

"Made for More through Christ." Philippians 2: 1a, 3-4

October 2025

2025 - 2026 Theme Verse

#### 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

It's hard to believe that it is already October. This school year is really flying by. October is a busy month at Saxony Lutheran High School. We have many activities for our students and parents this month. October marks our annual Student-Led Conferences. Student-Led Conferences will be scheduled throughout this month by your child's homeroom teacher. As always you may visit with any or all teachers by calling and scheduling an appointment. We encourage our students and parents to participate in our Student-Led Conferences and our goal is 100% participation.

Friday, October 17 we kick-off our Annual Crusader Challenge Fundraising Week. This is one of Saxony's largest fundraisers and your participation is key.

Crusaders will receive their sales packet during homeroom on Friday, October 17 and will need to return their packet with forms and payment by Tuesday, October 28. Each Crusader has a \$400 SALES GOAL!

Romans 15:13 gives us a message of hope that I would like to share with you in closing, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace and believing so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."

Let's get social!











In Christ, Mark Ruark Principal

Dates to Remember

#### 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

#### **November**

3 - Winter Sports Practice Begins

4 - Crusader Time

7-9 - Saxony Drama Dinner Theatre

9 - Open House

11 - Veteran's Day Breakfast and Chapel

12 - Winter Media Day

14 - Pep Club Bonfire

18 - Crusader Time 24 - Mini Crusader Day

26-28 - Thanksgiving Break

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

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#### Crusader of the Month - Clara Bledsoe







#### 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 - <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/XweASCjXvS">https://forms.office.com/r/XweASCjXvS</a>

#### No School!

Saxony Lutheran High School is closed on Friday, October 24. Enjoy your three-day weekend





### **Amazing Donation Opportunity!**

Tickets are on sale NOW for a 2025 Chevy Trax generously donated to Saxony Lutheran High School from the Tim and Teresa Buchheit Foundation, Buchheit Family Foundation, and First State Community Bank. You can purchase a donation opportunity for \$20 for one ticket and \$50 for three tickets. Tickets may be purchased in the school office or by scanning the QR

code. Also, Crusaders will each receive nine tickets to sell as part of Crusader Challenge. You can continue to sell more tickets, just stop by the office. Drawing to be held on February 28, 2026. For each ticket sold by a Crusader, they will receive one entry into a drawing for a \$500 tuition discount for the 2025 - 2026 school year.

More details to follow!



#### 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 beginning selling items that help support Saxony Lutheran High School. All packets, forms, and payments are 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. On Crusader Day, Freshmen and sophomores will complete community service, juniors will job shadow, and seniors will have their senior class meeting on campus.

#### **Ioin 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!





#### **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.



Saxony Lutheran Student Council Presents

# FAIL FEST

Wednesday, October 22nd 5-8pm at Saxony Lutheran High

- Scan to enter
   Cornhole
   tournament
  - **\$**10/team
- Must sign up by October 20



- . Food for purchase from The German Cook
- . Free root beer and water
  - . Cornhole Tournament with prizes
- Games and activities for the family

Saxony Lutheran High School's

# VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

# Tuesday, November 11

Doors open at 8:15 for complimentary breakfast for service members and their families.
Chapel will begin at 8:50.



# From the desk of Mrs. Kiehne:

#### **Student-Led Conferences in October**

In grade school and junior high, your parents probably met with your teacher to talk *about* you and your progress in school during a "Parent-Teacher Conference." At Saxony, we like to do things differently. During the month of October, our Homeroom teachers set up "Student-Led Conferences" (SLC) with each of the members of their homeroom and at least one parent or guardian. This is a **required** meeting for all students and generally only lasts about 15 minutes.

This conference is a great opportunity to have a helpful discussion and for you to take more owner-ship of your goals for high school and beyond. You know you best and deserve to be part of the conversation! Your homeroom teacher will communicate with you about how to sign up for available times. You may also set up SLCs with any additional teacher that you'd like.

During your SLC, YOU will lead the meeting! You will discuss a few important things at this meeting, as well as any concerns you have:

- Introduce your parent(s) to your Homeroom Teacher
- Have PlusPortals ready to show your grades
- Explain the grade for each class
- Review your SMART goals (Remember those? If they are not finished, you will need to do so prior to your meeting.)
- Ask for any help and support you need!

Pre-ACT scores for 9th and 10th grade students have been submitted to ACT for scoring, but they will likely not be back to me at least the week of October 6th. If you have already had your conference by then, I will make sure to send your scores home once I receive them. I will send a general email to all families about how to interpret the scores. Please contact me with any questions you may have.

#### The Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA)

#### The Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) is open NOW!

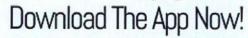
I have scheduled an informational meeting on **Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm** in the Commons, for <u>parents and junior and senior students</u>. Some general information about the Financial Aid process, Scholarships, and the FAFSA will be presented by Kennedy Hanner, Admissions Representative from Southeast Missouri State University. After she is finished, <u>seniors and their families</u> can work with me to learn how to set up their **FSA IDs** for their FAFSA application. I will send out an invitation to RSVP if you and your student plan to come.

It is a good idea for all students planning education after high school (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 academic year) to apply for FAFSA, even if you are "sure" that you won't be eligible for government assistance. If your student plans to use A+ Scholarship money in college, FAFSA **must** be completed to receive the funds.

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









## 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								
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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

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#### <u>September</u>

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#### **February**

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- 16 No School

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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

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#### November

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#### April

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#### December

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

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



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 —> <u>Tuition</u>

**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 & Ebooks 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)

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# 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 jmor-

gan@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.					
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# **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.









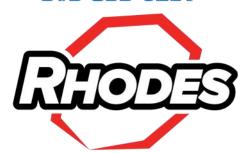
















# Saxony Café October 2025 Lunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
All meals served with milk or water Menu Subject to change			BBQ Nachos Chips/Cheese Corn/Mac & Cheese Fruit	Corn Dog Tater tots Baked beans or Green beans Fruit	3 Chili or Chicken Noodle Soup PB & J Sandwich Cinnamon Roll Fruit	4
			Smoothie King	Chick-fil-A		
5	Chicken Nug- gets Chips Green Beans/ Corn Fruit	7 Crispito or Quesadilla Chips w/cheese & salsa Fresh Veggies/ Corn, Fruit	Spaghetti Garlic Bread Green Beans or Side Salad Fruit Smoothie King	9 Chicken strips Chips Green Beans or Corn Fruit Culver's	Meatball Sub Chips Side Salad/Corn Ice Cream	11
12	Loaded Tots Corn or Fresh veggies Fruit	Papa Murphy's Pizza Chips Side salad/fresh veggies Fruit	Ravioli or Toasted Ravioli Breadstick Green beans or salad / Fruit Smoothie King	Sub Sandwich Chips Fresh Veggies or Side salad Ice Cream Wings Etc.	Chicken Patty on Bun Mashed potatoes Gravy Green Beans/ Corn Ice Cream	18
19	Cheeseburger Mac or Beef Noodles Hot Roll Green Beans or Corn Fruit	Grilled Cheese Choice of Soup Side salad or Fresh Veggies Fruit	Orange Chicken Rice Egg Roll Corn or Green Beans IceCream Smoothie King	23 Crusader day	No School	25
26	27 Chicken & Dumplings Hot Roll Peas, Green Beans, or Side salad Fruit	Beef or Chicken Taco's Lettuce/Cheese Chip & Salsa Mexican Rice or Corn Fruit	Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes Gravy Corn or Green Beans / Fruit Smoothie King	30 BBQ Rib on Bun Chips Baked Beans or Corn Fruit Rhodes 101	Papa John's Side salad or Fresh veggies Chips Ice Cream	