

CRESTWELL SCHOOL EVENTS

2023-2024



AUGUST

21st - 22nd | Open House | 5:00 - 6:30 pm

An evening event (organized by child's last name) for families to come into school and meet their child's teacher. Please begin with us in Walsh Hall to pick up uniform orders, learn about volunteer opportunities and club offerings, pick up carline signs, and more! As you continue on to your classroom, teachers will share important information with students and families. You may bring school supplies in during this time, or if you pre-ordered, they will be waiting in your classroom.

SEPTEMBER

1st | Parent Social* | 8:30 - 9:00 am

**Parent Social continues the first school Friday of every month. This event replaces Coffee Klatsch*

Parents are invited to join us in Walsh Hall immediately following assembly on the first school Friday of every month. Administration and members of the PTO will be available to discuss monthly published topics and answer any questions.

14th | Family Bowling Night | 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Join us at Gator Lanes Bowling for a night of Crestwell Fun! Complimentary bowling, pizza, and soda will be offered from 5-7 pm. See you on the lanes! RSVP will be requested leading up to the event.

Gator Lane Bowling, 1901 Crystal Drive Fort Myers, 33907

OCTOBER

6th | Parent Social (see details in September) | 8:30 - 9:00 am

31st | Trick or Treat Parade* | 9:00 - 11:30 am

Families are invited to choose a theme and dress up a table under the pavilion to hand out fun and safe treats. A limited number of tables are available; please reach out to j.neale@crestwellschool.org to participate.

Your student is invited to dress in their favorite costume with their class and follow the parade to each table to trick or treat (in the shade!). Parents may begin prepping their tables at 8:00 am.

If your child has an extreme allergy, parents are invited to attend this with their child for comfort.

**This event replaces Trunk or Treat*

NOVEMBER

3rd | Parent Social (see details in September) | 8:30 - 9:00 am

All Month Long: Canned Food Drive

Students will be encouraged to bring in canned and boxed food items for donation to the Harry Chapin Food Bank prior to Thanksgiving. The classroom with the most donations will win a pizza party!

NOVEMBER CONT.

10th | Gator Run | 8:30 - 11:00 am

Students participate in a fun run on campus (elementary is 1/4 mile, middle school is 1 mile). Younger students (JK-K) will run with their older school "buddies" for support. Students are all entered at no fee, and annual Gator Run shirts are available for purchase. Parents must register. Raffle tickets are sold leading up to the event, and a raffle is held after Gator Run is complete. Parent registration fees and shirt and raffle purchases benefit our Athletic Programs. Yummy snacks and water are provided to all participants! Registration details/shirt ordering will be emailed out prior to the event. T-shirt sponsorship opportunities will also be communicated.

15th - 16th | Thanksgiving Program (grades JK - 4th) | 9:00 - 10:30 am each day

Elementary students perform songs and poems of gratitude on the pavilion led by their teacher and music teacher. Families are invited for refreshments at their child's grade level performance. We request that all families bring a food or drink item to share. Your classroom teacher will reach out to you with more details as the event approaches. JK - 1st will be on the 15th; 2nd - 4th grades will be on the 16th.

Nov 24th - Jan 1st | Children's Tree Trail at Edison & Ford Estates

Nov 21st complimentary preview night

Through our art program, students will be invited to create a non-denominational ornament to display on the Crestwell School Tree during the Children's Tree Trail at the Edison and Ford Estates. Trees will be displayed from November 24 - January 1. On Tuesday, Nov. 21st, attendance at this event is complimentary for school families (other nights are available with a purchased ticket).

DECEMBER

1st | Parent Social (see details in September) | 8:30 - 9:00 am

All Month Long: Sponsor a Child's Holiday Wish

Crestwell will be providing our families the opportunity to choose a child from the SWFL community in need, and purchase something off their wishlist for the holiday season. More details will be provided as the month approaches.

4th - 8th | Scholastic Book Fair | Before and After School Each Day

Visit our Scholastic Book Fair in Walsh Hall every day this week as we unite children and literature in this fun event! Younger students will also have a chance to pre-shop and make their wish lists with their older school buddies. A portion of the Fair sales will benefit the Crestwell School Library.

12th | Holiday Showcase | 9:00 - 11:00 am

We love celebrating the incredible diversity at Crestwell! Please join us in Walsh Hall to learn about some of our school's most celebrated holidays: Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Ramadan. A presentation table for each holiday will be set up with great decor, information, and a snack! We are asking for a passionate parent volunteer to lead each table. If you are interested, please reach out to j.neale@crestwellschool.org

15th | Middle School Winter Dance | 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Grades 5 - 8 are invited to our semi-formal Winter Dance. Enjoy fun music, fabulous decor, and great treats in Walsh Hall. This is a fun way to socialize with friends and show off your style!

JANUARY

12th | Parent Social (see details in September) | 8:30 - 9:00 am

JANUARY CONT.

26th | Happy 30th Birthday Crestwell School | 8:30 - 9:30 am

Join us on the Pavilion as we celebrate Crestwell School's historic 30th birthday with fun surprises for every student and some very exciting news about our future!

FEBRUARY

2nd | Parent Social (see details in September) | 8:30 - 9:00 am

7th - 9th | Read In | 1st-4th: half day, Middle School: full day

Crestwell School loves to read! Students participate in a half or full day of reading, depending on grade level. There will also be parent sign-up opportunities to read to grades JK and kindergarten. This is a fantastic spirit event to spread our love for reading (no fundraising involved).

16th | Mock Election & Grandparents' Day | 8:30 - 12:00 pm

4th grade students have a months-long project researching a past US President. They will create a display board, vote collection box, campaign for office, write and deliver a speech, and much more. The top two winners choose a declaration for Crestwell School on a chosen day following the election.

This half-day event coincides with Grandparents' Day at Crestwell School, where grandparents are invited to the classroom to complete a special craft or activity with their grandchild. Other family members are welcome if grandparents aren't available. Detailed information on this will come from your student's teacher.

MARCH

1st | Parent Social (see details in September) | 8:30 - 9:00 am

14th | Taste of the Countries* | 10:30 - 1:00 pm

Each grade level will have a designated country that students will learn about. Students and their parent volunteers are invited to bring in a themed dish from their designated country during this event. Each grade will then have a chance to taste the food from every country! Set-up begins at 9:30.

**In previous years, this was combined with Field Day. Field Day is now a separate event in May.*

APRIL

-NO Parent Social-

6th | Spring Gala at Plantation Golf & Country Club | 5:30 - 10:00 pm

Please join us for our inaugural Spring Gala at Plantation Golf & Country Club (parents/adults only). This year's theme will be Garden Party (think fun suits, florals, and yummy food & drinks). This fundraiser evening will feature a three-course seated meal, a drink ticket from the full bar, a silent basket auction, and a live auction! Twenty-five percent of our proceeds will support The Children's Advocacy of SWFL. Tickets will be limited, and RSVPs will be required; ticket ordering information will be emailed in January.

A parent committee will be instrumental in bringing this event to life; please reach out to j.neale@crestwellschool.org if you would like to be a part of this amazing event!

16th - 19th | Crestwell Theater Week* | (Tues. & Weds. morning, Thurs. & Fri. afternoon)

During these four days, classrooms will perform a song/skit/poem following a chosen theme. Grades JK-4th will perform on Tuesday and Wednesday in the 9:00 - 10:00 window. Parents and loved ones are invited to join us in watching these amazing performances in Walsh Hall. Refreshments provided.

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APRIL CONT.

Theater Week cont.

Middle School Theater Club will perform their chosen play in the 6:00 - 7:00 window on Thursday and Friday. Parents and loved ones are invited to join us in watching this awesome play in Walsh Hall. Refreshments provided.

**Our Spring Gala & Theater Week replace Spring Fling from previous years*

MAY

-NO Parent Social-

3rd | Field Day | Elementary in the morning, Middle School all day

Join us for bounce houses, water slides, snow cones, fun outdoor games, and more as we prepare for summer! Elementary students will enjoy a fun-filled morning, and our middle schoolers will continue partying it up after lunch. We are looking for several parent volunteers to make this event unforgettable! Please reach out to j.neale@crestwellschool.org if you're interested.

8th - 9th* | Elementary Parent/Student Dances | 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Our parent/student dances last year were a hit and they're back for an encore. Please bring your student on their designated evening for fun and safe dances, face painting, and snacks. We can't wait to see you all dressed up!

*JK - 1st are on the 8th, 2nd - 4th will be dancing on the 9th.

21st | IK Graduation | 9:00 - 10:00 am

IK Students celebrate their graduation into Kindergarten by performing selected songs for their families in Walsh Hall. Caps and gowns are provided to be worn at the event.

30th | 8th Grade Graduation | 6:30 - 8:00 pm

8th grade students are celebrated at their graduation in Walsh Hall. Each student presents a graduation speech, all teachers attend, and refreshments are provided. It's a wonderful and moving send-off as our students move on to high school! The school provides caps and gowns, which will be worn and returned following graduation.

31st | Theater Jamboree | 9:00 - 12:00 pm

Crestwell's annual talent show, for students by students. Students sign up to perform a 2-minute talent on our last day of school! The student body and parents are invited to celebrate Crestwell's confidence and talent.