Spring Break. No Practice

Week 6 - 7: Tuesday or Thursday from 3:15 - 4:15 or 4:15 - 5:15 in either big or small gym.

Games:

Games will be on Saturday mornings. For weeks 1 - 4, the dates of the games are: March 1st, March 8th, March 15th, and March 22nd. Week 5 is Spring Break, therefore there will be no game March 29th. Weeks 6 - 7, the dates of the games are: April 5th, and April 12th.

Price:

The cost per child is \$35. This fee includes a shirt which will be provided on the first day of practice. Additionally, the fee includes a basketball, medal, and picture for each child which will be handed out at the end of the last game.

Pictures will be taken the first practice to ensure there is time to print and hand out photos for the last game.

Registration will be open for three weeks starting today and closing on Friday, January 24th. It is important that you complete one form per child. Click on the link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/woWaWQjD>

****If you have any questions, please reach out to Michael Brzoska - michaelbrzoska87@gmail.com ****



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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

PRAYER CORNER

"Pray without ceasing," 1 Thessalonians 5:17

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

Anderson, Artman, Booras, Booth, Brandt, Brzoska, Carty, Cervantes/Rodriguez, Durland, Forbes/Castillo, Johansen/Peterson, Kellogg, Knudson/Mores, Rashid/Davelis, Thomas/Baish

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 \$1,619.13.

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=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAR18tfZ35ZK_epKF6Y0lck26PtIE4XHwUj_UVECXcW_sPvhQoZpMI3yrSa0_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.

What is RaiseRight?

- RaiseRight (formerly Scrip) is an ongoing Gift Card Fundraising Program in which Cross Lutheran School participates.
- Families can purchase gift cards for stores, grocery, restaurants, gas, travel, etc, from participating retailers, and a rebate credit will be given back to both the school and the individual family.
- Rebate amounts vary by Retailer, usually 2%-16%.
- Half of the rebate is applied directly to your family's tuition, and the other half is applied to the school. Example: A \$100 Jewel gift card has a 4% Rebate—2% (or, \$2 in this case) is earned as family tuition credit, and 2% (\$2) is earned for the school.
- Please consider ordering your gift cards/e-gift cards through this program to earn money for both your family and the school.

Ordering is easy. Either download the RaiseRight Fundraising App on your smartphone or go to: www.raiseright.com to get started and see complete list of participating retailers. Odds are that you are shopping at multiple retailers already!

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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EPIPHANY SERIES

Messiah Revealed



Winter 2025

Wednesdays Starting January 22 at 6:15PM

Sundays Starting January 26 at 9:30AM

Location TBD

living (n) active

Join us to learn more about Cross!

To RSVP, contact the Church Office:

Phone (630-553-7335) or Email (churchinfo@hiscross.org)

Discovery Bible Study

At 9:30AM in the Food Court
Led by Michael Stowe

Discover who God is, who we are, how to live life,
and how to share Him with others!

Needed:

Small Group Leaders

Qualifications:

~~Master of words~~

~~Degree in theology~~

Loves God and loves neighbors

For questions or to volunteer,
contact Pastor Matt Conrad
mconrad@hiscross.org

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

Diaper Drive

hosted by Cross Life Team

January 5th - 19th



Bigger sizes higher need, but all sizes welcome!
More information and drop-off for diapers in the Fellowship Hall