

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 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 for [Fall Advocacy Engagement Examples](#) or refer to crs.org/leadtheway for resources to educate and mobilize your community.

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 for ways to mobilize your community through giving.

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 for prayer resources related to CRS' Impact Issues.
- Update or order your school's CRS Rice Bowl materials.
- Visit 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.

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 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.

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.

ACTION

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

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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