

CROSSROADS NEWSLETTER

February 14, 2012



Crossroads Family,

I shared a story at the Junior Beta Club induction that I wanted to share with the school community. One day on a logging site, one worker challenged another to an all-day wood chopping contest. The man who made the challenge worked very hard, stopping only for a brief lunch break. The other man had a leisurely lunch and took several breaks during the day. At the end of the day, the man who made the challenge was surprised and annoyed to find that the other man had chopped substantially more wood than he had.

“I don’t get it,” he said. “Every time I checked, you were taking a rest, yet you chopped more wood than I did.”

The winning woodsman said, “But you didn’t notice that I was sharpening my ax when I sat down to rest.”

If you are like me, sometimes you feel as if you are always chopping away...work, to-do lists, relationships, activities, school, family, athletics, studying, etc. We rush from when we wake up to when we lie down in the evening. In other words, we keep going and going and going, and our axes are getting dull. So what is the answer? I believe the answer is found in scripture:

Psalm 37:7 “Quiet down before God, be prayerful before Him.”
Psalm 46:10 “Be silent, and know that I am God.”
Luke 5:16 “As often as possible, Jesus withdrew to out of the way places for prayer.”

Without any time in our days for sharpening our own axes, we accomplish less than we did the day before while still giving the same effort. We all need to take time out of our busy lives to renew our minds daily so that we can get focused and listen to what the Lord has for us. It is my prayer that we will all commit to sharpening our axes daily by staying in God’s word, praying, and listening to what the Lord is saying to us.

In Christ,





Jonathan E. Capps

General Announcements

Re-Enrollment Update

CCS had an incredible turnout during the re-enrollment period! During the two-week period we had nearly 75% of our students re-enroll for the 2012-2013 school year.

The following names were drawn for prizes:

-  Free Book & Activity Fee – Griffin Martin (7th Grade)
-  Free Technology Fee – Gracie Reese (1st Grade)
-  \$100 in the CCS Apparel Room – Kyra Corrigan (6th Grade)
-  \$50 in the CCS Apparel Room – Jordan Campbell (8th Grade)

Congratulations to the families of the students whose names were drawn!



CCS Open House

Open enrollment has begun for the 2012-2013 school year. CCS will have an Open House week February 27 through March 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. daily to walk prospective families through the building and to answer any questions they have. This is a great opportunity for our current families to refer new families to visit the school.

New Student Referral Discount

Just a reminder, CCS is offering a New Student Referral Discount for current families. Parents/Guardians may discount their tuition payments by aiding the school in enrolling new students (other than their own children). A current family that refers a new student will earn a \$500 tuition credit for each new student enrolled when that new student indicates on the enrollment application that he/she heard about the school through that family. The only limit of this discount is that it cannot exceed the cost of a family's annual tuition (it cannot be carried over to the next school year).

Library News

Every February at CCS we celebrate our love for books in the library. This year we are hosting three events:

Reading Rocks in February

1. **READ-A-THON - February 13 – 17:** Kindergarten through 6th grade classes will enjoy relaxing in our new “butterfly” lounge chairs and reading during their scheduled library period. Every minute they read can turn into funds to expand our library resources when family members and friends make a monetary pledge. A pledge sheet has gone home with each student. Please be a part of this fun event by signing up on a pledge sheet today. After the Read-a-Thon, each student will collect the funds he/she has raised. Depending on the total amount each class collects, our teachers will go “Duck Hunting” to win prizes for their class.
2. **WAX MUSEUM - February 23 & 24:** Our 7th graders will be bringing to life men and women from our Christian heritage, like Hudson Taylor and Amy Carmichael. Lower and middle school students will have the opportunity to visit the Wax Museum. The admission is \$1.00. (P.S.: Parents are welcome to attend.)
3. **BOOK DRIVE – February 6 – 29:** Please take time this month to check your book shelves and closets for books and movies that could expand our inventory. Each student who donates at least 10 books and/or movies that the library can use will receive a “ticket” to win a prize from our “Treasure Chest” or “Sweet Machine.”

Guidelines:

- Books that are not yellowed, torn, or written in
- No magazines, coloring books, sticker books, pop-up books, Golden books, cardboard books, or “kid’s meal” books.
- DVD and VHS movies (G-rated for lower school/PG-rated for upper school)

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.



Junior Beta Club Induction



On February 1, 2012 the National Junior Beta Club held its annual induction ceremony in the CCS library. Mrs. Williams, the club sponsor, inducted 12 new members for the 2011-2012 school year. The Junior Beta Club consists of students in grades 6th – 9th who are on the A or A/B honor rolls. The members of this club continue their outreach in mission work and look forward to the upcoming projects throughout the remainder of this school year.

Students inducted for 2011-2012 are as follows:

NEW JUNIOR BETA MEMBERS	
Conner Bryant	Calli Massey
Sarah Burton	Madison Moyer
Dawson Campbell	Lydia Neely
Weldon Capps	Brittany Overby
Kyra Corrigan	Mekala Poole
Jack Ketcham	Evin Swilley

2012 ACSI ART FESTIVAL

Friday, March 16 8:00 a.m. - noon

Entries Needed: Grades K-12 are invited to participate. Each student may submit up to 2 pieces, but they must be different mediums. Artwork that was created in class between April 2011 and now is eligible for review. Please take a few minutes to pull your favorite pieces done in class and submit them for review. **All submissions are due by Friday, February 17.** If your child is currently working on something in class that he/she wants to submit, we will complete it in time for the review. All artwork submitted for review must be mounted or matted with black, dark grey, or white mat board or poster board. No picture frames are allowed. If your child's artwork is chosen for the Art Festival, you will receive a letter with further instructions.



If you have any questions, please e-mail Mrs. Newbern at anewbern@ccscolts.org.

IN-SCHOOL ART SHOW

All artwork submitted for the festival will be displayed in the front halls of our school during our Open House week, February 27 – March 2. All parents are invited to stop in and enjoy our wonderful creations.

Summer Camp News – Registration Underway

Camp is around the corner! We are offering a variety of athletic, academic, and creative thinking camps this summer. You may register your child online through our school website, or you can fill out a registration form in the CCS office. If you register in the month of February, your child's name will be placed in a drawing to win a camp discount. Winners will be announced in March. The drawings are as follows:

<p>Full Summer Camp: \$120 off of full summer camp tuition. We will draw 1 name.</p> <p>Half-Day Camps: \$20 off of camp tuition. We will draw 8 names.</p>

Be sure to sign up early so you don't lose your camp spot!

Find more information at www.ccscolts.org or email Bonnie Hunter at bhunter@ccscolts.org.

News from the College Admissions Counselor – Dates to Remember

FAFSA Day

It's FAFSA time! As soon as you have your taxes done, you'll have the information you need to complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid**. The College Foundation of NC works with community colleges across the state to provide help in filling out the FAFSA on "FAFSA Day" - Feb. 18, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at most community colleges - dates/locations can be found at <http://www.cnfc.org>.



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

Greater Raleigh National College Fair

Tuesday, March 13, 2012
4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Raleigh Convention Center

Students, register at gotomyncf.com, print out your barcode identification, and take it to the fair so that colleges can simply scan your info, giving you more time to have those important one-on-one conversations.

Scholarship Opportunities

Visit the **Happening NOW!** page on our school website to find the latest scholarships available locally or statewide: <http://ccscolts.org/site/academic/college-planning/happening-now/>

CCS Homecoming & Spirit Week Recap



The 2012 Spirit Week kicked off on Tuesday, January 17 with a Candy Land theme. The spirit days this year included Wacky Tacky Day, Skittle Day, "Pick your Candy" for Upper School and "Candy Tales" for Lower School, and School Spirit Day. To sweeten things up, candy canes were given away for each class that had 100% participation for dressing in costume and one to the student who had on the best outfit for each day (voted on by the office staff). Candy canes were also given to the best elementary bulletin board, middle school break-through banner, and high school float. The gym was decorated for the basketball games with banners made by each class. Candy canes were awarded to best elementary, middle school, and high school banners.

The winners were the following:

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| • Best Elementary Bulletin Board | Mrs. Doherty (3 rd) |
| • Best MS Breakthrough Banner | Mrs. Greathouse (8 th) |
| • Best High School Float | Ms. Thomas (11 th) |
| • Elementary Banner | Mrs. Burton (1 st) |
| • Middle School Banner | Mrs. Anderson (6 th) |
| • High School Banner | Mrs. Mustian (12 th) |



Lower School Teachers really got into Spirit Week!

Overall Winners:

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| • Elementary | 1 st , 3 rd , & 4 th Grades Tied |
| • Middle School | 6 th Grade |
| • High School | 11 th & 12 th Grades Tied |

Homecoming Court:

Following the basketball games, the Homecoming Court was presented in the cafetorium. Representatives for the 9th grade were Kayla O'Steen and Tyler Satterwhite, for the 10th grade were Allie Broome and David Ellis, and for the 11th grade were Corey Choplin and Will Nutt.

The senior candidates for Homecoming King were Cole Badstein, Josh Brown, Charles Mustian, and Dustin Thomas. The senior candidates for homecoming queen were Kaylee Anderson, Jennifer Long, Jessica Matthews, and Jamie McAuslan. After the presentation of the court, Mr. Dustin Thomas and Miss Jessica Matthews were crowned Homecoming King and Queen for the 2011-2012 school year.



Congrats, Dustin and Jessica!

During Spirit Week, a Bible drive was done to collect Bibles for Rebuilding Hope in Henderson. A total of 89 Bibles were collected by the students. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Parents in Prayer

You are invited to join us in prayer for our school family each Tuesday morning at 8:00 a.m. in the Mac Lab. Please sign in at the office. We have certainly enjoyed our prayer time together as we lift up the needs of our community and praise God for what he has already done.

If you have a prayer request, please email us at dandjexpress@ncol.net (Chris Matthews) or bsams1@nc.rr.com (Renee Sams). We would love to hear your praise reports, too.

Please come and join us. **Prayer works!**

Athletics



Middle School Girls



Big congratulations are in order to **BOTH** of our Middle School Basketball teams for making it to their respective championship games. Out of 22 teams total in the TMSC conference, CCS comprised 2 of the final 4 teams. Wonderful job! The future of the CCS Basketball program is in good hands.

Also, **congratulations** to our **JV girls' team**. They clinched the regular season championship with a win over Grace of Raleigh. Let Coach Anderson and the girls know how proud we are of them. Our four high school teams are in action in our conference tournament this week. The semi-finals and finals will be played Thursday and Friday at Grace of Raleigh.

The **All-Star game** will be played this Saturday, February 18. Three of our players were chosen to participate: **Jessica Matthews, Jessi Hayes, and Holden Hedgepeth**. Special congratulations go to **Jessi Hayes**, who was chosen as a second team all-conference player.

Spring sports are right around the corner. Tuesday, February 21 will officially kick off the new season.

Go, Colts!

Important Dates

February 20	Presidents Day – School Closed
March 1	National Honor Society Induction
March 2	ACSI Spelling Bee
March 7	Third Quarter Ends
March 8-9	Winter Break – School Closed
March 12	Fourth Quarter Begins
March 16	ACSI Art Festival
March 16	ACSI Math Olympics
March 19	ACSI Desktop Publishing Competition (Online)
March 30	Picture Day: Spring Pictures, Class Pictures, Spring Sports
April 6	Good Friday – School Closed
April 9-13	Spring Break – School Closed
April 23-27	Standardized Testing Week (Terra Nova 3)
April 23-27	Senior Trip

And remember...

