

**October 2, 2023**

## **Cross Communique**



**\$10**

**FALL FESTIVAL**

**WRIST BAND PRE-SALE**

Entry is free, wrist bands for inflatables ONLY!

INFLATABLES OBSTACLE COURSES DODGEBALL  
FAST PITCH RADAR JOUSTING MORE!

 **ONLINE: OCT 2ND - 19TH**  
**BEFORE SCHOOL (CASH ONLY): OCT 16TH - 20TH**  
DISTRIBUTED TO STUDENTS OCT 20TH!

**INFLATABLES WRIST BANDS- \$15 AT THE DOOR THE NIGHT OF THE EVENT**

**(Right Click on the blue text to open Hyperlink)**

Visit the [Cross PTO Website](#) for the Spirit Gear Store, updates, event information, email sign up and more!

Fall Festival Support

The PTO is seeking volunteers, silent auction donations and business sponsorships for our annual Cross Middle School Fall Festival!

[Fall Festival Sponsorship Form](#)

[Volunteer Sign Up Genius](#)

[Purchase Inflatable Wristbands Online](#) during our pre-sale!

Contact us at [CrossPTO@gmail.com](mailto:CrossPTO@gmail.com)

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### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

**Tuesday, October 3-  
Friday, October 6**

**\*\*Early Release Schedule\*\***

**10/4 (Wednesday)** — Orchestra Concert, 6:30PM at CDO Auditorium

**10/6 (Friday)** — First Friday Spirit Day (Crazy Hats & Wild Socks)

**FALL BREAK-NO SCHOOL**  
**October 9-13th**

**10/19 (Thursday)** — Choir Concert, 5:30PM @ Cross MPR

**10/20 (Friday)** — CIMI Trip First Deposit Due(\$300)

**10/20 (Friday)** — Fall Festival, 5:30-8PM on campus

**10/21 (Saturday)** — Musical Theater Rehearsal, 12:00PM in MPR

**10/24 (Tuesday)** — Picture Retakes

**Veteran's Day**  
**NO SCHOOL**

Friday, November 10th

**Thanksgiving Break**  
**NO SCHOOL**

Wednesday, November 22th —  
Friday, November 24th

#### **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**

Project Graduation is an AMAZING event that exists thanks to countless parent volunteers and local business support. **There is one goal to keep graduating seniors safe on graduation night.**

Please consider attending this fundraiser, volunteering for CDO Project Graduation, participating in the Oro Valley Golf Tournament fundraiser in February (*Mr. Gutierrez usually has at least one Cross golf foursome*), or donate items to the prize table. **Go to the CDO High School website, click "Families" then "Project Grad" to learn how you can help.**

## [Join Us for the CDO Project Graduation CLUE Fundraiser](#)



**October, Friday the 13th!**

***Who murdered Tim Burton?***

**New location: Reflection at the Buttes  
9800 N Oracle Rd, Tucson, AZ 85704**

**Open the hyperlink below to buy tickets**  
**<https://www.cdoprojectgraduation.com/clue>**

**\*\*TICKETS SALES CLOSE ON OCTOBER 6TH\*\***



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!**

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

### **-PLEASE READ-**

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.**





# 2nd Quarter Sports

2nd quarter sports starts right after Fall Break. If your student will be playing 2nd quarter sports make sure that the athletic packet has been turned into the Cross office and the \$37 fee has been paid.

You only need to complete the paperwork one time for the year but pay the fee for each sport they participate in.



## HALLOWEEN COSTUME GUIDELINES

With Halloween right around the corner, we wanted to provide some guidance regarding Halloween Costumes for students here at Cross.

Tuesday, October 31 is the day designated for students & staff to wear costumes.

- Costumes are permitted as long as they are school-appropriate. Please avoid excessive blood and gore.
- **No pretend weapons of any kind.**
- Costume masks are permitted, but must be removed during class. Make-up/face-paint are permitted.
- Please paint ahead of time, students should not have the make-up/face-paint at school.
- If your child is unsure about their costume have them ask a staff member for guidance.
- Remember your child has to spend the whole day in their costume. Make sure they can sit in class to learn, use the restroom, and be able to go from class to class.

We want our students to have an enjoyable Halloween experience at school, but also find it necessary to continue to maintain an orderly environment. Please have a conversation with your child about maintaining appropriate behavior throughout the school day.



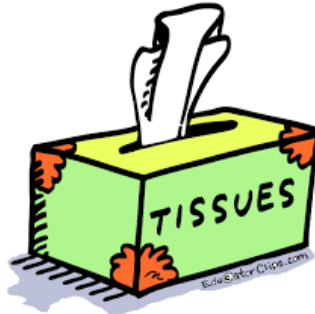
## **7th Grade CIMI Science Trip Information**

**CIMI first deposit of \$300  
is due by  
Friday October 20, 2023.**

**Full payment is due by December 15<sup>th</sup> 2023.**

Bring payments to the office before school or between classes.

**Make checks payable to Cross Middle School.**



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

# 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.**

**\$35**

You can buy  
a yearbook  
anytime throughout  
the year.



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



If you own you a business  
or work for a great  
company that supports  
the community we'd love  
to hear from you!

Please use this QR code to  
fill out a simple form to tell  
us more about your  
business connection.

## **~REMINDER~**

Make sure your student brings  
a water bottle from home EVERY DAY.



WE DO NOT PROVIDE  
WATER BOTTLES

**PUT THEIR NAME ON IT**  
**WE GET LOST WATER BOTTLES DAILY**

We have hands free water refill stations on campus.

**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.**

## **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.



## **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**



## 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)**

## 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.**

**We get LOTS of LOST and FOUND**





# News from



## Getting started with Sora



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Cross Middle School is committed to bringing unique learning opportunities to our students and we are pleased to introduce a new, free reading service providing digital books through Sora, the student reading app.

### **Why Sora?**

The collection of titles in Sora is an extension of our physical library, only it's in an app with 24/7 access to ebooks and audiobooks. It's convenient for students to check out titles at home, on the weekends or during school breaks with no worry about misplacing a book or running up late fees – these digital titles automatically return at the end of the lending period!

Sora can help students of all ages read more and improve comprehension. Struggling or reluctant readers, learning-challenged, second language learners, and gifted readers can all benefit from this service.

- Enrich vocabulary and improve comprehension and pronunciation
- Introduce students to books above their reading level
- Teach critical listening
- Help busy kids find time to read
- Incentivize reading with fun avatars and achievements
- Allow easy access to Pima County Public library's collection, too! (in the Sora menu select: +Add a public library)

### **How does it work?**

Download the free Sora app from the Apple App store, Google Play Store or visit [soraapp.com](http://soraapp.com), borrow with your student's Google login (their [300#@student.amphi.com](mailto:300#@student.amphi.com)), and enjoy anytime, anywhere on a computer, tablet, or smartphone. The book offerings on the Amphitheater District side and through Pima County Public Library are limited to age appropriate materials for students.

Whether a student's interest lies in classics for required reading, or the latest popular juvenile or young adult fiction, they can find it all in Sora!

Mrs. Irwin has been working with teachers to bring classes to the library for instruction on the use of the Sora app.

### **Where can I find more information?**

The best way to contact our librarian, Teresa Irwin, is through her email - [tirwin@amphi.com](mailto:tirwin@amphi.com)

You can also leave a message on the library office phone, 520-696-5930, and she will return your call when she is not working with students.