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## Corona's first Christian high school in the works



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Crossroads Christian Schools leaders think the time is right to start Corona's first private Christian high school this fall, even in a bad economy when some parents are losing their jobs.

The school plans to add ninth grade this fall and another grade each year until its first class graduates in 2013.

"We feel like there's a need in the community," Superintendent Beth Frobisher said.

Some Corona families enroll their children in private high schools in Riverside, Ontario or Orange County.

Roger Harris, executive director, said the school started with a preschool in 1979 and has gone through eighth grade for more than 20 years.

The school has considered a high school for several years and has been actively planning the new high school for more than a year, Harris said.

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Crossroads Christian Schools Superintendent  
Beth Frobisher, front, Adam Bartholomew,  
who will be athletic director, and Assistant  
Principal Phyllis Sutton plan to branch out  
into high school grades starting in the fall.

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Crossroads Christian Church is a partner with the school and will support the opening of the new high school, making the project financially feasible, Frobisher said.

"The church is really excited about it," she said.

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Only about 25 or 30 percent of students come from the church, and some students don't go to any church, Frobisher said.

Crossroads plans to offer a high school curriculum with credentialed teachers using the same textbooks as public schools do, "but with a Christian attitude," Frobisher said.

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The private school has 532 students, including 43 eighth-graders.

Phyllis Sutton will be assistant principal of the new high school and is planning a one-to-one laptop program for ninth grade. Each student will turn in homework to teachers' inboxes by e-mail and read textbooks online as well as in print, Frobisher said.

Freshman classes will include regular and honors English, social studies, Bible classes, health, geography, algebra, geometry or prealgebra.

Freshman sports will be offered the first year: soccer, basketball, baseball, softball, cross country, track, golf and girls tennis. A football team is planned to start in 2010-11.

Church leaders hope Crossroads Christian High School will grow to compete with Orange County football powerhouses Mater Dei and Servite high schools, said Adam Bartholomew, who will be athletic director of the new high school.

"I think it's going to be a slow start," he said, adding that administrators don't know how many students to expect next year.

Instrumental musicians and singers can perform with a praise and worship group, said Michael Pryor, who will be dean of spiritual life for the new high school.

The high school will require annual service hours and one foreign mission during each student's four years there, he said.

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## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

**What:** Meeting for parents and community members who want to know more about Crossroads Christian Schools' plans for a new high school

**When:** 7-8 p.m. Wednesday

**Where:** Crossroads School chapel, 2380 Fullerton Ave., Corona

**Information:** 951-278-3199 or [www.CrossroadsSchools.org](http://www.CrossroadsSchools.org)

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