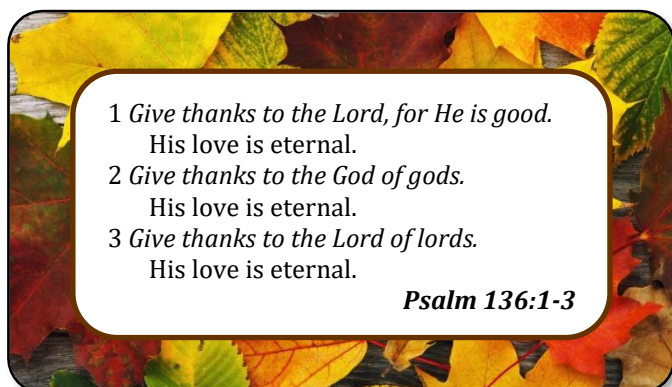
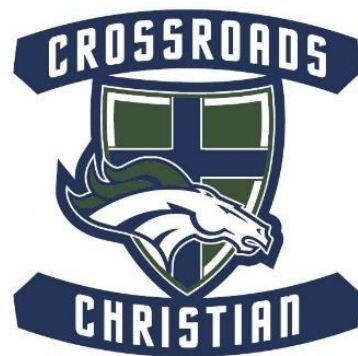


# CROSSROADS NEWSLETTER

September 30, 2021



## Spiritual Emphasis Week/House System

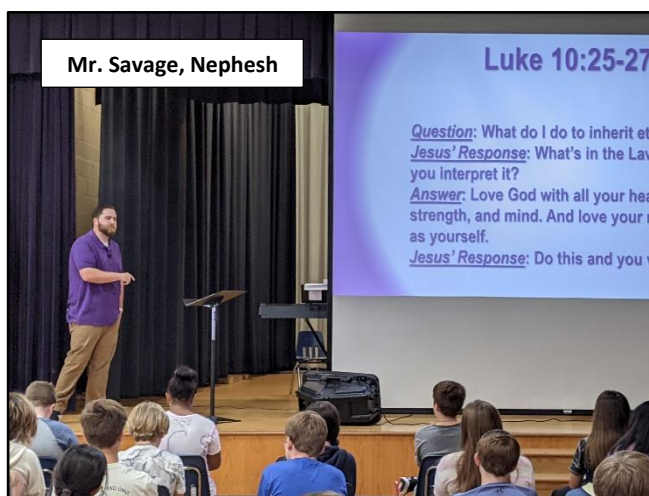
The upper school students enjoyed Spiritual Emphasis Week August 30-September 3. The focus of the week was Luke 10:27 as the students were encouraged to love God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. The Praise Band led music each day, encouraging their classmates to sing to God with all of who they are. The theme song for the week, "Awaken the Dawn," reminded students each day of this call to love God.

The main purpose of Spiritual Emphasis Week was to introduce the new House System to the Upper School. There are four houses with each house representing one of the four areas of our lives with which we are to love God.

The four houses are **Corazon** (Heart), **Nephesh** (Soul), **Akili** (Mind), and **Dunamis** (Strength). Staff sponsors for each of the houses spoke on their key theme during chapel.

On Friday of Spiritual Emphasis Week, students were divided into the houses through a random selection. Students are encouraged to show spiritual maturity, fruits of the spirit, excellence in academics and athletics, service to others, school spirit, and many more attributes. As they demonstrate and grow in these attributes, they earn points for their house. The house with the most points at the end of the year will earn a banquet in their honor.

There will be more details to come about the house system as the school year progresses. We hope this will build a deeper culture of love, grace, service, and excellence in the Crossroads Community.





## Reminder: CCS Is a Closed Campus

Outside food cannot be brought in for students to pick up from the front office. If students forget their lunch on Mondays and Fridays, they may order a Lunchable meal (Lunchable, bag of chips, and bottle of water). This meal will be charged to their FACTS account as a plate lunch and must be ordered during 1<sup>st</sup> period. If students forget their lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, they will need to order from the cafeteria choices.

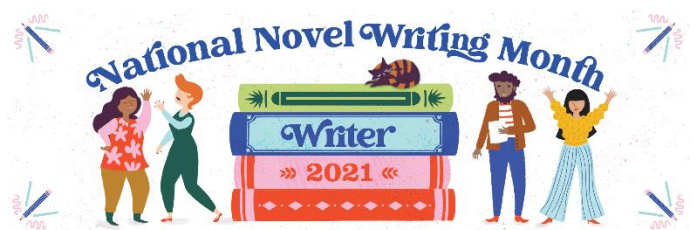
## School Masks



**Reminder:** An increasing number of students are coming to school without their masks. As stated on September 6 when wearing the masks inside school went back into effect: *Students must provide their own facemasks, and those masks should be cleaned on a daily basis.* Please help your student follow the guidelines established for the safety of the student body.

## NaNoWriMo Young Writers' Program Starting Soon!

Please join us for our second annual National Novel Writing Month in November for an opportunity to be a published author and learn more about the writing process. This is open to all students K-12. For more information and to sign up, contact Mrs. Stephanie Smith at [ssmith@ccscolts.org](mailto:ssmith@ccscolts.org).



## It's That Time of Year

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As cold and flu season arrives, 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](mailto: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.)

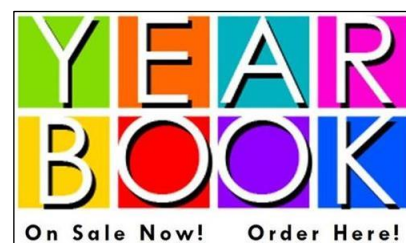


## Crossroads' Yearbooks on Sale Now!

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Sales have started and are going strong for our CCS 2022 yearbook! Here are some important deadlines to remember:

- **Now until October 21**
  - Send as many pictures as possible! We need sports pictures, summer pictures, vacation pictures, pet pictures, etc. Upload them at [www.tinyurl.com/CCSY2122](http://www.tinyurl.com/CCSY2122).
- **Now until December 31**
  - The yearbook is on sale for \$50.
  - Buy your business ad.
  - Buy your recognition ad.



For more information, contact Mrs. Smith at [ssmith@ccscolts.org](mailto:ssmith@ccscolts.org). (Business ad and recognition ad forms are attached to the email that brought you this newsletter.)

## Car Pool Tips 🚗 🚗 🚗

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Now that car pool has been running for a month or so, here are some tips from our car pool staff to make it a smoother process for everyone:

- Student ID tags still need to be visible to teachers for pickup – it is a safety measure for our students. Attach tags to visor and swing visor down when you come through – that’s the easiest place for car pool workers to see it.
- Use school-issued ID tags only. Do not make your own. If you need another one, contact Mrs. Pegram ([bpeggram@ccscolts.org](mailto:bpeggram@ccscolts.org)).
- Use the carpool line to pick students up or drop them off rather than parking and waiting for them to cross the crosswalk.
- Follow the staff’s directions in moving forward. Don’t stop when you see your student – go forward as directed to keep the line moving for all. Your student will come to you.
- Continue using the crosswalk during morning carpool – anyone crossing (student or adult) must use the crosswalk.
- Do not park across the crosswalk at any time. Leave it open for pedestrians.
- If your child gets out of your vehicle before arriving to the end with Mrs. Jarrell, and you decide to go around the car in front of you, please be very cautious and move forward slowly as you pass.
- Please do not wait until your student enters the building to pull forward in the line. We have several teachers who are watching to make sure students are getting into the building safely.
- If your child is asleep when you approach the car pool line, please park in the middle to give yourself time to wake him/her up and then rejoin car line.



All 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students need to be picked up in the front of the school.  
Do not pick up students at the gym.

### Notes for K3/K4 students only:

- Please do not line up outside of your student’s classroom door until 7:30 a.m., where a member of the preschool staff will greet you after the bell rings.
- On rainy days, you will need to walk your child to the preschool classroom outside doors as our morning carpool workers will not be able to escort them.

## Easy Ways to Help Your School

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Several companies have educational programs that allow you to link to our school, providing a percentage of your purchases as a donation to CCS.



Check out these three from our school website, under the News & Support menu (<http://www.ccscolts.org>):

- [Harris Teeter](#) – Together in Education (TIE) – link your VIC card to our school.
- [AmazonSmile](#) – Your Amazon account with a twist – 0.5% of your purchases will be donated to CCS!
- [Box Tops for Education](#) – It’s digital now! No more cutting out box tops from products.

# News from the Art Department

We are excited to announce that Crossroads Christian School has teamed up with Original Works to offer an exciting art-based program at our school. Through this program, you will have the opportunity to purchase a variety of products featuring your child's very own artwork, while also supporting the art educational opportunities. These works of art are ordered in time and make excellent heartfelt Christmas gifts.



K3-7<sup>th</sup> grade parents, be on the lookout for your child's envelope with their artwork and order form. Place the order form, payment, and artwork back in the Family Envelope for safe transport back to the school no later than **Thursday, October 14, 2021.**



Here's a sneak peak at what's coming!

## Go Colts!

Miss Goyette found some 3<sup>rd</sup> graders practicing a **CCS, GO COLTS!** cheer during recess recently!



## College Counselor's Notes

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**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 this year's applicants.

**ACT:** [The next ACT is October 23. Register by October 1.](#)

- 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](http://www.act.org)



**SAT:** [The next SAT is November 6. Register by October 8.](#)

- 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>.

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**College Visits:** By now, our juniors and seniors would have gone on field trips to tour different types of college campuses or attended college fairs, but with the continuing concerns about Covid-19, most college fairs and colleges/universities have turned to virtual options. Seniors, check your Seniors – All the Things OneNote for announcements of virtual college tours. Also Google for virtual tour information in your area or visit the website of your college of interest for touring information. If you and your child actually go visit a college during the week, submit a Campus Tour form to have the absence at school excused. (This form is on our website under the Info > [Handbooks and Forms](#) menu and in the “Seniors-All the Things” OneNote.)

**Here's one virtual college fair!**  
CACRAO (Carolinas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers)  
Virtual College Fairs

Registration for Students, Families, and School Counselors is now open!

**Monday, October 11 and Tuesday, October 12**  
5:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.  
Website: <https://www.strivescan.com/carolinas/>

### Scholarships:

College Board launched the **College Board Opportunity Scholarships** in 2019, 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. 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 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](http://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. 18-22, 2022) – see infopic below.

## NC Schools Waiving Application Fees on CFNC.org During College Application Week (Oct. 18 – 22)


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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Barton College</li> <li>Belmont Abbey College</li> <li>Bennett College</li> <li>Brevard College</li> <li>Cabarrus College of Health Sciences</li> <li>Campbell University</li> <li>Catawba College</li> <li>Chowan University</li> <li>Davidson College</li> <li>East Carolina University</li> <li>Elizabeth City State University</li> <li>Elon University</li> <li>Fayetteville State University</li> <li>Gardner Webb University</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greensboro College</li> <li>Guilford College</li> <li>Johnson and Wales</li> <li>Johnson C. Smith</li> <li>Lees McRae College</li> <li>Lenoir-Rhyne University</li> <li>Livingstone College</li> <li>Louisburg College</li> <li>Mars Hill University</li> <li>Meredith College</li> <li>Methodist College</li> <li>Montreat University</li> <li>NC Wesleyan College</li> <li>North Carolina A&amp;T</li> <li>North Carolina Central University</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pfeiffer University</li> <li>Queens University of Charlotte</li> <li>Saint Augustine's University</li> <li>Salem College</li> <li>Shaw University</li> <li>St. Andrews University</li> <li>University of Mount Olive</li> <li>University of North Carolina Asheville</li> <li>University of North Carolina Pembroke</li> <li>Warren Wilson College</li> <li>Western Carolina University</li> <li>William Peace University</li> <li>Wingate University</li> <li>Winston Salem State University</li> <li>All 58 NC Community Colleges</li> </ul>
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Updated List as of 9-21-21

For More Information, Go to [CFNC.org/C2C](http://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 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

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**Volleyball Program** – 19 wins for the Volleyball program and 9 wins for the Varsity team! Their 9 wins are the most in the program for a season since 2010!

**Soccer Program** – 13 wins for the Soccer program with 10 wins in a row for the Varsity team--a school record--and 10 wins for a season is the most in school's history for a season! Varsity is currently ranked 4th in the NCISAA Maxpreps State Ranking. Our Middle School team will be playing in the MCC Conference Championship game on October 11 at Grace Sanford.

**Cross Country Program** – Varsity currently ranked #2 in the NCISAA State Rankings! Mason Gladieux has won 3 straight meets, including on campus for the first Cross Country meet ever hosted on our campus! Our Varsity team has won 2 straight overall meets! Current Individual State Rankings – Mason Gladieux #2, Brady Bargfrede #4, & Ben Gladieux #14.

**Cheerleading Program** – Middle School has begun pre-season practices as they begin a new phase of cheerleading on campus as a Competition Team! Little Colts have 40+ cheerleaders for the new season!

**Basketball Program** – Varsity Girls and Varsity Boys have begun pre-season practices and workouts.

**Baseball Program** – Varsity has begun individual workouts.

\*\*\*MCC Conference Tournaments begin the week of October 11.  
\*\*\*NCISAA State Tournaments begin the week of October 18.



### **NCAA Eligibility Center/NAIA**

Reminder to all students who plan on participating in sports at the college level: Be sure to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center or the NAIA ([National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics](#)).

**NCAA** stands for National Collegiate Athletic Association. 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 \(has not been updated for 2021-22 yet\)](#)
- [NCAA Scholarships & Grants](#)
- [Division I Academic Requirements Fact Sheet](#)
- [Division II Academic Requirements Fact Sheet](#)

#### **DIVISION I OR II**

You need to be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center to compete at an NCAA Division I or II school. [Create a Certification Account](#) and the NCAA Eligibility Center will guide you through the process.

*You need to create a Certification Account to make official visits to Divisions I and II schools or to sign a National Letter of Intent.*

#### **DIVISION III OR UNDECIDED**

[Create a free Profile Page](#) if you plan to compete at a Division III school or are not yet sure where you want to compete.

You'll get an NCAA ID, and the NCAA Eligibility Center will send you important reminders as you complete high school.

### **High School Transcripts**

At the end of each school year, the college counselor will upload the CCS transcripts to the Eligibility Center for those students who have registered with them. For questions about transcripts, contact Mrs. O'Steen at [josteen@ccscolts.org](mailto:josteen@ccscolts.org).

## Support the Colts with Corporate Banners!

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Crossroads Colts Athletics would like to invite our local businesses to help support Colts Athletics by purchasing a corporate banner spot in our gym for the 2021-2022 school year.

Our Athletic Department at Crossroads Christian School operates on funds raised by athletic fees, gate & concessions, season passes, and corporate sponsorships. The funds raised help cover costs of the Athletic Department to include, but are not limited to, equipment & uniform expenses, conference/state/tournament fees, field/court maintenance, and officials/referees. God has richly blessed our Athletic Department through the years. Luke 1:37 says, "For with God nothing is impossible," and we thank the Lord for His guidance!

My goal as the Director of Athletics at Crossroads Christian School is to PARTNER with you in helping continue our tradition of excellence. The key is to establish a long-range commitment to the overall success of our athletic department and program. Corporate banners will hang in the gymnasium for the 2021-2022 school year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [srichardson@ccscolts.org](mailto:srichardson@ccscolts.org). Thank you for your continued support of COLTS Athletics!

### GO COLTS!

Scottie D. Richardson  
Athletic Director

If you would like to become a member of our *CCSXpress Corporate Partners for Athletics* and support our Colts in other ways, email Scottie Richardson at [srichardson@ccscolts.org](mailto:srichardson@ccscolts.org) to find out more. Becoming a partner gets you 4 season passes for all home games!

\*\*Your contribution will be tax-deductible as Crossroads Christian School is a 501c-3 entity and you will receive a receipt for tax purposes.

## Ryan Adcock: the 50/50 Club!

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Congratulations to Ryan Adcock for scoring his 50th career varsity goal on September 11 in a win vs. Henderson Collegiate at the Vanco Fall Classic! He later tallied his 50th career varsity assist in a win vs. Lee Christian on September 17.

Ryan is the first EVER CCS student-athlete to reach both of these milestone achievements. Congratulations, Ryan!

The team is currently experiencing a breakthrough season at 10-5 overall and 3-1 in MCC play.

-- Coach Holden Coghill



## Big Plans on October 14!

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**GRANDPARENTS  
DAY** 

On Thursday, October 14, the Lower School students will be presenting a virtual Grandparents Day program! The program will be streamed via Facebook Live on the CCS Facebook page. Information regarding the exact time will be sent out closer to the event. Each grade, K3 through 6th grade, will perform special songs and poems as a tribute to all of the CCS grandparents that we love so much! Mark your calendars and spread the word today!

## First Grade Engineers at Work

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Recently, the first graders put their engineering skills into practice designing a solution for keeping their pencil from rolling off of their desk. Using only construction paper, tape, and a pipe cleaner, the students generated many creative solutions! Some ideas worked, and some didn't, but everyone learned a lot through the process!



The students pictured are Skylar Hoyle, Levi Endecott, and Isaac Arness.

-- Mrs. Bartholomew

## SYATP 2021

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Because of ongoing Covid concerns about large groups, our seniors opted to lead our students in prayer over the intercom after morning announcements on the annual Global Day of Student Prayer, a part of See You at the Pole Day (SYATP) on September 22.

The five seniors who led the student body in prayer were Nicholas Shah, Zach Williamson, Lillian Owens, Abbigale Cranfill, and Ryan Adcock. Thank you to our senior leaders!

## Upcoming Events

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<b>October 1</b>	K4/K5 Letterland Parade and Apple Day
<b>October 13</b>	Picture Day: Fall Sports, Senior Tux & Drapes
<b>October 13</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade: PSAT/NMSQT (8:00-11:45)
<b>October 14</b>	Half Day for Students (Celebration of Grandparents Day)
<b>October 15</b>	Fall Break – School Closed
<b>October 18</b>	Fall Break – School Closed
<b>October 20</b>	Fall Picture Make-up Day
<b>November 22-23</b>	School Closed – Teacher Workdays
<b>November 24-26</b>	School Closed – Thanksgiving Break
<b>December 15 &amp; 16</b>	Midterm Exams/Half Days for Students
<b>December 17</b>	Midterm Exams/Half Day for Students/Quarter 2 Ends
<b>Dec. 20-Jan. 2</b>	Christmas Break
<b>January 3</b>	Second Semester - Third Quarter Begins
<b>January 10-14</b>	Spirit Week
<b>January 14</b>	Homecoming Game!