

CROSSROADS NEWSLETTER

November 11, 2011

Crossroads Family,

If you are like me, it is hard to fathom that the holiday season is almost upon us. It seems like school just started, but in we are only a few weeks away from Thanksgiving, and then that is followed by exams and Christmas break. Time too often gets away from us, and before we know it we have missed out on so many of the good things that the Lord has given us.

As I write this letter, I am thinking of a former student that I coached in football and wrestling that was called to be with the Lord a few weeks ago. At twenty-six years old, Ben had tons of friends and a family who loved him. He knew what he wanted out of life, but the Lord had other plans for him. The Lord used Ben to touch the lives of those around him through his passing. While sitting at his funeral with nearly three-hundred people in attendance, it made me realize the impact that Ben's life had on so many, and how the Lord was using his tragic death to bring others closer to Him. It was truly an honor to have been a part of Ben's life and to watch him grow into the man that he became. Unfortunately sometimes it takes situations like the passing of a friend or even a loved one that allows us to clearly see all that we have to be thankful for in our own lives. It helps us realize the kind of people we need to be in order to have a positive impact on those around us.



A Thanksgiving Alphabet

T...Turkeys, table spreads, being together,
H...Happiness and homes to protect us from all weather,
A...Aunts and uncles, a reunion in Fall,
N...Nieces and nephews, family members all!
K...Kind-hearted kin coming over for dinner,
S...Surely you'll have fun, but you won't get thinner!
G...Gourds and pumpkins, mouths open wide.
I...Indians and Pilgrims we remember with pride.
V...Very special times-there could even be snow.
I...Imagine what it was like at Plymouth long ago.
N...Never forget how the settlers led the way,
G...Giving thanks and blessing this special day.

-Author Unknown

As we are approaching Thanksgiving, may we never forget the many blessings we have been given and all of the people in our lives that we should be thankful for. In I Thessalonians 5:18, the apostle Paul writes, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." Why am I thankful? I am thankful for God's grace and redemption so that I can have everlasting life. I am thankful for my wife, Anita, and daughter, Rylie, who are truly gifts from God. I am blessed to serve at Crossroads and work with an amazing staff, and to have the opportunity to partner with parents in both the educational and spiritual growth of our students. I am truly blessed and have so much to be thankful for!

I came across a whimsical Thanksgiving poem that I wanted to share with you (left). As we approach Thanksgiving, I want to say "Thank You" from the bottom of my heart for all of your support and continued prayers for our school. We are thankful that you are part of the Crossroads family.

In Christ,

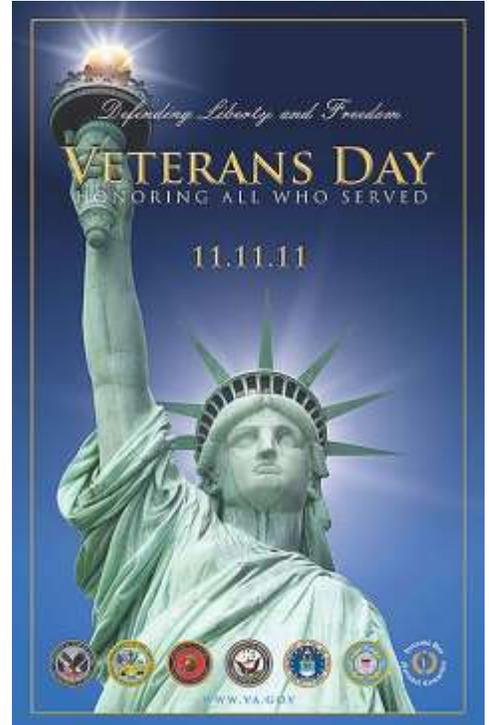
Jonathan E. Capps

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his course with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations." Psalm 100

Crossroads Announcements

Honoring Those Who Served

11-11-11 is Veterans Day, formerly called Armistice Day. It is an annual United States holiday honoring military veterans and celebrates the ending of major hostilities for World War I. Did you know that this holiday is often celebrated by having a ravioli meal? This tradition dates back to the ending days of World War I when President Woodrow Wilson, aware that the returning soldiers would be longing for home cooked meals, invited 2,000 soldiers to the White House and helped his staff chefs cook them ravioli, which had just become a mainstay in mainstream American kitchens due to commercial canning. So enjoy some ravioli today and thank a veteran for your freedoms!



ACSI Conference & Thanksgiving Break

School will be closed the week of Thanksgiving, November 21 – November 25, for a teacher's conference and Thanksgiving holiday. School will resume on Monday, November 28.

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, CCS will do everything we can to ensure that a decision is made in a timely manner. Delay or closing information will be posted on the school website: www.ccscolts.org, e-mailed out through RenWeb, and announced on the following TV and radio stations: WRAL TV5; NBC 17; WTVD 11; WPTF-FM 680; WIZS-AM 1450. When there is potential for inclement weather, please check the above mentioned sites regularly for updated school information.

Exams & Exam Day Schedule (Lower & Upper)

Upper school exams will take place on December 15 – 17. All upper school students will be participating in exams. Please see the school website for an exam schedule, exam policies, and a copy of the middle school letter. If school is cancelled due to inclement weather, the exam schedule will continue where it left off when school resumes. Please be reminded that we will be on a half-day schedule on exam days, and that school will be dismissed at 11:30 for lower school students and 12:00 for upper school students.



Lower School Christmas Programs

Mark your calendars for the Crossroads Christian School's annual Christmas programs. The **K3 through Kindergarten Christmas program** will take place on Thursday, **December 1 at 7:00 p.m.** in the cafetorium. The theme for the program is "A Word to the 'Whys' at Christmas." Please have your student wear Christmas pajamas (Please no nightgowns--pajama pants and tops only). They may also bring a favorite blanket and a small stuffed animal. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Whalen at vwhalen@ccscolts.org.

The 1st – 5th grades Christmas program will take place on Thursday, **December 8 at 7:00 p.m.** in the cafetorium. The theme for the program is **“For the Glory of the King.”** Please have your children wear their Christmas best, unless wearing a costume (they should know who they are and will be given special instructions as to what to wear under their costumes). All of the students need to be on stage no later than 6:45 p.m. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Whalen at vwhalen@ccscolts.org.

Parents in Prayer Group

CCS is proud to announce the successful launch of the Parents in Prayer group. This group of prayer warriors meets every Tuesday morning at 8:00 a.m. in the Mac lab to pray for the school. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Parents in Prayer Group, want to share a prayer request, or want more information, please contact Chris Matthews (dandjexpress@ncol.net) or Rene Sams (bsams1@nc.rr.com).

SchoolStore.com Kick-Off Successful



Crossroads wants to say a big “Thank You” for making our kick-off week with SchoolStore.com a great success! SchoolStore.com is an online shopping mall, where you can go to shop with famous merchants, and a percentage of what you spend is donated to our school. Merchants include Kohls, Walmart, Target, Coldwater Creek, Hotwire, Barnes & Noble, and many more as well as books and magazines. Many students, parents, grandparents, and friends registered for SchoolStore.com, and we are already receiving donations from online shopping.

Thanksgiving and holiday shopping are coming up soon! Please do not forget to bookmark the SchoolStore.com website as one of your favorites. Go to www.schoolstore.com or click the link on our website. Locate Crossroads Christian School first, and then shop!

FAQs about Schoolstore.com

1. How does it work when I want to shop with an online merchant?

Go to the schoolstore.com website. Click the merchants tab. There is a list of merchants that you can choose from on the left hand side. Find your merchant and click on their link. Shop online as you normally do, make a purchase on their site, and CCS will get the percentage listed by the merchant! It is that easy! Just be sure to go to schoolstore.com first.

2. How does the prize thermometer work?

Your prize thermometer only works when friends and family purchase through the Family Book store. The school earns money from purchases through Family Book Store and the merchants.

3. When is prize day?

Prizes will be sent to us once a month. We are expecting our first prize day later this month.

Thanks again for your support! Please contact Bonnie Hunter at bhunter@ccscolts.org with any School Store questions.

Lower School Original Works Art – Message from Mrs. Newbern

It has been an honor and a privilege to work with your children over the past few weeks on the Original Works projects. Thank you for your orders and support of the art program here at Crossroads. Your orders are scheduled to arrive before Christmas break, and I will keep you updated. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at anewbern@ccscolts.org.

News from the College Admissions Counselor – Dates to Remember

FAFSA TIME - The end of the year will be here before you know it, and then it's FAFSA time! As soon as you have your taxes done, you'll have the info you need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Practice worksheets for 2011 will be available on the FAFSA website soon, but you can go find out what documents you'll need to gather so you have all your info ready. The FAFSA is the first step in receiving federal or state financial aid for college (grants, scholarships, & loans).

FAFSA Day - February 18, 2012

FAFSA Day is a program offered by College Foundation of North Carolina, the North Carolina Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and the State Employees' Credit Union each February. On FAFSA Day, Saturday February 18, 2012 college financial aid officers and other volunteers will help students complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms. The program is open to students who plan to attend college in the 2012-13 academic year

For complete info about the FAFSA - go to <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/before001.htm> .

SCHOLARSHIPS – Seniors, start searching for scholarships that you can apply to NOW. Most scholarships are awarded by late spring so seniors can have them listed as part of their graduation news... www.fastweb.com is the largest national database of scholarships – make sure you sign up with them! Other sites where you can search for scholarships include these:

- www.cappex.com
- www.collegeboard.org
- www.scholarships.com

Carpool Reminders

- **Do not drive through the center lane unless parking to walk in.** Please go around the loop to the right to drop off. Several parents are zipping into the center lane, dropping off students, then turning around to exit through the entrance of the parking lot. This lot is for teachers and students to park for the day and for parents who are parking because they need to come into the school. Please follow the guidelines we have for the safety and consideration of others.
- Be mindful of speed – 5 mph.
- Have children ready to get out when approaching drop-off area, and allow our staff to assist the children exiting the vehicle.
- Use only the front entrance to the school.



Athletics

The CCS Colts had a successful fall sports season. All teams made great strides, and athletes stepped up to their individual challenges in each sport.



Back: Coach Hayes, Allie Broome, Baylee Bridgland, Caroline May
Front: Michaela Nicholas, Brooklyn Rooker, Chelsey Dickerson, Ali Arnold, Nicole Wille

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JV VOLLEYBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP!

Our Lady Colts were the regular season conference champions. They also took first place in the conference tournament, beating high quality competition. We look forward to many of these girls making an impact on next year's varsity squad.

Winter sports are underway. Cheerleaders have begun practice and are training for games and competitions. Middle school basketball started November 7 for both boys' and girls' teams. Game schedules are on the website at <http://www.ccscolts.org/athletics.htm>. Varsity and JV practices have already begun, and their games begin in early November.

Get excited to come out and support your Colts' basketball program! Let's go, Colts!



CCS Booster Club



The CCS Booster Club would like to thank everyone who helped make the fall festival a success. We appreciate all of the candy, cakes, pies, and work that many of our families put in. We could not have done it without you!

A special thank you to everyone who worked at the NC State football games this year. There are only two NC State home games left, and we need your help! The remaining games are on November 19 against Clemson and November 26 against Maryland. Please contact Donald or Chris Matthews (dandjexpress@ncol.net) to sign-up.

Easy Ways to Support CCS

CCS realizes the sacrifice that most families make in order to attend a Christian school. We understand that all families are not able to give to the school financially, but there are many other ways to help CCS at no additional cost to you!

- **Engaged Recycling**
When you recycle your old electronics through Harris Teeter's Together in Education Program on the Engaged Recycling site, you can make a donation to CCS and receive a Harris Teeter gift card with the remaining amount. Be sure to select Crossroads Christian School – Henderson as your donation recipient. It's a win-win situation for everyone involved!
- **Box Tops for Education**
Classrooms will earn \$.10 for each box top with the Box Tops for Education logo printed on it. Please turn in box tops to your child's homeroom teacher. You can sign up online to print coupons, shop online, and track the school's earnings. Upper school grades are now participating as well!
- **Box Tops Marketplace**
Shop online at your favorite stores through the Box Tops Marketplace, and CCS will earn cash on every qualifying purchase. At the Box Tops Marketplace, you can shop at over 70 online stores like iTunes, Oriental Trading Co., Office Depot, and Barnes & Noble, and a percentage of each purchase goes back to your school!
- **Tyson Project A+**
We get \$.24 for each TYSON chicken label. Look for the little black box that says PROJECT A+ and the 1-2-3. Turn in labels to your child's homeroom teacher or drop them off in the school office.
- **Labels for Education**
Clip and save UPCs and beverage caps from participating products (Campbell's, Pepperidge Farms, etc.). CCS earns points that can be redeemed for free school equipment. Sign up online to track our school's progress and to find out more information about the program. Download a list of participating products.
- **Grocery Store Reward Cards**
Register your reward cards at Food Lion and Harris Teeter, and the school will earn money each time you shop!
 - Food Lion MVP Card – Our school number is #212821.
 - Harris Teeter VIC Card – Our school number is #8206.
- **Target REDcard**
Sign up for Target's *Take Charge of Education* program and designate CCS (# 126137) as your school. Target will donate 1% of your Target REDcard (credit card, check card, Visa card, or business card) purchases at any Target store and Target.com, and ½% of your Target Visa® REDcard purchases made everywhere else. To sign up, go to www.target.com/tcoe.

The more people that participate in these easy fundraising programs, the more money CCS earns! Parents, grandparents, neighbors, friends, etc., all welcome! Please visit the Support Our Mission section of the school website for more information.

Important Dates

November 10-11	Williamsburg Field Trip – 8 th Grade
November 11	Veterans Day – Honor our veterans!
November 16	Progress Reports
November 21-22	Teacher Convention – School Closed
November 23-25	Thanksgiving Break – School Closed
December 1	K3 – Kindergarten Christmas Program
December 8	1 st – 5 th Grades Christmas Program
December 9	Booster Club Pancake Dinner (3 – 7 p.m. in the cafetorium)
December 16	Quarter 2 Ends
December 12-13	Exam Review Days
December 14-16	Exams – Half Days
Dec. 19 – Jan 2	Christmas Break – School Closed
January 3	Quarter 3 Begins