



SCHOOL NOTES FOR JOHN CROSLAND SCHOOL FAMILIES

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EMP MEETINGS

EMP Meetings will take place on February 2 and 3. **The students will not have school on these days.** If you are unsure of your time slot, please contact Kathleen Pellisero at kpellisero@johncroslandschool.org.

If you have any other questions feel free to contact:

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BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION CONTEST

Turn in your Box Tops for Education to your Homeroom teacher from January 20 - February 17. The Homeroom with the most Box Tops will win a Party from Parent Council!

Upcoming Events

January 24-27

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

January 31

Meet & Greet 6:00 p.m.
Ms. Schlesinger

February 2 & 3

EMP meetings. No school for students.

February 9

Speaker Series
"Kindergarten Readiness"
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

February 10

Meet & Greet 8:15 a.m.
Ms. Schlesinger

February 13

Meet & Greet 2:00 p.m.
Ms. Schlesinger

WINTER ENRICHMENT CLASSES UPDATE

It's time for Winter Enrichments, a great opportunity for your child to do some pretty cool stuff after school with friends! Although you received a brochure in last week's Wednesday Packet, please be on the lookout for another one coming home today. Registration forms and payment can be returned to the front desk upon completion.

SPRING SPORTS

Flag Football

The John Crosland Flag Football team is designed to introduce young athletes to the game while providing a safe environment to grow in the sport. Students in grades 5 through 12 grades are able and encouraged to participate.

Tennis

The John Crosland Tennis team provides students the ability to have fun and play with friends learning a new sport in a way that feels comfortable and familiar. By learning tennis our kids gain confidence and build better skills in a sport they can play for a lifetime. Students in grades 5 through 12 grades are encouraged to participate.

Golf

The John Crosland Golf team is the perfect way for the beginning golfer to learn the game or the advanced golfer to hone his/her skills. Students in grades 5 through 12 grades encouraged to participate.

- Middle School Teams are for grades 5-8.
- Upper School Teams are for grades 9-12.

For more information please see the flyer attached in this email.

GALA NEWS

Don't forget to bring in your item donations for Gala! We are looking for **new** housewares, jewelry, accessories, spa items, artwork, Legos, toys, and gift certificates.

Collection runs through this Friday, January 27. Thank you for your support!

PARENT COUNCIL CORNER

The Parent Council Planning Committee Meeting will be held Wednesday, February 1, at 8:15 a.m. in the Board Room. It was originally scheduled for February 2 but we do not have school that day.

The Parent Council will be hosting a Parent Coffee on February 15 at 8:45 a.m. at the house of Raelynn Herron.

3934 Moorland Drive, Charlotte 28226 (cont.)

Join us for coffee and conversation!

Please RSVP by Feb. 13 to parent.council@johncrosslandschool.org

“MEET AND GREETs” WITH THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Please join us for one-on-one conversations that matter to you by connecting with our new head of school, Ms. Cathy Schlesinger. Please note the dates and times below and select the most convenient time for your family.

- Tuesday, January 31 at 6:00 pm
- Friday, February 10 at 8:15 am
- Monday, February 13 at 2:00 pm

GRADES 8-12 EXAM SCHEDULE JANUARY 2017

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

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 or 704-749-6710.

YOGA

Lenny Boy Brewing Company has selected the John Crosland School for their January charity of the month. You are invited to yoga on Saturdays at 10 am. The cost is \$5 and includes a 6 oz. beer or Kombucha. Twenty percent of the proceeds will go to our school. The remaining date is January 28th. Please click [here](#) for more information. Lenny Boy Brewing Company is located at 3000 S. Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28217.

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 26th** 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

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

A big thank you to Ms. Kathleen Gavin and Mrs. Stacy Long for organizing "No Name Calling Week" (NNCW). Students took part in many activities focused on kindness throughout the week.

Mr. Baldwin taught lessons called "Blow the Whistle on Name Calling" which was modified for all grades and focuses on using correct names and treating others with kindness.



Big Buddy created their own anti-bullying posters.



Students took group photos with their NNCW photo booth accessories.



Students created flowers in all of Mrs. Hodge's classes. We created a "Garden of Kindness" with the final product displayed in the MPR.

