

# CROSSROADS NEWSLETTER

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September 14, 2012

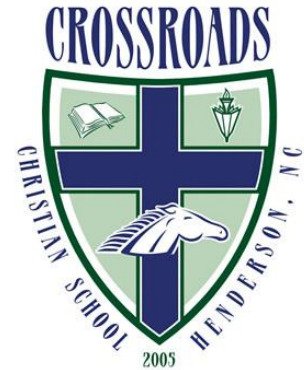
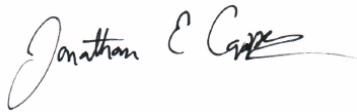
Crossroads Family,

We are off to an incredible start! It is hard to believe that we have completed our fifth week of school and that progress reports will be going out next week. I am so proud of our students, the way that they have started this school year, and how they have treated one another so far.

As most of you are aware, CCS has adopted a No Bullying Policy. Over the past few weeks, I have had the opportunity to talk to the third, fourth, and fifth grade classes individually, as well as the upper school student body. During that time, I shared with them the importance of making wise choices, especially when it comes to how we treat one another. We spoke in detail about trust, respect, and love. One of the main points of discussion came from Matthew 22:36-40 where Jesus answers the question being asked of him about the greatest commandment. Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" As I shared with the students, loving one another is not optional/voluntary; it is commanded in Scripture. Ephesians 4:32 states, "Be kind and compassionate (loving) to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Living by God's truth is so important as we strive to show Christ's love to others, especially the children with whom the Lord has entrusted us.

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,



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## General Announcements

### Fall Festival

The annual CCS Fall Festival is taking place on Friday, September 28 from 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. This year's events will include hayrides, two bounce houses, dunking booth, inflatable slide, cake walk, face painting, basketball throw, pick-up ducks, and many more exciting games. There will also be plenty of food and fellowship at the event. The cost of the event is \$10 for an all-day arm band, or 50 cents per ticket. All proceeds go to support CCS athletics.

### News from the College Admissions Counselor – Dates to Remember

- Sept. 17-18: Seniors visit UNC-W.
- Oct. 3: Seniors and juniors go to a College Fair & tour ITT Technical Institute in Cary.
- Oct. 4: Regular registration deadline for next available SAT (takes place Nov. 3).
- Oct. 6: First SAT of the season (late registration available through Sept. 21)
- Oct. 8: Seniors visit NCSU & Wake Tech Main Campus.
- Oct. 17: PSAT testing at school for 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> grades (Mrs. Choplin has a couple extra tests if your sophomore still wants to sign up to take it.)

All ACT and SAT test dates are posted on the school website and on the bulletin board in the Upper School hallway. Mrs. Choplin will be glad to help any student register to take one of these tests.

## Carpool Reminders

- Do not drive through the center lane unless parking (go around the loop to the right to drop off).
- 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.
- Students should be using only the front entrance to the school.

## Recreation and Outdoor Club (ROC Club)

At CCS, many of our students have a great interest in nature and outdoor activities. Whatever the activity, from hunting, to skiing, to kayaking, many of our students have made the comment, "Wouldn't it be cool if I could go here..." or "Wouldn't it be incredible to do this..."

The **Recreation and Outdoor Club**, or the **ROC**, will hold its first meeting during lunch on Thursday, September 20. Interested students should sign up with Mrs. Cooper, and bring \$2 for provided pizza and drinks. Each month, this student-led organization will bring in experts to educate ROC members on the safe pursuit of different sports and activities, while teaching valuable outdoor and leadership skills. Trips will be organized at a discounted cost, and range from \$5-\$150. Right now the club is only open to high school students, though in future years certain trips will be open to the whole Upper School.



Our first meeting will cover introductory materials and include a presentation about the basics of rock-climbing. Our **first trip** will take place on **Thursday, October 18**. We will leave school at 10:00 a.m. and return by 3:00 p.m.. We will travel to the **Triangle Rock Club in Morrisville, NC** and students will take an introductory rock climbing course from an American Mountain Guide. At the end of their seminar, they will also become belay certified. The **cost of this trip is \$30/person**, and students are expected to make up all missed work from the day. The TRC's website link has some general information and photos: <http://trianglerockclub.com/>

Possible trips for the 2012-2013 school year include a ski trip, hiking trip, catching a local showing of the Banff Mountain Film Festival (family version), and a trip to the US National Whitewater Center in Charlotte, NC. If you are interested in chaperoning, speaking at a ROC event, or would like more information about the club, please contact Rilla Cooper at [rcooper@ccscolts.org](mailto:rcooper@ccscolts.org).

## 2012-2013 Yearbooks Now on Sale

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 is **Friday, October 5**, to secure the early bird price of \$40/book. See the school website for details, and any additional questions can be addressed to the yearbook adviser, Mrs. Cooper, at [rcooper@ccscolts.org](mailto:rcooper@ccscolts.org).

## Parents in Prayer

You are invited to join us in prayer for our school family each Tuesday morning at 8:00 am 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 people and praise God for what he has already done. If you have a prayer request, please email Chris Matthews at [dandjexpress@ncol.net](mailto:dandjexpress@ncol.net) or Rene Sams at [bsams1@nc.rr.com](mailto:bsams1@nc.rr.com). We would love to hear your praise reports too. Please come and join us. Prayer works!

## 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!

- **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](http://www.target.com/tcoe).

## CCS Booster Club Information

The Crossroads Christian School Booster Club was formed in 2006 out of a passion and love for kids and athletics. The booster club funds the athletics program at CCS. With the help of many past and current families, these are just a few things that have been accomplished:

Bleachers for baseball, softball & soccer fields	Outdoor concession stand
Dugouts on baseball & softball fields	Two batting cages
Uniforms for each sport (middle school, JV & varsity)	Athletic equipment
Floor reconditioning in the gym (yearly)	Sand & dirt for fields
Scoreboards for baseball & softball (2011-2012)	Transportation (Gas & Bus Driver)
Dues & membership fees for our conferences	Cost of Officials at each game

Athletic Banquet at the end of each year- We provide dinner for all athletes and coaches, awards, trophies, lanyards for each athlete, letters and pins, and gifts for coaches.

This year is no different; the booster club needs your help! The Athletic Budget for this year is \$24,200! These are a few ways that you can help the booster club have a successful year and reach its goals:

1. The very BEST fundraiser is the concession stand at the NC State Football Stadium! There are 6 Home Games this year. It takes 15 people to work each game. NC State provides the stand and the food; the booster club provides the labor. The booster club receives 10% of sales and averages a profit of \$1,500 - \$1,800 per game. This means we can raise approximately \$10,000(average) toward our goal! We would be so grateful if everyone would volunteer for one game this year. The first game is tomorrow and we still need more help! Please call Donald Matthews at 252-425-7155 or Chris Matthews at 252-438-8479 to volunteer.

### **NC State Football – Home Game Schedule**

09/15/12 - NC State vs. South Alabama - 6pm  
09/22/12 - NC State vs. The Citadel - 6pm  
10/06/12 - NC State vs. Florida State - TBA  
11/03/12 - NC State vs. Virginia (Homecoming) - TBA  
11/10/12 - NC State vs. Wake Forest - TBA  
11/24/12 - NC State vs. Boston College - TBA

2. CCS Concessions & Admissions- Each class (homeroom) is assigned a home game to work concessions & admissions. Please see your child's homeroom teacher to sign up.
3. Join the Booster Club and get FREE Admission to the HOME games! (Applications online @ CCS Website)
4. Fall Festival- September 28, 2012 (3:30 pm – 6:30 pm) - A fun filled afternoon of games, prizes, hay rides, horse rides, cakewalks, cotton candy, candy apples, food, big slide & bounce houses!

Thank you in advance for your help and support of the CCS Athletics Program...GO COLTS!!!

## Athletics

The athletic program is off to a fantastic start to the year! With 64 student-athletes, many of our teams are busting at the seams. The teams competing this fall include: Varsity tennis, varsity soccer, varsity volleyball, junior varsity volleyball, middle school volleyball, and middle school cross country. Many of our teams opened up their seasons with a back to school night at Friendship Christian. Complete with food, games, and a huge crowd, it was a wonderful way to ring in the new year. We hope to reciprocate the evening and host it here next year.

Though early in the season, all six of our teams are off to terrific starts. The varsity tennis team is very young this year and is working hard each and every day. Our girls have had several close matches including one against a tough Kerr-Vance Academy team, and they continue to gain experience with each practice and match.

Soccer has 14 players this year. They are a committed bunch of young men. Led by two seniors, Matt Carroll and Joseph Brown, a majority of the group is freshman. They play an exciting style and are truly a must-see. They will be in action at home each of the next two Friday nights. (9/21 and 9/28)

You probably won't recognize your Lady Colts in their new uniforms! A big thanks to the Booster Club is needed, and the girls are very appreciative. On the court, the girls surprised the heavily favored Friendship Christian Falcons and won 3 tightly contested games. After a tough match against Lighthouse Christian, the girls bounced back in a big way with a win over Norlina Christian.

The JV girls' volleyball team has begun the season 5-1. After dropping the opener, they won 5 straight and look to really be coming together as a unit. Keep up the good work!

Our biggest fall team is our middle school volleyball girls. Mackenzie Hutson and Hayley Collier are providing tremendous leadership. Coach Anderson is teaching these young ladies skills both on and off the court, and they improve every time they play. Most recently, the girls won an ultra-competitive game against Cary Christian.

Cross country started their season with a trip to Wake Med Park where they competed against some of the largest schools in the state. The unintimidated boys arose to the challenge, and many of them ran their personal best times. You may have seen the boys around the CCS campus. Coach Russell has them doing all sorts of different courses/training methods to maximize their potential.

There are Friday nights in the month of September where CCS will be hosting games, in addition to various other days. Please come out and cheer your Colts to victory!

## Important Dates

<b>September 17-18</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip - Wilmington
<b>September 19</b>	Progress Reports
<b>September 26</b>	See You at the Pole
<b>September 28</b>	Fall Festival (3:30 – 6:30 pm)
<b>October 11</b>	Grandparents Day
<b>October 11</b>	Half Day – End of Quarter
<b>October 12-15</b>	Fall Break – No School
<b>Oct. 17</b>	PSAT Testing for 10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup>