

**February 6, 2024**

## Cross Communique

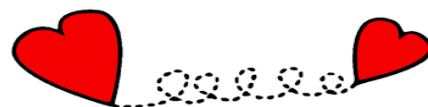
### AASA Testing Reminder

Starting the week of April 1<sup>st</sup> students will be taking the AASA Test. To give your child the best possible chance for success, we would like to ask your assistance with the following:

- It is important that your child have adequate rest the night before testing.
- Students should eat a healthy breakfast.
- Students should arrive to school on time.
- It will be important that your child be in class during the testing window to make sure that your child takes all components of the test. Testing is normally done in the morning when students are fresh; if it is necessary for your child to miss school during the week, the afternoon would be better.
- The test results help us identify students for intervention, advanced courses, and make programmatic decisions. Encourage your child to do their best.

Information on test results will not be available before the school year ends. The results will be sent home at the beginning of the following year. Your support is appreciated!

Cross Middle School 2023-2024 AASA Testing Schedule	Testing Dates	Grade Level Testing
AASA Writing	April 1 Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Special Bell Schedule for Testing
AASA Reading/Math	April 2 & 4 Tuesday/Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Special Bell Schedule for Testing
AZSCI	April 8, 9, 10, 11	8 <sup>th</sup> Students test during Science class



### Upcoming Events

**2/2/24 (Friday)** — First Friday  
(Favorite Color Day)

**2/6/24 (Tuesday)** — Fine Arts  
Night, 6-8PM in Cross MPR

**2/7/24 (Wednesday)** —Life  
Beyond Books (during school)

**2/9/24 (Friday)** —Cross Talent  
Show, 5:30-9PM in MPR

**2/12/24 (Monday)** — CIMI  
Parent Night, 6-7:30PM in Cross  
MPR

**2/13/24 (Tuesday)** — CDO Band  
Feeder Concert, 6-8:30PM in  
CDO Auditorium

**2/15/24 (Thursday)** — DC/NYC  
Trip Chaperone Meeting, 5:30-  
6:30PM in Cross MPR

**2/15/24 (Thursday)** — DC/NYC  
Trip Traveler Meeting, 6:30-8PM  
in Cross MPR

**2/16/24 (Friday)** — Valentine  
Dance, 3:30-5:15PM in Cross  
MPR

**2/18-2/22/24** — CIMI Science  
Trip

**\*\*NO SCHOOL\*\***  
**RODEO BREAK**  
2/22/24 — 2/23/24

**3/11/24-3/19/24** — 8th Grade Trip  
to Washington DC/NYC

**\*\*NO SCHOOL\*\***  
**SPRING BREAK**  
3/18/24 — 3/22/24

### School Hours

**Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.**  
8:15 AM to 3:25 PM

**Wednesday (Early Release Day)**  
8:15 AM to 1:25 PM

**\*First bell rings at 8:10 AM**

**\*STUDENTS NEED TO BE IN THE  
CLASSROOM BY 8:15 AM**

**\*IF TARDY, students need to go through  
the office to receive a pass to class**



# Cross/Harelson Family STEM Night



**Harelson Elementary and Cross Middle School present an evening of fun, hands-on activities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics for the whole family!**

# STEM

**Wednesday, February 7th, 2024  
6:00 - 8:00 pm**

**All activities will be in the  
Cross MPR & Harelson Fun House**

## **Presenters include:**

Friends of Catalina State Park w/ Live Animals

Insect Discovery UA

CDO Chemistry Club

CDO Construction

J-TED Culinary

Mathnasium

Old Pueblo Archeology

4H Youth Development

UofA Compost Cats

Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society

Walk-In Planetarium

Pima Department of Environment

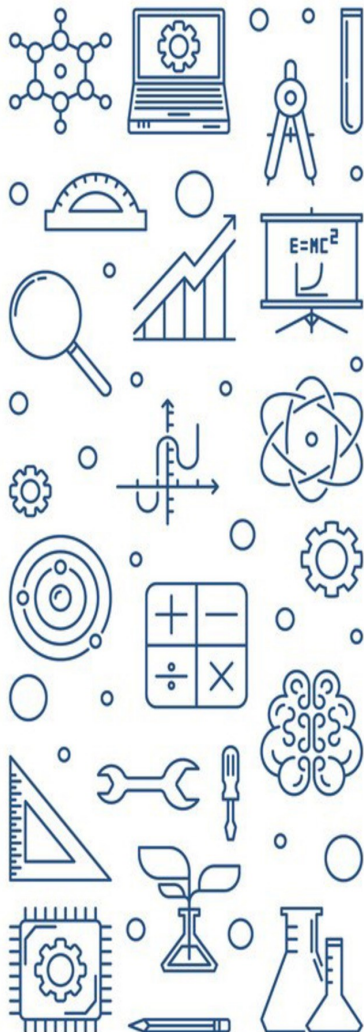
Arizona Project WET

SARA Southern Arizona Rocketry Association

Robotics Team

**And more!!!**

**See the Science Fair Projects  
going to SARSEF in our Virtual Fair!**



# CROSS TALENT SHOW

**FEBRUARY 9, 2024**

**5:30 to 9:00 PM**



The dress rehearsal is Thursday, February 8th from 5-8:00PM in the Cross MPR. **The dress rehearsal is MANDATORY.**

**Tickets are \$5.**

**Students in show will be given one FREE ticket for a family member.**



## PTO NEEDS YOUR HELP PLANNING THE 8TH GRADE DANCE

We are looking for volunteers who would like to help plan the 8th Grade Dance that takes place May 10th. There will be 3-4 meetings beginning in March. If you're interested please email us at: [crosspto@gmail.com](mailto:crosspto@gmail.com)



A huge thank you to everyone who sent in the towels, sheets and dog/cat toys! Christine Roche delivered three FULL carloads to PACC. They were so appreciative! If anyone would still like to bring stuff in, she is more than willing to make another trip.

Again, thank you for all your support.  
We have a kindhearted Cross family!!!

*Cross Middle School  
Student Council  
Valentine's Dance*



*Friday, February 16th*

*3:30-5:00PM*

*Admission \$5*

*Additional concessions available*



## **American Heart Association**



**Heart Challenge Kickoff**

**February 19, 2024**

**\*\*Ends March 8, 2024\*\***



# DO YOU HAVE A CDO SENIOR?



Do you have a graduating senior at CDO who will be pursuing further education or vocational training? Encourage them to apply for the [Debbie Clark Scholarship](#).

**This scholarship is specifically for former Cross students. Have your student ask their high school counselor for the application.**

## Games Basket for the Amphi Gala

The Cross PTO, Cross Staff and community are partnering on our annual Amphi Gala Basket this year. Our basket theme is "Games". PTO will be purchasing a gift card to include, but we would like to include a number of games that our families may enjoy together. Please reach out to [crosspto@gmail.com](mailto:crosspto@gmail.com) or [cgutierrez@amphi.com](mailto:cgutierrez@amphi.com) if you have questions.



Ronald McDonald  
House Charities®  
Southern Arizona

Looking to give back to others? Got that competitive spirit? Enjoy a good collect-a-thon? Cross Middle School is participating in



**Pop Tab Pandemonium 2023-24  
for Ronald McDonald House Charities!**



To participate, collect pop top tabs from your aluminum cans and drop them off to the office! A large collection bottle is ready to receive them!

The school bringing in the most by bulk or per student will be recognized!

**Let's help make Cross MS a leader in community support!**



# ATTENTION

## 8th Grade Parents

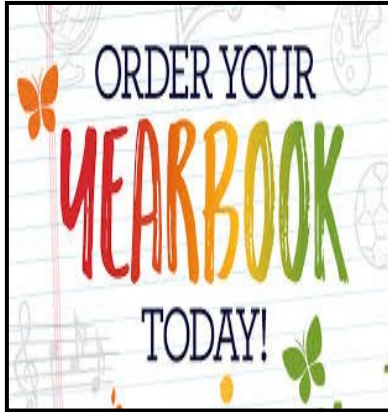
Now is the perfect time to get involved with Project Graduation at CDO. This amazing event gives seniors a safe all night party on campus.

Volunteers are needed for the week of set up, graduation night for the event and tear down the days following. There are many ways and areas to volunteer. Many hands makes for quicker work.

Click the link below to be directed to Signup Genius link.

<http://tinyurl.com/PG2024Volunteers>

**\*\*They also need a variety of prizes for the prize table. Gift cards, college dorm supplies, large prize items like computers, TVs, iPads, etc. Check out the Project Grad section on the CDO High School website.**



**You can buy a yearbook  
anytime throughout  
the year.**

**\$35**

**\*\*The price does not change.\*\***

### **School Dress Code Policy**

The purpose of the student dress code is to encourage students to “dress for success” and to come to school properly prepared for participating in the educational process. See the “Student Code of Conduct” booklet or online, for more information.

**CROP TOPS or ANY TOP that shows a STUDENT’S MIDSECTION  
are NOT ACCEPTABLE and SHOULD NOT BE WORN AT SCHOOL.**

**If a student’s attire does not follow the dress code, a staff member will ask the student to change into a P.E. uniform. If the student refuses, the parent or guardian may be notified and asked to bring appropriate attire.**

Disciplinary action will only occur after the opportunity to comply with the student dress code has been provided to the student, with the exception of incidents involving indecent exposure, in which case disciplinary action will occur immediately.

### **District Code of Conduct:**

<https://www.amphi.com/Domain/1053>

### **FROM THE OFFICE**

**If you sign out your student  
for an appointment, they need to  
come to the office on their return and  
get a pass from the front desk.**

**(Parents DO NOT need to sign them back in)**

## **\*\*IMPORTANT BUS PASS INFORMATION\*\***

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Please **right click the school bus below** and **choose 'Open Hyperlink'** to be directed to the access point on our website for parents to download the NEW REQUIRED PASS for students riding a bus to which they are not currently assigned.

The page also explains the process necessary to allow that student on one of our buses.

**If these directions are not followed or this pass is not used, the student will not be allowed to board on that bus for the PM route.**



**If you are picking up your student early, PLEASE DO NOT CALL AHEAD to have them called out of class.**

The procedure is to come into the office, sign your student out and then the office will have security send to the office.

**Make sure you allow enough time between arriving and waiting for student to get to your appointment in time.**

**You may call ahead ONLY for EMERGENCIES.**

## **FRIENDLY REMINDER:**

Even though your student is in middle school now

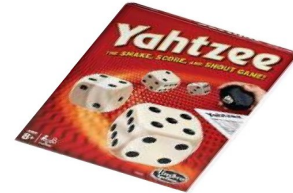
**PLEASE LABEL**

**your child's lunch box, water bottle, hats and jackets with their name.**



# Library Game Day

Every Thursday and Friday during lunch the Cross Middle School Library is turned into a place to play board games. Currently, we have the following games available:



**But we are  
looking for more!!**

If you have gently used board games that you would be willing to donate to the Cross Middle School Library Game Days, please bring them to the front office and Ms. Irwin will pick them up.

Thank you in advance for your generosity toward this adventure!

## REMINDER

**PLEASE DO NOT PARK in parking lot  
in front of the school as a holding zone /drop off  
until students are allowed on campus in the morning.**

Please **ONLY USE** the car drop off zone **OR** park across the street at one of the churches and have your student use the crosswalk.

**We appreciate your attention to this matter.**