

CROSSROADS NEWSLETTER

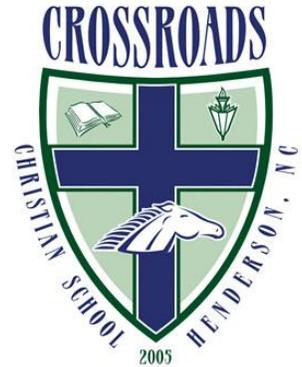
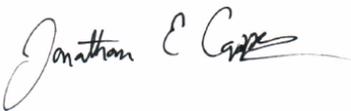
October 9, 2012

Crossroads Family,

As the cool weather for fall arrives, it is hard to believe that it is already October and the first quarter will be ending in a few days. As I open this letter, I just want to thank you all for your support of our faculty and staff as we have launched the school year. We are ecstatic with the start and the climate of our school. Thank you for the opportunity to **partner** with you to raise your children in His ways. It is certainly our honor and privilege.

As David wrote in Psalm 48:1A, "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised..." The Lord has truly blessed Crossroads over the first quarter of the year, and it is my prayer and the prayer of the entire staff that He will continue to work in the lives of each member of the Crossroads family.

In Christ,



General Announcements

See You at the Pole

On Wednesday, September 28, the 1st-12th grade students of Crossroads gathered around the flagpole in front of the school for 50 minutes to pray for our school, the state, the nation and the world during **See You At the Pole**. Joseph Brown, Rebecca Shah, and Tiffany Hopkins led the group in singing praises to God and then joined the rest of the Senior class as they led the event. Students stood around the flagpole grouped by grade with their teachers. The Seniors rotated among the groups presenting prayer topics and encouraging the students to pray aloud for the many needs that exist in our world today.

God blessed us in several ways that morning. The Seniors did a great job leading their fellow students in prayer and praise. It was also wonderful to hear the sweet, quiet voices of the lower school students as they expressed unfiltered, transparent and passionate prayers to God. We are grateful for the generation that God is raising up here at Crossroads. **See You at the Pole** was just one glimpse into the work God is doing in the lives of the students at CCS.

First Quarter Ending, Fall Break & Report Cards

The last day of Quarter 1 is Thursday, October 11. That day will be a half day of school, and school will be closed Friday, October 12, through Monday, October 15, for fall break. As a reminder, Lower School will be dismissed at 11:40 a.m. on October 12, and Upper School will be released at noon.

Report cards will be sent home Friday, October 19. Please make sure you sign the report card and have your child return it to their homeroom teacher by Wednesday, October 24.

CCS Student Council Elected

Congratulations to the following students. They were elected by the body to serve as officers on the 2012-2013 CCS Student Council.

President – Luke Doherty

Vice President – Corey Choplin

Secretary – Lora Yount

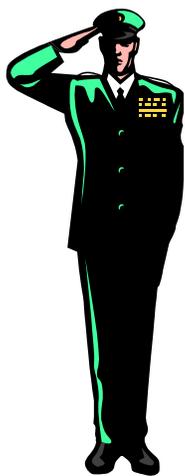
Treasurer – Kayla O'Steen

CCS Fall Festival

The CCS Booster Club would like to thank the parents, students, faculty, and staff that helped make the Fall Festival a success. We appreciate all the candy, cakes, pies, and hard work that many of our families put in. While we are thankful to have had one of the best fall festivals we have ever had, we are more thankful to the Lord who watched over us, kept everyone safe, and held off the rain until the event was over and everything was cleaned up. The Lord is truly good! Thank you again for all of your hard work and help! We could not have done it without you!



CCS Starts Military Appreciation Club



The Military Appreciation Club (MAC) was chartered at CCS this past month, with Sgt. Chris Dethmers, a parent volunteer, as the sponsor. Sgt. Dethmers, RRNCO North Carolina National Guard, is married with 3 children, Rebecca, Isabella, and Austin, all of which attend CCS. He joined the United States Marine Corps in 2001 and served 6 years in the Marines as an Infantryman, a Command Operations NCO, and Squad Leader, with one combat tour to Falluja, Iraq in 2004-05. He has an associate's degree from VGCC and has attended UNC-CH and NCSU. He joined the NC National Guard in 2008 as an Infantry SGT and has served as a marketing NCO and recruiting and retention NCO. We are very fortunate to have his guidance in this elective club. Because we are not part of the public school system, we could not acquire federal funding for an ROTC class here, but Sgt. Dethmers is going to cover many of the same skills and topics of an ROTC through this club opportunity. He will have guest speakers to come and speak on topics related to the club members' interests and have demonstrations of military equipment such as Humvees, medical equipment, and SIMMS simulators. The club meets every other Wednesday after school in the old Mac Lab, unless otherwise noted, and is open to 9th – 12th grade students, male and female.

2012-2013 Yearbook Fall Sale Extended

Order your 2012-2013 "IMPRINT" yearbook today! The fall cost is \$40 per book, and order forms are available on the school website at: <http://ccscolts.org/site/student-life/yearbook/>. Students can choose to add 1 or 2 lines of personalization (\$6 and \$8, respectively) as well. Please fill out your form, and submit your payment to your child's homeroom teacher. Payment can be in the form of cash or check payable to Crossroads Christian School with "Yearbook" noted on the memo line. The first deadline for these forms has been extended through **Thursday, October 11**, to secure the early bird price of \$40/book. See the school website for details. Any additional questions can be addressed to the yearbook adviser, Mrs. Cooper, at rcooper@ccscolts.org.

Parents in Prayer Group

All CCS parents/guardians and grandparents are invited to join the **Parents in Prayer** group each Tuesday morning at 8:00 a.m. in the Mac lab. The purpose of this group is to:

- Pray that children will receive Jesus as Lord and Savior, and then stand boldly in their faith;
- To continually pray for the school, the faculty and staff, and students;
- To provide support and encouragement to parents who carry heavy burdens for their children;
- To pray that the school will be directed and led by biblical values and high moral standards;
- To encourage and support the school.

If you are interested in becoming a part of **Parents in Prayer**, want more information, or have a prayer request, please contact Chris Matthews (dandjexpress@ncol.net) or Rene Sams (bsams1@nc.rr.com).

News from the College Admissions Counselor – Dates to Remember

Seniors – Tux/Drape Pictures are Oct. 19

LifeTouch will be at school to take both casual and tux/drape pictures for the seniors in the library on Friday, October 19. Students should bring a set of casual clothing for that pose, and LifeTouch provides the tux/drape outfits. There is a \$20 sitting fee for this session. Seniors received the flyer and information a couple of weeks ago to take home.



Seniors – Senior Trip Commitment Forms Due Oct. 11

The seniors will be traveling on the cruise ship Carnival Dream to the Bahamas, St. Maarten's, and St. Thomas this spring. Mr. Capps needs to know exactly how many seniors will be going on this trip by Thursday, Oct. 11, in order to lock in the lowest possible rate. Forms & letters were handed to the seniors last Friday to take home and get signed.



Seniors – Bake Sale to Raise Funds for Senior Trip – Oct. 11

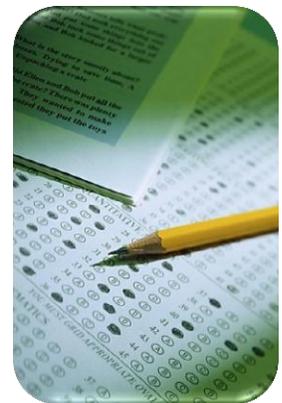
The seniors will be selling baked goods and drinks during the morning break for Upper School on Thursday, October 11 in the 600 hall. Items will cost \$0.50 to \$1.00, and they can only take cash - students cannot charge these goods towards their RenWeb lunch accounts.

The cafeteria is closed on Thursday since it is a half-day.

SAT's and ACT's Underway for the Fall

College Board, the sponsor for the SAT college entrance exam, recommends that students take the SAT in the spring of their junior year and again in the fall of their senior year. Many students take it more than those two times because colleges often "super score," which means they take the highest score in any category, regardless of how many times the test was taken. **Example:** Johnny has a 600, 580, and 610 in Math the three times he has taken the SAT. A college would take the 610 as his Math score because it was his highest in that category.

The ACT is an alternative to the SAT, and most colleges accept either test for their requirements. (Always make sure by checking with the college of your choice before spending the money and time to take either the SAT or the ACT!) With the ACT, the writing section is optional, and adds to the original fee, but it is required by most colleges so make sure you sign up for the writing component, too!



For upcoming test dates, registration deadlines, and fees, check out these websites:

- **SAT:** <http://sat.collegeboard.org/register>
- **ACT:** <http://www.actstudent.org/regist/dates.html>

Sophomores & Juniors to Take the PSAT

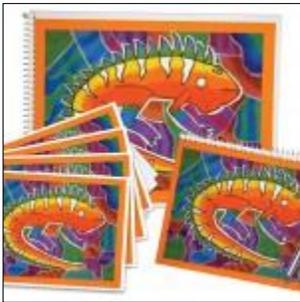
The sophomore and junior classes will be taking the national PSAT's (Preliminary SAT's) on Wednesday, October 17, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Scores for these tests will be returned in December. Mrs. Choplin will review test scores and how they relate to the college preparation resources at www.collegeboard.org with each class in early January. Tests are optional for the sophomores this year, but Mrs. Choplin still has a couple extra she ordered in case you have changed your mind about your sophomore taking the test.

Your Help Needed for Carpool Safety

- **Do not drive through the center lane unless parking to walk in 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.



Original Works Art Program



We are pleased to announce that as a part of our holiday celebration we will be running the **Original Works** Program at Crossroads Christian School. In business since 1989, **Original Works** currently partners with thousands of schools and hundreds of thousands of students each year. Through the Original Works program, students will have the opportunity to have their very own artwork reproduced onto a variety of high quality products. The program is designed to encourage creativity and student self-esteem. The resulting products make unique gifts that are practical for any season or occasion.

Complete details on the program will be sent home in late October. Proceeds from the program will be used to purchase additional art supplies for our Art program. If your upper school student is not enrolled in art class 2nd quarter, please contact Mrs. Newbern at anewbern@ccscolts.org for ordering instructions. For more information on Original Works, please visit their website at <http://www.originalworks.com/>.

Library Magazine Fundraiser Update

Mrs. Flintoff would like to say **Thank You** to everyone who participated in the **magazine fundraiser** that the library sponsored in September. The library reached its goal and had a blast celebrating with penguins, candy, prizes and playing on the huge inflatables set up in the school parking lot last Friday. Some of the funds are being used to complete the installation of a wall-mount projector in the library. Also, a large amount will be used throughout the school year to increase the library's inventory of books, magazines, and audio-visual materials.

1st Grade Class Participating in Operation Christmas Child

Each year the 1st grade students at CCS 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."



During the second week in November, the 1st grade students will be working on packing their boxes to be sent all over the world. Thank you to all of those involved in helping our 1st grade students show the love of Christ to others.

Athletics

We want to say a big **“Thank You”** to everyone who has helped with the admissions and concessions for our home games this fall. This has been instrumental in our Booster Club’s success this fall. Also, thank you to everyone who has volunteered to work in our booth at the NC State football games. We could not do it without you! If you are interested in helping at any of the remaining NC State football games, please contact Chris Matthews at dandjexpress@ncol.net .

As fall sports are beginning to wind down, championship week is upon us. The middle school cross country team will wrap up what has been a tremendous season when they participate in the TMSC Championships at Wendall Park at 4:00 on Tuesday (10/9). The Colts are fresh off of winning their first meet in our young program’s history.

Volleyball: Middle School volleyball will look to beat Cary Academy for the second time this season on Tuesday in the opening game of the TMSC tournament. The fifteen-strong unit has really developed over the season and will look to make a long run in the tourney. JV volleyball won 2nd place in the regular season and will look to accomplish big things this week. Their quest for a conference championship repeat will begin this Tuesday at Lee Christian. Varsity volleyball looks to rebound from a tough defeat against conference foe Neuse Christian. The Lady Colts won in their game against Northwood Temple on Monday.

Tennis will have an all-day tournament at Lion’s Park in Raleigh on Friday, 10/12. The girls have made huge strides this season and will play one more time at home this season on Tuesday. Come support your team!

Our Colts soccer team beat Neuse Christian 10-1 in their final tune-up for the CCC tournament. They start with a game against Cresset Christian on Monday (10/8).

Please continue to utilize our new athletics section of the CCS website for all updates, information, and schedules. You can access the site by using the following link: <http://ccscolts.org/site/athletic/> .

Important Dates

October 11	Lower School Grandparents’ Day
October 11	1 st Quarter Ends – Half day of school
October 12,15	Fall Break – No School
October 16	Second Quarter Begins
October 17	PSAT Testing – Sophomores & Juniors, 8:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. (Mrs. Choplin)
October 18	ROC Club – Rock Climbing Trip (Mrs. Cooper)
October 19	Report Cards Sent Home
October 19	Picture Re-Take Day, Fall Sports, & Senior Tux/Drapes Pictures
October 26	K3, K4, K5 Field Trip - Hill Ridge Farms
Oct. 31-Nov. 2	National Honor Society – Leadership Conference for Officers (Asheville, NC)
November 5-7	Upper School Spiritual Emphasis Week