

# CRS Club Action Calendar 2020-2021

Lead the way to a more just world. Use this calendar to plan your year of learning, reflection and action on campus and in your community.

## AUGUST

CONGRESSIONAL  
RECESS

**Aug 6**  
Feast of the  
Transfiguration

**Aug 12**  
International  
Youth Day

### Lead for a better future.

**Creating hope for the future means creating meaningful opportunities for youth to develop, grow and thrive.**

#### PRAYER

*Loving God, we pray that the United States continues its leadership role in the world to eradicate poverty and care for those most vulnerable.*

#### ACTION

- Begin reaching out to interested students and faculty.
- Hold 1-2 Leadership Team meetings.
- Decide who will fill the Club Leadership roles and explore the responsibilities of each student leader.
  - The [CRS Club Leadership Manual](#) explains the responsibilities of each role in the CRS Club.
- Confirm club launch and training dates.
  - The Club Advisor and Club Leadership should work together to connect with local CRS staff to plan club launch and training opportunities.

## SEPTEMBER

**Sep 21**  
International Day  
of Peace

**Sep 27**  
World Day of Migrants  
and Refugees

**Lead through peace.**  
**Conflict and violence force countless numbers of people to flee their homes seeking safety and are the leading causes of food insecurity worldwide.**

#### PRAYER

*Lord, we pray for peace in the homelands of our brothers and sisters on the move, and that we may be bearers of peace to those who seek refuge in our communities.*

#### ACTION

- Hold 1 Leadership Team meeting.
- Hold Club Launch Event with your local CRS Staff member.
- Complete the two new school year trainings.
- Have each Club member research their member of Congress.
- Contact your members of Congress to begin forming a relationship with the office, sharing that your school will be focused on addressing global poverty this school year.
  - Visit [crs.org/leadtheway](https://crs.org/leadtheway) for information on how to write to your members of Congress.

## OCTOBER

**Oct 4**  
Feast of St. Francis  
of Assisi

**Oct 11**  
International Day of  
the Girl

**Oct 16**  
World Food Day

### Lead by preventing and ending hunger.

**The issue of hunger is about more than food. It's about ensuring regular access to enough nutritious food by caring for our common home and creating healthy and safe communities so all people can reach their God-given potential.**

#### PRAYER

*God of Creation, we pray that we may be good stewards of all you have given us and prophetic advocates for our brothers and sisters who suffer from hunger and malnutrition.*

#### ACTION

- Hold 2 Club meetings and 1 Leadership Team meeting.
- Educate your community about one of CRS' Impact Issues and choose a way for them to get involved through prayer and action.
  - Visit [ghs.crs.org/CRS\\_Clubs](https://ghs.crs.org/CRS_Clubs) for [Fall Advocacy Engagement Examples](#) or refer to [crs.org/leadtheway](https://crs.org/leadtheway) for resources to educate and mobilize your community.

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## NOVEMBER

**Nov 13**  
Feast of  
Mother Cabrini

**Nov 15-22**  
Hunger and  
Homelessness  
Awareness Week

**Nov 15**  
World Day of the Poor

### Lead by giving thanks.

**As part of the universal Church, we are called to recognize Christ in our neighbor and give thanks by sharing what we have with others.**

#### PRAYER

*All you saints and angels, pray for us that we may bring Christ's welcoming love and share our gifts with those most in need in our communities and around the world.*

#### ACTION

- Hold 2 Club meetings and 1 Leadership Team meeting.
- Mobilize your peers through community giving. Be creative about ways you can get people excited about supporting poverty-reducing work overseas through a campus-wide fundraiser to address one of CRS' Impact Issues.
- Visit [crs.org/leadtheway](https://crs.org/leadtheway) for ways to mobilize your community through giving.

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## DECEMBER

**ADVENT**  
**Dec 1**  
Giving Tuesday

**Dec 12**  
Feast of Our Lady  
of Guadalupe

**Dec 18**  
International  
Migrants Day

### Lead on behalf of families this Advent.

**During Advent, we reflect on the Holy Family. We pray to Our Lady of Guadalupe, seeing the expectant mother of God mirrored in the millions of displaced women and children around the world.**

#### PRAYER

*Our Lady of Guadalupe, as you protected your Son, our Lord, while on earth, intercede for all mothers and fathers forced to flee their homes to keep their children safe.*

#### ACTION

- Hold 1 Club meeting and 1 Leadership Team meeting.
- Pray together as a school.
  - Visit [crs.org/leadtheway](https://crs.org/leadtheway) for prayer resources related to CRS' Impact Issues.
- Update or order your school's CRS Rice Bowl materials.
- Visit [crsricebowl.org](https://crsricebowl.org) to access resources to pray, learn, act, and give.
- Submit your [Fall Engagement Report](#).
  - Reach out to local CRS staff if you have questions about your report.

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## JANUARY

**Jan 3-9**  
National Migration  
Week

**Jan 11**  
National Human  
Trafficking  
Awareness Day

### Lead the way in the new year.

**When people are living in poverty or are forced to flee their homes, they become even more vulnerable to exploitation and human trafficking.**

#### PRAYER

*God, rescue your children trapped in the scourge of modern-day slavery, and give us courage and perseverance to act against this injustice this new year and always.*

#### ACTION

- Hold 2 Club meetings and 1 Leadership Team meeting.
- Plan for a Spring advocacy engagement opportunity with a member of Congress.
  - Visit [ghs.crs.org/CRSCLubs](https://ghs.crs.org/CRSCLubs) for Spring Advocacy Engagement Examples and ways that you can take action to engage a member of Congress.
- Plan creative ways for how your school will participate in CRS Rice Bowl throughout Lent.

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## FEBRUARY

**Feb 17**  
Ash Wednesday,  
Lent begins

**Feb 20**  
World Day of  
Social Justice

### Lead with prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

**Ensuring access to nutritious food, safety, nurturing care and education can help children thrive.**

#### PRAYER

*Almighty God, we pray that our Lenten journey may be fruitful for drawing closer to you and our neighbor.*

#### ACTION

- Hold 2 Club meetings and 1 Leadership Team meeting.
  - Use CRS Rice Bowl materials to start your school's Lenten journey to serve our brothers and sisters around the world.
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## MARCH

**Mar 8**

International Women's Day

**Mar 22**

World Water Day

**Mar 24**

Feast of St. Oscar Romero

## Lead the way to hope this Lent.

**Ending and preventing hunger means ensuring everyone has the conditions they need be free from hunger—like clean water, access to economic opportunities and just and peaceful societies.**

### PRAYER

*Loving Creator, as we look forward to the promise of the resurrection, we pray and commit our Lenten journey to ensuring all your children have enough food and support to build their dreams.*

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### ACTION

- Hold 2 Club meetings and 1 Leadership Team meeting.
- Continue your Lenten journey by helping your community focus on prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

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## APRIL

**April 22**

Earth Day

## Lead to eradicate hunger.

**Our changing climate affects everything, including our ability to meet our most basic need of regular access to nutritious food.**

### PRAYER

*Loving Creator, we pray that we, and all nations, act to address the 'cry of the earth and the cry of the poor' in this pivotal moment in our world.*

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### ACTION

- Hold 2 Club meetings and 1 Leadership Team meeting.
  - If you decide to hold elections for your Club Leadership, use the second Club meeting this month to hold elections.
- Return your CRS Rice Bowl funds to CRS.
- Hold your Spring advocacy engagement opportunity with your member of Congress.

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## MAY

**May 24**

Laudato Si' Week

**May 31**

Pentecost

## Lead by caring for creation.

**Drought, flooding and more unpredictable weather patterns are creating devastating challenges for farmers, families and communities, leading to more hunger and malnutrition.**

### PRAYER

*Lord, you entrust us to be stewards of your creation. May we renew our commitment to you and our neighbor with love and action.*

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### ACTION

- Hold 1 Club meeting and 1 Leadership meeting to conclude your school year and celebrate your accomplishments!
  - Use these last two meetings to introduce the new Club Leadership and celebrate the great work of your CRS Club!
- Finalize your 2021-2022 [calendar proposal](#) and submit it to your Club Advisor.
  - Visit [ghs.crs.org/CRSCLubs](https://ghs.crs.org/CRSCLubs) for a template and suggestions on what to think about when planning your next school year.
  - Club Advisors can use these proposals to add large events to the school calendar and help lay the foundations for success.
- Submit your [Spring Engagement Report](#).
  - Reach out to local CRS staff if you have questions about your report.

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For resources and inspiration on how we can come together to make a difference, visit [ghs.crs.org/CRSCLubs](https://ghs.crs.org/CRSCLubs) for CRS Club related materials and [crs.org/leadtheway](https://crs.org/leadtheway) for the latest CRS campaign updates and actions.