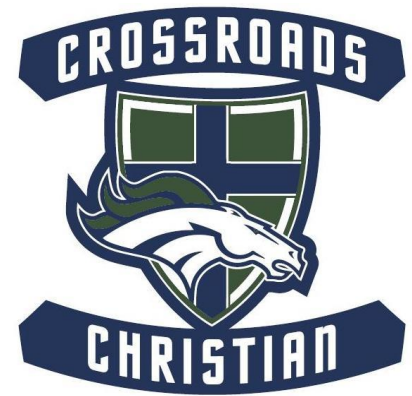


CROSSROADS NEWSLETTER

September 8, 2019



Upcoming Events

September 9-13	Scholastic Book Fair in Library
September 16	Yankee Candle Sale begins (NHS/Seniors/StuCo)
September 21	NC State Football vs. Ball State
September 23-27	Global Week of Student Prayer
September 25	See You at the Pole
September 30	Yearbook: Early Bird Discount (\$65) Ends
September 30	Juniors/Seniors – College Fair/Wake Tech Tour
October 3	NC State Football vs. Syracuse
October 4	Yankee Candle Sale ends – all orders turned in
October 11	Quarter 1 Ends
October 14	Quarter 2 Begins
October 16	PSAT/NMSQT Testing – Juniors (Mandatory)
October 17	Half Day – Grandparents Day (afternoon is Teacher Workday)
October 18	Fall Break—Teacher Workday
October 21	Fall Break—School Closed
October 28	Herff-Jones Orders – 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. in library (Seniors & Juniors)
November 1	Fall Festival (2:00-5:00 p.m.)



The 2019 Scholastic Book Fair runs from Sept. 9 – 13. It is open for visitors on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 2:30 – 4:30 p.m., and Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. See you there!

See You at the Pole



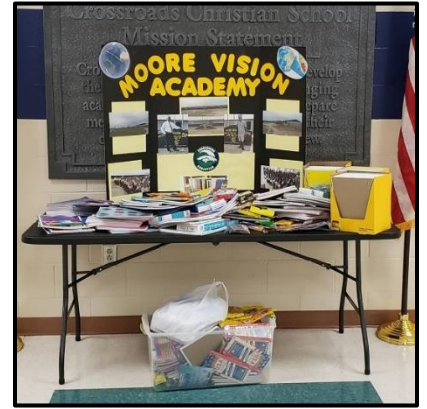
On Wednesday, September 25, Crossroads will take part in the international event called See You at the Pole™. Students from the entire school will gather in groups at the flag pole, with our senior class to lead them in praying for specific topics (our country, our military men and women protecting us domestically and abroad, missionaries and the persecuted church, students around the world, and Crossroads staff and students).

See You at the Pole™, the global day of student prayer, began in 1990 as a grass roots movement with ten students praying at their school. Twenty years later, millions pray on their campuses on the fourth Wednesday in September.

CCS Students Help School in Africa

Moore Vision Academy was established in 2016 with the mission to help lead, build, and equip the children of Unification Town, Liberia. The school has no running water, no electricity, a dirt floor, and very limited supplies, but the children are hungry to learn. In this area of Liberia, over 80% of children do not attend school, so Moore Vision Academy is trying to meet this need. This is where we, Crossroads Christian School, can help. We are conducting a simple but valuable school supply drive--**spiral-bound notebooks, pencils, and pens.**

We have extended the collection deadline through Friday, September 13. Thank you to all who have sent in supplies so far!



National Honor Society – How It Works

Induction Requirements

Each prospective candidate must have attained the school minimum of one complete semester before being eligible and must be in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade, with a minimum GPA of 3.50 (2 decimal points). Detailed qualifications are on our website at <http://ccscolts.org/site/student-life/national-honor-society/induction-requirements/>.

Transfer Students

The only exceptions are students who have transferred from another school in which they already were members of NHS. Those students (if they know they meet CCS requirements) should notify the adviser who will contact the previous school. If it is verified that the student left in good standing, that student may be eligible for induction during the first semester rather than having to wait until the second semester. It is important that the adviser be notified immediately upon enrollment at CCS; otherwise, the student will be considered a new student who must wait until second semester for possible eligibility.

To Maintain Membership

- **NHS Service Hours:** NHS members must perform 10 hours of group service project work with the NHS chapter and 20 hours of individual service. Guidelines are outlined on the NHS Community Service Forms available for students to get from the upper school bulletin board and on the school website in the [National Honor Society section](#).
- **3.50 GPA Minimum:** Reports are run at the end of each semester to verify academic standing of NHS members; members falling below this GPA limit will be placed on probation for one semester to have one opportunity to bring it back up.
- **Behavior/Character:** Members must maintain a behavior standard worthy of NHS (no suspensions or other disciplinary action worthy of probation)

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, CCS will conduct monthly fire drills, quarterly lock down drills, and a severe weather drill each semester. 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.

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 2019-2020 yearbook today!
Yearbooks can be purchased online at bit.ly/CCSYearbooks2019.

**The \$65 + tax yearbook price will run until
September 30.**

On October 1, the price will increase to **\$70 + tax** (no exceptions).

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 (lwilliams@ccscolts.org; 252-431-1333) to volunteer.

NC State Football – Remaining Home Game Schedule

- 09/21 – NC State vs. Ball State – 7:00 PM
- 10/03 – NC State vs. Syracuse – 8:00 PM (Thur)
- 11/09 – NC State vs. Clemson – TBA
- 11/16 – NC State vs. Louisville – TBA
- 11/30 – NC State vs. North Carolina – TBA

College Counselor's Notes

College Fair: Juniors and seniors will attend a college fair on September 30 at North Raleigh Christian Academy in Raleigh, with over 100 colleges to be present. After leaving the fair, they will go to Wake Technical Community College's North Campus to tour and learn about their many associate's programs, diplomas & certificates in applied sciences, trades, health sciences, and their most popular program, College Transfer. After the tour, the group will stop for lunch in Wake Forest before returning to school.

October 1 – the FAFSA Opens! On October 1, students and parents will have access to the 2020-21 [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (they use the freshman college year), the first step in applying for financial aid for college and for many scholarship application processes, too. There's now an app for that for those who prefer working on their phones to a computer. 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. Check out this article about the app from NerdWallet: <https://www.nerdwallet.com/blog/loans/student-loans/submit-fafsa-with-new-phone-app/>.

FAFSA Day is Coming! [Community college campuses across the state are hosting FAFSA Day](#) on Saturday, October 26 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, State Employee Credit Unions (SECU) usually offer free assistance for FAFSA completion. Contact your local branch to make an appointment. ***If you are a member of SECU, check out their website for scholarship opportunities, too!

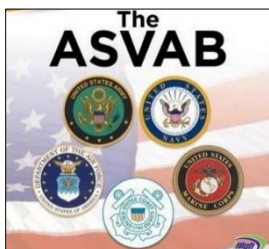


SAT/ACT Testing: Be sure to keep up with test dates and the registration deadlines for the tests. The fall tests are underway! (www.collegeboard.org & www.actstudent.org) The SAT and ACT are the main two college entrance exams required and accepted at US colleges for admissions. Both tests provide plenty 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 lunch, study halls, and after school to help students register for these tests or work on any college-related matters. Students must have a debit or credit card with them to register online.

[SAT Practice](#) | [ACT Practice](#)

\$1,000 Scholarship Opportunity for Practicing to Take the SAT: Students in the class of 2020 who use free Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy® can earn a chance at a \$1,000 scholarship. The College Board will award 150 Practice scholarships every month from January through October 2019. For more information about how to get in the running for this scholarship, go to this page:

https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/about/practice?SFMC_cid=EM189438-&rid=29418234



ASVAB Testing: On Friday, November 15, 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.

PSAT/NMSQT Testing: Juniors will take the PSAT/NMSQT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) on Wednesday, October 16 with Mrs. Choplin in Room 618 beginning at 8:00 a.m. The test lasts until lunch period and qualifies as the North Carolina's requirement for a standardized test in 11th grade. All juniors are required to participate.



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.

High School Transcripts: As seniors begin applying to colleges, they will need to have their high school transcripts sent from the counselor directly to the colleges. Students/parents must complete a Transcript Request Form (available in the front office, in the senior sponsor's classroom, and online via our school website) and submit it to Mrs. Choplin.

Yankee Candle Sale



The seniors and the members of the National Honor Society and Student Council will be selling Yankee Candles September 16 – October 4 to fund their senior trip and club budgets. Students will receive the hard copies of the catalogs next week for you to check out, or you can visit this website to shop: www.yankeecandlefundraising.com > Enter the group number **990034434** and click **Start Shopping**.

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

NOTE about TAX: On line 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.

Start Shopping

To make a purchase through Yankee Candle® Fundraising please provide your group number to purchase as proceeds from your purchase will benefit your fundraising group.

ENTER YOUR GROUP #

group # **START shopping**

seller id (optional)

[SELLER login](#) [CREATE SELLER login](#)

Notes about Dropping Off and Picking Up Students

- All K5-5th grade children should be walking to class independently in the mornings by this point. Only preschool parents should be coming through the main lobby doors
- Please avoid picking up your children early unless there is an appointment or specific after-school event, as this interrupts the final teaching moments of the day.

Carpool Reminders

- Car pickup tags should be CCS-issued only. Please do not make your own. Please contact the school office if you need more tags.
- 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.
- Families with lower school students only should arrive in the car pool line for pick-up prior to 2:55. Families with students in upper school only or a combination of lower and upper should arrive in the line after 2:55 for pick-up.
- In cases of severe weather (lightning, heavy rain, etc.), we ask for your patience, as carpool will take longer than normal.

News from the Cafeteria

RenWeb (aka FACTS SIS) provides a way for you to put money on your student's account online, so you don't have to worry with sending in cash or checks.

1. Log in to RenWeb using your parent account. A student account will not show the Family Billing section.
2. Once logged in, click on Family from the menu on the left in the green area and choose Family Home.
3. Look to the right to find the Family Billing section.
4. Click PayNow to add funds to your student's lunch accounts. Make sure you enter your amount in the correct year.

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Accounting System	Fiscal Year	Balance	Amount
Lunch	2007-2008	\$0.00	\$0
Lunch	2008-2009	\$0.00	\$0
Lunch	2009-2010	\$0.00	\$0
Lunch	2010-2011	\$0.00	\$0
Lunch	2011-2012	\$0.00	\$0
Lunch	2012-2013	\$0.00	\$0
Lunch	2013-2014	\$0.00	\$0
Lunch	2014-2015	\$0.00	\$0
Lunch	2015-2016	\$0.00	\$0
Lunch	2016-2017	\$0.00	\$0
Lunch	2017-2018	\$0.00	\$0
Lunch	2018-2019	\$0.00	\$0
Lunch	2019-2020	\$2.50	\$0
Total		\$2.50	

Make sure you type the amount in the correct year!

New Varsity Girls Basketball Head Coach

From *Scottie Richardson, our AD*: I am happy to announce our new Varsity Girls Basketball Head Coach is Shane Wilder. Coach Shane worked with me at a previous school, and I believe he is the best girls basketball coach in the state. His resume is outstanding and we are very excited he is now a Colt! Coach Shane has produced two teams who played for the NCISAA 1A State Championship in both 2017 & 2018. He also produced three of the top college prospects our state has seen in McDonald's All-American: Izabela Nicolletti to Florida State, Maria Albiero to BYU, and Izabel Varejao to Michigan.



Coach Shane would like to meet our players who signed up to play a couple of weeks ago and any other potential players 7th-12th this Wednesday right after school 3:30-5:00 p.m. (meet in the gym). This will be a time for our girls to meet Coach Shane plus get some open gym work in.

If you have any questions please email me at srichardson@ccscolts.org.