

January 8, 2025

## Cross Communique



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!



When a student misses **2** days a month...

**They will miss 20 DAYS a year.**

**They will miss 30 HOURS of math over the school year.**

**They will miss 60 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.**

**They will miss over 1 YEAR of school by graduation.**

When a student misses **4** days a month...

**They will miss 40 DAYS a year.**

**They will miss 60 HOURS of math over the school year.**

**They will miss 120 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.**

**They will miss over 2 YEARS of school by graduation.**

## Upcoming Events

**1/10/25 (Friday)** — First Friday Spirit Day, Wear your favorite PJs

**1/14/25 (Tuesday)** — Choir Feeder Concert, CDO Auditorium at 5:30PM

**1/15-1/17/25 (Wednesday thru Friday)** — Talent Show Auditions, 3:30-5:30PM in Room 511 ([SEE FULL TALENT SHOW INFORMATION ON NEXT PAGE](#))

**1/20/25 (Monday)** — Martin Luther King Day—**NO SCHOOL**

**1/28/25 (Tuesday)** — Cross PTO Meeting, 6:30PM in the Library

## \*FUTURE EVENTS\*

**2/6/25 (Thursday)** — Talent Show Rehearsal, 6-8PM in MPR

**2/7/25 (Friday)** — First Friday Spirit Day (Barbie & Ken Day)

**2/7/25 (Friday)** — Talent Show Rehearsal, 1:40-3:25PM in MPR

**2/7/25 (Friday)** — Talent Show, 6-8:00PM in MPR

**2/12/25 (Wednesday)** — Life Beyond Books for 8th Grade

**2/16-2/19/25 (Sunday-Wednesday)** — 7th Grade CIMI Science Trip

## 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 TALENT SHOW IS COMING

## CMS Talent Show Timeline

### A List of Events for the Talent Show

#### **REGISTRATION PACKET:** Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> until Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

Packets will be available for pick up in Room 406 & Room 511 to review at home with a parent. Packets should be picked up early in order for acts to be planned and rehearsed WELL ahead of auditions. The white form needs to be returned to Mrs. Taylor or Ms. Sovia by Friday, Jan 10<sup>th</sup> for students to register for an audition time.

#### **TROPHIES/PRIZES/INCENTIVES:** Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> to Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

During Winter Break, people involved with the Talent Show should attempt to solicit businesses for prizes and donations for the Talent Show. Advertisement space is available in the program for all businesses that help with prize baskets for the Talent Show! Trophies need to be ordered based on our prize description (see below).

#### **AWARDS:**

1st Place	Trophy & Prize
2nd Place	Trophy & Prize
3rd Place	Trophy & Prize
Honorable Mention	Award Plaque
Audience Choice	Award Plaque

NOTE: Only one trophy per winning act will be awarded. Additional trophies may be ordered and must be paid for at the time they are ordered (More details will be given to winning multi-person acts upon winning.)

#### **AUDITIONS:** Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> until Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 3:30 pm

Auditions will take place in Room 511 at Cross Middle School and will be by appointment only. Students may sign up for a time December 9<sup>th</sup> through January 10<sup>th</sup> by visiting Room 406 or Room 511. All students must return a completed and signed Talent Show Participation Form at the time of audition sign up.

#### **QUALIFYING ACT ANNOUNCEMENT:** Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> during Homeroom Announcements

Acts that have successful passed auditions will be announced and all qualifying acts will report to Room 406 for a brief meeting and to get their qualifying act packet.

#### **COACHING PRACTICE:** M/T/Th/F-Week of Jan 27<sup>th</sup> & M/T-Week of Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 3:30 to 5:15 pm (Optional)

Teachers and staff members will be available after school this week for all students who have qualified to be in the Talent Show to help “coach” acts. If students are looking for additional advice on how to make their acts really shine, or would simply like a place to practice, they should plan to come to up to two of these days as possible. (More than two requires recommendation by coordinators.) Signing up ahead of time is helpful to best match acts to coaches and classrooms.

#### **TALENT SHOW REHEARSAL:** Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. (Mandatory)

This is an official dress rehearsal so we can practice the flow of the show and be sure sound, lights and acts are as polished as they should be for the show to follow. All students should be ON TIME to Cross Middle School’s MPR. Likely, students will have one to two chances to practice their act with narration from our Masters of Ceremony (M.C.) to practice stage queues. All students should bring the outfit they plan to wear for their act on the day of the show.

#### **TALENT SHOW PRACTICE:** Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 3:25 pm. (Mandatory)

This is a final chance for students who have qualified to be in the show to run through their act on stage with narration from our Masters of Ceremony (M.C.) to practice stage queues. We will meet at Cross Middle School’s MPR and use this time to decide the equipment needed for each act along with sound and light requirements. All participants will be excused from their classes, but are responsible for work missed in their absence. Costumes are not needed for this practice unless the costume is required for the act.

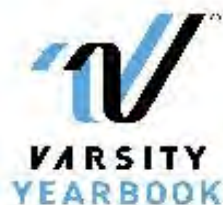
#### **CMS TALENT SHOW:** Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 9:00 pm. (Mandatory)

The Talent Show will take place at the Cross Middle School’s MPR and starts immediately at 6:30. Tickets will be \$5.00. All students involved in the act DO NOT need to purchase a ticket. In addition, all students involved in the show have been given one free ticket to give to a family member of their choice. This ticket is in an envelope in their packet. All students involved in the show need to report to CMS’s MPR at 5:30, one hour before the start of the show. This will give us time to make sure everything is in order for the show. Students will have time to change into costumes upon arrival to the show.



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## CIMI Trip Information



**Final chaperone payment of \$300 is due January 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**Dorm signups for students is during early and late lunch on Monday February 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Parent Information Night February 12<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM-7:00PM**  
**(Chaperones please be present at 5:30)**

## **CROSS PTO MEETING**

**Updates - Collaborate - Volunteer - Support**



**January 28th  
6:30 PM**



**Cross Library  
and on Zoom!**



## FROM THE ART ROOM



**The art room is asking for donations of cotton fabric in preferably larger sizes.**

**Please label clearly for the ART ROOM and drop off at the front office.**



**Please consider donating tissues to your student's teachers or drop off general donations to the front office.**



## CROSS ANGEL TREE

A big THANK YOU to all the families and staff members who took angels this year.

The holiday was made brighter for some Cross families!

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

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Please **click the school bus below** to go to our website. Scroll down and click on 'BUS PASS' on the left hand side to download the **NEW REQUIRED PASS** for students riding a bus to which they are not currently assigned. (THE OFFICE CAN'T COMPLETE FOR YOU)

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



## Office Direct Contacts

**Attendance: 696-5924**

**(ALWAYS call this number for absences)**

**We can't always retrieve all messages before the 10AM automatic phone call goes out from district, BUT if you LEAVE a MESSAGE your student's absence or late arrival will get entered.**

**Nurse: 696-5932**

**Registrar: 696-6003**

**Main Office: 696-5920**

**Admin. Assistant: 696-5998**





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FOR  
PARTICIPATING!**

## **CROSS MIDDLE SCHOOL FIRST FRIDAY SPIRIT DAYS**

**SPIRIT PHOTOS  
TAKEN AT LUNCH!**

**Dress up every first Friday of the month to celebrate!**

- ♦ **Pajama Day** (January 10<sup>th</sup>) - Be comfy after winter break in your favorite PJs!
- ♦ **Barbie & Ken Day** (February 7<sup>th</sup>) - Think pink, glittery, and glamorous!
- ♦ **College Pride Day** (March 7<sup>th</sup>) - MARCH MADNESS! Support your favorite college!
- ♦ **Flower Power Day** (April 4<sup>th</sup>) - Stay groovy in tie dye, headbands & bell bottoms!
- ♦ **Tacky Tourists Day** (May 2<sup>nd</sup>) - Bring on that summer vacation in tourist styles!

**Cross is a collection site year round.**  
**Drop off gently used or new items any time.**



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