



**L.W. CROSS MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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July 15, 2024

Dear Cross Community,

We are excited for the start of the upcoming school year. We look forward to a year where our well-rounded students showcase their energy, talent, and character. Our Cross Community is made up of students, parents, teachers, staff and with everyone working together to make Cross a tremendous school. I look forward to seeing you at our orientations, celebrations of your children, fine arts events, and athletic events. Cross continues to attract high quality students and involved families. This next year will bring new exciting challenges and opportunities to grow together.

This summer, I hope you were able to spend time with family and recharge. I was able to escape to Chicago during the heatwave. We got to attend a night game at Wrigley Field, take the incredible architecture tour, and see Janet Jackson at the United Center. Of course there was some golf this summer, but I am excited to have the students back at school. Below you will find important information for the upcoming school year.

Please join me in welcoming the following staff members to Cross.

**Certified Staff:**

Zachary Kahn	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies
Sheldon Blockburger	PE
Craig Baron	Cross-Categorical Special Education
Yetive Laurie	Cross-Categorical Special Education
Shelly Akins	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts
Brooke Arispe	Resource ELA
Faby Kruthaupt	ELL
Mary Cliff	CISS

**Classified Staff:**

Michelle Hindman	Special Education TA
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Kaitlyn Lopez	Special Education TA
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We are in need of a few special education teaching assistants, and a tech specialist. If you know of any colleagues, friends or family members that may be interested, please pass along my contact information.

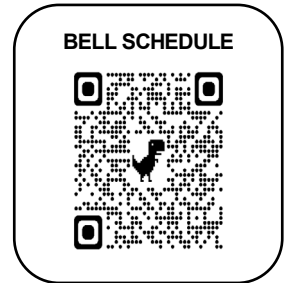
### Bell Schedule

The first day of school will be **Wednesday, August 7**, and here are our hours:

**8:10 a.m.** – The first bell rings for students to report to their 2nd period class, no homeroom on Wednesdays.

**8:15 a.m.** – Class begins/Morning announcements

**3:25 p.m.** – Students are dismissed from school. (On Wednesdays, students are dismissed at **1:25 p.m.**)



### Reminders

- Office Hours: **7:45-3:45** (Starting July 15)
- Students should not be dropped off before **7:45 a.m.** and need to be picked up **by 3:45 p.m.**
- **Parent Drop-off and Pick-up:** Please use the loop in front of the school for drop-off/pick-up. Another option is to use the church parking lots across the street, if you choose this option, make sure your child uses the crosswalk. Places to avoid are the bus loop, the side of the road, and the parking lot in front of the school. It is our goal to safely and efficiently manage the large amount of traffic at those key times.

### Summer Walk Through / Orientation

Summer Walk Through / Orientation is for students who have **already turned in a completed registration packet**. During this time, students will have photos taken for their student ID, receive their class schedule, athletic information, and pay any necessary fees. We offer a special W.E.B. Welcome Program for all NEW incoming students. This program is guided by 8<sup>th</sup> grade student leaders.

Please plan to attend the following Walk Through Orientation dates:

6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Monday, July 29 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
7 <sup>th</sup> grade	Tuesday, July 30 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Wedne, July 31 <sup>st</sup>	7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

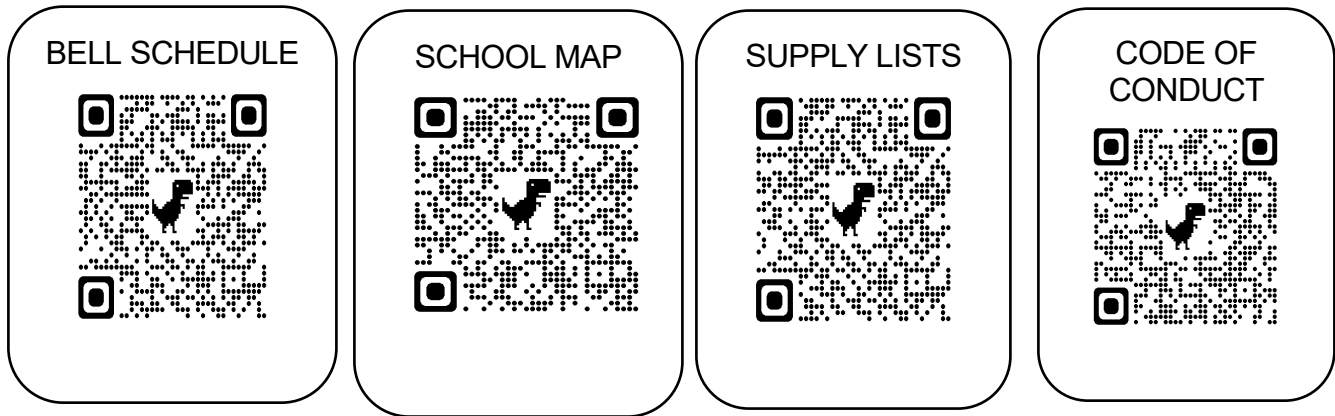
**Parents should attend with their child.**

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In an effort to conserve paper, we ask that you use the QR code for the following:



**NEW student Welcome Program, Friday August 2nd:**

**6<sup>th</sup> grade**-W.E.B. Orientation program, *student only* function

- 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Lunch to follow orientation. Parents are invited to attend the lunch at 12:00 p.m.

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders NEW to Cross**-W.E.B. program, *student only*

- 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Snacks and refreshments will follow. Parents are invited for refreshments after.

Please make sure your child attends the Walk-Through Orientation (important information enclosed) so that they can pick up their schedule and have their ID picture taken. We look forward to seeing everyone in the next couple of weeks and sharing another positive, productive school year together.

Sincerely,

Chris Gutierrez  
Principal  
Cross Middle School

Chris Boknevit  
Assistant Principal  
Cross Middle School

Lindsay Lopez  
Instructional Support Assistant  
Cross Middle School