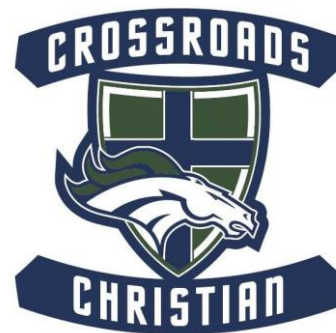


CROSSROADS NEWS

July 27, 2017



Crossroads Family,

I pray this letter finds each of you enjoying the last few weeks of your summer break. It's hard to believe, but in three weeks we will begin another school year. While the staff and students are gearing up, I wanted to remind all parents of the integral role that you play in your child's education. Your children will receive the best education when you and our dedicated teachers work as a team. It's a parent's enthusiasm, support, and involvement that inspire a child to do his or her best and to develop a love of learning. Together we can make the 2017-2018 school year the best it can be for our CCS students.

CCS is excited to introduce our new faculty members and announce a position change for the 2017-2018 year:

- Mrs. Anita Capps – additional 4th Grade (position change)
- Mrs. Jenny Cranfill – Upper School Science
- Mrs. Alicia Jarrell – Music & After-School Care
- Mrs. Wendy Short – 1st Grade

Thank you for your commitment to your child's education. The staff at Crossroads has been working hard to get everything ready for the beginning of a great school year! Enjoy the remainder of your summer and I look forward to seeing you at Open House!

Jonathan E. Capps

Headmaster

BACK-TO-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

The back-to-school Open House will be held on Thursday, August 10, from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. You may 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. All upper school students need to go to the library first to obtain their class schedules. Lower school students and families may go directly to their classrooms. Copies of the 4th grade rosters will be posted in the lower school hallway.

All fees must be paid prior to receiving class schedules. Visit the finance table in the library at Open House to do so.

New Family Orientation – Open House

New families are encouraged to attend the new family orientation prior to 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.

Kindergarten Meeting – Open House

There will be a kindergarten parent meeting at 6:00 p.m. on the night of Open House with Ms. Hunter, the kindergarten teacher, in her classroom (Room 201). The meeting will cover everything that parents need to know as their child enters kindergarten. Please bring the supply list items to Open House to help make the first day of school less chaotic. Kindergarten families do not need to attend the 3:30 p.m. New Family Orientation because the kindergarten meeting will cover the same information, but we ask that you do visit the library before the meeting if you want to open a lunch account, join the PACT program, etc.

Sixth Grade Meeting – Open House

There will be two sixth grade student/parent meetings held on the day of Open House. The first meeting will take place at 4:30 p.m. and the second at 6:00 p.m., with both meetings covering the exact same material. The meetings will be held in Mrs. Anderson's room (Room 603). This meeting will cover the transition into middle school for both students and parents. Please stop by the library first before attending one of the meetings.

BE ONE OF THE FIRST TO MAKE A PACT THIS YEAR WITH CCS

Parents, please prayerfully consider adopting a teacher or faculty member for the 2017-2018 school year and make a PACT to pray for that person and encourage him or her with small gifts throughout the year. This is the third year that the P.A.C.T. (Parents Appreciating Crossroads Teachers) program will be in place, and we are excited about how God will use families to encourage the faculty and staff at CCS. To find out more information or to adopt a faculty member, please visit the PACT table at Open House or send an e-mail to pact@ccscolts.org.



SCHOOL CLOTHING STORE

The school clothing store will be open on August 3, 4, 7, and 8, from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and during Open House on August 10 for parents/students to shop for school shirts. **These are the only dates the school store will be open between now and Open House.** Prices are the same as last year and range from \$12 to \$40. Cash or check only. No debit cards.

Questions? Contact Beth Pegram at 252-431-1333 or bpegram@ccscolts.org.

DRESS CODE INFORMATION (ITEMS IN RED BELOW ARE CHANGES FOR 2017-2018)

General Dress Policies for Boys and Girls (1st – 12th)

- All clothing must fit appropriately (not excessively tight or baggy).
- **Tops:**
All shirts/tops/sweatshirts/hoodies/sweaters worn by students are to be CCS wear, purchased through our school store, school groups (NHS, Yearbook, Student Council), or Land's End. (Land's End Preferred School Number: 9001-0713-7. All Land's End tops must include the Crossroads Christian School logo.) All tops must be worn as purchased; no modifications in fit are allowed (for example, cutting the shirts and tying in knots down the side, etc.). Athletic tournament shirts are not allowed unless specifically designated by the Athletic Director. Summer camp T-shirts are not considered CCS wear and are not allowed during the school year. Camouflage clothing is not allowed (including jackets or coats) at any time.
- **Pants, Skirts, Etc.:**
Students may wear jeans every day. Jeans and twill/chino type of pants/shorts will be the only type allowed. Skirts, dresses, and shorts must not be shorter than mid-thigh. Leggings can be worn under a skirt or dress that meets the mid-thigh rule. Solids, plaids, stripes, and prints are acceptable. Pants must be modest, neat, and appropriate in size and fit. Pants can NOT be too tight in fit. The following styles are not allowed: jeggings and low riders. Pants that are torn, frayed, and/or faded from excessive wear or have separated seams are inappropriate. Cut-off pants are not allowed unless neatly hemmed – no ragged edges, no roll-ups. No overalls may be worn. Baggy pants, spandex pants, or any type of athletic pants/shorts (including wind pants, sweat pants, athletic shorts, etc.) are not allowed. Camouflage clothing is not allowed (including jackets or coats) at any time.

Athletic Dress for Game Days

- Both boys and girls (any sport) will wear an official CCS athletic shirt (not their jerseys) and khaki, navy, or black pants on game days. CCS athletic shirts for game day wear are available in the CCS School Store. As an alternative, athletes may purchase the official CCS Athletics warm-up suit from the CCS School Store. Both the pants and the jacket must be worn together to school on the day of the athletic contest. A CCS shirt should be worn under the jacket at all times because the jacket may not need to be worn throughout the entire day. A student may not wear something similar in style or color; it must be the official warm-up suit if this option for game day dress is taken. The Athletic Director or designee reserves the right to make final determinations on the appropriateness of game day dress.

UPPER SCHOOL CELL PHONE POLICY

Cell phones must be turned off at 8:00 a.m. and not seen in use during the school day. Staff/teachers who see a student using a cell phone in the halls, in restrooms, during class, etc. will collect the cell phone and issue demerits per the demerit system.

Exceptions: Students may use their cell phones during break and lunch in the cafeteria **only**.

- The school's social media policy still applies--students cannot be on social networking sites during the school day.
- Violations will result of loss of privileges & demerits.



ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Students will have five school days following an absence to bring in written documentation to have that absence excused. Documentation is required of all students, even those 18 years old and older. (See CCS Student Handbook, available on the school website under the Information menu, for excused absences.)

UPPER SCHOOL ACADEMIC AWARDS

CCS will be using the following criteria for academic awards (adopted 2016-17):

Middle School (6th – 8th)

- *Honors:* Awarded to students with an overall average of 85-89 for the first three quarters of a school year.
- *High Honors:* Awarded to students with an overall average of 90-94 for the first three quarters of a school year.
- *Highest Honors:* Awarded to students with an overall average of 95 or higher for the first three quarters of a school year.

High School (9th – 12th)

- *Honors:* Awarded to students with a GPA of 3.5 – 3.74 for the first three quarters of the school year.
- *High Honors:* Awarded to students with a GPA of 3.75 – 3.99 for the first three quarters of the school year.
- *Highest Honors:* Awarded to students with a GPA of 4.00 or higher for the first three quarters of the school year.

ATHLETIC UPDATES

Academic Eligibility:

Playing sports is a privilege. Students are eligible to participate in athletics as long as they maintain a 70% average or higher in each core class (a "C"), with no class having an average below a 60% (an "F").

*Core classes: Bible, History, English, Math, and Science

NOTE: For 9th-12th grades - Core classes also include Foreign Language and any class that meets five days a week.

Athletic Fees:

Athletic fees are due for each student playing a sport at CCS as follows:

- **\$75** 1st sport
- **\$50** Per each additional sport
- **\$250** Family maximum per year (an individual family will not be required to pay more than \$250 in sports fees for a single school year)

Athletic fees should be paid by the date of the first scheduled game for the respective season.

MS Fall Sports (volleyball and soccer)

- Tryouts are August 7 & 8. Practices begin August 11 (CCS Open House is 8/10).
- Coach McClelland and Coach Simmons will let their individual teams know specific information regarding times. All dates and times will be posted on the weekly schedule page at <http://www.ccscolts.bigteams.com/>.



HS Fall Sports (JV and varsity volleyball; varsity soccer)

- Official practices begin the week of July 31.
- Coach Anderson, Coach Parker, and Coach Hale will let their individual teams know specific information regarding times. All dates and times will be posted on the weekly schedule page at <http://www.ccscolts.bigteams.com/>.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

There is still time for students to complete 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. You can access the summer reading lists through the following link: <http://ccscolts.org/site/academic/summer-reading-lists/>. Please remember that students taking honors English in grades 9-12 are required to complete the summer reading.



2017-2018 SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

School supply lists are located on the CCS website. You can access the lists online through the following link: [CCS 2017-2018 Supply Lists](#) or go to the Academics menu on the school website (www.ccscolts.org). Please check the lists before you begin your back-to-school shopping!

FROM THE COLLEGE COUNSELOR

HIGH SCHOOL: The opportunities for taking the SAT or ACT are even earlier this year! You can take the SAT as early as August 26 (deadline to register July 28 - <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/dates-deadlines>) and the ACT on September 9 (deadline to register August 4 - <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html>).

SENIORS: Anxious about applying to college? I will be talking with the seniors the first week of classes to go over their checklist for this year, so relax now and enjoy the last of your summer before your final year of high school begins! Your senior sponsor, Mrs. Salinas, has set up a Remind account for you--be sure to sign up for this group. She and I will be using this texting app to remind you of many important deadlines, forms you need to turn in, upcoming senior events, etc. throughout the coming year.

Ten of the 19 seniors have joined already – the link to join is this: <https://www.remind.com/join/co18sal>

We will also share information via a **Seniors-All The Things** OneNote notebook that you can access via your Microsoft Office 365 account. You have access to this notebook already; it is a work in progress and will be updated throughout the year.

-- Mrs. Choplin



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 10	New Family Orientation: 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Open House: 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
August 16	First Day of School
August 31	Fall Pictures (Yearbook)
September 4	Labor Day – No School

Updated Sports Info as of July 28, 2017:

For all tryouts, the weekly schedule will be posted next week. Until then, coaches are contacting families directly regarding preseason workouts.

The upcoming dates for our first round of games is this:

- Varsity Volleyball - 8/12 - Wayne Christian Jamboree
- Varsity Soccer - 8/18 - KVA Vanco Fall Classic
- MS Volleyball - 8/22 - at home against Carolina Mustangs
- JV Volleyball - 8/22 - at home against Carolina Mustangs
- MS Soccer - 8/24 - at home against Bethesda

The Wayne Christian Jamboree for 8/12 is volleyball only. The soccer tournament has been cancelled.

Please bookmark our athletics web page and check it often this year. Our Athletic Director, Jamie Parker, posts all latest news and game info. at this site: <http://www.ccscolts.bigteams.com/>.

Any questions? Contact Jamie Parker at jparker@ccscolts.org.



REMIND

One of the fastest ways that you can receive information from the school regarding delays, closings, and important announcements is through Remind. Remind sends messages via text and/or e-mail. If you signed up for Remind last year, you do not need to register again, as you are still on the school's list. If you are a new family or you did not sign up last year, please use the information on the following pages and sign up for the accounts that pertain to you.

You can sign up for ...

1. **Crossroads announcements** – This is the main school account and where school closings and other events affecting everyone in the school will be posted from Mr. Capps.
2. **Lower School announcements** – This account is for parents of grades K3-5th.
3. **Upper School announcements** – This account is for parents/students of grades 6th – 12th.

Sign up for important updates from Mr. Capps.

Get information for Crossroads Christian School right on your phone—not on handouts.

(Entire School – Main Account)

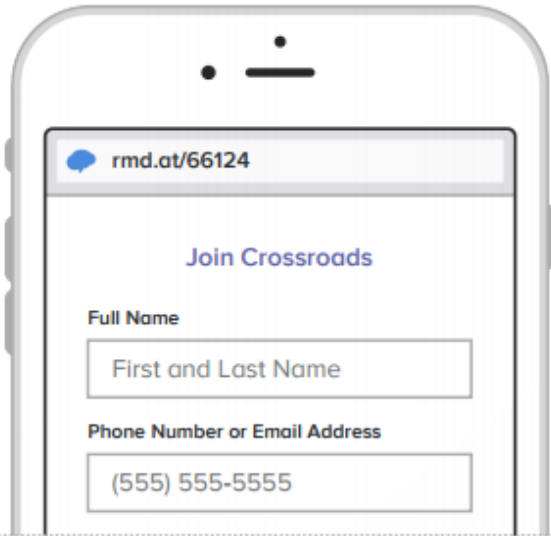
Pick a way to receive messages for Crossroads

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/66124

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.

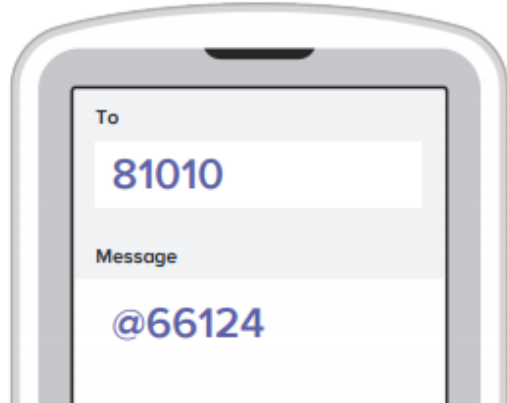


B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @66124 to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @66124 to (980) 255-5102.

* Standard text message rates apply.



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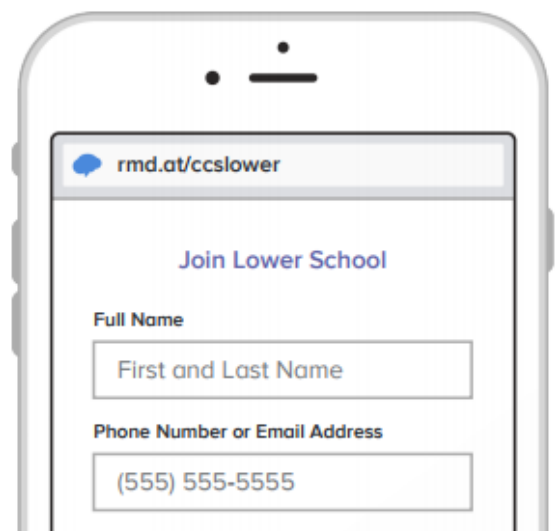
Pick a way to receive messages for Lower School:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

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rmd.at/ccslower

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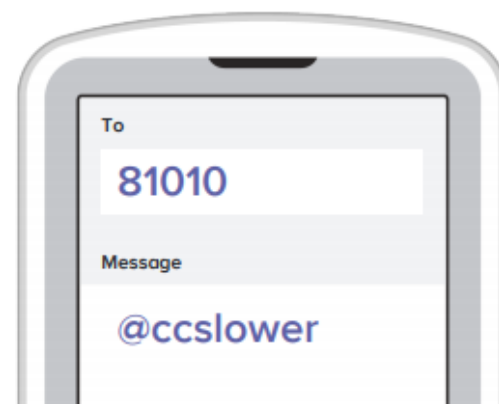


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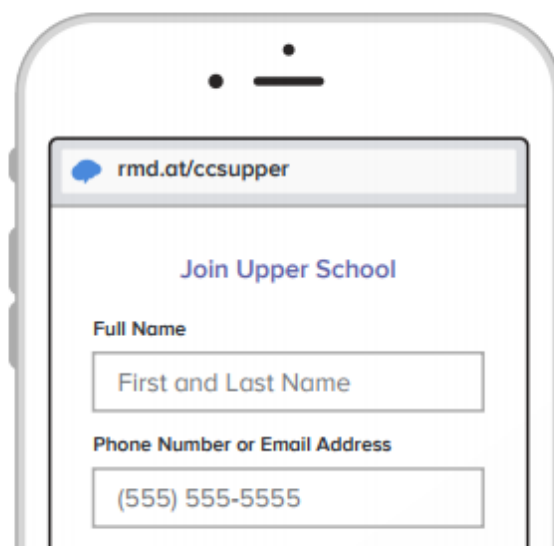
Pick a way to receive messages for Upper School:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/ccsupper

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



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