



SCHOOL NOTES FOR JOHN CROSLAND SCHOOL FAMILIES

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**Upcoming Events**

**November 23-25**

Thanksgiving Break – No School

**December 2**

College Fair

**December 7-8**

School-wide MAP testing

**December 16**

Half Day: Noon Dismissal

**December 19-30**

Winter Break

**November 16, 2016 Issue**

**THANKSGIVING BREAK**

Thanksgiving Break is November 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>. Students return to school on November 28<sup>th</sup>. Happy Gobble Day!

**SERVICE LEARNING AT CROSLAND**

Dear Crosland Families,

As we enter the holiday season we will be **collecting gently used coats, non-perishable pantry items and new pajamas for children** as a service project for our students. Beginning **November 28<sup>th</sup>**, please have your student bring in any of the following items below to help support those in need in our community. Students will also be involved in weighing and counting the items, and learning more about the need of each of the charities below.



**ONE WARM COAT®**

In partnership with One Warm Coat and Crisis Assistance Ministry we will be collecting gently used coats. Please have your student place the coat under one of the Christmas trees in the lobby. (cont.)

**Quick Links**

[School Calendar](#)

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[Gala](#)



In partnership with Loaves and Fishes we will be collecting canned and non-perishable pantry items. There will be three tables set up in the center hallway of the school labeled Lower School, Middle School, and Upper School. Students may place their donations directly on the tables. Lower School students may also give their items directly to their teachers.



### The King's Pajamas

In partnership with The King's Pajamas we will be collecting **new** pajamas for school children grades K-12 (Youth Size 5 up to Adult S or M). Please have your student place the pajamas under one of the Christmas trees in the lobby.

## DECEMBER LUNCH ORDER

The lunch order for December opens up on November 10<sup>th</sup> and closes on November 26<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to get your order in!



## UPPER SCHOOL GUIDANCE NEWS

### College Week

#### Monday, November 28: SCHOOL-WIDE EVENT

- o Door Decorating Contest: Don't forget there will be a prize for the winning classroom

#### Tuesday, November 29: SCHOOL-WIDE EVENT

- o College Apparel Day!

#### Wednesday, November 30: Middle & Upper School

- o Teacher Questionnaire Activity

#### Thursday, December 1: Middle & Upper School

- o College Themed Activities

Friday, December 2: Grades 8-12, all other grades in Lower & Middle School may attend 2:20-2:30pm

- o **The COLLEGE FAIR will take place in the MPR from 1:30-2:30pm, PARENTS ARE INVITED!**

## JCS PARENT COUNCIL AUTOBELL FUNDRAISER



The Parent Council is raising money this year to help support a school-wide curriculum program.

Below are answers to some frequently asked questions:

### **Why are we raising money?**

Every year the Parent Council commits to raising \$10,000 to fund a rotational enrichment program cycle. In the past, we've helped afterschool athletics by buying the mini bus and upgraded the digital arts capabilities in the arts program. Last year's focus was on the physical education program. If every Crosland School family commits to buying/selling just 5 carwash coupons (\$80), we would raise \$4,000 towards this goal.

### **How much do the car wash coupons cost?**

Car wash coupons sell for \$15.99 each. This entitles the holder to one full-service car wash. We accept cash or checks (made out to JCS). The school retains \$7.99 of each coupon sold.

### **Are there Autobell locations close to me?**

There are 14 Autobells conveniently located throughout the Charlotte Metro area. There are also Autobell locations in Greensboro, Raleigh, Asheville, Atlanta, and Norfolk, VA if you have family and friends in those cities - tickets are good at any location and make great stocking stuffers.

### **Do I have to sell car wash coupons?**

Students don't have to sell coupons, but we hope that asking each family to commit to supporting this worthy cause is not too much to ask.

### **What if I want to sell more coupons?**

We would love the help in reaching out to extended family, friends, and work colleagues if you are willing! Please contact Allison Quigley ([aquigley@carolina.rr.com](mailto:aquigley@carolina.rr.com)) to discuss how best to do this. Every student that sells at least 7 tickets will receive a "Dress Code Pass". For every family that buys/sells 15 coupons, you'll be entered in a drawing to win \$100 iTunes gift card. The drawing will take place on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> during morning announcements.

### **When should I turn in the money I collect?**

Completed order forms can be dropped in the collection box in the school lobby any time from November 18<sup>th</sup> to December 13<sup>th</sup>. Coupons will be provided within 48 hours of receiving your order form and money. Checks should be made payable to JCS. (cont.)

## Can I support the Parent Council fundraising without selling coupons?

If you choose not to purchase any tickets but want to support the fundraising effort, you may write a check to JCS ("Parent Council Fundraising" in the memo line).

## INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

We wanted to update you on our inclement weather policy and school closing procedures. If the school is closed or has a delayed opening due to inclement weather we usually notify families, faculty and staff the night prior. If the weather system is changing, we may have to wait till the morning – our deadline to notify everyone is 5:00 am. There are multiple ways that we notify you:

- Email blast
- [JCS Facebook page](#)
- [JCS Instagram page](#)
- [WBTV – Cable 2](#)
- [WCNC-TV Cable 6](#)
- [WSOC-TV Cable 4](#)

**Arrival Procedures:** We have contracted with a snow plow this year to clear the parking lot. Mr. Shawn Greeson will make sure the front and side entrances are shoveled and salted. Please follow any cones or hazard markings that are out that day in case one entrance needs to be closed due to ice and use the designated entrance if one entrance is marked closed.

**Extended Day:** If school is closed or students are dismissed early due to inclement weather, the Extended Day Program will be cancelled.

## 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: Portia York - [pyork@johncrosslandschool.org](mailto:pyork@johncrosslandschool.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. (cont.)

## SIGN UP NOW!

You can help Crosland earn money with very little effort by connecting your reward cards to the following stores! Do it today and let the money start to flow!

**Harris Teeter's Vic Card:**  
2506

**Target's REDcard:** 27631

**Food Lion:** 212873



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.

*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

Ms. Portia York and Ms. Kathleen Gavin took the MS/US Girls Group on a field trip to The McColl Center for Art + Innovation. We visited with Artist Aubrey Longley-Cook who combines the practice of animation and embroidery. We ate lunch at the McColl Center and then spent time in the studio viewing his artwork. We also had a chance to study other artwork in the building. This visit to the McColl Center connects nicely with the crochet project that the girls are working on which will involve independent and collaborative work. The work is intended to develop a new craft and eventually build the final product as a team while instilling the values of teamwork, friendship, togetherness, and creativity.



More photos on next page!

