



## SCHOOL NOTES FOR JOHN CROSLAND SCHOOL FAMILIES

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### February 1, 2017 Issue

#### A MESSAGE FROM CHRISTIAN CHERRY CHAIR, JOHN CROSLAND SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear Crosland Families,

I hope that 2017 has been off to a great start for your children and you. I hope to provide you with a brief update on the timeline related to our Head of School search. Specifically, at our meeting on February 16, the Board will name a five person committee to begin our work to secure a permanent Head of School. After Board approval at this February meeting, I will share the names of this committee with you. This committee will begin its work by interviewing search firms to assist the Board with this process. At our meeting on March 16, the Board will select a search firm. After the search firm is hired, I will have a more definitive timeline to share with you. Please know that we will seek your input as we form the profile and job description of the Head of School and that we will keep you updated throughout the process. Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me directly.

Sincerely,  
Christian  
Chair of the Board Directors

### Upcoming Events

#### 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

#### February 15

Coffee 8:45 a.m.  
At the home of  
Raelynn Herron

#### February 20

President's Day  
No School

## WINTER ENRICHMENT CLASSES UPDATE

It's the last week to sign up for Enrichment Classes before the fun begins! In case you missed out, look for the display table in the lobby during EMP meetings for complete information.



## A MESSAGE FROM CATHERINE A. SCHLESINGER, INTERIM HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Crosland Families,

In an effort to communicate effectively and efficiently, we will be putting all critical and time sensitive information in the Wednesday Packet and in the "In Orbit" school notes sent to you on Wednesdays by email.

We will continue to post on Facebook, Instagram, Rediker, and the school website. Please note, however, that only "In Orbit" and Wednesday Packet will hold the complete, important list of dates, times, and school events for The John Crosland School.

Sincerely,  
Catherine A. Schlesinger  
Interim Head of School

## PARENT COUNCIL CORNER

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

3934 Moorland Drive, Charlotte 28226

Please join us for coffee and conversation and RSVP by Feb. 13 to [parent.council@johncroslandschool.org](mailto:parent.council@johncroslandschool.org)

## 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](mailto:kpellisero@johncroslandschool.org).

## 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!

## CHADD MEETING INVITATION

Children and Adults with Attention-deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD), is a national non-profit, tax-exempt organization providing education, advocacy and support for individuals with ADHD. It was founded in 1987 in response to the frustration and sense of isolation experienced by parents and their children with ADHD.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg County Chapter of CHADD meeting is in Charlotte, at the Coca Cola Building at 4100 Coca Cola Plaza (behind South Park Mall) on Tuesday, February 13, at 7-9 p.m. The guest speaker is John Willson, SOAR Executive Director. The topic is "Salt the Hay": Motivating Unmotivated Children with Learning and Attention Issues. For more information go to [charlottenc@CHADD.net](mailto:charlottenc@CHADD.net). All of the meetings are free and open to the public as a community service.

## 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 are encouraged to participate.

### Tennis

The John Crosland Tennis team provides students the ability to have fun and play with friends 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 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 are encouraged to participate.

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

## "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 Interim Head of School, Ms. Cathy Schlesinger. Please note the dates and times below and select (cont.)

the most convenient time for your family.

- Friday, February 10 at 8:15 am
- Monday, February 13 at 2:00 pm

## 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

The MS/US Girls Group took a field trip in early January to the Charlotte 49ers Women's Basketball Education Day. At this event the ladies had the opportunity to visit educational booths, talk to the players, learn more about the UNCC culture, and even caught center court seats at the game! Afterwards, Ms. York arranged for the group to speak with a lecturer in the Science department, allowing the girls to see a Biology lab and learn a little more about life on campus.

