

CROSSROADS NEWSLETTER

August 22, 2013



Crossroads Family,

It is hard to believe that we have completed our first week of school. We are off to an incredible start! I am so proud of our students for the way they have started this school year.

At Crossroads Christian, the safety of our students is paramount to a successful educational environment. During the summer, the administration made a thorough review of our crisis management plan and implemented an updated crisis management plan as a result of that review. As part of our plan, we conducted our first practice lockdown of the year this morning at 10:20 a.m.

We are all highly aware of the most recent cases of school violence across our nation. It is imperative for a school to anticipate and prepare for any type of incident. Our intent is not to alarm our students but to prepare them to respond when we conduct a lockdown drill. Just as our students have learned how to properly respond to fire and severe weather alarms, they also need to be aware of how to respond during a lockdown. As part of our plan, CCS will conduct monthly fire drills, quarterly lockdown drills, and a severe weather drill each semester.

We strongly recommend a follow-up discussion with your student. We need your help to reassure them that these are rare occurrences, but that we also must be prepared to respond. The entire Crossroads Christian School faculty and staff are dedicated to keeping our students safe.

If you have any questions about the lockdown drill or our school's crisis plan, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan E. Cape". The signature is written in a cursive style.

General Announcements

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.

Parents in Prayer

Parents/guardians are invited to join us in prayer for our school family each Tuesday morning at 8:00 a.m. in the Mac Lab. It is a time of prayer and fellowship as we lift up the needs of our people and praise God for what he is doing. If you have a prayer request or have questions about parents in prayer, please email Rene Sams at bsams1@nc.rr.com . We would love to hear your praise reports, too.

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

And...our **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 over \$25,000! Here 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 **8** home games this year. It takes 15 people to work each game. NC State provides the stand and the food, and the Booster Club provides the workers. We receive 10% of sales and average a profit of around \$1,200 per game. This means we can raise approximately \$10,000 (average) towards our goal!



We are always looking for families to get involved and spend time with us at the games as we fellowship with one another and earn money for the Booster Club. The first game is next Saturday, and we need more help! Please contact Rene Sams (bsams1@nc.rr.com ; 252-425-8362) or Joseph Cooper (jcooper@ccscolts.org ; 252-431-1333) to volunteer.

NC State Football – Home Game Schedule

- 08/31 - NC State vs. Louisiana Tech – 12:30pm
- 09/07 - NC State vs. Richmond – 6pm
- 09/19 - NC State vs. Clemson – 7:30pm (Thursday Night)
- 09/28 - NC State vs. Central Michigan – TBA
- 10/12 - NC State vs. Syracuse – TBA
- 11/02 - NC State vs. North Carolina – TBA
- 11/23 – NC State vs. East Carolina – TBA
- 11/30 – NC State vs. Maryland – 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. **CCS Fall Festival** - The annual CCS Fall Festival is taking place on Friday, October 4 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.

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



Your New ParentsWeb

ParentsWeb is a part of RenWeb for parents and students to find all kinds of information about school life. For those that have already signed on to ParentsWeb, you will notice that it has a different look this year.

We wanted to let you know where you can find the various items that teachers place on RenWeb/ParentsWeb. There is more than one way to find the information, so there are multiple instructions below.



HOMEWORK: When you log into ParentsWeb, the

homepage will be the school information section. On the left side of the window you will see a list of items under the **School Information** heading. You will also see main headings for Student Information and Family Information. If you select one of those, it will change the page to the main page of that section as well as show the selection menu for the various items pertaining to that section.

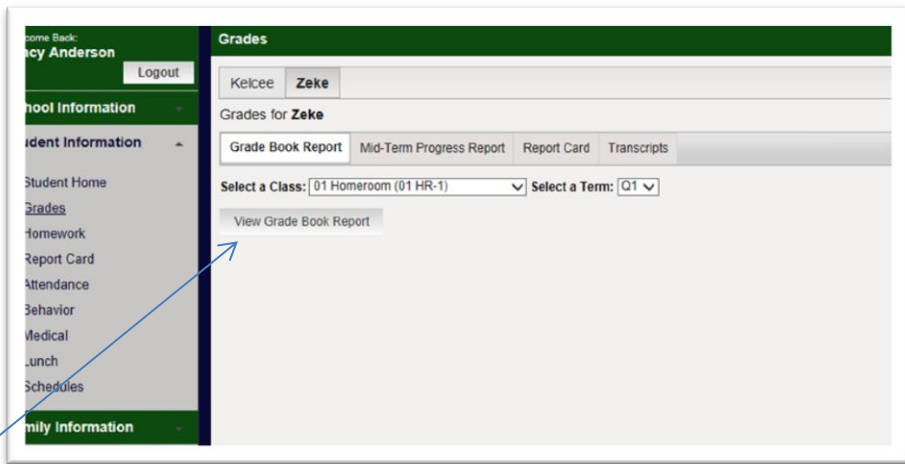
The main page of the **Student Information** section contains information pertaining to homework, grades, lunch menu, etc., all in one place. You can also select the item under the Student Information heading that you want to view on one screen with more detailed information. Daily homework will be placed on RenWeb for each class. For upper school students, if there is no homework in a class for the night, RenWeb will state "No Homework."

CALENDAR: Under the School

Information section you will find the calendar option. When you open up the calendar section, you will have the choice of viewing three different calendars. The My Classrooms and My Homework calendars will give you information specific to your student and the classes they are taking. If you view the school calendar, you will see general school announcements. The school calendar does not include information pertaining to quizzes, tests, projects, homework or athletics.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 End 2013 Summer Camp - Summer	3
4	5	6	7	8 Open House	9	10
11	12	13	14 Begin 2013-2014 Q1 1st Day of School Seniors Meet with Mrs. Choplin	15 Juniors Meet with Mrs. Choplin	16 Sophomores Meet with Mrs. Choplin	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Kona Ice Fundraiser	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

GRADES: In the Student Information section, you can also view the overall grades for each course on the home page, or you can select the Grades option from the menu to see detailed information for each class (I.E. - see the teacher's grade book). Once you select the course you want to see the grades for, click on the **View Grade Book Report**, and the grade book will open up in a new window, giving detailed information about each one of the weighted categories, as well as the grades in each category.



HOMEWORK & GRADES ALTERNATIVE: Another way to view all of the information pertaining to a single class is to select the Classes option under the School Information section. With this option, you will only see information pertaining to the specific course (option above lets you see all of the homework for the night for all classes; this will only show homework for one class). Once you select a class, you will be taken to its homepage for class information, announcements, and a calendar for that course. At the top of the page you will see various options that will allow you to view the class Grade Book, Homework, Syllabus, etc. The one thing that needs to be pointed out on this part is the Resources section. Many teachers use the Resources section to place notes, PowerPoints, and other resources that the students can use to help them be successful in the class. Please be sure to check RenWeb daily because assignments and other class materials do change.

One of the new features of ParentsWeb is that you can update your information (address, email, phone, etc.) on web forms, and it will automatically update our system. This is a great feature and we ask that you check your information to ensure that it is accurate.

Important Dates

August 30	School Pictures
September 2	Labor Day – School Closed
September 17	Progress Reports (E-mail/RenWeb)
September 25	See You at the Pole
October 4	Fall Festival (3:30 – 6:30 pm)
October 11	Grandparents Day
October 11	Half Day – End of Quarter
October 14	Fall Break – No School
October 15	Fall Break/Teacher Workday – No School
October 16	PSAT testing for 10 th & 11 th grades

