



SCHOOL NOTES FOR JOHN CROSLAND SCHOOL FAMILIES

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FALL BREAK

Our Fall Break starts next week, October 10th through the 12th. Hope everyone has a relaxing 5 day weekend.

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

The John Crosland School Fall Book Fair started last Friday, September 30th and will be ending today, October 6th. If you would like to purchase a book or other item we will be open today from 2:30pm-3:30pm.

You may also order online at:

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/johncroslandschool>.

The Parent Council Planning Committee Meeting will take place on Thursday, October 6th, from 8:15am-10:00am. We will meet in the JCS Board room.

MONTHLY SPIRIT DAY

The senior class has been approved by administration to implement monthly spirit days.

What: Each month we want to do something different and fun for the whole school by wearing different clothes for a specific theme of the month. (cont.)

Upcoming Events

October 7

All School Spirit Day – Wacky Day

October 10-12

Fall Break - No School

October 19

PSAT for all 10th and 11th Graders

October 25

Picture Day Re-takes

Quick Links

[School Calendar](#)

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2015 – 2016 Annual Fund Update

Dear Families,

Thank you for your continued support of the 2016 – 2017 Annual Fund! We are currently at **41%** 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!**

Why: We want to build a sense of community across the whole school between all students, faculty, and staff.

Who: Students in all grades, faculty, and staff are all encouraged to participate.

When: The first Friday of the month starting Friday, October 7th with different themes each month.

October 7: Students should wear their wackiest and silliest clothes to show their Crosland pride and spirit. Example: Two different socks and shoes, wear your shirt inside out and/or backwards

FALL SOCIAL

Who: John Crosland Middle Schoolers

When: Friday, October 21st from 4pm- 6pm

Join us for music, karaoke, treats, and time with your friends! You are invited to stay after school and may bring a change of clothes if you choose.

Admission: \$5

Grades 6-8 only

RSVP: October 18th to Stacy Long at: slong@johncroslandschool.org

UPPER SCHOOL BONFIRE

Who: John Crosland Upper Schoolers and their Parents

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

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: October 14th to Charlie Heard at: cheard@johncroslandschool.org

THE RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

The Middle and Upper School students will be taking a trip to the Renaissance Festival later in the month. 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. We need to order the tickets. If you did not get a form or can't find your copy, please contact Charles Heard at cheard@johncroslandschool.org or by phone at 704-365-5490 ext. 710 for another copy.

EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM REMINDER

Extended Day Program Policies:

As a reminder, beginning at the **3:00pm** 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 **3:10pm**, 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 **3:25pm**, 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 **7:00am**, at no cost to families. We also offer an afternoon service beginning at dismissal until 6:00pm. There is a late fee assessed for students picked up after 6:00pm. Please register for the program if you are interested. You may contact [Debbie Suber](#) or [Portia York](#).

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

SPICY SUNSHINE

For those of you who are new to our school we would like to give you a little information about our lunch program. We are contracted with Spicy Sunshine Catering to deliver a nutritious and delicious lunch daily. Spicy sunshine makes all their food in a nut-free environment. They have a variety of tasty choices sure to please even the pickiest palate! The ordering is done completely online. November's order opens on October 10th and closes at midnight on October 24th. The website to order from is www.orderlunchesexpress.com.

- Click on "Register"
- School Password is TJCS10 (cont.)



TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

We would like to add an additional layer of support services here at Crosland. As our students sometimes struggle with technology, one mission of our school is to strengthen their computer skills and improve their overall executive functioning. To strengthen these skills, students in Lower School will receive direct technological instruction during their organization period once per week. Additionally, students in Middle and Upper school will receive technology instruction once per week in their study hall period. These mini lessons will begin the week of Oct. 17th.

- Once you are registered you can start ordering
- Make sure you "empty your shopping cart" when you are done or the order won't go through
- You may pay by sending a check to school or pay with a credit card at [epay](#) on the JCS website.

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@johnncroslandschool.org

Sometimes smart kids can underwhelm 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.

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

Mrs. Barbara Owensby's science class is studying a unit on engineering. Pictured here: Mrs. Owensby's students building prototypes of cars made from clay.

