



Saxony Lutheran

"Made for More through Christ."

Philippians 2: 1a, 3-4

2025 - 2026 Theme Verse

September 2025

SAXONY LUTHERAN CRUSADERS



Mission Statement

Centered in Jesus Christ and grounded in God's Word, Saxony Lutheran High School delivers excellence in all phases of education and prepares students for a life of Christian discipleship.

Vision Statement

Each student is filled, formed, blessed, and equipped for life and service

Principal's Message

We are off to a great start for our 26th school year. We welcomed over 265 Crusaders to our campus and over 40 staff members. God is Good!

As we dive into this month you will notice an increase in activities at Saxony Lutheran High School. We are truly blessed to have an active student body and students who love to showcase "The Saxony Way!"

Please be sure to download the Saxony App so you can stay up to date on all the activities at Saxony. This is a great way for us to communicate with our students, families, and community. We ask that you encourage friends and family to download the app as well.

Crusaders celebrated our Annual Back-to-School Bash on Friday, August 29. We enjoyed the Small Group theme parade, a picnic lunch, Andy's Sweet Treat, and a fun-filled kickball tournament. This was a great way to begin our three-day weekend.

Please continue to keep the students and staff of Saxony in your thoughts and prayers as we begin the 2025-2026 school year. In closing, I would like to share this verse with you "The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing." John 15:12

In Christ,

Mark Ruark
Principal

Let's get social!



Dates to Remember

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September

1 - No School
5 - Mini Crusader Day & StuCo Movie Under the Stars
6 - ACT (Off Campus)
16 - Pre ACT (Freshmen)
17 - Mini Crusader Day
18 - Pre ACT (Sophomore)
19 - No School
26 - Mass Band Day
27 - All-District Choir Auditions
30 - Pre ACT Make-Up Day

October

7 - PSAT on Campus
8 - Mini Crusader Day
10 - Flu Shot Clinic
14 - ACT on Campus
15 - Fall Concert
17 - Crusader Challenge Kick-Off
17-23 - Crusader Challenge Week
24 - No School
28 - MAC Freshmen Screening
31 - Photo Retake Day

**Celebrating Over
25 Years
of
Sharing Christ...
Shaping Lives**

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School Notes:

Crusader of the Month - Mark Richey



Mini Crusader Days & Open House



Ready to Be a Crusader?

We are excited to host several Mini Crusader Days in the fall as well as our Annual Open House in November! This is a great time to tour Saxony's beautiful campus, meet with faculty and staff, and hear how you can join the Saxony Family! Scan the QR code below or follow the link to register to visit our campus and begin the enrollment process for the 2026-2027 school year.

Link - <https://forms.office.com/r/XweASCjXvS>

Welcome to the Saxony Family

Saxony is proud to welcome Mr. David Brummel, Mrs. Leah Conklin, Mrs. Rebecca Elmshauser, Ms. Brittany Ladd, Mrs. Angie Schupp, and Mr. Mike Vipperman to the Saxony Family. Be sure to wish them well when you see them.



Cheerleading Fundraiser!

The Saxony Cheerleaders starting their Annual Mum Fundraiser. Contact a Saxony Cheerleader or the school office to place your mum order. The order form is on page 4 of this newsletter.



No School!

Saxony Lutheran High School is closed on Friday, September 19, 2025 for the East Perry Fair. Enjoy your time!

School Notes:

Crusader Challenge Week



Crusader Challenge is Saxony's weeklong fundraising event. We kick-off on Friday, October 17 with a Spirit Day and an assembly at school. Crusaders will receive their sales packet and may begin selling items that help support Saxony Lutheran High School. All packets, forms, and payment is due on Tuesday, October 28 in the school office. This is a perfect way to share Saxony with your family and friends and help support our school! There will be spirit days on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and then Crusader Day on Thursday for each grade. Freshman and sophomores will complete community service, juniors will job shadow, and seniors will have their senior class meeting on campus.

Join the Crusade!

Be sure to check out Saxony's new CRUSADER CRU! This is perfect for Saxony Families to stay up-to-date on all things Saxony and Crusader activities. There will be upcoming meetings that showcase ways you can support Saxony Lutheran High School and all Crusader activities. We hope you will JOIN THE CRUSADE!

The first fundraiser will be working the FISH STAND at the East Perry Fair on Friday, September 19 and Saturday, September 20. This is a perfect way to enjoy the fair and get to know other parents and supporters. Follow the [LINK](#) below to reserve your volunteer spot TODAY!



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080844A5A929AAFC1-58155771-east>



Save the Date!

You are invited to join the Saxony Lutheran Student Council for the Annual Veteran's Day Breakfast and Chapel. Join us on Tuesday, November 11 for a delicious breakfast and Chapel honoring our Veterans and their families. For more information, please contact Mrs. Roth at mroth@saxonylutheranhigh.org or call the school office at 573-204-7555.

School Notes:



Saxony Cheerleaders Mum Fundraiser

Order forms due September 22— Delivery to school will be on October 1

\$13 for 9 inch mums — \$20 for 12 inch mums



Your Name:

Mage checks payable to Saxony Lutheran High School

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From the desk of Mrs. Kiehne:

Go Crusaders!

As the fall sports seasons are launching, I wanted to remind both parents and students about our policies about athletic participation and academics. I check grades regularly (at least every two weeks) and notify students, parents, coaches, and the athletic director or the appropriate faculty sponsor regarding any student who is ineligible to leave early or be absent from school to participate in or attend a school-related activity. This includes athletic events and off-campus field trips.

From pages 9-10 of the Student Handbook:

Eligibility Policy for Activities

A student must be in good standing in order to participate in any extracurricular activities. To be eligible, a student must maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher during the previous semester. Please note the following guidelines: ☐

Academic study is the primary emphasis within the Christian education program at Saxony Lutheran High School.

Participation in co-curricular activities is a privilege and is based on satisfactory class work.

Failure to meet this minimum may make the student ineligible for interscholastic competition or activity for a semester. The student has this time period to achieve passing grades and/or the required GPA.

Academic Probation

Students who do not meet the above eligibility requirements may request to be put on Academic Probation for one semester. The requirements for Academic Probation include:

The student must have passed all courses the previous semester.

The student must have earned a GPA of at least 1.75 for the previous semester.

The student and parent(s) must schedule a meeting with the principal or counselor to request Academic Probation. This meeting should take place during the first two weeks of the semester.

The student's grades will be reviewed every two weeks. The student must be passing all courses with a GPA of at least 2.00 to participate in activities for the following two weeks.

The coach or sponsor of the activity will be informed of the Academic Probation status.

Academic Probation may be used for one semester only during the high school years.

From the desk of Mrs. Kiehne:

Eligibility and Attendance

The student must be in attendance at school prior to Period 4 the day of a practice, contest, or performance in order to participate unless the activity falls on a Saturday, a holiday, or a day in which school is not in session or the activity is part of a class. Exceptions to this rule include, but are not limited to, doctor's appointments, funeral in the family, and college visits and must be approved by the principal preferably in advance.

No student will be permitted to miss instructional time for a non-academic activity if in the last grade reporting period (last two weeks) they have an average below a C- in all of their classes combined or if they have a failing grade in ANY of their classes.

Students must be in compliance with Saxony's eligibility requirements as presented and with the following MSHSAA requirements:

"A student in Grades 9-12 must have earned, the preceding semester of attendance, a minimum of 3.0 units of credit or have earned credit in 80% of the maximum allowable classes in which a student can be enrolled in the semester, whichever is greater, and shall currently be enrolled in and regularly attending courses that offer 3.0 units of credit or 80% of the maximum allowable credits which may be earned, whichever is greater, or a student must be enrolled in a full course at his or her level in a special education program for the handicapped approved by the Missouri State Department of Education which, though ungraded, enrolls pupils of equivalent age, and that student must have made standard progress for his or her level the preceding semester. A beginning 9th grade student shall have been promoted from the 8th grade to the 9th grade for first semester eligibility. A student must be making satisfactory progress toward graduation in accordance with Saxony school policy."

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Amy Kiehne

From the desk of Mrs. Kiehne:

TESTING INFORMATION

This month, **ALL freshman and sophomores** will be taking the Pre-ACT test. Because of the size of our freshman class, we will be testing the freshman on **Tuesday, September 16**, while the sophomores will test on **Thursday, September 18**. Mrs. Kiehne or Mrs. Benkendorf will be working with the students to complete registration information for these tests and scores will hopefully be ready in October for Student-led conferences if we receive them from ACT. Don't forget to get your rest and eat a nutritious breakfast on the morning of your test.

On Oct 7, we will be administering the PSAT to any sophomores and juniors interested in sitting for this test. For Junior test takers, the PSAT is a gateway to be included in scholarship opportunities including the National Merit Scholarship. The PSAT fee is \$35.00. This test is given online on student devices here at Saxony. If you did not sign-up for the PSAT on registration day but still wish to take it, please contact Mrs. Benkendorf as quickly as possible.

On October 14, we will be offering one of our 2 opportunities to take the ACT during the school day. This date is optional for any junior or senior who wishes to take the test. If you did not sign-up for the test on registration day but still wish to take the ACT in school on October 14, please contact Mrs. Benkendorf by September 15th.

ASVAB - If you are interested in taking the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery), please talk with Mrs. Benkendorf so that we can work with our local recruiter to make that happen. The test is normally given during 2nd semester.



School Notes:

Don't miss out on Saxony news and updates -
Download the App Today!

Now Stay in Touch with Your School

Saxony Lutheran High School's Official App



Download The App Now!



Resources



Enjoy the ease of finding all of the necessary information you need right here in the app!

Notifications & Calendar



Get personalized notifications reminding you about the events and groups that are important to you. Sync events with your phone's native calendar with a click of a button.

Groups



Get tailored information from your groups based on your subscriptions.

School Notes - Mini Crusader Days:



Are you READY to be a CRUSADER?

On behalf of Saxony Lutheran High School, we invite you and your child to visit our school for one of the upcoming **Mini Crusader Days**.

We would be honored to welcome you to our school and provide you with an opportunity to learn more about the innovative curriculum, technology, and educational/extracurricular experiences Crusader students receive at Saxony Lutheran High School.

These Mini Crusader Days are offered during school hours (7:45 – 10:00) and is a time that your family will participate in chapel and tour the building with a Saxony Student Ambassador. Your future Crusader will also be able to shadow a class while parents/guardians meet with Saxony faculty representatives to learn more about academics, activities, technology, and a little more about The Saxony Way.

We look forward to your visit to learn more about what it means to be a Saxony Crusader. If you have any questions prior to your visit or any of these dates do not work for your family, please email Mrs.

Missy Adams

madams@saxonylutheranhigh.org.

Mini Crusader Day Opportunities

September 5, 17, 29

October 8, 17, 31

November 24

Scan the QR code and fill out the Microsoft Forms to participate and sign-up for a Mini Crusader Day.



**Join us on SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 9, 2025, for our
OPEN HOUSE (2:30-4:00)**

Thank you for your continued support and prayers as we continue "Sharing Christ...Shaping Lives" at Saxony Lutheran High School.

GET READY TO JOIN THE CRUSADE!

*We can't wait to see what you do as
a CRUSADER!*

School Notes - 2025-2026 Master Calendar:

Saxony Lutheran High School

2025-2026 CALENDAR

AUGUST '25						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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August

11-12 Teacher Meeting
14 Registration Day
20 New Crusader Day
21 First Day of School
& Opening Chapel
29 Back to School Bash

JANUARY '26						
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January

1-4 Christmas Break
2 Teacher Work Day
5 School Resumes
19 No School

SEPTEMBER '25						
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September

1 No School
19 No School

FEBRUARY '26						
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February

13 No School
16 No School

OCTOBER '25						
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October

Student Led
Conferences
17 Mid Semester(41/82)
23 Crusader Day
24 No School

MARCH '26						
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March

Student Led
Conferences
6 Mid Semester(42/85)
30-31 Easter Break

NOVEMBER '25						
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November

26-28 Thanksgiving
Break

APRIL '26						
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April

1-6 Easter Break

DECEMBER '25						
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December

17-19 Finals
19 Semester Ends(82/82)
20-31 Christmas Break

MAY '26						
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May

7 Awards Assembly
12-14 Finals
14 Semester Ends(85/85)
17 Graduation



**Saxony
Lutheran**

■ No School

■ Special Day

Snow Make-up Days

March 30
April 6
May 15

From the Technology Department:

Frequent & Useful Links

Online Tuition Payment

www.saxonylutheranhigh.org —> [Tuition](#)

Lunch Accounts via EZSchool

[Click here](#)

PlusPortals

www.plusportals.com/saxonylutheranhs

*ParentPlus and StudentPlus apps available for Android and iOS devices.

SLHS Library Catalog

[Click here](#)

View the 'What's New' section for new title (new ones added each month), random title highlights, and 'What's Hot' by activity.

Printer Cartridge Recycling

Drop off old laser & ink printer cartridges to school for fundraising and recycling.

EBSCOhost (Online Database Search & E-books for reading)

search.ebscohost.com Offline access:
username - saxonylutheran
password - SLHSCrusaders*2

Learning Express (College & Career helps)

[Click here](#)

Science Reference Center

[Click here](#)

World Book Online (E-books for reading & online encyclopedia)

worldbookonline.com Offline access:
username - saxonyhome
password - 1crusaders



From the Development Department:



Corporate Sponsorship

Are you interested in becoming a Corporate Sponsor and partnering with Saxony Lutheran High School? Contact John Morgan via email at jmorgan@saxonylutheranhigh.org or by phone at 573-204-7555 today and see how a partnership with Saxony could benefit you and the students. Join the Saxony Family today by becoming a Corporate Sponsor!

_____ **Yes! I/we will be a Partner in Discipleship** for student(s) at \$1,500 each for a total annual commitment of \$_____

_____ I prefer a one-time gift of \$_____

_____ I plan to remember or show tribute to someone with a memorial or honor gift.

_____ I am interested in learning more about non-cash gifts to Saxony.

_____ Please contact me with more information on how I can leave a legacy by including Saxony in my estate plans.

_____ I would like to volunteer my time for Saxony; let me know how I can help!

_____ I will continue to pray for Saxony.

Gift Acknowledgment

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Best Phone Number _____

Email _____

_____ I will pay my pledge by _____

_____ Payment Enclosed

_____ Cash _____ Check _____ Credit Card

Cardholder Name _____

Card Number _____

Exp. Date _____

UPCOMING EVENTS!

There are several opportunities that you can join us in continuing our mission of Sharing Christ...Shaping Lives here at Saxony. Throughout the year we will call upon the Saxony Family to join us as we raise money in an effort to keep tuition affordable for all Crusaders. Please consider sharing your time, talents, and treasures with Saxony this year!

Crusader Challenge Week!

Crusader Challenge Week is our annual fundraising week! During October 17-23, 2025 we have a school wide sales competition and spirit days. This is Saxony's second largest fundraiser.

Saxony's Blue and Gold Gala

Join us for an exciting evening as we celebrate Saxony at our annual Blue and Gold Gala on Saturday, February 28, 2026. This is Saxony's largest fundraiser.

The 25th Annual Crusader Classic Golf Tournament!

Join us on Friday, June 5, 2026 at Bent Creek Country Club for a day of fun and fellowship!

From the Development Department:

THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE SPONSORS!

Alliance Bank

More than our name, it's how we do banking.





Saxony Café September 2025 Lunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2 Chicken Nug-gets Chips Green Beans/ Corn Fruit	3 BBQ Nachos Chips/Cheese Corn/Mac & Cheese Fruit Smoothie King	4 Corn Dog Tater tots Baked beans or Green beans Fruit Chick-fil-A	5 Crispito or Quesadilla Chips w/cheese & salsa Fresh Veggies/ Corn Ice Cream	6
7	8 Spaghetti Garlic Bread Green Beans or Side Salad Fruit	9 Papa Murphy's Pizza Chips Side salad/fresh veggies Fruit	10 Orange Chicken Rice Egg Roll Corn or Green Beans IceCream Smoothie King	11 Chicken strips Fries Green Beans or Corn Fruit Culver's	12 Meatball Sub Chips Side Salad/Corn Ice Cream Rosati's	13
14 Pre ACT fresh- man 9-16 Pre ACT sopho- more 9-18	15 Loaded Tots Corn or Fresh veggies Fruit	16 Beef or Chicken Taco's Lettuce/Cheese Chip & Salsa Mexican Rice or Corn Fruit	17 Ravioli or Toast- ed Ravioli Breadstick Green beans or salad / Fruit Smoothie King	18 Sub Sandwich Chips Fresh Veggies or Side salad Ice Cream Wings Etc.	19 	20
21	22 BBQ Pork sand- wich Chips Corn/Baked Beans Fruit	23 Grilled Cheese Choice of Soup Side salad or Fresh Veggies Fruit	24 Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes Gravy Corn or Green Beans / Fruit Smoothie King	25 BBQ Rib on Bun Chips Baked Beans or Corn Fruit Rhodes 101	26 Papa John's Side salad or Fresh veggies Chips Ice Cream	27 Mass band day 10-26
28	29 Cheeseburger Mac or Beef Noodles Hot Roll Green Beans or Corn Fruit	30 Chicken & Dumplings Hot Roll Peas, Green Beans, or Side salad Fruit		All meals served with milk or water Menu Sub- ject to change	Papa Mur- phy's salad available in- stead of hot lunch	