CRESTWELL SCHOOL EVENTS

2025-2026



AUGUST

7th | Newly Enrolled Parent Orientation | 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Join us in Walsh Hall for an event for newly-enrolled Crestwell families to receive pertinent and important information for the upcoming school year and ask any outstanding questions.

8th - 11th | Open House | 5:00 - 6:00 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

5th | Parent Social | 8:30 - 9:00 AM

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

15th - 19th | Career Week

Parents are invited to come to their students' classroom to talk about their job. More details will be provided from your student's teacher.

25th | Family BBQ Evening at Lakes Park | 4:30 - 6:30 PM

Please join us at Lakes Park Pavilion C-1 for a Crestwell family BBQ! Hot dogs, chips, and fruit will be provided. Kindly bring a dish to share and come enjoy the fun!

*Please note that this event does not match the 2025-26 calendar; this syllabus is correct.

OCTOBER

3rd | Parent Social (see details in September)

20th - 24th | 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 our Crestwell teachers.

24th | Gator Grandparents' Day

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.

OCTOBER CONT.

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 a severe allergy, parents are invited to attend this event with their child for comfort.

NOVEMBER

All Month Long: Canned Food Drive

Students are 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!

19th & 20th | Thanksgiving Program (grades VPK - 5th)

Elementary students perform songs and poems of gratitude in Walsh Hall 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.

24th | Children's Tree Trail at Edison & Ford Estates 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 Monday, Nov. 24th, attendance at this event is complimentary for school families (other nights are available with a purchased ticket).

DECEMBER

All Month Long: Toy Drive benefiting a local charity (more info TBA)

5th | Gator Run

Students participate in a fun run in a fundraising effort that supports Gator Athletic Programs. Gator Run shirts will be available for purchase. Yummy snacks and water are provided to all participants. Sponsorship opportunities and shirt ordering information will be emailed out prior to the event.

9th | Holiday Showcase

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, Diwali, 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 i.neale@crestwellschool.org

JANUARY

30th | Middle School Winter Dance

Grades 6-8 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!

FEBRUARY

6th | Parent Social (see details in September)

8th | Edison Festival of Light Junior Parade

Florida's largest youth parade showcases the creativity and talents of hundreds of Southwest Florida children and their families. Over 100 units including floats, marching bands, dancers, street performers, and dignitaries parade their way around the Downtown River District. Crestwell will have our own float!

26th & 27th | Middle School Theater Production

Middle School Theater Club will perform their chosen play. Parents and loved ones are invited to join us in watching this awesome play in Walsh Hall.

MARCH

2nd-5th | Dr. Suess Week/Read In

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

12th | Taste of Countries

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!

APRIL

11th | Spring Gala at Plantation Golf & Country Club

Please join us for our annual Spring Gala at Plantation Golf & Country Club (parents/adults only). This fundraiser evening will feature a three-course seated meal, 2 drink tickets from the full bar, a silent basket auction, and a live auction! 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 <u>j.neale@crestwellschool.org</u> if you would like to be a part of this amazing event!

20th & 21st | Elementary Theater Production

VPK through 5th grade students will perform their chosen play. Parents and loved ones are invited to join us in watching this amazing performance in Walsh Hall.

MAY

1st | Field 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.

MAY CONT.

6th - 7th* | Elementary Parent/Student Dances

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!

*VPK - 1st dancing on the 6th, 2nd - 5th dancing on the 7th.

19th | VPK Graduation

VPK 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.

28th | 8th Grade Graduation

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! Caps and gowns are provided, which will be worn and returned following graduation.

29th | Theater Jamboree

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.