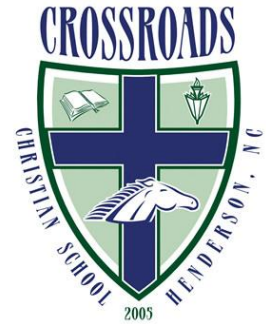


CROSSROADS NEWSLETTER

December 7, 2011



Crossroads Family,

It is hard to believe that the first semester is winding down and that we will be taking exams and beginning our Christmas break in a few short days. What a wonderful time of the year! I know for me, Christmas is my favorite time of the year. I love the lights, Christmas trees, presents, Christmas songs, Christmas movies, the Christmas Eve church service, and being with family. My favorite thing to do during this time of year is to read Luke 2 on Christmas morning. What a joy it is to know that the Lord sent his Son to earth so that we would have the opportunity to have everlasting life.

I was blessed to be a part of the Pre-K and Kindergarten Christmas program last week. The students did an amazing job singing songs and telling the audience the true reason we celebrate Christmas – God’s love shown to us by sending his son to die on the cross. During the program, Mrs. Whalen shared a poem that she had written about teaching at Crossroads. I wanted to share it with the CCS family as the words are so true, and it sums up exactly why the faculty and staff are at CCS.

Why We Teach Here!

*T'was days before Christmas
And all through the school
The students were wild and crazy trying to be cool.*

*It must be that time for parties and fun
Because every teacher knows,
No work will get done.*

*So, it all comes to this; at this time of year
The reason we teach; the reason we're here*

*To teach them of Jesus
And His love for each one
And of His coming to earth as God's only son*

*That He came as a baby, like me and like you
And that He is God, how can this be true?*

*So hard to explain, so hard to receive,
How can we teach them?
How will they believe?
So, we dig deep in our hearts,*

*And teach of His love
And that He was sent from heaven above
Yes, we are thankful for a place where we can
Teach of His mercy, His love, and His plan*

*This is the reason we teach where we are
Because we're permitted to teach of a star*

*That rose up in the sky so long ago
To show shepherds and wise men and you
Just where to go*

*So, our prayer for you and your family tonight
Is that we would never, ever lose sight*

*We've been given the freedom
To teach God's TRUTH
To some of His most wonderful Youth!*

*So as you leave here, be thankful and blessed
That you have a child, here, at CCS!*

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Faculty and Staff of Crossroads Christian School, I wish you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

In Christ,
Jonathan E. Capps

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6

General Announcements

Re-Enrollment Begins Monday, January 30

A two-week re-enrollment period for the 2012–2013 school year will begin on Monday, January 30, and run through Friday, February 10. Families who re-enroll during this time will receive a \$50 discount per child on the registration fee. All families who re-enroll during this time will be entered into a drawing for one of three prizes: a free book and activity fee, \$100 certificate to the school apparel store, or a \$50 certificate to the school apparel store. Open enrollment for new families will begin on Monday, February 13, and at that time, no place can be guaranteed.

Mark your calendar!
Re-Enrollment
Jan. 30 – Feb. 10

Re-enrollment packets will be mailed out in January. Each packet will contain a letter explaining the re-enrollment process, tuition and fees sheet, statement of cooperation form, student data sheets, and a 2012–2013 school calendar. We look forward to seeing you during the re-enrollment period!



Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, CCS will do everything we can to ensure that a decision is made in a timely manner. Delay or closing information will be posted on the school website (www.ccscolts.org), e-mailed out through RenWeb, and announced on the following TV and radio stations: WRAL TV5; NBC 17; WTVD 11; WPTF-FM 680; WIZS-AM 1450. When there is potential for inclement weather, please check the above mentioned sites regularly for updated school information.

Exams & Exam Day Schedule (Lower & Upper)

Upper school exams will take place on December 15 – 17. All upper school students will be participating in exams. Please see the school website for an [exam schedule & policies](#), and a [copy of the middle school letter](#). If school is cancelled due to inclement weather, the exam schedule will continue where it left off when school resumes. Please be reminded that we will be on a half-day schedule on exam days, and that school will be dismissed at 11:30 for lower school students and 12:00 for upper school students.

Lower School Christmas Program

The 1st – 5th grades Christmas program will take place this Thursday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafetorium. The theme for the program is **“For the Glory of the King.”** Please have your children wear their Christmas best, unless wearing a costume (they should know who they are and will be given special instructions about what to wear under their costumes). All of the students need to be on stage no later than 6:45 p.m. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Whalen at vwhalen@ccscolts.org.

For those who were unable to attend, the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students put on a wonderful Christmas program last week. It was a night filled with laughter, fun, singing, the children running around in their pajamas, and it focused on the reason why we celebrate at Christmas. I wanted to send a special thank you to Mrs. Whalen for all of the hard work that she put in to making the performance a very special and memorable event.



CCS Helps Fight Hunger



Members of CCS Student Council and Jr. Beta Club joined forces with over 75 local schools to host a mass food drive for “Students Against Hunger.” This campaign supports before and after school programs, Kids Cafes, and essential backpack programs in central and eastern North Carolina. CCS students collected over 1,000 items that will go to children in our local communities who may have otherwise not had enough to eat during this Christmas season. In total, 772 pounds of food was collected, and that food will provide over 650 meals!

The students competed to see which classrooms could bring in the most food items. Congratulations to Mrs. Garriss and Mrs. O’Steen for having the highest percentages collected. Thank you to all the students and parents who brought items in. We love how big the hearts of our students are, as well as their desire to reach out to the community in such a meaningful way.

CCS Homecoming & Spirit Week

Candy Land

“How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!” Psalm 119:103

2012 Homecoming Spirit Week

Monday	Martin Luther King Jr. Day – School closed
Tuesday	Laffy Taffy Tacky Day – Tacky or mismatched clothes (modest dress will be enforced)
Wednesday	Skittles Day – Dress head to ankle in ONE color. “Experience the Rainbow!”
Thursday	Pick your Candy and Candy Tales Upper School - Pick your Candy - Each class will dress like a stereotype and candy must be included with your outfit. <u>Seniors</u> – Nerds (Nerds or Smarties) <u>Juniors</u> – Preppies (Peppermint Patties) <u>Sophomores</u> – Athletes (Nestlé Crunch) <u>Freshman</u> - Rebels (Jawbreakers) Middle School - Pick your Candy - Each class will dress like a stereotype and candy must be included with your outfit. <u>8th grade</u> - Athletes (Nestle Crunch) <u>7th grade</u> - Nerds (Nerds or Smarties) <u>6th grade</u> - Preppies (Peppermint Patties) Elementary Students - Candy Tales – Each elementary class is to dress up as a Fairy Tale and incorporate candy.
Friday	Colts Spirit Day - School Colors Day

Parents in Prayer

You are invited to join us in prayer for our school family each Tuesday morning at 8:00 am in the Mac Lab. Please sign in at the office. We have certainly enjoyed our prayer time together as we lift up the needs of our people and praise God for what he has already done. If you have a prayer request, please email us at dandjexpress@ncol.net or bsams1@nc.rr.com . We would love to hear your praise reports too. Please come and join us. Prayer works!



CCS Booster Club



We have completed our NC State concessions for the year, and we could not have done it without all of you! We would like to say **“Thank You”** to everyone who sacrificed a Saturday to work the booth. This is by far the best fundraiser we have, but it takes a lot of people to make it happen.

The next fundraiser will be the Pancake Supper this Friday night, December 9, in the Cafetorium. Our middle school teams are playing Kerr Vance Academy, and our high school teams are playing Norlina Christian School. Pancake Tickets are \$6.00, and they include pancakes, sausage, fruit and a beverage if you dine in. Each athlete has tickets to sell or you can buy plates at the door. See Mr. Cooper for additional tickets.

We want to send a special “Thank You” to the staff, parents, and students who have worked admissions and concessions at all of our home games this year. We greatly appreciate your time and service in helping meet our needs. Finally, we want to have a Golf Tournament in the spring. If anyone is interested in putting a golf team together, please see a Booster Club Team Member or call Donald Matthews at 252-425-7155.

Junior Beta Club News

The Junior Beta Club has been busy the last few months working on several service projects. In September and October the club members brought in items to pack boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Another project they participated in recently was writing an encouraging letter to our military personnel overseas. Those letters were given to one of our CCS faculty members to mail to her son’s troop since they will not be home for Christmas. In December, the club members will begin their annual candy sale to raise funds for future service projects. Look for upcoming service projects and outreach from the Junior Beta Club after Christmas break.

News from the College Admissions Counselor

December holds deadlines for many **scholarships**. If you need assistance or recommendation letters from me or your teachers to meet a Dec. deadline, don’t put it off any longer! Christmas break you will be unable to reach your teachers, so get those recommendation requests in now!

FAFSA Day – Remember, you can begin filling out your FAFSA after January 1 if you plan on seeking any sort of financial aid from the college you’ll be attending. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is your first step in getting that aid (which can include scholarships, grants, work-study opportunities, and loans). From the FAFSA, you will receive a SAR (Student Aid Report) which in turn is what the colleges use to negotiate a financial aid package for you. FAFSA Day is February 18, 2012—local community colleges and organizations have a time where you meet with a counselor and get help in completing the FAFSA successfully. Go to www.cfnc.org to find more information about FAFSA Day.



Congratulations to several seniors who applied early to their schools and have already received college acceptances for fall of 2012!

CCS Apparel Store – New Arrivals

With winter quickly approaching, CCS has added several additions to the school store. We have added half-zip and full zip Champion brand hoodies in Youth sizes which are on sale for \$20. We also have Under Armour hoodies for \$27. For the older students we have half-zip hoodies and full-zip jackets for \$25 each. Stop by and take a look at our new winter apparel!

After-School Tutoring Available

Please check the Crossroads website for information on after-school tutoring.

Your Help Needed for Carpool Safety

- **Do not drive through the center lane unless parking to walk in.** Please go around the loop to the right to drop off. Several parents are zipping into the center lane, dropping off students, then turning around to exit through the entrance of the parking lot. This lot is for teachers and students to park for the day and for parents who are parking because they need to come into the school. Please follow the guidelines we have for the safety and consideration of others.
- Be mindful of speed – 5 mph.
- Have children ready to get out when approaching drop-off area, and allow our staff to assist the children exiting the vehicle.
- Use only the front entrance to the school.

Athletics

Both Middle School basketball teams opened up their seasons with victories against Lighthouse Christian. The boys' team won in a nail-biter. Seventh grader Connor Bryant stepped up to sink 3 out of 4 free throws in the closing seconds to capture the victory. The girls' team was led by a strong effort from Alexis Harrison. Both teams are a lot of fun to watch as evidenced by their near sell-out games! The MS teams will be in action at home on Friday, December 9, against Kerr Vance Academy.

Varsity girls opened with a resounding win against conference foe Trinity Academy, with a strong effort by senior Jessica Matthews scoring six 3-pointers. With a deep team, many seniors, and a run and gun style, the girls will be very competitive this year.

The varsity boys are working to build the program. In between study halls, workouts, film sessions, and classes, the boys can be found in the gym. They are learning brand new offensive and defensive systems, as well as growing into fresh roles. This young team is improving every day and will be exciting for years to come.



Important Dates

December 8	1 st -5 th Grades Christmas Program (7 p.m. in the Cafetorium)
December 9	Booster Club Pancake Dinner (3-7 p.m. in the Cafetorium)
December 12-13	Exam Review Days – Full Day
December 14-16	Exams – Half Days
December 16	First Semester/Second Quarter Ends
Dec. 19 – Jan 2	Christmas Break
January 3	Second Semester/Third Quarter Begins
January 13	Krispy Kreme Fundraiser (Junior Class)
February 18	FAFSA Day

Easy Ways to Support CCS

CCS realizes the sacrifice that most families make in order to attend a Christian school. We understand that all families are not able to give to the school financially, but there are many other ways to help CCS at no additional cost to you!

- **Engaged Recycling**
When you recycle your old electronics through Harris Teeter's Together in Education Program on the Engaged Recycling site, you can make a donation to CCS and receive a Harris Teeter gift card with the remaining amount. Be sure to select Crossroads Christian School – Henderson as your donation recipient. It's a win-win situation for everyone involved!
- **Box Tops for Education**
Classrooms will earn \$.10 for each box top with the Box Tops for Education logo printed on it. Please turn in box tops to your child's homeroom teacher. You can sign up online to print coupons, shop online, and track the school's earnings. Upper school grades are now participating as well!
- **Box Tops Marketplace**
Shop online at your favorite stores through the Box Tops Marketplace, and CCS will earn cash on every qualifying purchase. At the Box Tops Marketplace, you can shop at over 70 online stores like iTunes, Oriental Trading Co., Office Depot, and Barnes & Noble, and a percentage of each purchase goes back to your school!
- **Tyson Project A+**
We get \$.24 for each TYSON chicken label. Look for the little black box that says PROJECT A+ and the 1-2-3. Turn in labels to your child's homeroom teacher or drop them off in the school office.
- **Labels for Education**
Clip and save UPCs and beverage caps from participating products (Campbell's, Pepperidge Farms, etc.). CCS earns points that can be redeemed for free school equipment. Sign up online to track our school's progress and to find out more information about the program. Download a list of participating products.
- **Grocery Store Reward Cards**
Register your reward cards at Food Lion and Harris Teeter, and the school will earn money each time you shop!
 - Food Lion MVP Card – Our school number is #212821.
 - Harris Teeter VIC Card – Our school number is # 8206.
- **Target REDcard**
Sign up for Target's *Take Charge of Education* program and designate CCS (# 126137) as your school. Target will donate 1% of your Target REDcard (credit card, check card, Visa card, or business card) purchases at any Target store and Target.com, and ½% of your Target Visa® REDcard purchases made everywhere else. To sign up, go to www.target.com/tcoe.

The more people that participate in these easy fundraising programs, the more money CCS earns! Parents, grandparents, neighbors, friends, etc., all welcome! Please visit the How You Can Contribute section of the school website for more information.

Merry Christmas!