

# CROSSROADS NEWSLETTER

October 31, 2013



## Spiritual Emphasis Week (Oct. 7-10)



The Upper School students participated in Spiritual Emphasis Week from October 7-10. Ryan McGann, family pastor at Washington Avenue Baptist Church in Cookeville, TN, encouraged the students to begin a process of revival. His formula was based on 2 Chronicles 7:14.

According to McGann, revival starts with an understanding of our need for it in our lives. This is followed by attention to the word of God, leading to humility, repentance and forgiveness. Students were encouraged to pray for and encourage each other in the steps to revival.

Our prayer at CCS is that students would love the Word of God, recognize their continual need for forgiveness, respond with humility and surrender to the life that God has for them. In this they will find revival in their own lives and have the opportunity to pass that revival along to those they come in contact with.

## See You at the Pole

On Wednesday, September 25, the 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students gathered around the flagpole in front of the school for 50 minutes to pray for our school, the state, the nation and the world during **See You at the Pole**.

The senior class did a wonderful job leading this event. Students stood around the flagpole grouped by grade with their teachers. The seniors rotated among the groups presenting prayer topics and encouraging the students to pray aloud for the many needs that exist in our world today.

It was wonderful to hear the sweet, quiet voices of the lower school students as they expressed unfiltered, transparent and passionate prayers to God. We are grateful for the generation that God is raising up here at Crossroads. **See You at the Pole** was just one glimpse into the work God is doing in the lives of the students at CCS.



## Christmas Program

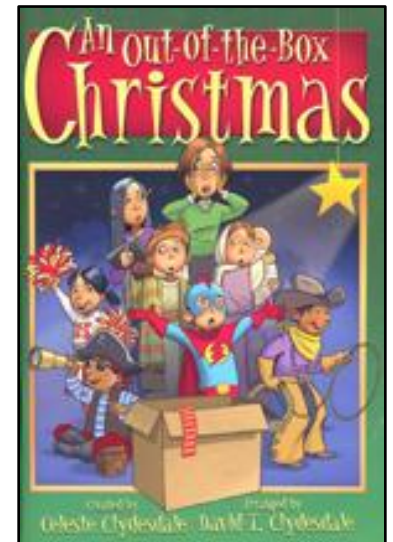
The lower school students will be putting on the musical "An Out of the Box Christmas" this year for its annual program. The musical takes place at the final dress rehearsal for a class of students who are about to put on a play. All of the props and costumes have arrived, but as they pull them "out of the box," they find all the wrong things. Working together, the children come up with some unique ways to share the Christmas message because they know that the story of Jesus' birth and His love must be told! The lower school students are excited and are looking forward to sharing their message with you through this musical. Mark your calendars now with this information:

**Thursday, December 5**

**6:30 p.m.**

**"An Out-of-the-Box Christmas"**

**In the school cafetorium**



## Fall Festival – October 4



The CCS Booster Club would like to thank the parents, students, faculty, and staff that helped make the Fall Festival a success. We appreciate the candy, cakes, pies, and hard work that many of our families put in. While we are thankful to have had one of the best fall festivals ever, we are more thankful to the Lord who watched over us, kept everyone safe, and gave us beautiful weather for the event. The Lord is truly good! Thank you again for your hard work and help! We could not have done it without you!



## CCS Homecoming & Spirit Week 2014

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Homecoming & Spirit Week will take place the week of **JANUARY 27-31**. We wanted to share the dress-up day information, as many of our students like to purchase their outfits when items go on sale after Halloween.

- **MONDAY**      **AMERICA DAY** (anything patriotic)
- **TUESDAY**     **CHARACTER DAY** (dress up as your favorite Bible character, super hero, princess, or Disney character)
- **WEDNESDAY**   **COLLEGE TEAM SPIRIT DAY**
- **THURSDAY**    **THROWBACK THURSDAY** (dress up from any decade)
- **FRIDAY**        **COLTS SPIRIT DAY** - School Colors Day (The school colors are blue, green and white.)

## 2013-2014 Yearbooks Now on Sale

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Please order your CCS Yearbook as soon as possible! The "Our Roots" edition can be purchased at the price of \$55 per book with the option of personalization. Please check the CCS website for the order form, and know your support is much appreciated!

Contact Mrs. Cooper at [rcooper@ccscolts.org](mailto:rcooper@ccscolts.org) with any questions.

## 1st Grade Class Participating in Operation Christmas Child

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Each year the 1<sup>st</sup> grade students at CCS participate in Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child is sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, and its web site states the following: "Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. This program of Samaritan's Purse provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on missions project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas - Jesus Christ." On November 18, the 1<sup>st</sup> grade students will be working on packing their boxes to be sent all over the world. They will be assisted by the National Honor Society students. Thank you to all of those involved in helping our 1<sup>st</sup> grade students show the love of Christ to others.



## Student Council

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Student Council is proud to announce the student representatives for the 2013-2014 school year! The four student body officers are these:

- **Kayla O'Steen (11<sup>th</sup>)** —President
- **David Ellis (12<sup>th</sup>)** —Vice-President
- **Noah Carlson (10<sup>th</sup>)** —Treasurer
- **Hanna Williams (10<sup>th</sup>)** —Secretary

In addition to the four officers, the following students are representing their classes: **6th grade:** Zoie Wilson and Austin Hayes; **7th grade:** Madison Foster and Cade Carlson; **8th grade:** Hannah Brummitt and Gavin Carroll; **9th grade:** Abigail Shah and Tyler O'Steen; **10th grade:** Ashton Hayes and Colton Steffensen; **11th grade:** Holly Waddell, Lora Yount, and Parker McClelland; and **12th grade:** Caroline May and Nicole Wille.  
*Congratulations to a great team of students!*

## Book Fair

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The CCS library will be hosting an **Usborne Book Fair** November 11-15, from 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. daily. Usborne produces quality books, both fiction and non-fiction, and their inventory includes a variety of “How To” activity books. With a product line of over 1,400 titles there is something for every age group. Christmas is right around the corner, and Usborne could help you with your gift list. Please stop by the library during the Usborne Book Fair and see the wonderful selection of items available for purchase.

## Recreation and Outdoor Club (ROC Club)

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The ROC visited Grandfather Mountain on October 26. Students enjoyed hiking and crossing the Mile High Swinging Bridge. The trip was a fun challenge and great success, with students using rope guides and ladders to scale MacRae’s Peak. Students also visited animal habitats and Grandfather Mountain’s terrific fudge shop (all purchases were promptly devoured). A big thank you goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Testerman for driving the ROC Club on this trip!



## Parents in Prayer

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Parents/guardians are invited to join us in prayer for our school family each Tuesday morning at 8:00 a.m. in the Mac Lab. It is a time of prayer and fellowship as we lift up the needs of our people and praise God for what He is doing. If you have a prayer request or have questions about parents in prayer, please email Rene Sams at [bsams1@nc.rr.com](mailto:bsams1@nc.rr.com). We would love to hear your praise reports, too.



## Athletics

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The CCS Colts teams had a successful fall sports season. All made great strides, and athletes stepped up to their individual challenges in each sport.

Special congratulations to our MS Volleyball team for winning the regular season conference championship! It was not easy as they competed against 10 schools from the Triangle area. The very deep and talented squad was a joy to watch all year. They fought hard and fell just short in the tournament championship. We look forward to many of these girls making an impact on next year’s teams.

Winter sports are underway. Varsity girls and boys basketball teams have concluded try-outs and will begin practice this week. Middle school basketball will start November 4th for both boys and girls. Game schedules are on the athletic section of the CCS website.



Get excited and come support your Colts’ basketball program!

# GO COLTS!

## Important Dates

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<b>November 6</b>	Science Lab Field Trip
<b>November 10-12</b>	NHS Leadership Conference
<b>November 13</b>	Junior Beta Club Induction
<b>November 18</b>	Progress Reports
<b>November 18</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade – Operation Christmas Child Project (NHS assists with packing)
<b>November 22</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades – Science Museum
<b>November 25-26</b>	Teacher’s Conference – No School
<b>November 27-29</b>	Thanksgiving Break – No School
<b>November 30</b>	NHS Members work in NCSU football concessions to assist Booster Club
<b>December 5</b>	Lower School Christmas Program – 6:30 p.m. in the Cafetorium
<b>December 16-17</b>	Exam Review Days – Upper School
<b>December 18-20</b>	Upper School Exams – Half Days
<b>Dec. 23 – Jan. 3</b>	Christmas Break – No School
<b>January 6</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Begins