

CROSSROADS NEWSLETTER

October 9, 2020



"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

--Galatians 6:9



Fall Break is Almost Here!

Friday, October 16 and Monday, October 19 are fall break days for our students. Friday is an optional teacher workday for faculty, and the school office will close at noon on that day. Preschool and After-Care will be operating on Friday, October 16.

It's That Time of Year

As cold and flu season arrives again (on top of Covid-19!), we would like to remind parents of our health policy as stated in the CCS Student Handbook:

For the well-being and health consideration of all our students and staff, parents are asked to keep home any student with fevers and contagious illnesses. Students need a signed note from the parent or a doctor stating the reason for missing school. You can also email Mrs. Pegram at bpegram@ccscolts.org. Students will have five school days following an absence to provide written documentation to have that absence excused. Documentation is required of all students, even those 18 years old and older.

It is a policy that a student must stay home with:

- **Fever** – a temperature 100°F or higher (Students must be fever-free for at least 24 hours before returning to school.)
- **Vomiting** (Students are not allowed to return to school for 24 hours after the last vomiting incident.)
- **Flu symptoms**
- **Diarrhea** (Students are not allowed to return to school until symptoms are completely gone.)
- **Colored nasal discharge**
- **Persistent cough**
- **Strep throat** (Students are not allowed to return to school until they have been on 24 hours of antibiotics.)
- **Pinkeye** (Students are not allowed to return to school until they have been on 24 hours of antibiotic eye drops.)
- **Head lice** (all lice and eggs removed; must have physician's note)
- **Ringworm** on body (treatment for 24 hours; cover with bandage while at school)
- **Ringworm** on head (physician's note)
- Other **contagious conditions** (for example, chicken pox, impetigo, etc.)



Letterland Celebration

K4, K5, and 1st grade celebrated Letterland day on Friday, October 2. Letterland is a fun interactive curriculum that we use to teach phonics in the early elementary grades. Each letter is a character that tells a story to help young readers remember letter sounds and phonics rules. Each child chose their favorite Letterland character and came to school dressed as that character. They had fun showing off their costumes in our Letterland Parade. K4 and K5 spent the day working in Alphabet centers. 1st grade brought their favorite story books and took breaks throughout the day to read their book as a class. Letterland is so much fun and makes learning our letters engaging!
– Mrs. Marlowe, K5





Morning Car Line Reminders

All parents/guardians, K3 and up, are asked to use the crosswalk whenever you park and cross the street to walk your children to their drop-off point. We know it may take a few extra moments, but it is for the safety of everyone involved. We would greatly appreciate your cooperation with this.

Fall Sports & Senior Pictures – Wednesday, October 14

Lifetouch will be at school on Wednesday, October 14 for the following photo sessions:

- **Senior Tux and Drape/Casuals** - Info emailed to parents Oct. 7 regarding sitting fees, etc.
- **Senior Sports Posters** – Seniors will need equipment for each sport they play.
- **Fall Sports (Individual and Team Pictures)** – Students will need entire uniform, including socks and shoes. Order forms are being sent home; please ask your student for this form.



Sports picture packets can be ordered on line at www.mylifetouch.com, using Picture Day ID: **EVTQ8KZTV**. This is the preferred method. You can also pay by cash or check. Checks should be made payable to LIFETOUCH.

Cash payments **must be EXACT**, as the photographer nor the office will have change. You will need to place payment inside the envelope provided and indicate the packages you wish to order.

Contact Mrs. Pegram at bpeggram@ccscolts.org if you have any picture related questions.

Playing Sports at the College Level?

Reminder to all students who plan on participating in sports at the college level: One possible step is to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center or the NAIA ([National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics](http://www.naia.org)). Talk to your coaches or Mr. Richardson about your options.

The NCAA Eligibility Center certifies the academic and amateur status of all prospective student-athletes who plan to compete in NCAA Division I (“DI”) or Division II (“DII”) athletics. The Eligibility Center was created for this purpose and to ensure that all college-bound student-athletes, their parents, coaches and administrators, have access to the rules for participation. (Source: USA Today: High School Sports)

NCAA Eligibility Center Website: <http://www.ncaa.org/>

- [2020-21 Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete](#)
- [NCAA Scholarships & Grants](#)
- [Division I Academic Requirements Fact Sheet](#)
- [Division II Academic Requirements Fact Sheet](#)

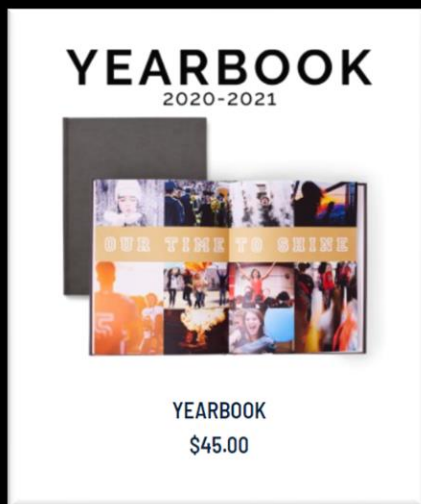


High School Transcripts

At the end of each school year, the college counselor will upload the CCS transcripts to the Eligibility Center or the NAIA for those students who have registered with them. For questions about transcripts, contact Mr. Hardy at ghardy@ccscolts.org.

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Yearbook Orders are Underway!

Reserve your copy of the 2020-2021 yearbook now!

Don't delay – this low price of **\$45** only lasts for a limited time!

Place your order here: <https://tinyurl.com/CCSYB20-21>

Questions? Contact our yearbook adviser, Rebecca Mattson, at rmattson@ccscolts.org.

College Counselor's Notes

Reminders about the SAT or ACT – Any grade level can take these college entrance tests; however, the recommended cycle is once late in the junior year and once again early in the senior year, but students take them earlier sometimes for the practice or take them multiple times to increase scores for scholarship programs or for college admissions. Check with your college of interest this year to see if it is requiring test scores; some colleges and universities are test-optional for 2020 applicants.



ACT: [The next ACT is December 12. Register by November 6.](#)

- Explore the ACT website to find out all test dates, read news about how COVID-19 is affecting testing, sign up for email tips and news from the ACT, and use free test prep and college planning resources. www.act.org

SAT: [The next SAT is November 7. Register by October 7.](#)

- For full practice tests, access to Khan Academy tutorials, & college and career exploration tools, visit the SAT home page at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>.

ASVAB Testing: The 10th and 11th grades are scheduled for the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test on Friday, December 4. While this test originated as an indicator to military services where recruits were best suited to serve in the military career field, it has become an annual test in many public and private schools to help students discover their aptitude in vocational areas. Students taking this test do not have to serve or plan to serve in the military to receive the career exploration resources that accompany this test. The reading and math sections of this test also closely align with ACT/SAT questions, so it is added practice to prepare for those college entrance tests.

College Visits: By now, our juniors and seniors would have gone on field trips to tour different types of college campuses, but with the continuing concerns about Covid-19, most college fairs and colleges/universities have turned to virtual options. Google for virtual tour information in your area or visit the website of your college of interest for touring information.

Scholarships:

New! College Board launched the **College Board Opportunity Scholarships** last year, a new program that guides students through the college planning process and offers them a chance to earn money for college while completing important steps along the way. Beginning with the class of 2020, more than 4,000 students each year will earn between \$500 and \$40,000 in scholarships.

[Visit the website for information about College Board Opportunity Scholarships](#)

The more effort you put in, the more chances you get to earn a scholarship ranging from \$500 to \$2,000. If you complete all six steps, you're eligible to earn a \$40,000 scholarship. Scholarships are awarded—through monthly drawings—to students who complete each step.

National databases for scholarships are available, such as [Fastweb](#), [Peterson's](#), [Cappex](#), and [Sallie Mae](#), but don't forget to Google for local businesses that offer scholarships in your area. Examples include your civic groups (like the Kiwanis), your electric cooperative (like Wake Electric in Wake Forest), businesses (like Chick-fil-A for its employees), etc.

Each college will have scholarships available through its financial aid office, too. Alumni often give back to certain departments or areas of their university to help future students – these are called endowments. For example, there might be one or more endowment scholarships for students applying to the Business Management program at a school.

And don't dismiss **community colleges** – they have scholarships for incoming freshmen, too, for both their career-aimed degrees as well as their college transfer programs (now the largest enrollments in the state because of the economy of saving high college costs for the first two years before finishing a four-year degree at a university). If you are considering a community college, check with its financial aid office for information.

If you are considering applying to North Carolina colleges, including community colleges, be sure to explore the website for the **College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC)** – they have lots of information about scholarships, grants, and loans...pretty much any way you can imagine to pay for college. Visit www.cfnc.org and look under "Pay for College." The first step in applying for any type of financial aid is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and CFNC just happens to have some very informative videos and resources for students and parents to help them fill that out. So really, spend some time on CFNC.org, and find out more about College Application Weeks (Oct. 19-30) – see infopic below.

NC SCHOOLS WAIVING FEES ON CFNC.ORG DURING COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEKS (OCT 19-30)

Remember, other schools may be accepting special fee waivers offered through ACT, SAT, or NACAC.

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| • Barton College | • Elon University | • Livingstone College* | • Pfeiffer University | • University of North Carolina at Pembroke |
| • Belmont Abbey College | • Fayetteville State University | • Louisburg College | • Queens University of Charlotte* | • Warren Wilson College |
| • Bennett College | • Gardner-Webb University | • Mars Hill University | • Salem College | • Western Carolina University* |
| • Brevard College | • Greensboro College | • Meredith College | • Shaw University | • William Peace University |
| • Campbell University | • Guilford College | • Methodist University | • St. Andrews University | • Wingate University |
| • Catawba College | • Johnson & Wales University | • Montreat College | • Saint Augustine's University* | • Winston-Salem State University* |
| • Chowan University | • Johnson C. Smith University | • North Carolina A&T State University | • University of Mount Olive | • All NC Community Colleges (<i>Always Free</i>) |
| • Davidson College | • Lenoir-Rhyne University* | • North Carolina Central University | • University of North Carolina Asheville | |
| • East Carolina University | • Lees-McRae College | • North Carolina Wesleyan College | | |
| • Elizabeth City State University | | | | |

* recently added
Updated as of 10/6/20



For more information, go to CFNC.org/C2C

If you are a member of a **school club** like the National Honor Society or Student Council, browse those websites for information about scholarships they offer each year.

Check out those **unusual scholarships**. I know a student who won a \$500 scholarship for writing an essay on what it was like to be left-handed. You can find those "weird" scholarships at <https://lendedu.com/blog/weird-scholarships/>.

Finally, as you do your research, figure out if you can reuse essays or personal statements for multiple scholarships. I know a student who filled out over 30 scholarship applications from major corporations like Pepsi and Toyota, and she modified a single essay to work for several of their specific prompts because they

were similar. She managed to earn enough money from various scholarships that first year to pay for over half her tuition. Just remember, work at it like a job!

But...**watch out for scams**, too. Check out the tips at this College Board page to learn how to spot possible scholarship scams: <https://professionals.collegeboard.org/guidance/financial-aid/scams>.

From the Athletic Director...

Fall Sports is winding down and, at the moment, here are the highlights:

- **Varsity Volleyball** – Coach Greg Hardy has the varsity team on course to finish strong after experiencing some early season struggles.
- **JV Volleyball** – Big Conference Wins over Community Christian Wilson & Lee Christian Sanford for Coach Stephanie Hardy.
- **Middle School Volleyball** – 5 Big Wins overall and 4 in the Mid-Carolina Conference (MCC) for Coach Cammy Simmons.
- **Varsity Boys Soccer** – Big Wins over in-town rival Kerr Vance Academy and St. Thomas More Raleigh who is a 2A NCISAA school for Coach Holden Coghill.
- **JV Boys Soccer** – Will play their first game in school's history on October 15 at Greenfield Wilson.
- **Middle School Boys Soccer** – Our team, with Coach Tony Bennett, is undefeated and is the Mid-Carolina Conference Champions as of **yesterday!**



Middle School Boys Basketball Tryouts will be October 26-27 for Coach Jay. Jennings.

Please direct all athletic questions to our athletic director, Scottie Richardson, at srichardson@ccscolts.org.

A Few Lunch Reminders:

- Our cafeteria is open Tuesdays – Thursdays each week. It is closed on Mondays and Fridays.
- The office has purchased Lunchables for students who forget their lunch on Mondays and Fridays. A drink and a bag of chips are included. \$3.75 will be charged to your lunch account. If they need a lunch on Tuesdays – Thursdays, they can purchase something from the cafeteria. See the options in the [CAFETERIA](#) section under the INFORMATION tab on our website, www.ccscolts.org.
- **No fast food** can be brought in for lunch--only a lunch packed from home.



Upcoming Events

October 14	Fall Sports, Senior Tux & Drapes, Senior Posters
October 15	Quarter 1 Ends
October 16-19	Fall Break
October 23	Fall Picture Make-up Day
October 29	11 th Grade: PSAT/NMSQT, 8:00-11:45 a.m.
November 23-24	School Closed – Teacher Workdays
November 25-27	School Closed – Thanksgiving Break
December 4	ASVAB Testing (10 th & 11 th , 8:00-10:00 a.m.)
December 18	Quarter 2 Ends
Dec. 21-Jan. 1	Christmas Break
January 4	Second Semester - Third Quarter Begins
January 15	Homecoming Game!

