



June 26, 2012

CCS Families,

I trust that your summer is off to a great start, and that the students are enjoying their summer break. Here at CCS it is one of the busiest times of the year as we prepare for the 2012-2013 school year. Below you will find important announcements and dates pertaining to the upcoming school year.

New Math Curriculum: After a year and a half of work, and with your input from the CCS Math Survey, we are proud to announce that CCS has adopted the Common Core National Standards for Mathematical Content. With this adoption, we are implementing a new textbook series for the elementary and middle school grades. We are also in the process of finalizing new math textbooks for Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry. We are excited about the changes that have been made, and we look forward to the impact that will be made over the next few years.

Go Math! (Kindergarten – 5th): Go Math! is an exciting program that incorporates hands-on activities with real-world problem solving. Best of all, students will be able to write their ideas and answers right in their books. By writing and drawing on the pages, students will be able to think deeper about what they are learning, which in turn will hopefully help them understand math in more depth.

Temporary log-ins have been created for each grade level so that parents can go online and view the Go Math! series. You can access the textbook for each grade level by using the following link: <https://www-k6.thinkcentral.com/ePC/start.do>. Once you open up the website, you will have to provide state, district, and school information, as well as a user name and password. Use the screen print below to choose the school information from the drop down menus.

The user names are as follows:

Kindergarten:

user name – studentk
password - crossroads

1st Grade:

user name - student1
password - crossroads

2nd Grade:

user name - student2
password - crossroads

3rd Grade:

user name - student3
password - crossroads

4th Grade:

user name - student4
password - crossroads

5th Grade:

user name - student5
password – crossroads

Big Ideas Math (6th – 8th): Big Ideas Math is the only research-based program developed using the common core standards for mathematical practice. The series recently received the 2012 Texty award in the K-12 mathematics category by the Text and Academic Authors Association for its excellence as a copyrighted textbook. With the adoption of this series comes an online student edition. We are still working on setting up the online information, but can you learn about the Big Ideas Math series by using the following link: <http://www.bigideasmath.com/> . If you click on the textbooks under the regular pathway heading, you will be able to view the table of contents and access pages of the textbooks (When you click on table of contents, you will then be able to choose the grade level of the book you want to access).

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. The summer reading program is optional for students this year with incentives in place for students who take part. You can access all of the summer reading information on our website under the academics tab, or by using the following link: <http://ccscolts.org/site/academic/summer-reading-lists/> .

Open House: The back-to-school Open House will be held Thursday, August 9, 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. New families to CCS are invited to attend a new family orientation prior to the “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.

Lower School Release Time: When school resumes in August, the new release time for lower school will be 2:40 p.m. This change will add nearly 30 hours of instruction time for our lower school students over the year.

Closed Campus: CCS is a closed campus during the school day to ensure the safety of our students. Beginning this fall, the only visitors that will be allowed on campus will be immediate family members (parents, siblings, grandparents), unless prior approval has been given by the administration. 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. This change to our policy is for the safety of our entire student body.

Supply Lists: The 2012-2013 supply lists for kindergarten through fifth grades are now on the CCS website. You can access them under the academics tab, or by using the following link: <http://ccscolts.org/site/academic/2012-13-supplies-list/>. Upper school supply lists will be posted in the coming week.

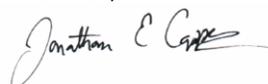
Dress Code: Beginning in the 2012-2013 school year, the CCS dress code will state that students cannot wear baggy pants, spandex pants, leggings, or any type of athletic pants/shorts (including wind pants, sweat pants, athletic shorts, etc.) Jeans and twill/chino type of pants/shorts will be the only type allowed. Pant styles that are not allowed include slim fit, skinny fit, low-cut waist, hip huggers, and low riders.

New Student Referral Discount: Parents/Guardians may discount their tuition payments by aiding the school in enrolling new students (other than their own children). A current family that refers a new student will earn a \$500 tuition credit for each new student enrolled; when the family of the new student indicates on their application that they heard about the school through the current family. This credit is applied upon enrollment of the referred student into the CCS program.

First Day of School: The first day of school is on Wednesday, August 15.

Thank you for your commitment to your child’s education. The staff at Crossroads has been working hard to get everything ready for school to begin in order to make sure that the 2012-2013 school year is our best year yet. We look forward to seeing you at Open House. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

In Christ,



Jonathan E. Capps
Headmaster