



WEDNESDAY – COMMUNICATIONS –

01.10.18

UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday, January 10: Early Dismissal, 2:30pm

Monday, January 15: No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Friday, January 19: Spirit Day!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IT'S RE-ENROLLMENT TIME!



On Friday you will be receiving an email to invite you to start the re-enrollment process. We will be using SchoolMint to re-enroll again this year. Filling out the required forms takes about 8 to 10 minutes. The deadline for re-enrollment is March 1 however there are some incentives to complete the process by February 16. Please see below for more details & instructions!

IT'S ALSO COLD & FLU SEASON!

We have recently seen a significant increase in influenza and other viral illnesses within Kansas City and within our school community. It is recommended you call your healthcare provider if your child has a high fever and/or has a constant cough. If your child is ill, they should not return to school until 24 hours after they no longer have a fever (any body temperature over 100.0 F) without the use of fever-reducing medicines, such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen. Remember, regular and thorough hand-washing with soap for at least 20 seconds is the best way to prevent the spread of communicable diseases. [HERE](#) is a link to a great short instructional video about thorough hand-washing.

Please reach out to Nurse Jessi Kientzy at 816-221-2600 ext. 227 or jkientzy@crossroadsschoolskc.org if you have any further questions or concerns. See below for more information about our Illness Policy and the flu virus.

LOVELY BONES

CHS Students will be reading the book *Lovely Bones* during CREW. The book is a high school level text that discusses mature subjects. The Scholastic Books description of the text can be found below. If you do not want your student to read *Lovely Bones*, please email Ms. Brown at kbrown@crossroadsschoolskc.org by Wednesday, January 17. We will have an alternative book for your scholar to read.

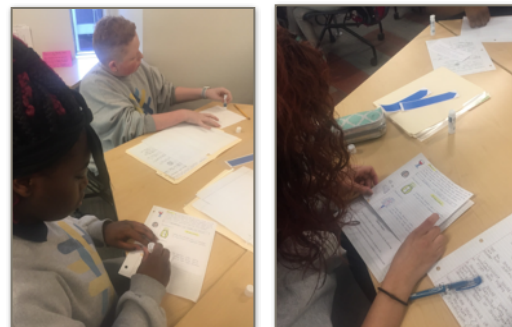


Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold

GRADES: 9-12

GENRE: Fiction

"Starting with the first chapter, 14-year-old Susie Salmon recounts her rape and murder and watches her family as they cope with their grief. From the author of the stunning memoir, *Lucky*, comes a fiction debut narrated from heaven. Sebold's mesmerizing and luminous first novel – a #1 national bestseller – builds a tale filled with hope, humor, suspense, and even joy, following an unspeakable tragedy."



Students have been working on interactive notebooks in science class.

Interactive notebooks are a research based best practice that visual, logical, intrapersonal, and interpersonal learners all find helpful when learning new science content.

CHS PAC SPIRIT APPAREL

The Crossroads High School PAC is selling CHS spirit t-shirts. The CHS t-shirts can be worn on Spirit Days. [HERE](#) is the order form for the spirit t-shirts. Orders are due by February 2, 2018. Uniform sweatshirts are coming soon! Please reach out to the CHS PAC with any questions about CHS gear at chspac@crossroadsschoolskc.org.

KC SCHOLARS

HERE is a video clip about KC Scholars from 41 Action News! Each year, up to 500 students will be selected through the application process to have a 529 college savings account opened with \$50 from KC Scholars; these recipients will also receive college planning advisement through KC Scholars. Out of the 500 9th graders that have a college savings account set up by KC Scholars, at least 50 will be selected to be in the four-to-one match and incentives program in which a student can earn up to \$7,000 paid toward college. This is a one-time award and is not renewable. Students in the match and incentive program must enroll in college full-time beginning the fall immediately following high school graduation. The college savings match and incentives funds will be sent directly to the college or university. Students must apply for this in their 9th grade year. The application opened January 1st. The application deadline is March 2nd, 2018. See if your family qualifies for this opportunity by completing the [FASFA4caster](#). For more information: <http://www.kcscholars.org/college-savings/>



CHS has partnered with MOCSA to provide students with an hour of Co-Ed Strength Club every Friday.

Why Co-Ed Strength Clubs?

Youth today are exposed to influential media exposure, sexual violence, domestic violence, relationship violence, unrealistic and unhealthy body expectations, and inhibiting gender expectations. Efforts to empower youth must acknowledge the unique challenges faced by individuals based on their life experiences.

What can Co-Ed Strength Clubs Do?

Through multiple sessions, this program explores what young people think about their world, about themselves and empowers them to engage in healthy relationships and challenge harmful views of masculinity and femininity.

Strength Club is a preventative education program designed to:

- Examine gender stereotypes and ideas about masculinity and femininity
- Develop life skills, healthy coping skills, communication skills and decision-making skills;
- Empower youth to responsibly respond to violence
- Educate about sexual violence, how to prevent it and how to support victims.

What do Strength Clubs look like?

Strength Clubs combine positive role models and interactive educational sessions to examine the issues facing youth in the Kansas City area.

- 10-12 one-hour sessions.
- 8-15 youth and an adult facilitators/mentors
- Serving youth from 12-18 years old

Co-Ed Strength Club Curriculum Topics

Sessions 1 – 4: Becoming Aware of Dominant Stores and Gender

Week 1: Intro and “The Real Man/Woman” & Pre Survey

Week 2: Exploring Dominance

Week 3: Gender and Violence

Week 4: Sexual Harassment

Sessions 5 – 7: Violence and Relationships

Week 5: Preventing Violence

Week 6: Dating Violence

Week 7: Consent

Week 8: Sexual Assault

Sessions 8 – 10: Leadership

Week 9: Leadership

Week 10: Celebration & Post Survey

INCLEMENT WEATHER

It is important that kids have a plan in place in the event they are locked out of the house. This is a good idea in any situation, but all the more important now that winter is here. Please create and discuss an emergency “Inclement Weather Plan” with your student. Your student needs to have 2 or 3 safe places they can go if they cannot get inside the house and they should know phone numbers of neighbors, family, and friends.

We will announce school cancellations on KCTV5, KMBC, and FOX4. We will be listed as “Crossroads Charter Schools”. We will also call, email, and text. It is important that we have updated contact information for you. Please log on to Tyler to ensure we have a correct phone number. Email anichols@crossroadsschoolskc.org if you need to update your email address.

Finally, students are welcome to wear boots to and from school but they **MUST** change into tennis shoes while at school.



Crossroads Charter Schools

Re-Enrollment Timeline

January 12: Re-Enrollment Opens

You will receive an email inviting you to re-enroll your scholar for next year. You must log into SchoolMint to fill out re-enrollment paperwork* to secure your child's spot for next year by March 1!

On SchoolMint you will:

- Fill out the Re-enrollment Application and other required forms.
- Upload an updated proof of residency (***MUST BE DATED IN 2018***)
Acceptable proof: utility bill (land line phone, gas, electric, water, or cable), paid personal property tax receipt, lease agreement, or mortgage statement
- Incoming 8th graders only must submit an updated immunization record.

*See next page for detailed instructions.

February 16: EARLY RE-ENROLLMENT INCENTIVES!!

- All classes who are 100% complete* with Re-Enrollment by February 16 will win a classroom party.
- All names of students whose Re-Enrollment is complete* by February 16 will be entered into a drawing to win one of (5) \$100 gift cards!!

*Complete meaning returning students have completed all forms and uploaded documents necessary and non-returning students have been marked as NOT RETURNING in SchoolMint.

March 1: Re-Enrollment Deadline

If you have not completed Re-Enrollment by midnight on March 1 you may risk losing your seat for the upcoming year.

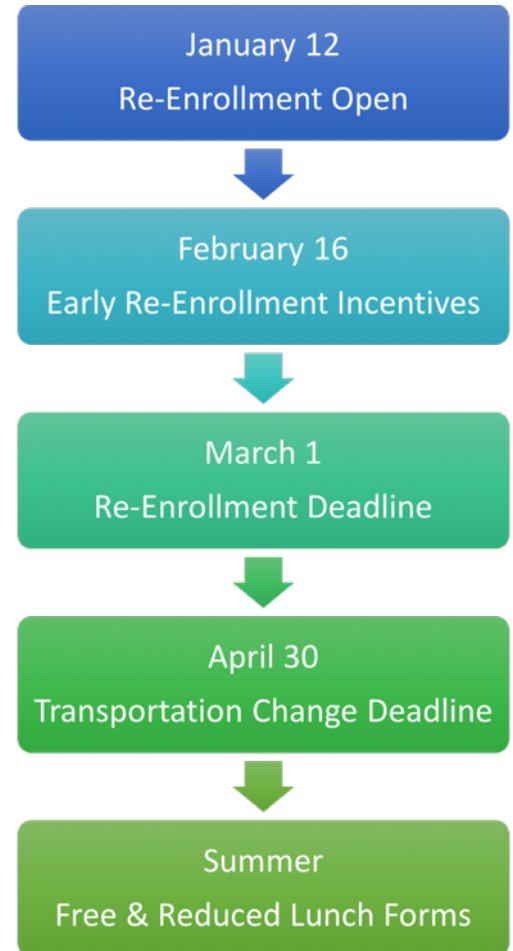
April 30: Transportation Change Deadline

In order to receive transportation on the first day of school all info must be correct by this day to ensure bus routes are created in a timely fashion. If you move or have an updated transportation request other than what was entered into SchoolMint during Re-Enrollment you must contact Rachel Uptergrove by 4/30. Routes will be established for August with the information we have on April 30. Any changes requested after April 30 will not be effective until September 4th. ruptergrove@crossroadsschoolskc.org or 816-221-3191 x333.

Summer: 2018-19 Free & Reduced Lunch Application Available

Once we receive the updated application (which usually becomes available in July) we will email & mail it to all families. Applications must be completed by all families and will be due by Friday, August 17.

If you have any questions about this process, please email enroll@crossroadsschoolskc.org or call the school.



For assistance with Re-Enrollment visit one of our ENROLLMENT FAIRS:

Central Street & Quality Hill: January 27, February 3 & February 24, 10am - 1pm

Crossroads High School: February 17, 10am - 1pm

Instructions for Re-Enrolling on SchoolMint

On January 12 you will receive a text or email from enroll@crossroadsschoolskc.org stating that Re-Enrollment is open. Here are the steps to complete the Re-Enrollment process:

Go to <https://crossroadsacademykc.schoolmint.net/signin>

Sign in using your existing Username & Password

Your username will be in the email sent to you on the 12th. If you do not remember your password click FORGOT PASSWORD? on the sign in screen.

On the Student Dashboard click RETURNING or NOT RETURNING by your student's name

- If NOT RETURNING you will be asked to give a reason for leaving then click YES, NOT RETURNING
- If RETURNING you will be asked to confirm YES, RETURNING

You will then be taken back to the Student Dashboard where you will click RE-ENROLL under "Actions" by your student's name

You will be taken to a page to confirm your account information.

- Here you can make updates to contact information and add or remove a guardian
- Once the information is correct click SAVE & CONTINUE at the bottom of the screen

You will then be taken to a list of forms. Click on each form and fill out all the information requested.

- On the Re-Enrollment Application you will be asked to upload:

1. An updated proof of residency (***MUST BE DATED IN 2018***): *utility bill (land line phone, gas, electric, water, or cable), paid personal property tax receipt, lease agreement, or mortgage statement (UPLOADED PHOTO/PDF MUST BE OF COMPLETE DOCUMENT SHOWING NAME, ADDRESS, & DATE)*

2. An updated immunization record (incoming 8th graders only)

- If you must stop before all the forms are complete and all documents are uploaded click SAVE & CONTINUE LATER at the bottom of the screen.
- If all forms are complete and documentation uploaded click SUBMIT.

Once you have completed every form and uploaded your proof of residency and immunization record (incoming 8th graders only) you will receive a text or email saying that your "Re-Enrollment is Complete." Once your proof of residency has been verified by our staff you will receive an email stating that your "Re-Enrollment is Verified." Once your child's Re-Enrollment is verified you have secured their seat for next year.

DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2018

If you have not re-enrolled by midnight on 3/1/18 you run the risk of losing your child's seat for next school year.

TO ENROLL A NEW SIBLING FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR:

From the Student Dashboard click ADD/EDIT NEW STUDENT APPLICATION. You must start the process from here so that your children will be linked and your new student will get "Sibling Priority" status in the lottery.



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A Note from the Nurse about Student Illness

At this time of year, there are often more viruses and other germs that can cause individuals in our community to become ill. Keeping an ill student at home is an important way to limit the spread of germs at school. Knowing when to keep a child home from school can often be a difficult decision for families. Unnecessary absences interfere with learning and it is often challenging to find childcare or receive time off from work. However, when a sick child is sent to school, germs can spread quickly, placing other classmates and staff at risk for illness.

The Family Handbook includes our school's policy regarding student illness. This policy includes the following guidelines for deciding when to keep students home from school.

An ill student may not attend or return to school until the student:

- **has been fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-lowering medications, such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen. A fever is defined as an oral temperature of 100 degrees or higher.**
- **has been free of vomiting and/or diarrhea for 24 hours or has a doctor's note stating that the student may return to school prior to the 24-hour time period.**
- **is free of continuous coughing.**

State law also requires that students be excluded from school if they are suspected of having a communicable disease. "It is unlawful for any child to attend a public school in Missouri while afflicted with any contagious or infectious disease, or while liable to transmit such disease after having been exposed to it" (R.S.Mo 167.191).

This is also an excellent time to remind all of those in your household to cover their mouths when they cough or sneeze and to wash their hands frequently!

Please reach out to the School Nurse with any questions,

Thank you,
Jessi Kientzy
School Nurse, Crossroads Charter Schools
816-221-2600, ext. 227, jkientzy@crossroadsschoolskc.org

Your child may have been exposed to:**Influenza
(Flu)**

Influenza (also known as flu) is a common viral respiratory infection.

Influenza is not “stomach flu”, a term used by some to describe illnesses causing vomiting or diarrhea.

If you think your child has the Flu:

- Tell your childcare provider or call the school.

- **Need to stay home?**

Childcare and School:

Yes, until the fever is gone for at least 24 hours and the child is healthy enough for routine activities.

DO NOT give aspirin or salicylate-containing medicines to anyone under 18 years of age.

Symptoms

Your child may have chills, body aches, fever, and headache. Your child may also have a cough, runny or stuffy nose, and sore throat.

Illness may last up to 7 days.

If your child has been infected, it may take 1 to 4 days (usually 2 days) for symptoms to start.

Spread

- By coughing and sneezing.
- By touching contaminated hands, objects or surfaces.

Contagious Period

During the 24 hours before and up to 7 days after the illness begins.

Call your Healthcare Provider

- ◆ If anyone in your home has a high fever and/or coughs a lot. Your doctor may give medications.

Antibiotics do not work for illnesses caused by a virus, including influenza.

Prevention

- Cover nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing. Use a tissue or your sleeve. Dispose of used tissues.
- Wash hands after touching anything that could be contaminated with secretions from the nose or mouth. Your child may need help with handwashing.
- DO NOT share anything that goes into the mouth, such as drinking cups, straws, and water bottles.
- Clean and disinfect anything that comes in contact with secretions from the nose or mouth. This includes door knobs, refrigerator handle, water faucets, and cupboard handles. Use a product that kills viruses.
- Annual influenza vaccination is recommended for children 6 months to 18 years of age. Ask your healthcare provider about vaccine.

For more information, call Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MDHSS) at 573-751-6113 or 866-628-9891 (8-5 Monday thru Friday) or call your local health department.