

**September 1, 2023**

## **Cross Communique**

Dear Parents,

This is the first Cross Communique of the new school year. It is the monthly communication sent out to parents by the Cross office. It will show a lot of information for our school other than Athletics. The school will often provide some of the same information in a variety of locations so that parents are sure to see it.

Also our website is a great source of all things school related. If you click the 'FAMILIES' tab it has an alphabetical listing where you can find most answers to your questions. But of course you can call the Cross main phone number 520-696-5920 if you can't find what you're looking for.

Please add the Cross Attendance Line into your cell phone contacts. The number is 520-696-5924 and has a dedicated voice mail that allows you to leave a message after hours or during school if we can't answer the phone.

Lastly, if you are receiving this BUT ANOTHER PARENT/GUARDIAN listed as a SECONDARY CONTACT for your student did not and wishes to receive all school communications please have them email Sue Williams at [swilliams2@amphi.com](mailto:swilliams2@amphi.com).

Thank you,  
Nora Fritz  
Cross Office



### Upcoming Events

**9/1/23 (Friday)** — Washington DC Trip 1st Payment Deadline

**9/1/23 (Friday)** — First Friday Spirit Day (6th wear white, 7th wear black & 8th wear red)

**9/4/23 (Monday)** — Labor Day-NO SCHOOL

**9/6/23 (Wednesday)** — Washington DC Chaperone Meeting, 6:30PM in Room 302

**9/6/23 (Wednesday)** — NJHS Officers Meeting, Late lunch in Library

**9/12/23 (Tuesday)** — SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

**9/15/23 (Friday)** — Back to School Dance, 3:30-5:15PM in MPR

**9/19/23 (Tuesday)** — PTO Meeting, 6:30PM in Library

**9/20/23 (Wednesday)** — Life Beyond Books

**9/20/23 (Wednesday)** — NJHS Meeting, Late Lunch in Library

**9/22/23 (Friday)** — Sports Picture Day, after school per sport

**9/25/23 (Monday)** — 6th Grade Ice Cream Social, 3:25-5:15PM in MPR

### Parent/Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, October 3-Friday, October 6  
\*\*Early Release Schedule\*\*

FALL BREAK-NO SCHOOL  
October 9-13th

### 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**



**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH**

## ~REMINDER~

**WE ARE IN EXTREME Temperatures!**

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)**

**\$35**



You can buy a yearbook anytime throughout the year. The price does not change.

## **\*\*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.**



# CROSS PTO MEETING

Updates - Collaborate - Volunteer - Support



September 19th  
6:30 PM



Cross Library  
and on Zoom!



## PTO NEWS

Visit the Cross PTO Website for the Spirit Gear Store, updates, event information, and more!

<https://sites.google.com/view/l-w-cross-middle-school-pt0/home>

Get involved! Volunteering with the PTO provides you the chance to connect with other parents, stay informed, and contribute your skills and time to our school! Please fill out our volunteer survey to let us know how you'd like to offer your valuable time:

<https://forms.gle/b9BR1MPUFCqjfBpfg>

**PTO meeting: Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30 PM**

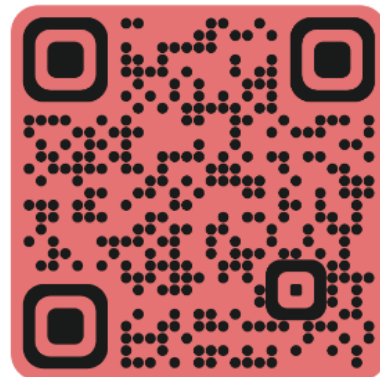
Location: Cross Middle School library or join on Zoom

[https://amphi.zoom.us/j/97243684274?  
pwd=TFZDWFJ4UTZrZDZqVzBJODZnREtNdz09](https://amphi.zoom.us/j/97243684274?pwd=TFZDWFJ4UTZrZDZqVzBJODZnREtNdz09)

Meeting ID: 972 4368 4274

Password: RAMSPTO#23

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



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.



# FALL fest

October  
20th  
5:30-8pm

GAMES -  
INFLATABLES -  
FOOD - DJ -  
SILENT AUCTION

Wristbands for inflatables  
\$10 presale starting 10/16



**The PTO is seeking volunteers, silent auction donations and business sponsorships for our annual Cross Middle School Fall Festival! Please contact the PTO if interested in supporting the Fall Festival or review our business Fall Festival sponsorship form. Thank you for your consideration!**

<https://forms.gle/EecCZpUQJ4KQfQ6f8>

Cross PTO: [crosspto@gmail.com](mailto:crosspto@gmail.com)

## Join Us for the CDO Project Graduation CLUE Fundraiser

Let's get ready for Murder...

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 see the invite

<https://tinyurl.com/2023BurtonClue>



## 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.



# **FRIENDLY REMINDER**

**Our front doors are locked at all times NOW and you will need to ring the bell to the right of door to wait for office staff to open it.**



**L.W. CROSS MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Chris Gutierrez, Principal**

**Chris Boknevitz, Assistant Principal**

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March 29, 2023

Cross Families,

I wanted to take this opportunity to explain some changes to campus access starting on April 10. Starting on this day our front doors will be locked from 8:25 a.m. through 3:15 p.m.. To gain access to the office you must utilize our video access component. To gain entry you simply push the button on the component, when an office staff member is available, they will speak to you and then unlock the door to give you access. There will be a sign on the front door to help direct your attention to the component. Please see below.



Found to the right of the office front door.

Thank you for your patience as we implement this process in the interest of student safety. If you have any concerns regarding this process please feel free to contact Mr. Boknevitz or myself.

Sincerely,

Chris Gutierrez

Principal

Cross Middle School

Amphitheater High • Canyon del Oro High • Ironwood Ridge High  
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## 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**

**\*\*It's Allergy Season\*\***

We would love donations of Kleenex to get us through the start of the school year.

**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**