

CROSSROADS NEWSLETTER

September 27, 2018



Upcoming Events

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| September 17 | Yankee Candle Sale began (NHS/Seniors) |
| September 23-29 | Global Week of Student Prayer |
| September 26 | See You at the Pole |
| September 28 | Yearbook: Early Bird Discount Ends |
| September 28 | Half Day – Grandparents Day |
| September 29 | NC State Football vs. Virginia |
| October 1 | Fall Break– School Closed |
| October 2 | Yankee Candle Sale ends – all orders due |
| October 4 | ECU Admissions Rep on Campus |
| October 5 | ASVAB Testing – 10 th & 11 th |
| October 6 | NC State Football vs. Boston College |
| October 11 | Herff-Jones Orders – 12:45 PM (Seniors & Juniors) |
| October 12 | First Quarter Ends |
| October 15 | State Fair Day– School Closed |
| October 16 | Second Quarter Begins |
| October 19 | 1 st Quarter Report Cards |
| October 24 | PSAT/NMSQT Testing – Juniors (Mandatory) |
| November 2 | Fall Festival 3:30-6:30 |

See You at the Pole

On Wednesday, September 26, at 8:45 a.m., the CCS senior class led the school in a time of prayer at our annual See You at the Pole event. Students gathered in groups at the flag pole. Seniors were divided into teams with specific topics. These teams cycled from group to group, leading them in prayer for our country, our military men and women protecting us domestically and abroad, missionaries and the persecuted church, students around the world, and Crossroads staff and students.



Student Council – Hurricane Relief Efforts

Crossroads will have a large truck available at the school all day Wednesday through Friday of next week (October 3-5) for the collection of items to send down east to victims of Hurricane Florence. Student Council members will be available during morning and afternoon car pool times to assist parents, but items may be dropped off any time during the day.

Items that are needed: non-perishable food, water, deodorant, soap, bleach, batteries, paper towels, medical supplies, toilet paper, toothbrushes and toothpaste, contractor-size trash bags, work gloves, tarps, plastic storage boxes, cleaning supplies, propane, gas cans, dog and cat food, diapers, money. NO CLOTHES.

First Quarter Extended

Due to the unexpected days missed from Hurricane Florence, the first quarter has been extended through Friday, October 12. Second quarter will now begin on Tuesday, October 16.

Mr. Capps Took Another Turn Around the Sun

On Thursday, September 20, the entire school surprised Mr. Capps with a birthday cake and song in the gym at the end of the day. As students left the gym to go home, each received a special Mr. Capps birthday cookie!



Thank You, PACT Members!

We wanted to say “Thank You” to all our families who adopted a teacher or faculty member for this school year. We are pleased to announce that every person on staff at CCS has been adopted.

If you are interested in being a part of the program and want to make a PACT to pray for a staff member, please contact PACT at pact@ccscolts.org to sign up or ask questions.

Parents

PACT

Teachers

Crisis Management Drills



At Crossroads, the safety of our students is paramount to a successful educational environment. As part of our crisis management plan, we have conducted a lock down, a fire drill, and a severe weather drill over the past few weeks.

It is imperative for a school to anticipate and prepare for any type of incident. Our intent is not to alarm our students but to prepare them to respond appropriately during a crisis. As part of our plan, CCS will conduct monthly fire drills, quarterly lock down drills, and a severe weather drill each semester.

We strongly recommend follow-up discussions with your student. We need your help to reassure them that these are rare occurrences, but that we also must be prepared to respond. The entire Crossroads Christian School faculty and staff is dedicated to keeping our students safe.

Yearbook Sales Going on Now

Purchase your 2018-2019 yearbook today! Yearbooks can be purchased online at <http://bit.ly/CCSYearbooks2018>

The \$70 + tax yearbook price will run from October 1 through November 26.

On November 27, the price will increase to \$80 + tax.

Tax is not included in the cost of the yearbook and will automatically be charged when you purchase online. When ordering at school and sending in a check, please make the check payable to CCS and add \$5 to the cost of the yearbook for tax.

All questions can be sent to Bethany Fleming at bfleming@ccscolts.org.

As always, the Yearbook Staff appreciates your support! We look forward to sharing this year's captured memories with you!



NC State Football Games – We Need YOU



The Crossroads Christian School Booster Club is still in need of volunteers to work at NC State football games this fall. We are grateful to everyone who worked at the first two games this year. NC State football games are a great way to get involved, meet other families, and enjoy fellowship with others while raising money to support CCS athletics. The remaining games are listed below. Please contact Lisa Williams (williams@ccscolts.org; 252-431-1333) to volunteer.

NC State Football – Remaining Home Game Schedule

- 09/29 – NC State vs Virginia– 12:20 PM
- 10/06 – NC State vs. Boston College – 12:30 PM
- 11/03 – NC State vs. Florida State – TBD
- 11/8 – NC State vs. Wake Forest – 7:30 PM (Thursday Night)

College Counselor's Notes

CFNC College Fair: Juniors and seniors visited the college fair on September 19 at Vance-Granville Community College. The College Foundation of North Carolina sponsored this college fair, which featured 69 colleges and universities.

We saw several alumni on our visit (Evin Swilley, Calli Massey, & Caroline Nutt pictured). We finished our outing at Pizza Inn in Henderson for some time of fellowship!



October 1 – the FAFSA Opens! On October 1, students and parents will have access to the 2019-20 Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the first step in applying for financial aid for college and for many scholarship application processes, too. This year, however, there's an app for that. Starting Oct. 1, the "My Student Aid" app will help students fill out their annual financial aid application on mobile devices and a mobile-friendly version of the fafsa.gov website. With the app, the process can be done directly on a mobile device virtually anywhere with cell coverage. Security experts recommend not using public Wi-Fi; instead, connect to a secure network. There are a few federal student aid programs that have limited funds, so be sure to apply as soon as you can once the FAFSA is available. College students need to re-apply every year.

FAFSA Day is Coming! [Community college campuses across the state are hosting FAFSA Day](#) on Saturday, October 27 to offer free help filling out the FAFSA. No matter what school the student is attending, each campus will have financial aid administrators on hand to answer any questions that families have. In addition, the State Employee Credit Union (SECU) is offering free assistance in the month of November for FAFSA completion. Contact your local branch to make an appointment. [[FAFSA Day Flyer](#)]

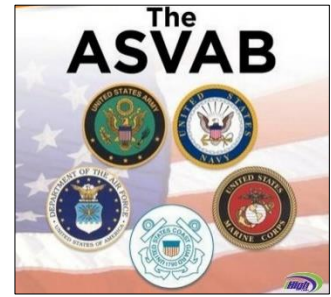
East Carolina University on Campus: Alex Williams, an admissions counselor with ECU, will visit our campus on Thursday, October 4, to present information about admissions, majors, and programs at ECU. All 10th – 12th graders will go to the library during 7th period for this presentation.



SAT/ACT Testing: Be sure to keep up with test dates and the registration deadlines for the tests. The fall tests are underway! (www.collegeboard.org & www.actstudent.org) Mrs. Choplin is available to assist students after school with any college matters. The SAT and ACT are the main two college entrance exams required and accepted at US colleges for admissions. Both tests provide plenty of free practice resources such as apps for their smartphones, free practice tests, customized practice sessions, and videos to help students prepare. Mrs. Choplin is available by appointment during study halls and after school to help students register for these tests. Students must have a debit or credit card with them to register online. [SAT Practice](#) | [ACT Practice](#)

PSAT/NMSQT Testing: Juniors will take the PSAT/NMSQT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) on Wednesday, October 24 with Mrs. Choplin in Room 618 beginning at 8:00 a.m. The test lasts until lunch period and qualifies as the state's requirement for a standardized test in 11th grade. All juniors are required to participate.

ASVAB Testing: On Friday, October 5, 10th and 11th grades will take the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) test in Room 618 beginning at 8:00 a.m. Seniors who are interested in taking the test should see Mrs. Choplin. This year the test will be taken on our students' tablets and so will only take 90 minutes instead of all morning. Score reports will provide help in career choices and SAT/ACT prep, as well as provide a score used by the military should a student wish to pursue that as an option after high school. Prior to the test, Staff Sgt. M. Theron Bostic will visit our school on Wednesday to provide an information booth about the Army Reserves during lunch period in the cafetorium. He will also be present during the ASVAB test should students have any questions.



October 15, November 1, November 15: Some colleges have early application deadlines during the fall in addition to their regular decision deadlines. Check the websites of the colleges to which you are applying to see if you can meet the early deadlines and receive your acceptance decisions earlier (end of December or in January). Other colleges have rolling admissions, which means you can apply throughout the year, but don't wait too long! Regular decision deadlines usually fall in the months of January – March for most schools.

Living Arts College/NC State University: On September 24, juniors and seniors toured the Living Arts College in north Raleigh to experience a small private college that specializes in majors in film, animation, photography, graphic art, etc. and then traveled to NC State to see what a large public university setting was like. After an information session, the group took a walking tour of the main campus, ending at the Fountain Hall dining hall to check out college food at the end of their tour. We ran into Brittany Overby, a CCS alum from the class of 2017, who took time to eat lunch with us!



Yankee Candle Sale



The seniors and the members of the National Honor Society are currently selling Yankee Candles to fund their senior trip and the NHS club budget. Students have the hard copies of the catalogs, or you can visit this website to see the fall catalog:

<https://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/catalogycf.htm>. For general online ordering, enter our Group Number **990034434**.

For credit to go to specific students, buy from them directly or use their seller accounts online (they will have had to set this up themselves—ask them!). The sale ends on Oct. 2, and delivery should be 2-4 weeks after. Checks should be made payable to CCS.

NOTE about TAX: Online orders are subject to tax and delivery charges, and the items are delivered directly to the buyer's mailing address. Orders given to students do not add tax and delivery charges, and the items are delivered to the school to be distributed by the students.

CCS Fall Festival & Craft Show



The annual CCS Fall Festival is taking place on **Friday, November 2, from 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.** Mark your calendar now! This year's festival will include hayrides, bounce houses, the cake walk, face painting, games, obstacle course, and many other events. There will also be plenty of food and fellowship at the event. More information regarding the fall festival will be sent out over the next few weeks.

New Playground Opening in Stages



The younger grades have been able to get out and enjoy the new playground area recently.

The older lower school students are excited as they watch their end coming together. Setbacks with the weather have been the major holdup, but we'll get there!



Mrs. Anderson shared her K3 class photo!



Fall Sports Update

Middle School Boys Soccer, coached this year by former Colt Athlete Conner Bryant, has been very competitive in all their games. We have lost 3 of 4 games by one goal each. The team is young, but the experience gained now will bode well for us come tournament time.

Middle School Volleyball, led by Cammy Simmons, boasts a 2-2 conference record as we are members of the Mid-Carolina Conference. Big wins versus Grace Christian of Sanford and The Burlington School are highlights thus far in the season. The tournament is right around the corner and our Colts will be ready!

Varsity Boys Soccer is coached this year by Josh Carroll, and he has done a fantastic job motivating our young team. An early highlight was defeating Kerr Vance Academy in a shootout to determine a winner in overtime. We have played a very tough early season schedule which will help us down the stretch. Look out for these Colts to shine in the conference tournament.

Varsity Volleyball is led by Greg Hardy, who brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to us in the game of volleyball. Our team is determined to do well, and it shows on the court. Big wins versus Henderson Collegiate, Grace of Sanford, and New Life of Rocky Mount highlight the season so far. We are excited about seeing our Colts Volleyball team excel in the MCC Tournament which we will be hosting!

Good luck to all our fall athletic teams, players, and coaches as they prepare for the end of the season!

Senior Night for all fall sports is Tuesday, October 2.



Carpool Reminders



- Do not drive through the center lane unless parking in a spot (go around the loop to the right to drop off). Please DO NOT stop in the parking lot lane to drop off students.
- Be mindful of speed – 5 mph.
- Do not block the crosswalk & pull all the way down to the waiting teacher.
- Have children ready to get out when approaching drop-off area, and allow our staff to assist the children exiting the vehicle.
- Students should be using only the front entrance to the school.
- Lower school only families should arrive for pick-up prior to 2:55. Families with students in upper school only or a combination of lower and upper should arrive after 2:55 for pick-up.