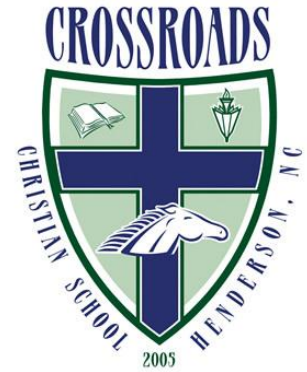


# CROSSROADS NEWSLETTER

November 9, 2012



Crossroads Family,

The Upper School students participated in the annual Spiritual Emphasis Week November 5-7. Dr. Alvin Reid from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary encouraged the students to regain their awe of the Savior, recognize and rip idols from their lives, and do something significant today.

On Monday, Dr. Reid challenged us with a message from the whole of Scripture. He highlighted the storyline of the Bible and explained the reason we love stories ourselves. He reminded us that we are created uniquely, unlike any other creature in creation. Our hearts yearn for a happy ending, and God has provided that through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We were created to worship, but we often turn that worship to the creation instead of the Creator.

On Tuesday we were confronted with the idols we choose to worship. When something is offered more love and attention than is offered to God, that thing is an idol. Once an idol is recognized, it needs to be dealt with swiftly. We were reminded that we have a great God who has saved us from death. In Ephesians 2 we are described as "dead in trespasses and sins." The great hope is that we have been "made alive in Christ." What are we doing with that life? All were encouraged to surrender to the Giver of both physical and spiritual life. In response, 29 students made decisions of faith or recommitment! What a great movement of the Spirit on the lives of the students at CCS.

Wednesday, the last day of S.E.W. for 2012, brought a new challenge: do something significant now! In Acts 11:19-25, the example of Barnabas shows us how to live as the church, no matter how old or young we are. We were encouraged to carry the characteristics of joy, encouragement, integrity and faithfulness in our lives. We were challenged to be mentors and to hold each other accountable. Finally Dr. Reid demonstrated the importance of the whole body, the church, working together for the Kingdom of God.

All at CCS look to the future with excitement, knowing that God has given us a great group of students who love Him and can do incredible things for His kingdom. Please continue to pray for the students at CCS and their impact on the local communities and the world.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan E. Carr". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

**"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 courts 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**

# General Announcements

---

## Teacher Conference & Thanksgiving Break

School will be closed the week of Thanksgiving, November 19 – November 23, for a teacher’s conference and Thanksgiving holiday. School will resume on Monday, November 26.

## 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](http://www.ccscolts.org), e-mailed out through RenWeb, and announced on the following TV and radio stations: WRAL TV5; NBC 17; WTVD 11; News 14 Carolina; WPTF-FM 680; WIZS-AM 1450. When there is potential for inclement weather, please check the above mentioned sites regularly for updated school information. Please note that CCS acts independently in our decision-making regarding school closure and delay, and we will not always follow the same schedule as local public and private schools.



## Exams & Exam Day Schedule (Lower & Upper)

Upper school exams will take place on December 19 – 21. All upper school students will be participating in exams. Please see the school website after Thanksgiving 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 11:40 for lower school students and 12:00 for upper school students.

## Lower School Christmas Program

Mark your calendars for the Crossroads Christian School’s annual lower school Christmas program. This year’s program will take place on **Thursday, December 6, at 6:30 p.m.** in the CCS cafetorium. The name of the musical is, “The Secret of Snowflake County: Hope in a Humble Manger.” The students have been working hard preparing, and you will not want to miss the blessing of the program. The lower school students will need to arrive that night in costume, and be in their teacher’s room by 6:00 p.m. More information will follow the week after Thanksgiving.



## Homecoming Committee Sponsoring Foster Children for Christmas

There are many children who are in foster care in Granville County. The Homecoming Committee wants to make wishes come true this Christmas for those children! Over the next few weeks, we will be receiving wish lists from the children. Each homeroom will be asked to “adopt” a child for Christmas and purchase the items on the child’s wish list. Each homeroom may take up a collection and send one

person to purchase the gifts or assign an item to each child in the class. We are encouraging the students to get involved to truly understand the blessings of giving and to reach out to those who are less fortunate this holiday season!

More information will come over the next few weeks. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. McClelland ([jmcclelland@ccscolts.org](mailto:jmcclelland@ccscolts.org)) or Mrs. Boyd ([aboyd@ccscolts.org](mailto:aboyd@ccscolts.org)).

## CCS Food Drive to Support The Salvation Army



DOING  
THE MOST  
GOOD

Beginning on Monday, November 26, the CCS National Honor Society, Junior Beta Club, and Student Council will begin collecting canned food and other non-perishable food items for the local Salvation Army here in Henderson. With the upcoming Christmas season, The Salvation Army is making plans to help as many families, children, individuals, senior citizens, prison inmates, inmate's families, nursing homes, etc. as they can. They are expecting approximately 700 families to request assistance

this Christmas, and over 3,000 more individuals will receive assistance in our local nursing homes and prison facilities. CCS will be working with The Salvation Army to help meet the needs of those in the local community by collecting canned food and other non-perishable food items. The food drive will run from Monday, November 26, through Friday, December 14. We are looking forward to helping meet the needs of those in our community!

## 9th - 12th Grade Students to Attend a Chamber Theatre Production

On November 13th, grades 9-12 are going to the Chamber Theatre production "Encore!!" at the Progress Energy Theater in Raleigh, NC. They will see several two-act plays featuring stories by great authors including "The Tell-Tale Heart" by Edgar Allan Poe, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" by Washington Irving, "The Monkey's Paw" by W. W. Jacobs, "The Necklace" by Guy de Maupassant, and "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County," by Mark Twain.

## Military Appreciation Club

The National Guard, along with our Military Appreciation Club (pictured), hosted a "paintball" event to call attention to our newest club and to our serving military personnel. The event was geared toward grades 9-12, and everyone had a great time despite the chilly weather. Sgt. Chris Dethmers, their sponsor, is pictured with them.



## 1st Grade Class Participating in Operation Christmas Child

On Monday, November 12, our 1<sup>st</sup> grade students will participate in Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child is sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, and its web site states the following: "Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. This program of Samaritan's Purse provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on missions project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas - Jesus Christ."

On November 12, our 1<sup>st</sup> grade students will be going to shop for items to place in their boxes. They will then return to CCS to pack their boxes. Finally they will be taking their boxes to a local church to have them sent out to children around the world. Thank you to all of those involved in helping our 1<sup>st</sup> grade students show the love of Christ to others.

Members of the National Honor Society will help the 1<sup>st</sup> grade students wrap their shoeboxes.



## Original Works Art Program – 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](mailto:anewbern@ccscolts.org).

## 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, Wal-Mart, Target, Barnes & Noble, and many more. Many students, parents, grandparents, and friends registered for SchoolStore.com, and we are already receiving many donations from online shopping. We are very grateful for your support!

Thanksgiving and holiday shopping is coming up soon! Please do not forget to bookmark the SchoolStore.com website as one of your favorites. You can find a link on our website.

## 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](mailto:bhunter@ccscolts.org) with any School Store questions.

**Your Help Needed for Carpool Safety**

- **Do not drive through the center lane unless parking to walk your child into the building.** 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 of our six teams made huge strides. Each coach has submitted a season summary on their respective team page on the CCS athletics website. <http://ccscolts.org/site/athletic/> Be sure to check it out!

Congratulations to our middle school volleyball team who upset the higher ranked Cary Academy in the first round of the TMSO tournament and fought valiantly against Trinity Academy in the semi-final.

Special recognition is necessary for senior Jessi Hayes, who continues to earn athletic honors. She was voted All-Conference First Team by the coaches again this year. Miss Hayes will be participating in an invite-only all-star game this Saturday in Charlotte, N.C.



Jessi Hayes



Michaela Nicholas



Ben Paul

Sophomore Michaela Nicholas also made her way onto the all-conference team as an honorable mention. We look forward to big things from her next year!

Junior Ben Paul represented the varsity boys' soccer team as a 2nd team all-conference player. Congrats, Ben!

Winter sports are now underway. We will have a CCS record--eight teams--this winter with the addition of our first-ever middle school cheer program led by Jenn McClelland. Weekly schedules, game schedules, and transportation schedules are available at [www.ccscolts.org/athletics](http://www.ccscolts.org/athletics). We want to say "Thank-You" in advance for your continued support and involvement during the winter sports' season. We need and appreciate parent involvement and support!

## Let's GO, COLTS!

*Coach Cooper* – [jcooper@ccscolts.org](mailto:jcooper@ccscolts.org)

### CCS Booster Club

The CCS Booster Club would like to thank everyone who helped make the fall sports season a success. 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 10 against Wake Forest and November 24 against Boston College. Please contact Donald or Chris Matthews to sign-up.

### Important Dates

November 12	First Grade & NHS – Operation Christmas Child
November 15	Progress Reports
November 16	NHS – National Readers Day
November 16	Fourth Grade Field Trip
November 19-20	Teacher Convention – School Closed
November 21-23	Thanksgiving Break – School Closed
November 26	Food Drive Begins
December 7	Lower School Christmas Program
December 14	Food Drive Ends
December 17-18	Exam Review Days
December 19-21	Exams – Half Days
Dec. 24 – Jan 4	Christmas Break – School Closed
January 7	Third Quarter Begins