

# CROSSROADS NEWSLETTER

February 21, 2014



## General Announcements

### SNOW DAYS: MAKE-UP DAY, L.S. EXTENDED TIME, & 3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER END DATE CHANGE

Due to last week's snow days, CCS will be implementing the make-up plan that was e-mailed to all families last week. The plan is as follows:

1. Tuesday, **March 11**, will be a full day of school (make-up day for Pre-K through 12th).
2. Beginning next Monday, February 24, the CCS Lower School will extend its day by 10 minutes and dismiss at 2:50 p.m. Upper school will continue to release at 3:00 p.m.
3. The end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter has been moved from March 7 to March 14. Fourth quarter will begin on Monday, April 17.

With the release time of Lower School being extended, it is imperative that families picking up only Lower School students arrive by 2:45 p.m. to get in the carpool line. Families picking up a combination of Lower and Upper School students, or only Upper School students, should arrive no earlier than 2:55 p.m. to help avoid traffic back-up. If you arrive early to pick up an Upper School student, please do not park in front of the school in the carpool lane. If you arrive too early, or your student is not ready to be picked up when you arrive in the front, we will ask you to drive back around the circle to help keep the carpool line moving.



No worries! Mr. Capps has a plan for the next snow storm...

### EARLY RELEASE – BEFORE 2:30 P.M.

Starting immediately, we ask that families who need to pick up students before the end of the day do so by no later than 2:30 p.m. This time change will not only assure that we can get your student(s) to the office in a timely manner for appointments, etc., but it also helps our Lower School teachers finish the academic day effectively and have the students pack up without interruption.

### RE-ENROLLMENT UPDATE

CCS had an incredible turnout during the re-enrollment period! Nearly 75% of our students re-enrolled for the 2014-2015 school year. The following names were drawn for the four items that were given away:

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| ➤ <b>Free Book &amp; Activity Fee</b>  | Taylor Jackson (5th Grade)   |
| ➤ <b>Free Technology Fee</b>           | Taylor Anderson (10th Grade) |
| ➤ <b>\$100 in the CCS Apparel Room</b> | Lacie Steffensen (9th Grade) |
| ➤ <b>\$50 in the CCS Apparel Room</b>  | James Peoples (8th Grade)    |

Congratulations to the students and their families whose names were drawn!

## CCS PARENT SURVEY

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Crossroads Christian School values your opinion, and we want to know what you think about CCS. To do this, we need your help in completing a survey. The information from the survey, which was generated by an outside agency, will help us improve student relationships, learning conditions, and the school's overall environment. It will also aid us in improving our system practices so that we can more effectively meet the needs of our students.

To complete the survey, please go to:

<http://www.advanc-ed.org/survey/public/4275484>

Please be assured that your responses to this survey will be anonymous. Your open and honest opinion is greatly appreciated. The survey should take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. One point to clarify: questions about the "governing body" are referring to the school board and questions about "leadership" usually refer to the administration.

Thank you to everyone who has already completed the survey!

## EAGLE SCOUT AWARDED GIVEN TO BRANTLEY OVERBY, CCS JUNIOR

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### About the Eagle Scout Award

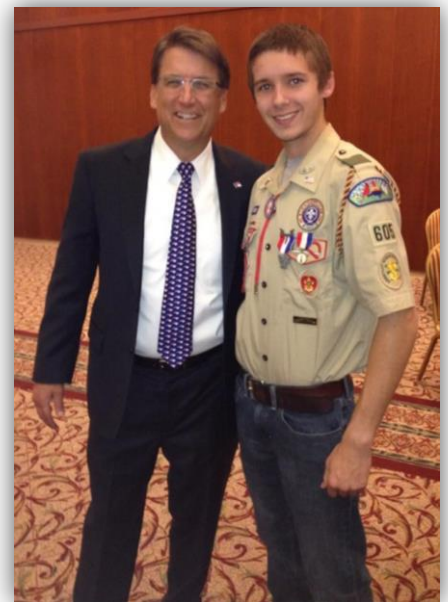
The Eagle Scout Award, the highest award in Boy Scouting, has been awarded to young men for 100 years. Since 1912, around 4 percent of men who were Boy Scouts have earned the award. More than 2 million young men have earned the rank of Eagle Scout since it was first awarded.

Over the years, requirements for the Eagle Scout Award have changed to meet the needs of the era; however, certain elements of the program have remained true from the original Eagle Scout requirements. A boy must demonstrate citizenship and caring for his community and others, leadership qualities, and outdoor skills that show his self-sufficiency and ability to overcome obstacles. Today, a boy must earn 21 merit badges, 12 of which are required: First Aid, Camping, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Personal Management, Personal Fitness, Swimming or Hiking or Cycling, Communications, Family Life, Emergency Preparedness or Lifesaving, & Environmental Science.

Beyond the merit badges, a candidate must also plan and carry out a service project to benefit the community. In addition, he must have held a troop leadership position during his Scouting tenure. Finally, the Eagle Scout candidate undergoes a rigorous board of review in which his district, council, and troop leaders evaluate his "attitude and practice of the ideals of Scouting." Achieving the rank of Eagle Scout must happen before a boy's 18th birthday.

### Brantley's Project

Brantley's project was to better the First Presbyterian Church grounds. He coordinated the installation of a fence in the parking area, pressure washed the sidewalks, installed a bird house in the garden area, and sanded and painted the garbage can holder in the back of the church.



**N.C. Governor Pat McCrory  
with Brantley**

**CONGRATULATIONS, BRANTLEY! CCS IS PROUD OF YOU!!**

## **National Honor Society Induction – Feb. 27, 8:45 a.m.**

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Ten new members will be inducted into the CCS chapter of the National Honor Society on Thursday, February 27. The candlelight ceremony will take place in the school cafeteria, with a reception to follow for new members, their guests, and the chapter members.

### **Coming up for National Honor Society:**

- Feb. 24** Pick up trash on our road for Adopt-a-Highway. The weather should be good for it!
- Feb. 27** Provide a meal for the men’s homeless shelter in Henderson.
- Mar. 3–17** Take orders for the spring catalog of Mixed Bag Designs (goal: raise funds for chapter renewal fees, Backpack Buddies, and Busch Garden tickets in May)
- Mar. 15** Assist in various jobs with the Special Olympics of North Carolina Eastern Basketball Tournament held at North Johnston High School in Kenly (9:00 – 5:00).

### **Backpack Buddies**

With our new members comes a new goal: to extend our Backpack Buddies program into the whole school! Backpack Buddies seems to have gotten its start in churches in the South and has spread, providing nutritious food to students in their communities who are “food-insecure” when they are not in school. These students, who qualify for free or reduced lunch programs in the public schools, have been identified as having little or no access to food over the weekends. The CCS chapter of the NHS has been packing bags for 10 children in a local elementary school each Friday since November with donations provided by a single family, but would like to extend an invitation to all our classes to help us with this program. Our goal is to lead the school in recognizing the needs of others and to show the love of Christ through giving. Watch for a letter to be emailed next week with all the details!



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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- February 27** National Honor Society Induction Ceremony
- February 28** ACSI Spelling Bee
- March 3-17** NHS Fundraiser (Mixed Bag Designs)
- March 7** ACSI Art Festival at CCS
- March 10** Winter Break – School Closed
- March 11** Make-Up Day (Snow)
- March 14** ACSI Math Olympics
- March 15** NHS – Special Olympics of North Carolina in Kenly
- March 24** ASVAB Testing for 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades