



SCHOOL NOTES FOR JOHN CROSLAND SCHOOL FAMILIES

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CROSLAND COFFEE CHAT

Come fill up on a warm cup of coffee and sweet treats, while hearing the latest news and events from the campus. This morning gathering is designed specifically for parents to hear directly from the Head of School, Dr. Sean Preston, about what's happening here at Crosland and to get to know the school community.

Our first Coffee Chat will take place on October 28, 2016 from 8:00 am to 8:30 am in the Multipurpose room. Please RSVP to Ms. Janae Moore at jmoore@johncroslandschool.org

Hope to see you there!

MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL SOCIAL - Please note this event has been **canceled** due to low attendance.

CROSLAND COSTUME PARADE

We will be having our annual Lower School costume parade on October 28th starting at 1:30 pm. Please send a costume (non-offensive, non-scary) to school with your child on this day. We will change into the costumes at 1:15 pm. Parents are welcome to attend. Treats and small water bottles would be appreciated. Look for more information in a flyer in your child's Wednesday packet today.

Upcoming Events

October 21

US Bonfire 7:00-9:00 pm

October 24

Lunch order closes at midnight

October 25

Picture Day re-takes

October 28

Crosland Coffee Chat
8:00-8:30 am

LS Costume Parade
1:30 pm

October 31

No School – Teacher
Work Day

November 9

Report Cards Sent Out

ENRICHMENT CLASSES

REGISTRATION ENDS THIS FRIDAY 10/21!

CLASSES START MONDAY 10/24!

Enrollment in the enrichment classes is going very well! If you haven't yet, please consider registering for one of our classes. A registration form was sent home today in your child's Wednesday packet. Below are the classes being offered.

Karate – Grades 1-7: A great way for students to improve motor skills, self-defense techniques, and confidence.

Self-Defense for Teens-Grades 8-12: Students learn techniques for verbal de-escalation and boundary-setting, physical strategies for dealing with standing confrontations, and practice these in simulated attack scenarios with a male instructor.

Exploration in Creative Arts- (separate groups for grades 1-5 and grades 6-12) – This class will explore creative art with various materials, with a goal to create final projects that will focus on the holidays.

Foundations Acting Class-Grades 7-12: Students develop the fundamental techniques of actor training in a fun environment with a strong focus on ensemble work.

Vision Builder Adventures-Grades 6-12: This program is a great start for promoting interest in engineering as a career. Sessions on Aerodynamics, Robotics, and Rocketry will be included.

10 & Under Tennis-Grades 1-4: Lessons will utilize the Quickstart methodology of teaching tennis. These lessons will focus on general athletic skill development including balance and eye/hand coordination along with tennis specific skills.

Epic Science-Grades 1-5: Hands-on, one-hour science program is themed around a particular area of science. Mad Science after-school programs offer children a chance to see just how cool science can be!

THE RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

The Middle and Upper School students will be taking a trip to the Renaissance Festival **tomorrow**. If you have not returned your permission form, or you have returned your form but have not sent in the \$10 fee, please do so as soon as possible. **Your child will (cont.)**

Dear Families,

Thank you for your continued support of the 2016 – 2017 Annual Fund! We are currently at **48%** Family Participation. **Remember you can send in a pledge today, and pay later – just let us know when you would like to be billed.** We appreciate all gifts to the Annual Fund, both large and small, what matters most for our school is our Participation Rate. Showing a high level of family participation helps us to get grants that help the school by giving funding to teacher professional development, capital projects such as the new dining hall and gymnasium, and technology and curriculum development. **Please send in your card today!**

also need to bring money to purchase lunch. They may also bring money to purchase souvenirs if desired. If you have any questions please email [Charles Heard](#) or phone at 704-365-5490 ext. 710.

UPPER SCHOOL BONFIRE

Who: John Crosland Upper Schoolers and their Parents

When: Friday, October 21st 7:00 pm- 9:00 pm

Join us for fire pits, hot chocolate, s'mores, and time with your family and friends! Bring your lawn chairs and roasting sticks if you have them. We will also have several on hand to share.

Admission: Free

Grades 9-12 only

RSVP: Charlie Heard at: cheard@johncroslandschool.org

2016-2017 SPEAKER SERIES

The first session in the Speaker Series was a hit! Please sign up for these **free** events. It is a great way to meet other parents and learn something new at the same time. The next session can be found below. Hope to see you there!

The Kid is Smart, So what's the Problem?

Identifying Potential Links Between Underperformance and Cognitive Skill Deficits

David Henderson, LearningRX

Monday, December 12, 2016, 8:30am – 9:30am

RSVP by December 8: jmoore@johncroslandschool.org

Sometimes smart kids can overwhelm us with their performance. Understanding the “why” can make a big difference in how to approach the problem in the classroom or home. For instance, did you know that the child who struggles with reading comprehension may actually have a working memory deficit? Or that the child with messy handwriting who makes lots of careless errors may actually have a processing speed weakness? Unfortunately, weak cognitive skills can often manifest as a lack of motivation or laziness. For smart kids, just one weak skill can significantly undermine their strengths – often creating anxiety, low frustration tolerance, or lack of motivation. This seminar will be especially helpful for parents and teachers looking for answers when the standard interventions just aren't working. You will experience 6 fun brainy games that train cognitive weakness and can be used later with your own kids. (cont.)



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David Henderson graduated from Indiana University in 1996 and moved to Charlotte to begin his teaching career. He soon worked a second job running a learning center. David left the classroom in 2001 to pursue family and business goals. He grew in business and project management by working in various K-12 settings across the country. His family goals suffered because of business travel. So David looked for a way to include 'COMMUNITY' with his passions of education and business. He invested in a leading educational franchise called LEARNINGRX. This investment is keeping David involved with his community and family, while using the skills he developed in the classroom and in business. Mr. Henderson now runs LearningRx and leads a team of dedicated BRAIN TRAINERS in Northeast Charlotte.

CROSLAND NOTABLES

Students enjoy a "Good Behavior" celebration!

