

SCHOOL NOTES FOR JOHN CROSLAND SCHOOL FAMILIES

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**Upcoming Events**

**October 2**

Parent Council Meeting  
8:15 a.m. Board Room

Speaker Series: Kindergarten  
Readiness & Signs of Learning  
Differences 8:30-9:30 a.m.  
Front Conference Room

Cross Country Meet 4:15 p.m.  
Frank Liske Park  
4001 Stough Road  
Concord, NC 28027

**October 9**

Columbus Day  
School Closed

**Quick Links**

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[2017-2018 School Calendar at Glance](#)

**September 27, 2017 Issue**

**ANNUAL FUND**

*Greetings Parents!*

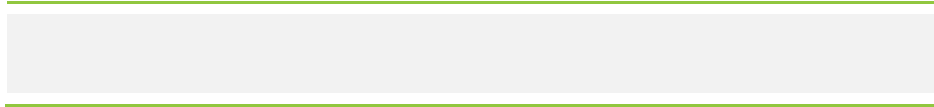
*My name is Kathryn Savitsky and my daughter, Emily is in the 9th grade at The John Crosland School. It's her 5th year here, and the school has changed her life!*

*This year, I have been chosen to be the Chair for the Annual Fund Campaign. It is an honor to have the opportunity to share my love and passion for this wonderful school!*

*As a parent of a JCS student, I am well aware of the sacrifices many of us have to make to give our children the opportunity to attend such an amazing school. As parents of children with learning differences, we feel we spend more time and money than most championing for our children's success. Shuttling siblings to different schools, therapy visits, added doctors appointments-all add to the cost and workload of parents of children with learning differences.*

*Some parents may not be aware that tuition only covers about 85% of the budget for the year here at the school, and it therefore necessary to seek the last 15% through philanthropic donations. More importantly, many corporate and community donors like to see 100% parental involvement of annual campaign drives-because they like to support schools that parents believe in.*

*Therefore, I would like to ask every parent to please donate to the campaign fund this year regardless of amount-so we can reach 100% participation! It can be simply the cost of one Pumpkin Spice Latte or even a dollar. We appreciate any gift you can give! Also, for those parents who can give \$250 or more, your name will be placed in a raffle to win a two night vacation in the mountains! (cont.)*



*But more importantly, when the campaign card arrives at your home next month, it would be such a great gift to the school to make even a small donation if you can.*

*Your child will benefit directly from the monetary gifts. Past fund campaigns have paid for Rediker for the school, computers, all Digital Curricula, and musical instruments.*

*Also, we are already planning the Gala on March 10, 2018, which will be another excellent opportunity to support the school and have a magical and fun evening!*

*In closing, I appreciate the opportunity to share my love and positive experiences with this excellent school and hope that you can support our push for 100% involvement of our campaign drive next month!*

Sincerely,



Dr. Kathryn Savitsky

## ENRICHMENT CLASSES ARE HERE!

Please remember to sign up for our fantastic fall enrichments, which start the week of October 2nd. All classes still have openings for your children to join in the fun! Please note, in order to proceed with Mindful Movement and Group Guitar, we still need one or two more sign-ups for each class.

[FAQ Cover Page -Enrichments Fall 2017](#)

[Brochure-Enrichments Fall 2017](#)

[Registration Form-Enrichments Fall 2017](#)

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### **Kathleen Gavin, M.S., B.A.**

Each month we will be featuring highlights of the lives of our former students from both Dore Academy and The John Crosland School. This month we will be featuring Brian Denning, a student who attended Dore from fifth to eleventh grade, graduating in the year 2000.

When asked about life nowadays, Brian says he works often, loves his family (he has an 8 year old son), and enjoys all the continuing education credits he pursues. At present, Brian happily works in his family business at Denning Driving School, a position he began after receiving his Associate's Degree in Engineering. Brian finds his work rewarding, and enjoys the freedom and responsibility associated with owning his own business. Brian loves that his job allows him to meet different people every day. Since working in Drivers Ed., he has met individuals from all over the world, including Iraq, Afghanistan, India, Syria, Yemen, and Russia. (cont.)

Brian encourages students with learning differences to find their passion and use their hobbies to lead them to academic success. In fact, he credits his enthusiasm for computers during his high school years to helping him improve his reading, as he built his own computer game which allowed him to track and read information faster. Brian enjoys keeping in touch with his friends and former classmates through the Dore Academy Alumni Page on Facebook.

It was enjoyable to catch up with Brian and learn about his many successes since leaving Dore Academy.

## PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

There is a new closed Facebook group for parents at JCS. Please search for the "JCS Parent Council" page or click on the link below. Request to join the group and you will be added. The goal is to facilitate engagement among parents of students and alert you to upcoming Parent Council events. A link is below:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1903489106569122/>

Our next meeting is Monday, October 2nd at 8:15 in the Board Room- all are welcome!

## SAVE THE DATE

Dear Families and Friends of The John Crosland School,

We are participating in Greater Charlotte Walk in Concord, NC on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to raise money for Autism Speaks. We started a team so others can participate and fundraise with us. Will you join us and be part of our team?

Here at John Crosland we are not only here to change the lives of our students, but to give back to our community. As a school we decided to come together as a whole. This includes faculty, staff, parents, students, board members and friends. **We are excited to make our school presence known to the greater Charlotte community, and to share in a fun morning together.**

Our strength as a community is powered by love and built on the commitment of individuals like us. Please join us to fundraise for Autism Speaks so that they can enhance lives today and accelerate a spectrum of solutions for tomorrow. Your participation and fundraising efforts as a part of our team will fuel the research and critical lifelong supports and services that mean so much to so many. With your help, we **can** make a difference.

Please click the link at the bottom of this email to join our team today. If you can't join, please consider **making a donation** so together we can further research, advocacy and resources for people with autism and their families. (cont.)

Thank you for your support of Autism Speaks and our community.

Team Page: <http://act.autismspeaks.org/goto/JohnCroslandSchool>

## EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM REMINDER

Extended Day Program Policies:

As a reminder, beginning at the **3:00 p.m.** dismissal time, a **10-minute** grace period will be provided for parents picking up their students at afternoon carpool before students are sent to the Extended Day Program. After this grace period at **3:10 p.m.**, ANY students (Lower, Middle, or Upper) that have not been picked up will be sent to the Extended Day Program. Once there, **a 15-minute** grace period is given again. At **3:25 p.m.**, if your child has not been picked up, you will be charged the \$20 flat fee daily rate, in addition to the one-time \$30 registration fee.

The John Crosland School is pleased to offer extended day care for your child. We offer morning service beginning at **7:00 a.m.**, at no cost to families. We also offer an afternoon service beginning at dismissal until 6:00 p.m. There is a late fee assessed for students picked up after 6:00 p.m. Please register for the program if you are interested. You may contact Debbie Suber, [dsuber@johncroslandschool.org](mailto:dsuber@johncroslandschool.org) or Portia York, [pyork@johncroslandschool.org](mailto:pyork@johncroslandschool.org).

Thank you for working alongside the Crosland family to provide quality, affordable programs and services.

## 2017-2018 SPEAKER SERIES

### Kindergarten Readiness & Signs of Learning Differences

**Dr. Melanie Powell, Charlotte Behavioral Health Associates**

**Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017; 8:30-9:30 am – Front Conference Room**

**RSVP September 25<sup>th</sup> [nlukacik@johncroslandschool.org](mailto:nlukacik@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), 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 chapters), which she has presented at national and international professional conferences. She also has served as a reviewer for manuscripts submitted for publication in the Journal of Learning Disabilities (1999).*



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★ JCS FAMILIES ★

for Family Fun NIGHT

Join us for Books, BBQ,  
and FUN as we kick off  
our annual Book Fair



Date: Friday October 13th, 6:00pm

Place: JCS Multi Purpose Room

\*details and ticket information coming soon\*

## CROSLAND NOTABLES

Students enjoying lunch time!



Middle School students at The John Crosland School participate in "Toss It Out Thursdays!" each week. We improve executive functioning skills when we organize and create focus!

