

CROSSROADS NEWS

April 11, 2017



Crossroads Family,

As he came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead. "Go into that village over there," he told them. "As you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying that colt?' just say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

So they went and found the colt, just as Jesus had said. And sure enough, as they were untying it, the owners asked them, "Why are you untying that colt?" And the disciples simply replied, "The Lord needs it." So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it for him to ride on.



As he rode along, the crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of him. When he reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along; praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen. "Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!" But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, "Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!" He replied, "If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!" - **Luke 19:29-40**

Cool stuff to think about...

- Jesus knew exactly where the colt would be.
- Jesus even knew that the owners would be there and instructed the disciples how to respond as they loosed the colt.
- The owners of the colt did not dispute the disciples' statement, "The Lord hath need of him."
- Can you imagine the pep rally when Jesus got near the descent of the Mount of Olives?

With Luke writing some of the actual things the people were shouting as Jesus came, it just makes it that much easier to close your eyes and imagine the scene and hear their voices lifted up. While there was a multitude praising Jesus, the Pharisees were telling Jesus to rebuke the crowd. Essentially, they wanted Jesus to tell the crowd that He wasn't the Son of God. Jesus responded to them by stating that even if He did get the crowd to be quiet, that the rocks would cry out. That passage tells me that Jesus is going to be praised no matter what!

As Christians we know that not everyone feels like praising the Lord, and there are many who walk through this life and never once lift their voices in praise to Him. Even today you may not feel like praising Him, but think about this...

What if He had never come to earth? What would your life look like? What kind of hope would you have for the future, and what could you look forward to? How could you face difficulties and tragedies in life with any peace whatsoever? Think about Jesus knowing exactly where that colt would be when He told the disciples to go and get it. What if before he decided to come here He looked ahead and saw how the Pharisees would always be persecuting Him, how He would be mocked and hit and spit on and beaten and cut with a crown of thorns and nailed to a cross and stabbed in the side with a spear, just for coming here for us. He did know all of that.....and He came anyway!

As the Easter season quickly approaches, let us not forget all that He gave because of his unfailing love for each of us. Have a wonderful Easter and spring break!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan E. Case". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

CCS Spring Break

Just a reminder that CCS will be closed on Friday, April 14, for Good Friday and will remain closed for spring break from April 17 – April 21. School will resume on Monday, April 24. Have a wonderful spring break!

TerraNova3 Testing: May 8 – May 12

This year Crossroads will be administering the ACSI Edition of TerraNova, 3rd Edition, Achievement Test to students in grades 1 - 10. Tests will be administered May 8-12. Testing begins at 8:00 a.m. each day and runs roughly until 10:00 a.m. (testing times vary according to grade level and subject).

3rd, 4th, 5th grades: Test Monday, May 8, through Friday, May 12

1st, 2nd, 6th -10th grades: Test Monday, May 8, through Thursday, May 11

PLEASE NOTE:

- Each student will need to bring two sharpened #2 pencils with erasers to class.
- Students in grades 3-10 are permitted to use their own calculators (not graphing) on certain portions of the math test.
- Please make sure that your child gets plenty of rest, eats a healthy breakfast, and is in attendance and on time for school. Due to time constraints, we will not be making up tests for students who miss a full day of testing. If a student misses an individual test on a testing day, consideration will be given to the student making up the test, but make-up testing is not guaranteed. If at all possible, do not schedule appointments in the morning during testing week.
- Students who arrive late on testing days will not be admitted to class until there is a break in testing.



Varsity Cheer Places 1st at Nationals

CCS Varsity Cheerleaders participated in three competitions this year. They placed 2nd in December at the Capital Regionals and 1st place at the Carolina Classics in February. On March 4, they competed in the Christian Cheerleaders of America Nationals Competition in Fayetteville, NC. The five-member squad earned the National Champion title in their division. All five of the cheerleaders were determined to improve upon their competition scores. Ten minutes before their final performance, the cheerleaders made a last-minute change to a pyramid and went on the floor with confidence. They “hit” all the stunts, jumps, and pyramids, including the one that was adjusted moments before the performance. Congratulations to our 2016-17 Cheer Squad!



Katie Testerman (12th), Izabelle McClelland (10th), Hailey Macklin (10th), Megan Stainback (10th), Delaney Short (12th)

Hailey Macklin, Izabelle McClelland, Katie Testerman and Megan Stainback were also recognized with Scholar Awards for maintaining a cumulative 3.0 or higher GPA.

Caught Being Third January, February & March



Dawson Kendall, Charley Robinson, Wade Cooke, Allie Harris (2 times), Beck Church, Braxton Moody, Jeremiah Hargrove, Cristan Sims, Owen Meeks, Leah Curtis, Julia Fowler, Hunter Satterwhite, Tristan Watkins, Palynn Nelms (2 times), Amelia Wade (2 times), Rosalie May (2 times), Seth Newbern, Gracie Wiggins (2 times), Trey Pittman, Haley Reese, Tyler Seaman, Jackson Anderson (3 times), Ben Mustian, Josiah Batchelor, Chandler Mulhollen, Thomas Shah, Emily Dail, Allison Owens (2 times), Hailey Grissom, Lucas Lane, Haley Edwards, Forrest Capps, Noah Newbern, Rueben Satterwhite, Sarah Vick, Sophie Wade, Nora Corrigan, Laci Wade, Aubrey Ellington, Andrew Pernell, Rylie Capps, Rebekah Himes, Caden Paschall, Zoe Johnson, Christian Turner

Summer Camp Registration is Open!



**WHEN SCHOOL IS OUT,
CAMP IS IN!**

Pass the word! Summer camp registration is going on! You can check our website for information at <http://ccscolts.org/site/summer-camps/>. Katherine Anderson is our camp director and can answer your questions (kanderson@ccscolts.org).

Camps include themes like basketball, cooking, art, paint, volleyball, science, tennis, cheerleading, Lego and more!

National Honor Society

- The National Honor Society recently held two fundraisers for Backpack Buddies and raised a little over \$500 for the ongoing project! Thank you to all who participated in the **College Awareness Days** – 100% of that money went to pay for groceries purchased for the backpacks.
- NHS members volunteered with the **Miracle League in Franklin County** on Saturday, April 8. The Miracle League serves children and adults who suffer from any physical or mental disabilities, which causes them to be excluded, whether intentionally or not, from conventional baseball leagues. Saturday was a bit too chilly, so the teams were moved inside the gym at Long Mill Elementary School to play whiffle ball and basketball. Our volunteers enjoyed meeting their “buddies” for the games! This ministry is the most popular one with the NHS and we hope to continue to take part in the spring and fall leagues each year!
- The next service project will be Monday, April 24 at the **220 Seafood Restaurant** in Henderson. Our volunteers will act as servers for the fish plate fundraiser for the men’s homeless shelter in Henderson. Everyone is invited to come enjoy a fish plate that night for \$7 and to be waited on by our CCS NHS!



Senior Amber Peoples with her buddy

From the Librarian...

I would like to thank the school family for the *tremendous* support of the Spring Book Fair. Camp Read-a-Lot was full every day after school as well as on Family Night. The Book Fair not only was a lot of fun, but it will help our library better meet the needs of our students. I have asked the students for their recommendations of books I should purchase for our collection with the profit made from the Book Fair. I have received many great suggestions and already ordered some fantastic new books! I am thrilled with the excitement many of our students are showing about reading. I love reading books with them and having conversations about what we are reading. It is so much fun!

Sales at the Spring Book Fair increased 36% from last spring, which is a phenomenal amount of growth. This is directly translating into growing our library and providing more reading choices for our kids. My hope is that our students will develop an excitement for and love of reading that will be life-long. Your support is crucial in helping to foster that – thank you!



2017 ACSI Southeast Region Art Festival



Crossroads Christian School hosted the 2017 Southeast District ACSI Art Festival on Friday, March 24. The art festival an annual event held in districts across the US within the ACSI organization. This year we had approximately 175 students from seven different schools participating. Competing in our district were

1. Asheville Christian Academy
2. Burlington Christian Academy
3. Cresset Christian Academy of Durham
4. Crossroads Christian School
5. Faith Christian School from Rocky Mount
6. Mintz Christian Academy of Roseboro
7. Winston Salem Christian School

A special thank you to everyone who participated and helped make the art festival a great day!

Competing students participated in creative workshops led by Jody Bohannon and Mike Jancart of Clarksville, Virginia. Categories of art included oil and acrylic paintings, drawings, photography, digital art, clay, mixed media and more. Each entry was reviewed by three different judges provided by three different schools. Each piece was evaluated on Design and Composition, Creativity, Technique, and Presentation. We competed in love and honor to our heavenly father. The students were directed to think about (and portray through their creative efforts) beauty and excellence that will reflect the glory and beauty of God and His creation. - *Psalm 99:2-3, Philippians 4:8*



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Large pic:
CCS participants in this
year's art festival

Best of Show winners
from Crossroads:

- Jacob Pendergrass
- Charley Robinson
- Haley Reese
- Seth Newbern
- Noah Newbern
- Emily Dail
- Shelby Sawyer
- Mackenzie Hutson

Congratulations to the following CCS students:

Out of 13 age groups, CCS placed (8) Best of Shows.

ORDER OF Awards:

1. Purple - Best of Show
2. Blue - Superior
3. Red - Excellent
4. White - Good

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Allie Harris - Red
Noah Lancaster - Blue
Charley Robinson - Purple

1st

Jacob Pendergrass - Purple
Julia Fowler - Blue
Austin Haithcock - Blue

2nd

Rylie Capps - Blue
Palynn Nelms - Red
Seth Newbern - Purple
Josie Miceli - Red

3rd

Haley Reese - Purple
Shane Watkins - Blue
Rebekah Himes - Red

4th

Zoe Johnson - Red
Zeke Anderson - Red
Emily Dail - Purple
Cody Paschall - Blue

5th

Noah Newbern - Purple
Caroline Wiard - Red

6th

Will Edwards - Red
Zachary Bartholomew - Blue
Gracie Patterson - Blue

7th

Nicholas Shah - Red
Ryan Adcock - Blue
Nate Jones - Red
Shelby Sawyer - Purple

8th

Dustin Pulley - Red
Hope Hollingsworth - Blue
Anna Parker - Red
Noah Brantley - Red

10th

Samantha Cash - Red
Tiffany Steffensen - Blue
Kelcee Anderson - Red

11th

Kyra Corrigan - Red

12th

Mackenzie Hutson - Purple
Amber Peoples - Blue

National Beta Club

The CCS Beta Club collected donations of dog/cat food and toured the local Vance County Animal Shelter in March. Chief Nobles, the tour guide, explained to the students exactly what their job is for Vance County. The new facility on Brodie Road is amazing with plenty of room for the animals and for the employees to provide the best care for them as they seek to find homes for them. We learned Vance County has a very high rate of placing animals in homes. Chief Nobles also explained how anyone could adopt a pet and that he believes they make the best pets for anyone. The students had many questions and were able to see the animals they were housing. A new animal was coming into the shelter while we were there and we were able to see the steps that are taken to evaluate and have adoption ready. After the tour of the Vance County Animal Shelter, the group enjoyed lunch together at the local Pizza Inn Restaurant before returning to school.

– Mrs. Williams, adviser



Notes from the College Counselor

- May 20 will be here before we know it for our seniors! For graduation, Mrs. Choplin prepares a slideshow that includes pictures of the graduates. Those pictures should be turned in to her by Thursday, April 13.
- The last SAT and ACT test dates are in May and June. Mrs. Choplin is available to help your student register to take one of these tests any day after school!

Important Dates

April 12	K3, K4 and Kindergarten - Museum of Life & Science
April 14	Good Friday – No School
April 17 - 21	Spring Break – No School
April 24	NHS – 220 Seafood Restaurant Fundraiser for Homeless Shelter
April 26	2nd & 3rd Grades - Historic Halifax
May 1	1st Grade - Pizza Inn
May 1 – 5	CCS Teacher Appreciation Week
May 1 – 3	4 th Grade – Sound to Sea
May 3	2nd & 3rd Grades - Planetarium - Chapel Hill
May 4 – 5	5 th Grade – Kerr Lake
May 5	K3 – 1 st Grades – Muffins with Moms
May 8 - 12	TerraNova3 Standardized Testing
May 18	Athletic Awards Night
May 18 – 19	Exam Review Days
May 20	Senior Graduation
May 22 – 24	Upper School Exams
May 23	Kindergarten Graduation
May 24	Last Day of School
May 30	Summer Camp Begins

NOTE: Honor rolls for the third quarter have been emailed to the *Daily Dispatch* so watch for them soon!

Enjoy a few more pictures of our cheer squad champs!

