



SCHOOL NOTES FOR JOHN CROSLAND SCHOOL FAMILIES

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**Upcoming Events**

**January 13**

No School:  
 Teacher Professional Development "Asperger's Workshop"

**January 16**

No School:  
 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**January 17 - 20**

Guidance Department:  
 No Name Calling Week

**January 18**

Meet & Greet 8:15 am  
 Class & Sports Picture Day

**January 24-27**

Grades 8-12 Exams  
 Early dismissal  
 See included exam schedule for further information

**January 31**

Meet & Greet 6:00 p.m.

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**NO SCHOOL**

School will not be in session on Friday, January 13 due to a Professional Development day for the teachers. School will also be out on Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

**LOWER SCHOOL**

**NO HOMEWORK HELP** today, January 12, in Lower School.

**"MEET AND GREET" WITH THE HEAD OF SCHOOL**

Please mark your calendars to connect with the new Head of School, Ms. Cathy Schlesinger, at one of the following "Meet and Greet" events:

- Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> (following the Parent Council General Assembly at 8:15 am)
- Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm
- Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 am
- Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm

## CLASS PICTURE DAY

Class Picture Day is Wednesday, January 18. This includes class group photos along with sports and clubs.

## GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

On January 17 through the 20<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating “No Name Calling Week”. Join us in making our entire school a free zone from name-calling to strengthen and dramatically increase the safety and well-being of all our students. For more information see the flyer that was sent home yesterday in your child’s Wednesday packet outlining each day’s events. Help us celebrate kindness!

## EMP MEETINGS

EMP Meetings will take place on February 2 and 3. If you are unsure of your time slot, please contact Kathleen Pellisero at [kpellisero@johncroslandschool.org](mailto:kpellisero@johncroslandschool.org).

We look forward to seeing all families next month.

## WINTER ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Creating an environment that nurtures and protects what we value in our children is central to the mission of The John Crosland School. We are pleased to offer high-quality enrichment programming across all grade levels and recognize the tremendous benefits of extracurricular activities for every student. Please be on the lookout for Winter Session class descriptions and sign-up information in next Wednesday’s packet.

## ASPERGER’S WORKSHOP

### **Classroom Strategies for Teaching Students on the Spectrum Presented by Stacy Long**

The teachers will be attending a workshop on Asperger’s at school on Friday, January 13. During this work shop teachers will review classroom strategies to assist in the teaching of students on the Autism Spectrum. They will also discuss techniques that will enhance classroom environment, promote daily routines and structure, support communication, as well as discuss behavior management strategies.

## PARENT COUNCIL CORNER

The Parent Council General Assembly Meeting will take place on January 18, 8:15 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room. All parents are invited to attend. The agenda items will include an update on PC business and updates by the Directors of the schools and an introduction to the Interim Head of School, Ms. Schlesinger.

## GRADES 8-12 EXAM SCHEDULE JANUARY 2017

<b>Times</b>	<b>Tuesday January 24</b>	<b>Wednesday January 25</b>	<b>Thursday January 26</b>	<b>Friday January 27</b>
<b>8:30-10:00</b>	<b>1st Period Exam</b>	<b>3rd Period Exam</b>	<b>5th Period Exam</b>	<b>7th Period Exam</b>
<b>10:00-10:25</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>Dismissal</b>
<b>10:30-12:00</b>	<b>2nd Period Exam</b>	<b>4th Period Exam</b>	<b>6th Period Exam</b>	
<b>12:00</b>	<b>Dismissal</b>	<b>Dismissal</b>	<b>Dismissal</b>	

Review for exams will be held January 17-23 during class times.

Classes not having exams are P.E., Music, Yearbook, Art, Creative Writing, IT internships, History through Film, and Spanish Cultures. If students have one of these classes, they will not have an exam and do not need to be at school during that scheduled class time. No lunches will be provided for the 8th-12th grade students.

Extended time for testing will be provided for students who need it.

If you need after school care, please contact Mr. Heard at [cheard@johncrosslandschool.org](mailto:cheard@johncrosslandschool.org) or 704-749-6710.

### Save the Date: Freedom Fete, January 26th



**Keynote Speaker:** John Sharon

**“Who Gets to Tell Your Story? Disability and Identity in a ‘Perfect’ World”**

Join our Community Conversation with ability activist John Sharon. Mr. Sharon is the founder of Disabilities Understood, an organization that seeks to empower people of all abilities through education and training. The event will take place on **January 26<sup>th</sup>** from **6-8 pm** at **Trinity Episcopal School**.

## SPEAKER SERIES

### Kindergarten Readiness

Dr. Melanie Powell, Charlotte Behavioral Health Associates

Thursday, February 9, 2017, 8:30am-9:30am

RSVP by February 6: [pyork@johncroslandschool.org](mailto:pyork@johncroslandschool.org)

Dr. Powell will be speaking about typical development for 4 and 5-year-olds. She will address signs of kindergarten readiness as well as signs that a child might not be ready for kindergarten and/or may be displaying early characteristics of learning disabilities or attention deficit disorders. She will also answer questions about when and if testing might be valuable or necessary as well as things you can do as parents to help improve your child's readiness for kindergarten.

*Dr. Powell received a B.A. in Psychology from Furman University (1993), and an M.A. (1995) and Ph.D. in School Psychology with a Specialization in Neuropsychology from the University of Georgia (1997). She is a Licensed Psychologist (NC#2478) and Health Services Provider (HPP). Her training includes a year of practicum, 3 years at the Center for Clinical and Developmental Neuropsychology (UGA), and a one year internship in the public school setting (GA), and pre- and post-doctoral fellowships at the Child Neuropsychology Clinic at the Medical College of Georgia. Dr. Powell's research is in the areas of Learning Disabilities and ADHD (including articles in professional journals and book*

## CROSLAND NOTABLES

Mrs. Barbara Owensby's class completes a science experiment with celery and food color as part of their unit on plants.

