SaxonyLutheran

"Serve Others for Christ." Colossians 3: 23-24

2026-2027 Theme Verse

November 2026

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.

Let's get social!

Principal's Message

At Saxony Lutheran High School, we sing His praises and give thanks everyday for all of God's blessings as we prepare our students for a life of Christian discipleship. We are blessed to start each and every day in His Word. God continues to bless Saxony Lutheran High School.

With that as a backdrop, I want to take this time to be thankful to God our Father for all the blessings at Saxony Lutheran High School.

I am thankful that God has blessed this school with an outstanding faculty that sets high expectations for our students and works hard to help them achieve their goals while keeping the focus on Christ. I am thankful for our office, kitchen, and maintenance staff who go above and beyond in serving our school, our students, our staff and the ownership they take in this school. I am thankful for a Christ-centered assistant principal, counselor, development director, activities director, coaches, and sponsors who work to ensure our students have a variety of experiences inside and outside the classroom. I am thankful for our parents, grandparents, supporters, and volunteers who support our school, not only financially, but also with prayers so we can be successful in our mission of "Sharing Christ...Shaping Lives."

Finally, I am thankful that God has blessed this school with outstanding students that I look forward to working with everyday.

Our school is truly blessed and I am thankful to our Heavenly Father and sing His praises for all that He has done for Saxony Lutheran High School.

I would like to leave you with this verse of thanksgiving from 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Praying you have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

In Christ,
Mark Ruark
Principal

Dates to Remember

November

2 - Winter Sports Practice Begins 3 - MAC Freshmen Screening
6, 7, 8 - Saxony Dinner Theatre
8 - Open House (2:30 - 4:00 p.m.)
11 - Veteran's Day Breakfast & Chapel
12 - Winter Media Day
13 - Pep Club Bonfire
14 - All-District Choir Performance
17 - NHS Blood Drive
21 - All-District Band Performance
25 - 27 - Thanksgiving Break

December

5 - State Band Auditions
13 - Christmas Concert @ 3:00 p.m.
16, 17, 18 - Finals
21-31 - Christmas Break

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

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School Notes:

Crusaders of the Month - Ella Koenig & Simon May





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 2027-2028 school year.
Link - https://forms.office.com/r/XweASCjXvS





No School!

Saxony Lutheran High School is closed on Wednesday, November 25 through Friday, November 27, 2026 for Thanksgiving Break. We are praying you enjoy the time with family and friends.



School Notes:

Join the Crusade!

Be sure to check out Saxony's new CRUSADER CRU page on the App! 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!

Zoom Meeting Thursday: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88389942528?pwd=aSUbTwXURLGaccpA7I4F60eMm4A3Jr.1





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 Wednesday, November 11 for a delicious breakfast and Chapel honoring our Veterans and their families. Breakfast will begin at 7:45 a.m. with Chapel to follow. For more information, please contact Mrs. Roth at mroth@saxonylutheranhigh.org or call the school office at 573-204-7555.

Christmas Concert

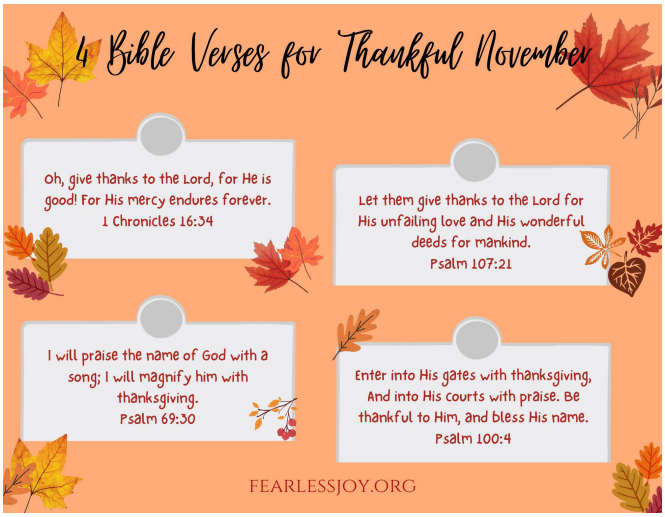
Join us Sunday, December 13 at 3:00 p.m. for our Annual Christmas Concert. This is the perfect way to celebrate the Christmas Season with beautiful music by the Saxony Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, Band, and Worship Team.





Winter Media Day

Media Day for our Winter Activities is scheduled for Thursday, November 12 at 3:00 p.m. in the Gerhard Birk Gymnasium. Men's and Women's Basketball, Women's Swimming, Band, Schoalr Bowl, and Dance Team will be taking photos.



From the desk of Mrs. Kiehne:

Spring 2027 Dual Credit Sign-Ups are now available!

If you have any questions about whether you should enroll for dual credit, transferability, etc., please reach out to me!

Spring dual credit enrollment for Spring 2027 at SEMO is now open at semo.dualenroll.com. Log in with your username and password from this semester, or if you do not have an account, you will need to create one.

Classes available next semester include:

EN140 Rhetoric (Elmshauser) – Must have taken EN140 College Writing for credit

MA117 Pre-Calculus B (Benkendorf) – Must have taken MA116 for credit

MA155 Statistics (Benkendorf)

ED280 Teaching as a Profession (Adams)

PY101 Psychology (Brandhorst)

SO102 Sociology (Mullins & SEMO professor)

US107 Early American History (American History since 1877) (Mullins)

WH150 Ancient World Civilizations (World History in our handbook) (Mullins)

Mrs. Stroder shared some important things to know and a list of some of the classes available: High school students may choose their spring courses in Dual Enroll but will not be registered until mid-November. Early College Credit (not associated with the HS) is an option only as seats are available and current SEMO students will register first.

There are also a number of fully online classes available next semester, but you must have approval for a distance learning period to take these. Please see me to discuss it. Ask me if there is something you want to take but do not see on Dual Enroll. Summer 2027 courses are also available for registration on the Dual Enroll website.

Additional Early College Credit (fully online) courses available:

AC 221 Principles of Accounting I *addtl fee

AN 182 Intro to Archaeology

CD 110 Language & Culture of the Deaf

CJ 100 Intro Criminal Justice

CS 101 Intro to Computer Programming & AI *addtl fee

DS 104 Exploring Interior Design

FN 235 Nutrition for Health

HF 124 Children's Health, Nutrition, & Safety

HL 113 Medical Terminology

HL 120 Health Perspectives

MC 101 Media & Society

MU 184 A History of Rock Music *addtl fee

PE 201 Sport & Society

PS 103 US Political Systems

SW 110 Intro to Social Work

February 1st, 2027, is the spring payment due date.

Blessings on the rest of your semester!

Mrs. Kiehne

From the desk of Mrs. Kiehne:

Unweighted GPAs and Class Rank: How does this affect my college application?

At Saxony, our GPAs are not weighted, and we do not rank our students. This policy is purposeful on the part of our Administration and Faculty to showcase our students compared to others. How does this policy affect a student's college application? Overall, most colleges are taking a more wholistic view of student applicants for admission and scholarships. The COVID pandemic and changes to the ACT test have pushed colleges and universities to do this, but many were already using a "bigger picture" method for the evaluation of students prior to 2020. When a student applies for admission, most colleges and universities will calculate a student's unweighted GPA, especially for core coursework; this allows for a more equal comparison of students coming from often different educational settings and course experiences. At Saxony, our strength of schedule and our grading scale allows our students to rise above others. One of the main criticisms of using an unweighted GPA is that a college won't see "Honors" or "AP" classes on a student's transcript, however, when a student takes a class as dual credit at Saxony, this is identified on their transcript, indicating a more challenging class. Each college or university also takes into account what is or is not offered at each school.

At a smaller school like Saxony, reporting a student's class rank can prove to be a hinderance. A student who falls in the top 10 students at Saxony is mathematically different percentagewise than a top 10 student at a larger school. (i.e., The top 10% of 50 students is only 5 students.) When a student applies to a college or university, especially through the common application, they are asked to report their Saxony GPA is unweighted and that we do not rank students. In addition, when I am asked to complete a report for the schools students apply to, I must report this information, as well as rate a student's "strength of schedule." Colleges also know our grading scale specifics. This allows for the hard work a student has put in to be recognized as they are considered for admission. As a reminder, college admission teams take a student's grades very seriously and their first look at your student will typically be the Freshman through Junior year transcript. This does not mean that a student should take all of their difficult courses Junior year! It does mean that our students should do their best to achieve the best grades possible throughout their high school career.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Amy Kiehne



School Notes - Mini Crusader Days:

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HIGH SCHOOL

Sharing Christ Shaping Lives

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 campus 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 at **madams@saxonylutheranhigh.org.**

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

MINI CRUSADER DAY OPPORTUNITIES

September 9, 21, 28
October 5, 14, 30
November 6

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

Mini Crusader Days & Open House

Scan Here!

Join us on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026,** 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!

School Notes - Donation Opportunity:

DONATION OPPORTUNITY

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT

SAXONY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

GRAND PRIZE

2026 CHEVY TRAX 1LT

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MSRP 23,495

7 ADDITIONAL CASH PRIZES | 1st - $1,000 | 2nd - $500 | 3rd - $250 (5 winners)

DRAWING 02/27/2027
at Annual Blue and Gold Gala

TICKETS: $20 EACH DONATION OR 3 FOR $50

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BUCHHEIT FAMILY FOUNDATION | FIRST STATE COMMUNITY BANK 0001

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The Tim and Teresa Buchheit Foundation is dedicated to strengthening local communities by offering meaningful support that empowers individuals and organizations to thrive. We believe in providing a hand up, not a handout – investing in opportunities that promote self-sufficiency, dignity, and long term impact. Through strategic giving and local partnerships, we strive to uplift lives, inspire hope, and build a stronger future together.

TIM & TERESA BUCHHEIT FOUNDATION

2027 DONATION OPPORTUNITY

BENEFITING
SAXONY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

School Notes - The Saxony App:

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



School Notes - 2026-2027 Master Calendar:

Saxony Lutheran High School

2026-2027 CALENDAR

August 2026

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- 10 Staff Meeting
- 11 Teacher Meeting
- 13 Registration Day
- 19 New Crusader Day
- 20 First Day of School & Opening Chapel

September 2026

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- 4 Back to School Bash
- 7 No School
- 25 No School

October 2026

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Student Led Conferences

- 16 Mid Semester (41/82)
- 22 Crusader Day
- 23 No School

November 2026

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- 25-27 Thanksgiving Break

December 2026

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- 16-18 Finals
- 18 Semester Ends (82/82)
- 19-31 Christmas Break

- 1-4 Christmas Break
- 4 Teacher Workday
- 5 School Resumes
- 18 No School

January 2027

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February 2027

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Student Led Conferences

- 5 Mid Semester (41/83)
- 25-31 Easter Break

March 2027

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- 1-4 Easter Break

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- 6 Academic Showcase
- 11-13 Finals
- 13 Semester Ends (83/83)
- 16 Graduation

May 2027

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No School

Special Day

Snow Make-up Days
March 25
April 1
May 14

School Notes - 2027-2028 Master Calendar:

Saxony Lutheran High School — 2027-2028 CALENDAR

AUGUST '27

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- 9 Staff Meeting
- 10 Teacher Meeting
- 12 Registration Day
- 18 New Crusader Day
- 19 First Day of School & Opening Chapel

SEPTEMBER '27

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- 24 No School

OCTOBER '27

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Student Led Conferences

- 15 Mid Semester (41/82)
- 21 Crusader Day
- 22 No School

NOVEMBER '27

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- 24-26 Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER '27

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- 15-17 Finals
- 17 Semester Ends (82/82)
- 18-31 Christmas Break

- 1-4 Christmas Break
- 4 Teacher Workday
- 5 School Resumes
- 17 No School

JANUARY '28

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- 18 No School
- 21 No School
- 25 No School

FEBRUARY '28

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Student Led Conferences

- 10 Mid Semester (44/85)
- 17 No School

MARCH '28

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- 10-18 Easter Break

APRIL '28

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- 11 Academic Showcase
- 16-18 Finals
- 18 Semester Ends (85/85)
- 21 Graduation

MAY '28

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Saxony Lutheran

- No School
- Special Day

Snow Make-up Days
March 17
April 18
May 19

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!

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 27, 2027. This is Saxony's largest fundraiser.

The 28th Annual Crusader Classic Golf Tournament!

Join us on Friday, June 4, 2027 at Bent Creek Country Club for a day of fun and fellowship!

From the Development Department:

Thank you to our Corporate Sponsors!

































November 2026 Lunch Menu

Saxony Lutheran High School

November 2026

2 Chicken Fingers Chips Green Beans/Salad Fruit	3 BBQ Nachos Chips/Cheese Corn Mac & Cheese Fruit	4 Orange Chicken Rice Egg Roll Corn or Gren Beans Fruit **Smoothie King**	5 BBQ Rib on Bun Chips Baked Beans or Corn Fruit **Rhodes**	6 Crispito or Quesadilla Tortilla Chips Cheese/salsa Fresh Veggies or Corn Ice Cream
9 Spaghetti Garlic Bread Green beans or side salad Fruit	10 Chicken, cheese, and Rice Corn or Black Beans Soft Shell or Tortilla chips Fruit	11 Beef or chicken Taco's Lettuce/Cheese Chips or soft shell Mexican Rice or Corn Fruit **Smoothie King**	12 Popcorn Chicken Tetris tots Baked beans or Green beans Fruit **Chick -fil-A**	13 Meat Ball Sub Chips Corn or Salad Ice cream **Rosatti pizza**
16 Pork brat on Bun Potato salad or Chips Baked Beans Fruit	17 Loaded Tots Corn/Veggies Cookie Bar Fruit	18 Grilled Cheese Choice of Soup Side salad or Fresh Veggies Fruit **Smoothie King**	19 Chicken Strips Fries Green Beans or Corn Fruit **Culvers**	20 Papa John's Chips Salad or veggies Ice Cream
23 Sloppy Joes/Bun Fries Corn or Green Beans Fruit	24 Chicken & Dumplings Hot Rolls Peas or Green Beans Ice Cream/Cookie	25 	26	27
30 Ravioli or Toasted Ravioli Bread stick Green Beans or Corn Fruit			**Chef or Caeser salad is a second option in place of Hot Lunch**	**Menu subject to change** **All meals served with milk or water**