

# CROSSROADS NEWSLETTER

December 22, 2021



*16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.*  
--- Luke 2:16-20

## Food Drive a Success!

Our annual collection for the Salvation Army began as soon as we returned from Thanksgiving break and ran through December 10. As a school we collected a total of 7,137 items in those two weeks, with 2,587 items coming in on the last day! In the 10 years that we have been collecting food, this year's total is the highest ever. Way to go, COLTS!

Thank you to everyone who helped contribute to the food drive. The items we brought in will be used by families in our area that are in need this holiday season and throughout the first quarter of next year.



## Exam Treat Bags!

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The lower school classes prepared small exam treat bags for the upper school students to let the upper school students know that they were praying for them during their exams and that they wished them all a Merry Christmas! The older students loved them!



## New 2022-2023 School Calendar Approved

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The proposed 2022-2023 school year has been approved by the school board. It is now officially available on our website at <http://ccscolts.org/site/information/calendar/>. This page also has latest updates to this year's calendar, as well.

## Lunch Menus

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The January lunch menu is available online at <http://ccscolts.org/site/information/cafeteria/>. Visit the Cafeteria web page any time you need menus, a price list, lunch slips, etc.

## Lower School Christmas Program

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If you were not able to join us on Facebook Live on December 16, or if you would like to enjoy the beautiful singing and message presented by the lower school students again, [click here](#) and you will be directed to a Facebook Watch page. This link will allow you to view the program without having to log in to Facebook or have an account. Feel free to share!



## PSAT Scores

*A note from the counselor:* The scores from the 11<sup>th</sup> grade PSAT/NMSQT test (taken in October) have been released to students by College Board this month. Students can use their score reports to get customized practice resources for the SAT. A score report video guide is available at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/scores/understanding-scores>.



According to College Board, students who wish to improve their performance on the SAT should follow these guidelines:

- Develop academic skills through challenging coursework.
- Read extensively and develop strong writing skills.
- Engage in deliberate practice in the three math areas that are emphasized the most in the assessments.
- Take practice tests and upload their results to Khan Academy for personalized practice of the skills they need to improve. To learn more, go to [collegeboard.org/psatpractice](https://collegeboard.org/psatpractice).

Scores from the PSAT/NMSQT are not sent to colleges, but these scores are used by Crossroads to meet requirements by North Carolina for all juniors to have taken a standardized test and met minimum scores (see our Student Handbook for more info).

## Homecoming – January 28, 2022

| SPIRIT WEEK IS JANUARY 24–28. DRESS-UP DAYS ARE THESE: |                             | <b>NOTE:</b><br><br>This is a recent date change. (The original date for Homecoming was January 14.)<br><br>More information about Homecoming, including the Homecoming Court, will be sent out in January. |
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| JAN. 24–MONDAY   | MATHLETE VS. ATHLETE        |   |
| JAN. 25–TUESDAY  | TWIN TUESDAY                |   |
| JAN. 26–WEDNESDAY                                      | COUNTRY VS. COUNTRY CLUB    |   |
| JAN. 27–THURSDAY                                       | USA DAY                     |   |
| JAN. 28–FRIDAY   | SPIRIT DAY ( SCHOOL COLORS) |   |

## Pink Out!

The most “Pinked Out” classroom winners on November 12 were --

- **Lower School:** 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Miss Ficek’s Homeroom
- **Upper School:** 10<sup>th</sup> Grade – Mrs. Martin’s Homeroom

From the fundraising related to our Pink Out event, we were able to donate \$2,011.10 to Lump to Laughter, a Christian ministry that supports families dealing with breast cancer. Thank you to all who supported the Student Council in this endeavor!



# School Closings & Delays

We are in the middle of winter and the weather can swing from sunshine to snow, so make sure you are aware of all the ways we communicate school delays and closures:

- Remind texts (sign-up instructions: <http://ccscolts.org/site/support/remind101/>)
- TV newsfeeds (WRAL, WTVD, NBC, News 14)
- School website: [www.ccscolts.org](http://www.ccscolts.org)
- School Facebook page (go to Facebook and search for “Crossroads Christian School”) and Instagram feed
- FACTS Announcements and Calendar



# Christmas Market and Craft Fair

The first annual Christmas Market and Craft Fair hosted over 30 vendors and allowed a steady stream of shoppers to enjoy some fun Christmas shopping on December 11 in the cafetorium. Some of our students and alumni participated, too, as vendors and shoppers. Look for this event again next year!



## Reminder: Health Policy from Student Handbook

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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 [bpegam@ccscolts.org](mailto:bpegam@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.)
- **Any symptoms specified by the CDC as possible Covid-19 symptoms (fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, etc.).**

## A Note from the College Counselor

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Scholarship time is upon us! Tons of scholarship deadlines are coming up in early spring, so seniors should be searching for and applying for scholarships. Not all scholarships are academically based – there are all types of scholarships out there. Some online resources to check are these:

- [www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org)
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)
- Your local civic groups and electric co-ops and businesses



Also search for “weird” scholarships and find the unusual ones like scholarships for left-handed people, people who are a certain height, people who like dogs or can make duck calls, etc.

For more financial aid help, visit <https://www.cfnc.org/pay-for-college/apply-for-financial-aid/>.

## Upcoming Events

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| <b>January 3</b>     | Quarter 3 Begins  | <b>January TBD</b> | MAP Growth Test (Standardized Testing Required for Grades 2-9) |
| <b>January 17</b>    | MLK, Jr. Holiday (Closed)                                   | <b>February 21</b> | Presidents Day (School Closed)                                 |
| <b>January 26</b>    | Picture Day (Kindergarten/Senior Cap & Gown, Winter Sports) | <b>February 22</b> | Winter Break (School Closed)                                   |
| <b>January 24-28</b> | Spirit Week   |                    |  |
| <b>January 28</b>    | Homecoming  | <b>March 9</b>     | Quarter 3 Ends   |

# Ugly Christmas Sweaters!

On our annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Day this year, students enjoyed showing off their Christmas spirit! Thanks to Miss Goyette & Mrs. Paschall for sharing these pictures.



**Brantley Griffin & Cameron Edmonds**



**Layton Batts & Madison Kennedy**



**Olivia Vaughn, Sadie Capps, Madalyn Livengood**



**Hailey Grissom, Caroline Wiard, Emily Darnell, Haley Edwards**



**Charly Bowman, Gianna & Rayna Bryant**



Mrs. Brauer's Class



Mrs. Doherty's Class



The Paschalls

# MERRY CHRISTMAS!