



Parent Newsletter

The Cross Keys Connection

Cross Keys High School 1626 N. Druid Hills Rd. NE Atlanta, GA 30319
Dr. Tasharah Wilson, Principal

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Progress Reports were issued October 17, 2013, for the nine-week grading period. If your child is failing, please arrange for the student to attend Mandatory Tutorials from 3:15pm-3:45pm Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. For more information, call the school at 678-874-6102.

Looking Ahead

October 26, 2013: Cross Keys PTSA Carnival
October 29, 2013: ASVAB Testing
November 8, 2013: Cross Keys Parent Cluster Conference 8:30 – 11:00 (Café and 4th Hall)
Nov. 11 – 14, 2013: GHSGT Retest
November 11– 15, 2013: College/Career Week
November 14, 2013: Apply to College Day – Seniors 1st/2nd Pd.
November 15, 2013: Cross Keys Cluster College/Career Fair – Gym 8:00 – 3:00
November 15, 2013: 11th Grade Class Meeting College/Career Readiness Keynote Speaker – Cafeteria from 10:00 – 10:30
November 19, 2013: Parent/Teacher Conf. Night, Senior Financial Aid Night 4:00 – 5:00 in Media Center
November 25 – 29, 2013: Thanksgiving Break

CROSS KEYS REOPENS FOOD PANTRY

By Ja'Leia Johnson



Cross Keys High School SkillsUSA will reopen its food pantry for the 2013-2014 school year.

The SkillsUSA Community Service Team, consisting of Winston Johnson, Katy Avila and Fatima Balde, presented at the 2013 SkillsUSA National Leadership Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, the results of the food pantry.

The team ranked 9th out of forty-two (42) contestants nationwide in the community service competition.

This year Cross Keys SkillsUSA's community service theme is "Reaching out to America's Hungry".

The organization intends to reach out to the elderly to provide food baskets, become a part of the backpack food program, and continue to provide food baskets to needy families.

The first food drive will be held during the month of October. During November and December, the organization's goal is to reach over 150 families and give out at least 100 backpacks.

To donate, please call Glenda Bonds, SkillsUSA sponsor, at 678-874-6146.



Interpreter Assistance Provided

Laura Cooksey, from the DeKalb International Welcome Center, has joined the Cross Keys staff and will be providing interpretation services every Wednesday. Ms. Cooksey's office is located in the front office. You may reach her at 678-874-6145.

Cross Keys Parent Cluster to be Held on November 8th

PLEASE
ATTEND!

The Annual
Cross Keys
Cluster Parent
Conference will be
held at 9am-11am
at Cross Keys
High School
on Friday,
November 8th.

**Please contact the school
office at 678-874-6102
for more info.**



STUDENT ID CARD INFO:

If a student had a
school picture
made in August or October, he
or she may order an ID Card for
\$10.00 from Riley Photography
by contacting Kathy Riley at 770-
491-1392 or 404-502-1482.

If a student did not have
an ID card made, he may have
an ID card made in Room 113
during 2nd Period, 4th Period,
or after school.

Cross Keys High School SkillsUSA Members Have Big Plans for Serving the Community *By Ja'Leia Johnson*

The Cross Keys High School Skills USA Community Service Committee has collaborated in an effort to establish an outstanding community service project for the school year.

The team is working very hard to develop a solid idea that will not only benefit them, but really reach out to the community and make a difference.

The committee has decided to do a continuation of the food pantry that is already present in the school, and start what they call "The Backpack Program".

The backpack program is a project in which the committee will fundraise to purchase and collect children's backpacks and fill them with various nutritional foods and snacks. This will include anywhere from canned goods, to raisins to juice pouches.

These backpacks full of food and snacks will be donated to local elementary schools that feed into Cross Keys.

"We have recently found out that a lot of kids only eat school lunch because it is free or reduced, and they have nothing to eat for the remainder of the day. Our goal is to help keep our brothers and sisters at the local elementary schools from being hungry," said Skills USA senior community service team member, Fatima Balde.

Skills USA members plan to start by donating to schools such as Cary Reynolds, Dresden, and Woodward, but hope to eventually get the word out and expand across the entire community.

"We're starting small, but we definitely have big plans. We're trying to eventually reach the entire community. We want to help as many children as possible," said Skills USA senior member, Ahide Rostro.

The committee is planning to not only ask for donations from students at their school, but fundraise in every way possible including asking for donations from small local businesses and grocery stores.

"This is a cumulative project. We will be raising money for quite some time, so no donation is a small donation," said Skills USA senior community service team member, Katherine Avila.

"I really love to give back, so this project is really all about how we can provide the best help for these kids. I want to see the looks on their faces when they receive the backpacks. We will then realize that we have contributed to the community," proclaimed Balde.

**2014 Yearbooks may be ordered in
Room 113 for \$60.00. Supplies are limited!
Reserve yours now.**



**Congratulations to
the Cross Keys
Tribe of Funk
Band Program
which represented
Cross Keys
and the DeKalb
County School
System in the
Parade of
Excellence
October 5th.**

CROSS KEYS Cluster College and Career Fair Offered

**A Cross Keys Cluster
College and Career Fair
will take place in the
gym on Friday, November 15. CK cluster students (elementary, middle and high) will participate. All teachers are invited to take their classes to participate (each school has a designated time to visit// more information forthcoming). Please contact the school office at 678-874-6102 for more information.**