

CROSSROADS NEWS

May 13, 2014



Crossroads Family,

It's hard to believe that the 2013-2014 school year is almost over. As we come to the close of this year, I want to sincerely say that it has been an honor and a blessing to serve another year at CCS. Watching your children grow and change through the year has been a tremendous joy to me and the faculty. It is such a blessing to serve you and work with your children!

I would like to thank each family for partnering with us. It's because of your dedication to CCS that we are able to provide a Christian education to our students. Your involvement in your child's education is the single most influential factor in determining success in the classroom. As we work together, our children reap the benefits. Thank you for all that you do and for your continued support of CCS.

With graduation taking place this Saturday, May 17, we will soon be saying good-bye to our seniors. This year's class is one that is full of personality and great potential. Their absence at CCS next year will surely be felt. We will miss the laughs, smiles, and even the complaints (well, some of them). We appreciate the impact that they've had on our school, and we are grateful for the opportunity we had to watch them become the young men and women they are today. We look forward to seeing what the future holds for them as they begin the next stage in their lives. May the Lord bless them as they continue on their journey!

Have a safe and wonderful summer. We look forward to seeing you next school year!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan E. Cape".

**HUMAN BRAIN IS AMAZING.
IT FUNCTIONS 24 HRS. FOR 365 DAYS.
IT FUNCTIONS RIGHT FROM THE TIME WE
WERE BORN & ONLY STOPS WHEN WE...**

TAKE EXAMS.

Exams & Daily Schedule (Lower & Upper School Students)

With the school year coming to a close, second semester exams begin soon. Exams will take place Monday, May 19, through Wednesday, May 21. We will be operating on a half-day schedule for exams, with the Lower School being dismissed at 11:40 a.m. and the Upper School dismissing at 12:00. Exam review days will take place on Thursday, May 15, and Friday, May 16. As a reminder, Friday, May 16, is a half-day of school. You can find a copy of the Upper School exam schedule and Middle School exam parent letter on the CCS website home page.



Lower School Sweet Success Celebration

On **Monday, May 19**, the Lower School students will enjoy a "Sweet Success Celebration" to acknowledge their hard work and accomplishments over the 2013-2014 school year! Students will enjoy a sweet ice cream sundae treat in the classroom and a sweet time of fellowship with their friends. Our students are truly amazing, and we wanted a fun, kid-friendly celebration to acknowledge their accomplishments!

Summer Reading Program

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 but offers incentives for those who take part. We will be sending out an email with summer reading information before the end of the school year. Summer reading lists for all grades will also be available online soon at <http://ccscolts.org/site/academic/summer-reading-lists/>.



RenWeb Lunch Accounts

With the school year winding down, please make sure that your family lunch account is paid in full. You can check your final lunch account balance after 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 15. All lunch accounts must be paid in full by the end of the day on Wednesday, May 21. Final report cards will be held until all accounts are current.

ACSI Math League Competition

It is with great honor and joy that we celebrate the achievement of our Algebra I and Pre-Calculus classes for winning their division in this year's ACSI Math League Competition. This is the second year that CCS has participated in the Math League Competition, and we look forward to expanding our entry to include more classes next year. Not only did we take first place overall in the Algebra I and Pre-Calculus divisions, but the following students had the highest overall scores in their division:

- **Tyler Champion** – Pre-Algebra
- **Evin Swilley** – Algebra I
- **Jonah McClelland** – Algebra II
- **Kayla O'Steen** – Pre-Calculus
- **Holly Waddell** – Pre-Calculus



Thank you to our "Parents In Prayer"

Every Tuesday, a group of parents meet together in the CCS mac lab to pray for our school. We would like to humbly thank these ladies for their prayers. We strongly believe in the power of prayer, and our Parents in Prayer group is a primary reason for God's blessings on us this school year. Thank you so much!

Yearbook Distribution

Yearbook distribution will take place in individual classrooms this year, as they will not arrive until exam week. Homeroom teachers will pass out books to students upon the yearbook's arrival. Students who purchased the yearbook but are not present when they are distributed may pick up their yearbook during school hours this summer. Also, it is not too late to purchase an "Our Roots" yearbook! Get your 2013-2014 copy today. As always, please contact Mrs. Cooper with any questions (rcooper@ccscolts.org).

CONGRATULATIONS TO MS. THOMAS for her selection as our 2014 yearbook dedicatee. Her service, hard work, and passion for God, her career, students, and family made her the unanimous choice for the "Our Roots" dedication. She has truly impacted the lives of students here at CCS, and embodies the qualities that make our school a wonderful environment. We love and appreciate you, Ms. Thomas!



ACSI Desktop Publishing Winners!

Mrs. Newbern is pleased to announce that four of our 6th graders did an excellent job in the ACSI 2014 Southeast District Desktop Publishing Competition.

- Lindsey Burwell - Superior
- Austin Hayes - Superior
- Chandler Hobgood - Superior
- Jackson Ross - Excellent

Please keep a lookout for a link to vote for Viewer's Choice Award. As soon as we receive the link, we will send it out so you can vote for your favorite!

10th & 11th Grades: Virginia Field Trip

On May 7-8, 10th-11th grade students traveled with Ms. Thomas and Mrs. Choplin to Virginia to visit several historic sites and the University of Virginia. While the weather was HOT HOT HOT, the students still had a great time exploring and learning about the places we visited. On Wednesday, students were able to tour Appomattox Courthouse and the McLean House, the site of General Robert E. Lee's surrender of his army to General Ulysses Grant. While this was not the last surrender of the Civil War, it was the beginning of the end. While at Appomattox, students also got to see (and even participate in) the printing of replica parole passes for General Lee's soldiers. Later that day, students went on a guided tour of Montpelier, the home of President James Madison, which also included visiting an active archaeological dig and talking with the archaeologists about their finds.

On Thursday, students were able to attend an admissions session at the University of Virginia. The girls and guys then split up and went on a scavenger hunt of various sites around campus. They took plenty of pictures during the scavenger hunt, so be sure to visit the CCS Facebook page so you can see how much fun they had. They got a good taste of what it's like on a big college campus, and they also learned more about Thomas Jefferson and his goal in founding UVA. Students then traveled to Michie Tavern for a much welcomed colonial feast that included the best fried chicken in the world. After lunch, they toured the tavern, which served as an inn and restaurant for travelers in the 1700s, and learned an authentic colonial dance (see video on Facebook). Then it was on to Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson and the highlight of our trip. Monticello is the only private home in the United States that is designated as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, so it was definitely a privilege for our students to visit. All in all, we had a great time of exploring and learning! (Below: printing Confederate parole passes; at Rotunda at University of Virginia)



Junior Beta Club News by Mrs. Williams



The Junior Beta Club has been busy this school year completing various service projects. In October, the members wrote letters to two soldiers. In November, the club purchased items and packed boxes for Operation Christmas Child. In March, the Beta club members visited the local Vance County Animal Shelter and delivered several bags of dog and cat food. In April, the club sent in can tops they collected over the year and made a donation to the Ronald McDonald House in Durham. During the months of April and May, the club participated in donating money to the Duke Children's Hospital, as well as collected items for a local nursing home.

The Junior Beta Club year end party will be held on Tuesday, May 13. We have had an incredible year and have been blessed with wonderful students. With heavy hearts we say good-bye to our ninth grade members and wish them the best. We will pray for them as they continue through high school. Ninth grade members: Conner Bryant, Hayley Collier, Mackenzie Hutson, Griffin Martin (Vice President), Tyler O'Steen (Chaplain), Brittany Overby, Amber Peoples, Abigail Shah (Secretary), Lacie Steffensen (President).

Summer Camp News



Camp is just around the corner. We offer a variety of athletic, academic, and creative thinking camps. You can choose from half day, full day, or full summer options. We will serve between 250 and 300 campers this summer. Please invite your friends and family. You can find more information and register on our school website at www.ccscolts.org/site/summer-camps/registration.

Camp orientation is Thursday, May 29. Camp orientation is required for all summer campers. Parents will be able to pay for summer camp and find out important camper information. Campers will be able to get their camp T-shirt, shop in our camp store, and meet all the amazing camp counselors! Register now before it's too late!

Orientation May 29

Returning Campers: 5:00-6:30 Camp Check-In

Please come to the cafetorium to pick up your camp shirt and folder, pay for camp, or make any changes to your schedule. All payment and schedule tables will close promptly at 6:30 to prepare for the new camper meeting. Camp Check-In is for returning campers only.

New Campers: 6:45 Parent Meeting

Please come to the cafetorium for a brief parent meeting. Afterwards, payment and schedule tables will reopen and you will be able to pay for camp or make changes to your schedule.

Athletics

With spring sports coming to an end, it's time to start thinking about the summer and next year.

Rising 8th-12th grade boys will be competing in a summer basketball league at East Wake Academy. We would like to add a girls' league team, too, and are looking for students to participate. If your daughter is interested, please email Tracy Anderson at tanderson@ccscolts.org for more information.

There will be an open gym for rising 6th-12th grade boys interested in playing basketball next year on Monday, May 12, from 3:00-5:00. Additionally, we will hold an open gym for volleyball for rising 9th-12th grade girls on Tuesday, May 13, from 4:30-6:30.

All fall sports will begin on Friday, August 1. Please try your best to plan family vacations, doctor's appointments, etc. before then. Physicals need to be on file in the athletic office before an athlete can try out for a team.

Please continue to utilize the new athletics website, www.ccscolts.bigteams.com. It has been a wonderful resource already, and I am looking forward to utilizing it even more next year.

Lastly, I would like to announce that we will have **new conferences** for our both our middle and high school teams next year. In an effort to cut down on travel, we have joined the newly formed Carolina Independent Conference for high school. Members will include Kerr-Vance Academy, St. Thomas More, Faith Christian-Rocky Mount, Rocky Mount Academy, Epiphany School, Oakwood School, and Halifax Academy. The Triangle Middle School Conference has split, with many of the bigger schools leaving. The remaining schools, which will make up the new TMSC, are Bethesda Christian, Cresset Christian, Neuse Christian, Endeavor Charter, Lee Christian, and Grace of Sanford.

Thank you for your support this past year, and we are excited as we look forward to the many changes in the future.

Middle School Baseball Wins TMSC Tournament!

Congratulations goes to our middle school baseball team, who won the TMSC tournament last Thursday beating Grace 18-17. It was an incredible game filled with ups and downs, and one that the spectators will never forget. Our young men trailed 17-9 entering their final inning at bat. With two outs, Brody Steffensen hit an in-the-park home-run to tie the game. The winning run was scored shortly thereafter on a wild pitch. Congratulations on a great season!



Sound to Sea: A 4th Grade Tradition

The fourth grade class went to Salter Path, NC for a hands-on field trip. The students learned about life on a barrier island. They were able to see and experience the four different environments on the island (pond, sound, beach, and maritime forest). The fourth graders enjoyed team-building activities and time together in the lunch hall, cabin, and bus ride. The Sound to Sea experience is a fourth grade tradition at CCS and is one of the students' favorite activities of the year.



College Planning Info

ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery):

On March 17, the ASVAB representative visited our school to talk to our 10th – 12th graders about their ASVAB scores and career planning in general. He handed out a guide book that had an interest inventory and career guidance – if your student didn't bring it home yet, get it and help him or her to work through it this summer to find out what types of jobs might be in the future!

Campus Visits: It's that summer between your junior & senior year, so what do you do? Road trip! Take time to visit the colleges you are considering and get a feel for the campus as well as the surrounding area. Talk to admissions counselors and students who may be there for the summer. For more advice on campus visits, take a look at College Board's Big Future website for lots of helpful tips.

Dual Enrollment for Next Year: The Career and College Promise Program (CCP) is an agreement between North Carolina's community colleges and high schools to allow juniors and seniors to take college-level classes. Juniors may take online classes and use a study hall elective period to work on these classes as long as we can accommodate them with computer space after our regular electives have been scheduled. They are not allowed to leave school early. Seniors can also use an elective period for an online course; however, if a senior elects to take a traditional classroom college course, he/she may leave after lunch to attend the class. Refer to the Student Handbook for full details on our dual enrollment policies. Remember that the community colleges will have their own registration and admission requirements, including taking entrance tests, so start early by contacting your colleges to find out what you have to do!

National Honor Society

Backpack Buddies: Our ongoing project is progressing along – thank you to all the families who have sent in food or drink items or donated monetarily. We will make one more sweep Friday morning to pick up any items, and our club will evaluate how the project has worked so far and how we can make it better in the coming year.

New Officers: New officers have taken up the reins for the new year. Holly Waddell (President), Ashton Hayes (Treasurer), Jordan Campbell (Secretary), Lindsey Perry (Vice President) are now starting to plan for next year's activities, including setting up committees to involve everyone in the club in various ways. Thanks to Lora Yount, this year's secretary, for drafting an updated Constitution and By-laws for our club. Outgoing officers Caroline May, Ben Paul, Ali Arnold, and Lora Yount signed off on the new by-laws just this week.



Spring Projects: The NHS increased their work on Backpack Buddies, did Adopt-a-Highway, and took a Saturday to help with Special Olympics in Kenly in March. In April, they assisted with the 220 Seafood Restaurant fundraiser for the men's homeless shelter in Henderson and provided two meals for the shelter. We look forward to a new year of service in the fall! Check out photos on the school's Facebook page. (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Crossroads-Christian-School/156051514439067>)

Calendar of Events

May 14	Upper School Awards Assembly – 8:45 a.m. in the Cafetorium
May 15	Athletic Awards Night
May 15	Upper School Exam Review Day
May 16	Upper School Exam Review Day – Half Day of School
May 16	Senior Graduation Practice – 10:15 a.m. in the Cafetorium
May 17	Senior Graduation – 10:30 a.m. in the Cafetorium
May 19 – 21	Upper School Exams (Half Days)
May 19	Lower School - Sweet Success Celebration
May 20	5th Grade Chapel & Celebration
May 20	Kindergarten Graduation – 6:00 p.m. in the Cafetorium
May 21	Last Day of School (Half Day)