



August 24, 2012

CCS Families,

Can you believe that it is nearing the end of August and we are finishing up our first full week of school? Classes are in full swing, sports teams are practicing and competing, and the students are settling in to a school routine. I have had numerous parents and faculty members come up to me and say that it has been a great start to the school year, and I am pleased that there are many who are enjoying getting back into school.

I wanted to let you know that since school began last week, we have conducted two fire drills and a lock down drill. The safety of our students is our main priority, and being proactive and taking the time to practice safety measures will help ensure that we are prepared should an emergency event take place.

I had the privilege on Wednesday to speak to the upper school students at an assembly. We discussed the choices that each one of us makes on a daily basis, and how those choices have consequences, whether positive or negative. I broke down our choices into three areas: trust, respect, and love for one another. These three areas guide our decision-making process and our treatment of others.

One of the final points that was discussed in the assembly dealt with bullying, specifically the new bullying policy and no bullying pledge that CCS has adopted for this school year. We went over the policy (found in the student handbook), and I explained what it means to have a positive environment where all students feel safe, secure and accepted. Each student received a copy of the no bullying pledge on Thursday in homeroom to take home, read over with their parents, and have signed. Those pledges are due back on Monday, August 27. For those who might have misplaced the form, you can access the form on the school website under the information tab, or use the following link:

<http://ccscolts.org/site/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/2012-13NoBullyingPledge.pdf> .

It is truly a pleasure to work in an environment where respect, integrity, and love are shown on a daily basis by faculty and students. I am so thankful that you and your children are part of the Crossroads family, and I want to thank you for your continued support of our school. It is a blessing to be a part of the Crossroads family.

In Christ,

*Jonathan E. Capps*

Headmaster

## Important Dates

August 31	School Picture Day
September 3	Labor Day – School Closed
September 19	Progress Reports
September 26	See You at the Pole