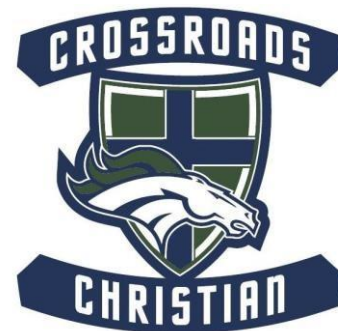


CROSSROADS NEWS



August 3, 2018

Crossroads Family,

I pray this letter finds each of you enjoying your summer break. It's hard to believe, but in a few weeks we will begin another school year. We've been busy at Crossroads this summer--preparing for another school year, painting the hallways, installing a camera system, and most recently, overseeing the construction of a new lower school playground!

While the staff is preparing and the students are starting to realize just how many (or few!) days remain of summer break, 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 together. 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 2018-2019 school year the best it can be for our students.

CCS is excited to introduce our new faculty members for the 2018-2019 year:

- Miss Hollie Crickenberger – 5th Grade Language Arts & Science
- Mr. Greg Hardy – Principal & Lower School PE
- Mr. Scottie Richardson – Athletic Director
- Mr. John Sanders – Middle School Bible (6th & 8th)
- Mrs. Jennifer Wade – Kindergarten (additional class)

Thank you for your commitment to your child's education. We are excited about the start of another year and all of the wonderful things that the Lord is going to do through the school and our students this year. Enjoy the remainder of your summer and I look forward to seeing you at Open House!

Jonathan E. Capps

Headmaster

MAKE A PACT THIS YEAR WITH CCS

Parents, please prayerfully consider adopting a teacher or faculty member for the 2018-2019 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.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

The back-to-school Open House will be held on Monday, August 13, 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. (Note: Upper school students will choose electives the first week of school.) 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 Kindergarten and 5th 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 pay any outstanding fees.

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 the kindergarten teachers in the kindergarten classrooms. At this meeting the teachers will go over everything that parents need to know as their child enters kindergarten. The teachers do request that families bring the supply list items to Open House to help make the first day of school a little less chaotic. Kindergarten families do not need to attend the 3:30 new family orientation as the kindergarten teachers will cover all of the information in their meetings, 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 a sixth grade student/parent meeting held on the day of Open House. The meeting will take place at 6:00 p.m. and will be held in Mrs. Anderson's room (Room 603). The 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.

SCHOOL CLOTHING STORE



The school clothing store will be open on August 8, 9, and 10 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and during Open House on August 13 for parents/students to shop for school shirts. **These are the only dates the school store will be open the week of August 6.** 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 bpeggram@ccscolts.org.

DRESS CODE INFORMATION (ITEMS IN RED BELOW ARE CHANGES for 2018-2019)

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.

- **Hair:**

Students should keep their hair neat, clean, and well-groomed with no distracting hair colors or styles. **Male students are allowed to have facial hair as long as it is well-groomed. They should not allow their hair length to cover their eyes and or to extend below the bottom of the ear. Male students are not allowed to have ponytails, man buns, or dreadlocks.** After one warning, students will not be allowed to return to school until the issue has been resolved.

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.



2018-2019 SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS



School supply lists are located on the CCS website. You can access the lists online through the following link: [CCS 2018-2019 Supply Lists](https://www.ccscolts.org/2018-2019-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 in 2018-19 for taking the SAT are posted at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/datesdeadlines>) and the ACT at [act/registration.html](https://act.org/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.

The link to join is this: <https://www.remind.com/join/q48fh2>

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



NEW! Concurrent College Classes Offered

Five CCS classes are available for concurrent enrollment for CCS high school credit and College at Southeastern college credit. The CCS classes eligible for concurrent high school and the corresponding college credits are these:

CCS Course	Southeastern Course Credit
Natural Science	Natural Science
Honors English IV	English Composition I
Modern US History	American History II
Bible 12 – Apologetics	World Cultures & Religions
Computer Applications II	Introduction to Computers



What are the Costs?

There is a \$250 tuition fee for EACH course taken concurrently. Tuition fees will be paid directly to Southeastern during online student enrollment, which will take place in January 2019 (spring semester).

Will the Credits Transfer?

The College at Southeastern has created a transferability spreadsheet showing which classes will be accepted by other colleges and universities. This document is available on our website at <http://ccscolts.org/site/academic/concurrent-college-classes/>.

How to Enroll in Concurrent Classes

Even though students will not officially enroll in Southeastern courses until the spring, concurrent enrollment courses offered through CCS are full-year courses. CCS students will sign up for concurrent enrollment courses when school begins.

Other Important Information

- There may be additional work required for students taking a concurrent enrollment course that is not required for students not taking the course concurrently.
- The GPA scale does not change for concurrent enrollment
- A minimum number of CCS students must enroll in a concurrent enrollment course before it will officially be made available through Southeastern.

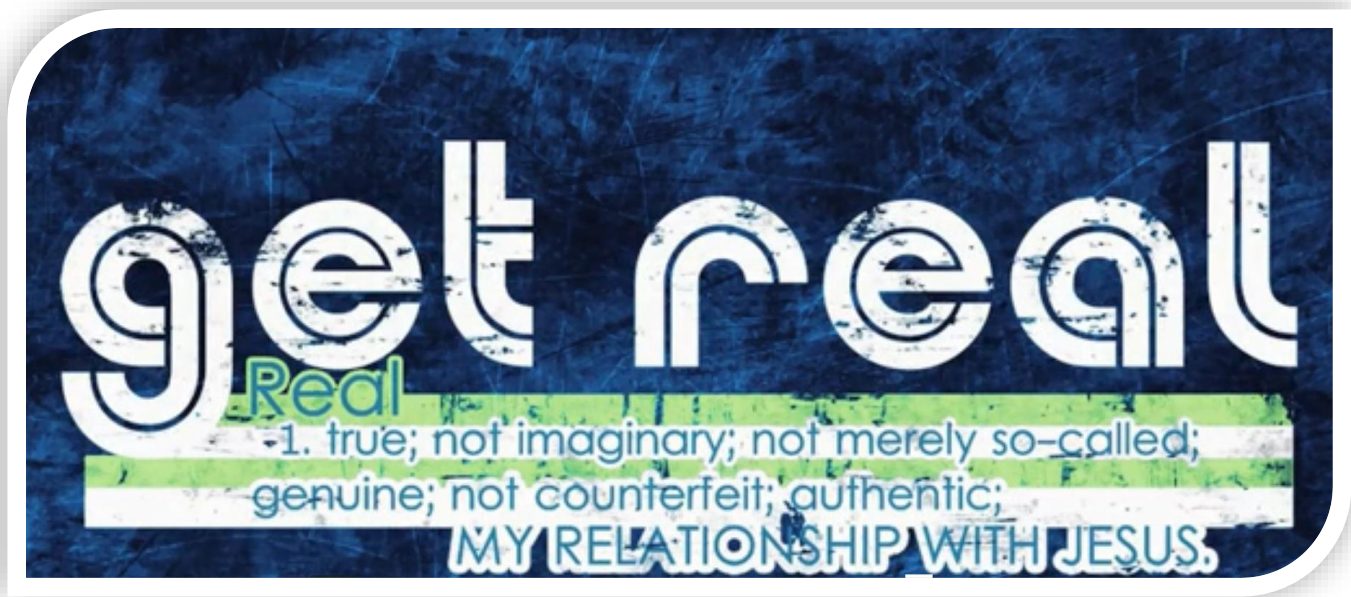
SUMMER READING PROGRAM

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 both the summer reading and the reading assignment prior to the first day of school.





Get Real Conference for All 9th-12th Grade Students

On Monday and Tuesday, August 27-28, CCS will be taking all 9th-12th grade students to the Get Real Conference taking place in Raleigh, NC. At this two-day event, CCS students will gather with students from other Christian schools to experience four general sessions, led by nationally known speakers Mark Hall (lead singer and songwriter of the Grammy-winning group Casting Crowns), and Scott Davis, comedian and founder of the Get Real Events. The speakers will present life-changing, Biblical, relevant messages from God's Word. Sessions will deal with personal issues such as God's will, dating, social media, how to get along with parents, etc.

Mixed along with the sessions will be energetic praise & worship music from the LifeSong Worship Collective led by Billy Lord, audience participation, interactive videos, comedy and more. This is a great opportunity for our students to attend a large event focused on their relationship with Christ, and a wonderful way to start the school year. Our prayer is that our students will "Get Real" with God, themselves and others! Please take the time to pray specifically for our students as they will come ready for this "real" event.

Tablet Covers



Students will need to provide their own covers for their Microsoft Surface 3 tablets this year.

The display on this tablet is 10.8". Make sure the cover fits the **Surface 3** (not the Surface PRO).

New Playground for Lower School

The old playground equipment has been removed and construction is currently in progress now for the new playground at the Lower School end of the school. The equipment is arriving soon to be installed!



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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.

Instructions for each Remind list are on the following pages.

Sign up for important updates from Mr. Capps.

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

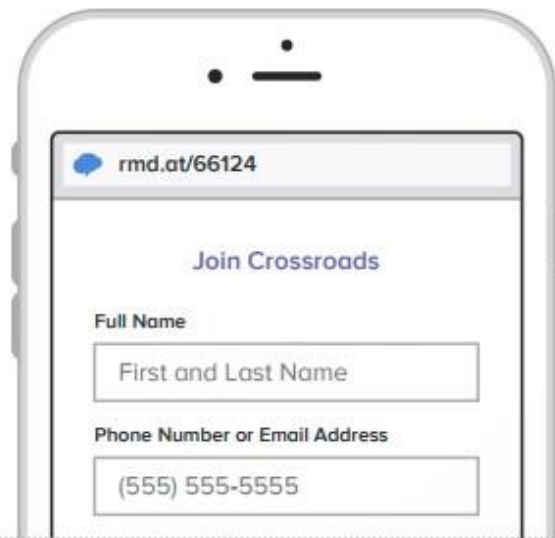
Pick a way to receive messages for **Crossroads**: (Entire School – Main Account)

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.*



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/66124 on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

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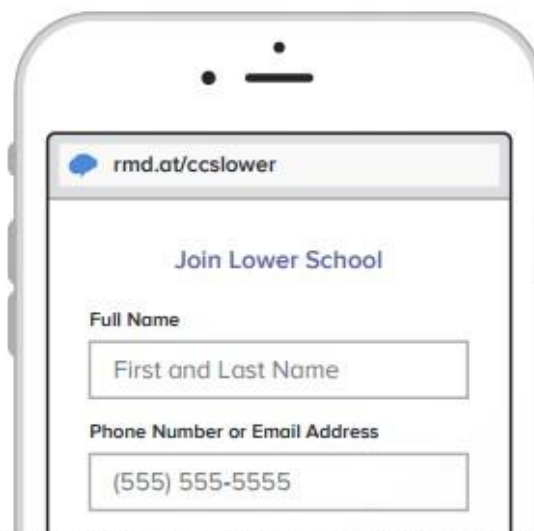
Pick a way to receive messages for Lower School:

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/ccslower

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 @ccslower to the number 81010.

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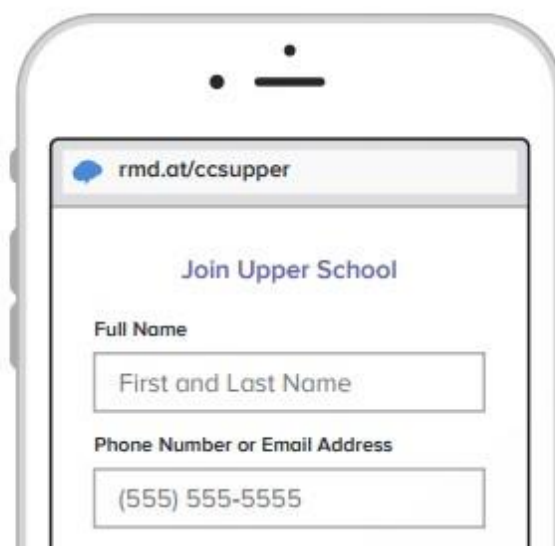
Pick a way to receive messages for Upper School:

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.



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

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