

CROSSROADS NEWS

December 3, 2015



CHRISTMAS KIDS' NIGHT IN!



On Friday, December 11, our Student Council will host a night of child care. Use this time to take a date night without the kids, or hit the mall to check off the rest of your Christmas list. While you're out having fun and enjoying the evening, your kids will be playing games, watching a movie and completing a Christmas craft. They will need to bring their own snack for after school, and we will provide pizza for dinner and an additional snack.

Festivities will begin after school and continue until 9:00. This night of peace and productivity will not cost you much, just \$20 per child for fun, food, and such. All reservations need to be made by Wednesday, December 9, so that all of the preparations can be made for the event. No reservations will be accepted after the 9th.

RSVP by Wednesday Dec. 9

(RSVP forms will be sent home on Monday)

CCS PEANUT ROASTER FUNDRAISER ENDS NEXT MONDAY

Just a reminder that the Peanut Roaster fundraiser ends next Monday, December 7, with distribution taking place on Friday, December 11. All order forms need to be brought in on Monday morning. Not only is this an easy fundraiser, but all of the proceeds from your child's sales go directly to fund projects and/or activities for your child's specific grade. For example, students in 9th-11th grades will have their proceeds go towards their class account to help with upcoming events (such as the prom for juniors), while seniors will have their proceeds go towards their senior trip.



If you have any questions, please contact Ryan Russell at russell@ccscolts.org.

CCS Food Drive UNDERWAY



DOING
THE MOST
GOOD™

The CCS Food Drive is currently under way to help support the local Salvation Army in collecting canned food and other non-perishable food items. There is a competition between the Lower School and Upper School to see who can bring in the most food. If the lower school wins, they will earn a movie party during one of the half days before Christmas break. If the upper school wins, they will earn a "No Homework" weekend during the second semester, as well as a casual week December 14-18 (exam week). Our goal this year is to bring in 2,400 items. Not only do we have a competition between the lower and upper schools, but we also have a class competition going on, which will reward the Lower and Upper School class that bring in the highest average of items per student. All Lower School items need to be brought to your child's teacher, and all Upper School items need to be brought to your child's homeroom teacher. Last year, CCS donated just under 2,400 items (27% increase from previous year), more than any other school in the area! While we are rewarding our students for bringing items in, the real reward will come when families are delivered food to help meet their needs during this holiday season. This is a great opportunity to help meet the needs of those in our community! Please help support the CCS food drive.



STUDENT COUNCIL - COATS FOR THE CHILDREN

The Student Council of CCS is joining the Salvation Army in collecting gently-used winter coats, hats, gloves, and scarves to make this winter a bit warmer and happier for families in need. All sizes from infant to adult are needed. Please go through your closet to find what your family has outgrown or no longer wears, and send them with your child to CCS. Students may give their donations to their homeroom teachers.

Members from the Student Council will make regular collections from each classroom through December 11. Last year, over 10,000 total coats were collected and went directly to families in need. CCS was glad to be a part of reaching that number and hope to help even more for the 2015 winter season. This year, let's do what we can to add to the Christmas spirit of giving by donating a little piece of warmth.

Any questions may be directed to Mrs. O'Steen at josteen@ccscolts.org.

QUICK NOTES FROM THE COLLEGE COUNSELOR

The next SAT opportunity is Jan. 23, 2016. The deadline to register is Dec. 28, 2015.

SAT

Students can practice for the new SAT on their mobile devices--Check out the new daily SAT practice app. With a different question every day, students can prepare for the test even when they're crunched for time.

Other practice resources can be found at

- <https://sat.collegeboard.org/practice/>
- www.cfnc.org > Plan > For College > College Test Prep

The full web address for the daily SAT practice app is https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/daily-practice-app?ep_ch=PR&ep_mid=11178908&ep_rid=53069619

ACT

The next available ACT test date is February 6, with a registration deadline of January 8, 2016. Practice resources can be found for this test at <http://www.actstudent.org/testprep/>. Some students prefer the test style of the ACT, which includes a Science component. Most colleges take either SAT or ACT scores as their entrance exam requirement. Just double-check on your college's website for admission requirements to make sure you are taking the right test!

Honor Roll Correction

The honor rolls were published in the Nov. 29 edition of the Henderson newspaper, *The Daily Dispatch*. The paper accidentally printed the A/B honor roll list for 3rd grade as the A honor roll for 4th grade, so they will be printing a corrected list on Dec. 6.

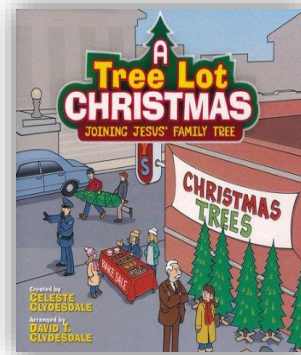


Lower School Christmas Program

Tuesday, December 15, 6:30 p.m.

"A Tree Lot Christmas"
In the school cafeteria

The lower school students (K5-5th) will be presenting this year's Christmas musical, "A Tree Lot Christmas" on Tuesday December 15th. This musical is filled with vibrant songs that deliver the truth of God's word and a script that follows a group of kids demonstrating the powerful love of Christ to the greedy, Mr. Carmichael. The story brings to life what it means to be a part of God's family tree and the importance of sharing His love with others. Mark your calendars and don't miss this blessing.



National Beta Club Induction - Dec. 2

The CCS junior and senior chapters of the National Beta Club held their annual induction on Wednesday, December 2, in the school cafeteria. Mrs. Rilla Cooper, the Beta Club sponsor, led the ceremony. Afterwards, a reception was held for the inductees and their families.

- *New members from 6th grade:* Ryan Adcock, Jacob Bartholomew, Addi Ellington, Lillian Owens, Ainsley Jackson, Nathan Jones, Jackson Meeks, Harper Nelms, Adam Paynter, Nicholas Shah, and Laney Wilkes.
- *New members from 7th grade:* Keith Anstead, Jake Burton, Stori Carroll, Hope Macklin, and Anna Parker.
- *New members from 8th grade:* Skylar Aiken, Cole Boyd, Macey Greathouse, Zach Jackson, Alisha Pulley, and McKayla Smith.
- *New members from 9th grade:* Kelcee Anderson, Jenny Boyd, Cade Carlson, Mary Champion, Hailey Macklin, Izabelle McClelland, Jackson Overby, *Noah Page, Faith Plaisance, Jesse Sawyer, Megan Stainback, Tiffany Steffensen, and Austin Wiard.

Beta Club members are currently working to make blankets for Project Linus, a non-profit organization that provides homemade blankets to children in need.



1st Grade & NHS



On November 17, the first grade class went shopping at our local Dollar Tree to purchase items to go into Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. When they returned, members of the National Honor Society assisted the younger students in organizing and packing their shoeboxes. Later in the afternoon, the first graders took their boxes to a local church for the next step in their journey to children around the world.

It's EXAM TIME!

Exams for all Upper School grades will take place December 16-18 (half days). Review days are December 14 & 15 and are normal schedule days. For a schedule of the exams and copies of the parent letters emailed before Thanksgiving to parents/guardians, visit our school home page at www.ccscolts.org.



IMPORTANT DATES

December 7	Peanut Fundraiser Ends
December 8	1st Grade Field Trip – Clay Fusion
December 9	National Honor Society – Salvation Army Kettle Bell Collecting at Walgreens
December 11	Coats for Children Campaign Ends
December 11	CCS Food Drive Ends
December 11	K3, K4, & K5 Field Trip – Disney on Ice
December 11	Parents' Night Out - Sponsored by CCS Student Council
December 14-15	Exam Review Days
December 15	Lower School Christmas Program
December 16-18	Exams – Half Days (Lower School – 11:45; Upper School – 12:00)
December 18	NHS-Christmas Lunch; Afternoon Service Project
Dec. 21 – Jan. 1	Christmas Break – School Closed
January 4	Third Quarter Begins

