

# CROSSROADS NEWS

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July 26, 2013

Crossroads Family,

CCS Families,

I hope this letter finds each of you enjoying the last few weeks of summer break.

It's hard to believe, but it's that time of the year again - the beginning of a new

school year. Welcome back! While the staff and students are gearing up, I wanted to remind all parents of the integral role that you play in your child's education. Your children will receive the best education when you and our dedicated teachers work as a team. It's a parent's enthusiasm, support, and involvement that inspire a child to do his or her best and to develop a love of learning. Together we can make the 2013-2014 school year the best it can be.

CCS is excited to introduce a new member of our faculty:

- Mr. Christopher Oakley – Upper School Science & Geometry

In addition, we are excited about opening a second kindergarten class that will be taught by Ms. Bonnie Hunter.

Thank you for your commitment to your child's education. The staff at Crossroads has been working hard to get everything ready for the beginning of a great school year! I look forward to seeing you at Open House.

In Christ,

*Jonathan E. Capps*

Headmaster

## **Back-to-School Open House**

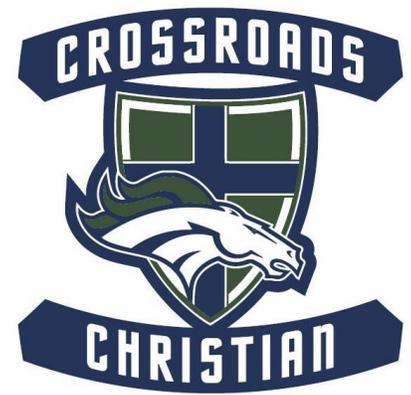
The back-to-school Open House will be held next **Thursday, August 8, from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.** You can stop by any time during those hours to pick up student schedules, go to classrooms, meet the teachers, pay on lunch accounts, purchase uniform apparel, and much more. When you arrive, please come to the library first to obtain your back-to-school packet. That packet will include a copy of the student schedule as well as other important documents.

### **New Family Orientation – Open House**

New families are invited to attend a new family orientation prior to Open House from 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. to hear about morning drop-off, afternoon pick-up, RenWeb, attendance, dress code, bus service, lunches, etc.

### **Kindergarten Meeting – Open House**

There will be a kindergarten parent meeting at 6 p.m. on the night of the open house with the kindergarten teachers in the kindergarten classrooms. At this meeting the teachers will go over everything that parents need to know as their child enters kindergarten. The teachers do request that families bring the supply list items to open house to help make the first day of school a little less chaotic. Kindergarten families do not need to attend the 3:30 new family orientation as the kindergarten teachers will cover all of the information in their meetings, but we ask that you do visit the library before the meeting to obtain student schedules, open lunch accounts, etc.



## Sixth Grade Meeting – Open House

There will be two sixth grade student/parent meetings held on the day of open house. The first meeting will take place at 4:30 p.m. and the second at 6:00 p.m., with both meetings covering the exact same material. The meeting will be held in Mrs. Anderson's room (Rm 603). This meeting will cover the transition into middle school, and what the students should expect as they begin middle school. Please stop by the library first before attending one of the meetings.

## Bus Service to South Hill, Bracey, and Norlina

Due to the number of requests, CCS will be offering bus service to the South Hill, Bracey, and Norlina areas this coming school year. We have heard from several families that they have friends who would consider CCS if we had bus transportation, so please remember to let your friends know that we are now offering the service. Be reminded that we do offer a new student referral discount to current families who aide the school in enrolling new students. Please help support the school by getting the word out!

For more information or to sign up, please contact Beth Pegram at (252)431-1333 or [bpeggram@ccscolts.org](mailto:bpeggram@ccscolts.org).

## New Math Class for Juniors & Seniors – Algebra III & Trigonometry

CCS will now be offering Algebra III & Trigonometry to all juniors and seniors who have completed Algebra II. The new course will meet the state requirement of one math above Algebra II for entrance into a state university. This course was added to better meet the needs of our students and offer them an alternative course to Pre-Calculus. Taking a math during the junior and senior years will better prepare students for their ACT/SAT tests. Below is the list of math classes offered to juniors and seniors. Please check your student's schedule at Open House.

### Eleventh Grade

In eleventh grade, students will take one of the following: **Algebra II, Algebra III & Trigonometry, or Pre-Calculus.**

- To be enrolled in Algebra III & Trigonometry, a student must have successfully completed Algebra II.
- To be enrolled in Pre-Calculus, a student must have successfully completed Algebra II with a grade of 85% or higher and have a teacher recommendation.

### Twelfth Grade

In twelfth grade, students will take one of the following: **Algebra III & Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, or Accounting.**

- To be enrolled in Algebra III & Trigonometry, a student must have successfully completed Algebra II.
- To be enrolled in Pre-Calculus, a student must have successfully completed Algebra II with a grade of 85% or higher and have a teacher recommendation.
- To be enrolled in Calculus, a student must have successfully completed Pre-Calculus with a grade of 85% or higher and have a teacher recommendation.

To be enrolled in Accounting, a student must have successfully completed three math credits to meet North Carolina requirements for graduation. Accounting class does not count as a math to meet the requirements to be eligible to attend a public state university.

## Handbook/Policy Changes

### Incomplete/Late Policy: All Assignments (Homework, Projects, Reports, etc.)

**Old Policy:** Late assignments had a penalty deduction of 50% of the original value on the first day not turned in.

**New Policy (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>):** We are preparing our students in upper school to establish good habits now to prepare them to handle college and careers. Late or incomplete work is unacceptable. If a student fails to turn in an assignment when it is due, an “M” (Missing) will be recorded for that assignment in RenWeb, and the assignment grade will be calculated as a zero. Students who fail to turn in assignments when due will have five days or until the end of the current grading period (quarter), whichever comes first, to turn in a late assignment with a penalty deduction of 15% per day.

1 day late	2 days late	3 days late	4 days late	5 days late
85% max	70% max	55% max	40% max	25% max

### Progress Reports & Report Cards

Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, all progress reports and report cards will be sent out via e-mail and available on RenWeb. A paper copy will no longer be sent home unless requested.

### Parent/Visitor Lunch Policy

Parents are welcome to bring lunch and eat with their children in the cafeteria. Parents must sign in at the front desk and receive a name tag before going to the cafeteria. Parents who intend to eat a hot lunch from the cafeteria need to place an order with their child’s homeroom teacher by 8:30 a.m.

**Outside food cannot be brought in for students to pick up from the front office. Only parents staying to eat with their children can bring in outside food.**

Any visitor, other than an immediate family member, who shows up at school to visit during lunch will not be permitted to stay on campus.

### Junior/Senior Lunch Policy

For the upcoming school year, the upper school bell schedule has changed to give additional academic time for each class. The lunch period has been changed from 35 minutes to 30 minutes to give the extra time to classes. With the change in the length of the lunch period and with the safety of our students in mind, the junior/senior lunch policy has been changed to the following:

- Juniors and seniors are allowed to eat lunch in the courtyard as an alternative to the cafetorium. Privileges will be revoked if abused.
- Seniors are allowed to eat lunch off campus **on Fridays** once proper paperwork is completed. Off-campus lunch is a privilege that can be lost.

Seniors are required to sign out and back in at the Attendance Office when leaving the campus for lunch. After three (3) unexcused tardies returning from lunch, students will lose their off-campus lunch privileges for the remainder of the quarter.

**Food and drink are not to be brought back in to the school from off-campus lunch.**

## Cell Phones & Other Electronic Devices Policy

Cell phone usage is prohibited during the school day. Students must have their phones turned off from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Students may not leave cell phones with teachers or other staff members. CCS will no longer be collecting cell phones in the office.

Students having a phone out or using it during the school day, including lunch or break, will have their cell phones taken for the remainder of the day. Incidents include incoming calls, texts, calendar alerts, alarms, or noise of any kind.

- **First offense:** Four demerits will be issued to the student and administrative detention given.
- **Second offense:** Four demerits will be issued to the student, parents must pick up the phone at the end of the school day, and administrative detention given.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> & additional offenses:** Four demerits will be issued to the student, parent conference required, and suspension.

Parents may call the office at any time if they need to get in touch with their child. Telephones are available in each classroom for emergencies. Students may continue to call parents in the case of an emergency from our office telephones.

**Other electronic devices:** iPads, Kindles, laptops, e-readers, etc. will be approved for classroom use on a case-by-case basis; students must have prior teacher approval before bringing in a device. This allowance is per class. Electronic devices used for any unapproved purposes (see Technology Acceptable Use Policy below) will be handled with the same consequences as cell phone violations.

## Athletic Dress Code on Game Days

Game day attire for all teams will be the same for boys and girls—a designated CCS Athletics polo shirt and khaki pants. Athletic shirts for game day will be available in the CCS School Store.

## Summer Reading Program

Educators consider summer reading very important for developing life-long reading habits, for maintaining literacy skills, and for promoting reading for pleasure. Studies show that children who continue to read during the summer months perform better when school resumes in the fall. You can access the summer reading lists through the following link: <http://ccscolts.org/site/academic/summer-reading-lists/>

## 2013-2014 School Supply Lists

School supply lists are located on the CCS website. You can access the lists through the following link: <http://ccscolts.org/site/academic/2012-13-supplies-list/> Please make sure to check the lists before you begin your back to school shopping!

## Calendar of Events

August 8	Open House 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. New Family Orientation 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
August 14	First Day of School
September 2	Labor Day – No School