

CROSSROADS NEWS

July 27, 2016



CCS families,

I hope this letter finds each of you enjoying your summer break. It's hard to believe, but in less than a month we will begin another school year. 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 2016-2017 school year the best it can be for our CCS students.

CCS is excited to introduce our new faculty members and announce several position changes for the 2016-2017 year:

- Ms. Denise Himes – 3rd Grade (additional 3rd grade class)
- Mrs. Jamie Pernell – 4th Grade
- Mrs. Alison Bartholomew – 5th Grade
- Ms. Bethany Fleming – Upper School English
- Mrs. Amanda May – Upper School English
- Mrs. Britney McClelland – Upper School Math
- Mr. Mac Gunnels – I.T. Coordinator & Upper School Science
- Ms. Bonnie Hunter – Kindergarten (grade level change)
- Mr. Jamie Parker – Athletic Director (position change) & Upper School Science

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! Enjoy the remainder of your summer and I look forward to seeing you at Open House!

Jonathan E. Capps

Headmaster

Back-to-School Open House

The Back-to-School Open House will be held on **Thursday, August 11**, from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 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. All upper school students need to come to the library first to obtain their class schedules. Lower school students and families may go directly to their classrooms.

- All fees need to be paid prior to receiving class schedules.



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, lunch accounts, etc.

Kindergarten Meeting – Open House

There will be a kindergarten parent meeting at 6:00 p.m. on the night of the Open House with Ms. Hunter, the kindergarten teacher, in her classroom (Room 201). The meeting will cover everything that parents need to know as their child enters kindergarten. Please bring the supply list items to Open House to help make the first day of school less chaotic.

Kindergarten families do not need to attend the New Families Orientation at 3:30 p.m. because the kindergarten meeting will cover the same information, but we ask that you do visit the library before the meeting if you want to open a lunch account, join the PACT program, 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 for both students and parents. Please stop by the library first before attending one of the meetings.

Be One of the First to Make a PACT this Year with CCS

Parents, please prayerfully consider adopting a teacher or faculty member for the 2016-2017 school year, and make a PACT to pray for that person and encourage him or her with small gifts throughout the year. This is the third year that the P.A.C.T. (Parents Appreciating Crossroads Teachers) program will be in place, and we are excited about how God will use families to encourage the faculty and staff at CCS.

To find out more information or to adopt a faculty member, please visit the PACT table at Open House or send an e-mail to pact@ccscolts.org.

Dress Code Information

(Section headings that are in red and underlined have changes for 2016-2017.)

Policy Statement & Consequences

Students are required to follow the CCS dress code. Disregard for the school policy indicates direct disobedience towards authority and will result in disciplinary action. Students out of dress code will either be sent home to change or will stay in the front office until a change of clothing is brought to them. Demerits will be assigned for each offense.

- 1st offense: Level 1 infraction (1 demerit)
- 2nd and higher offenses: Level 3 infractions (4 demerits per infraction); 2nd and 3rd offenses will result in administrative detentions.
- Four or more dress code infractions will result in suspension from school.

General Dress Policies for Boys and Girls (1st – 12th)

- All clothing must fit appropriately (not excessively tight or baggy).

- **Tops:**

All shirts/tops/sweatshirts/hoodies/sweaters worn by students are to be CCS wear, purchased through our school store, school groups (NHS, Yearbook, Student Council), or Land's End. (Land's End Preferred School Number: 9001-0713-7. All Land's End tops must include the Crossroads Christian School logo.) All tops must be worn as purchased; no modifications in fit are allowed (for example, cutting the shirts and tying in knots down the side, etc.). Athletic tournament shirts are not allowed unless specifically designated by the Athletic Director. Summer camp T-shirts are not considered CCS wear and are not allowed during the school year. Camouflage clothing is not allowed (including jackets or coats) at any time.

- **Pants, Skirts, Etc.:**
Students may wear jeans every day. Jeans and twill/chino types of pants/shorts will be the only type allowed. Skirts and shorts must not be shorter than mid-thigh. Solids, plaids, stripes, and prints are acceptable. Pants must be modest, neat, and appropriate in size and fit. Pants can NOT be tight in fit (molded to legs). The following styles are not allowed: jeggings and low riders. Pants that are torn, frayed, and/or faded from excessive wear or have separated seams are inappropriate. Cut-off pants are not allowed unless neatly hemmed – no ragged edges, no roll-ups. No overalls may be worn. Baggy pants, spandex pants, leggings or any type of athletic pants/shorts (including wind pants, sweat pants, athletic shorts, etc.) are not allowed. Camouflage clothing is not allowed (including jackets or coats) at any time.
- **Outerwear:**
Three-quarter zip and hoodies must be CCS wear. Jackets and full zip-up hoodies worn throughout the school day must not have logos or designs larger than a dollar bill. This includes the logos that stretch across the entire chest or back or down the arm, etc. No skulls, skeletons, pirate images, or other offensive, distracting designs. Camouflage clothing is not allowed (including jackets or coats) at any time. Confederate flags or symbols, etc. are not allowed.
- **Headgear:**
No type of hat or head covering (including hoodies) is acceptable at any time in the classroom or anywhere in school buildings for boys or girls.
- **Jewelry, belt buckles, etc.:**
Body piercings are discouraged and should not be visible. Girls may wear earrings. Boys may not wear earrings in any part of the school; earrings must be removed before entering any school building, including the gym. Distracting, offensive, oversized, or extreme jewelry/belt buckles/misc. is prohibited (spikes, leather collars, etc.). Confederate flags or symbols, etc. are not allowed.
- **Hair:**
Students should keep their hair neat, clean, and well-groomed with no distracting hair colors or styles. Male students must be clean shaven at all times – no mustaches, goatees, or beards. Male students should not allow their hair length to cover their eyes or their ears. Male students are not allowed to wear “pony tails” or “dreadlocks.” After one warning, students will not be allowed to return to school until the issue has been resolved.
- **Body Art:**
Permanent or temporary tattoos are discouraged and must not be visible.
- **Shoes:**
Appropriate footwear (tennis shoes, casual shoes, loafers, nice sandals, or flip flops, etc.) is required. No bedroom slippers.

Dress for Special Days & Chapel Days

Special dress-up days will be scheduled throughout the year. Guidelines for these special days will be announced prior to the day. On a chapel day, students will follow normal dress code.

Dress for Game Days

On a game day, students have two options for their dress:

1. Both boys and girls can wear the official CCS athletic team shirt and khaki, navy, or black pants.
2. Boys may wear a button-up shirt and tie with khaki, navy, or black pants. Girls may wear dresses or skirts which are not shorter than mid-thigh or dress pants. All tops must be modest and not tight-fitting (no cleavage). No sleeveless tops or dresses are allowed without a covering (cardigan, sweater, etc.). If a student-athlete is in violation of these guidelines two times, he/she will be only allowed to follow Option #1 for the rest of the season.

CCS athletic shirts for game day wear are available in the CCS School Store. The Athletic Director or designee reserves the right to make final determinations on the appropriateness of game day dress.

Dress for Field Trips

Dress code guidelines may vary depending upon the type of field trip. The venue will determine the field trip dress. For example, a class visiting a theatrical production or symphony would need to dress differently than a class visiting the zoo. However, some basic guidelines apply:

- ***College campus visits:*** Modest tops and pants/skirts -- Dress pants or khakis, collared shirts, skirts or dress shorts (no higher than mid-thigh), practical walking shoes (no high heels).

- **Other field trips:** Unless otherwise stated by the teacher, normal school dress code and modesty guidelines apply.

Students who do not follow dress guidelines for field trips will be considered “out of dress code” and will receive appropriate disciplinary action, which can include not being allowed to go on future field trips.

Dress for Picture Days

Students must follow school dress guidelines above for picture days. For those who desire to “dress up” for pictures, keep in mind modesty: Modest tops and pants/skirts; dress pants or khakis, collared shirts, skirts or dress shorts (no higher than mid-thigh).

Disciplinary System Change

Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, CCS will be implementing teacher detentions. Teacher detentions will be assigned for matters regarding classroom discipline and will take place during lunch or after school from 3:20-3:50 p.m. on assigned days.

Upper School Academic Awards

CCS will be using the following criteria for academic awards beginning in the 2016-2017 school year:

Middle School (6th – 8th)

- *Honors:* Awarded to students with an overall average of 88-92 for the first three quarters of a school year.
- *High Honors:* Awarded to students with an overall average of 93-96 for the first three quarters of a school year.
- *Highest Honors:* Awarded to students with an overall average of 97 or higher for the first three quarters of a school year.

High School (9th – 12th)

- *Honors:* Awarded to students with a GPA of 3.25 – 3.49 for the first three quarters of the school year.
- *High Honors:* Awarded to students with a GPA of 3.50 – 3.74 for the first three quarters of the school year.
- *Highest Honors:* Awarded to students with a GPA of 3.75 or higher for the first three quarters of the school year.

Summer Reading Program

There is still time for students to complete summer reading! 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:

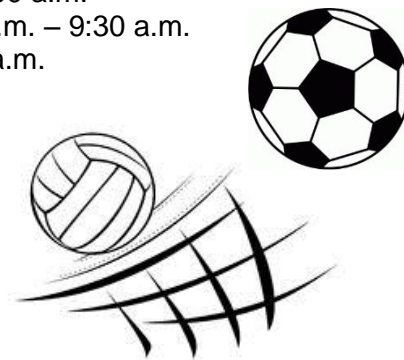
<http://ccscolts.org/site/academic/summer-reading-lists/>

2016-2017 School Supply Lists

School supply lists are located on the CCS website, under the Academics menu. You can access the lists through the following link: [CCS 2016-2017 Supply Lists](#). Please be sure to check the lists before you begin your back-to-school shopping!

Calendar of Events

August 1 Volleyball Tryouts Begin: Middle School – 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
August 1 Volleyball Tryouts Begin: Junior Varsity & Varsity – 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
August 1 Soccer Tryouts Begin: Middle School – 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
August 1 Soccer Tryouts Begin: Varsity – 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
August 11 New Family Orientation 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Open House 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
August 17 First Day of School
September 5 Labor Day – No School



Ways to Stay Informed

Your email: Make sure your email information and address information are updated in RenWeb throughout the year. Many announcements are sent to you via email. Be sure to check it daily!

CCS website: www.ccscolts.org



Look for Crossroads Christian School.



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Our Big Teams site for athletic news: <http://www.ccscolts.bigteams.com/>

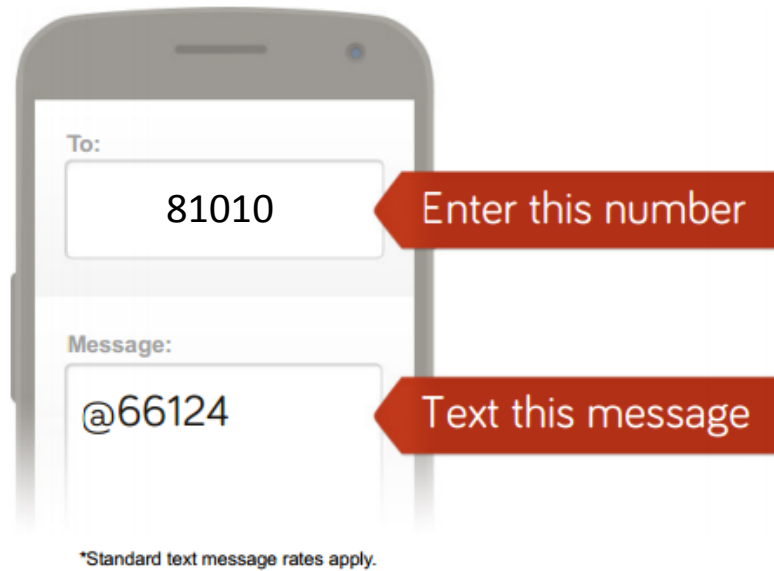
Remind

One of the fastest ways that you can receive information from the school regarding delays, closings, and important announcements is through Remind. Remind sends messages via text and/or e-mail. If you signed up for Remind last year, you do not need to register again, as you are still on the school's list. If you are a new family or you did not sign up last year, please use the information on the following pages and sign up for the accounts that pertain to you.

How to sign up for Mr. Capps's Crossroads messages: **All grades/general information**



To receive messages via text, text **@66124** to 81010. You can opt-out of messages at anytime by replying, 'unsubscribe @66124'.



Or to receive messages via email, send an email to **66124@mail.remind.com**. To unsubscribe, reply with 'unsubscribe' in the subject line.



How to sign up for Mr. Capps's Lower School messages:



To receive messages via text, text **@c506f** to 81010 You can opt-out of messages at anytime by replying, 'unsubscribe @c506f'.



Or to receive messages via email, send an email to **c506f@mail.remind.com**. To unsubscribe, reply with 'unsubscribe' in the subject line.



How to sign up for Mr. Capps's Upper School messages:



To receive messages via text, text **@b22f9** to 81010. You can opt-out of messages at anytime by replying, 'unsubscribe @b22f9'.



Or to receive messages via email, send an email to **b22f9@mail.remind.com**. To unsubscribe, reply with 'unsubscribe' in the subject line.

