

CROSSROADS NEWSLETTER

February 29, 2024

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



This month, Mrs. Wade shares some of her 3rd graders' reasons for being grateful!

- I am thankful for family. *Isaac Arness*
- I am thankful for God and my family, friends, food, my school, and my teacher! *Lila Johnson*
- I am thankful for my mom and Meme, my dog, my friends, Mrs. Wade, and Mrs. Brauer! *Gage Perry*
- I am thankful for my class and my family! *Paisley Holdridge*
- I am thankful for my baby cousin, my family, and my dogs! *Abby Reynolds Roberson*



On February 15, our 3rd graders visited the NC Museum of History and Natural Sciences! Our class was fascinated by the history of our state and country. We saw how people lived in the early years before many of the modern conveniences of today. A big hit was the life-sized dinosaurs and seeing actual jellyfish swimming in a tank. This was a great day, and we loved spending time together outside of the classroom.

-- Mrs. Wade

Lunch Reminders



The cafeteria is closed on Thursdays and Fridays every week. Please either order Jersey Mike's or Chick-fil-A by each Monday or make sure you send a packed lunch with your student on those days.

Fast food cannot be brought in for students to pick up from the front office, even on Thursdays and Fridays, per the CCS Student Handbook.



2024-2025 Calendar Approved

The 2024-2025 school calendar has been approved. School will begin on Wednesday, August 14. All calendar updates are available on our school website at this address: <http://ccscolts.org/site/information/calendar/>.

Diaper Drive Ends March 1



Each February we take some time to share the love and demonstrate our understanding of the value of life through a Diaper Drive to bless the Vance County Health Department and The Selah Center, a pregnancy help center serving Mecklenburg County, VA and surrounding areas. Both organizations have been very grateful for the past help we have provided.

How can you help?

Bring small packages of Luvs or Huggies diapers to the school. Sizes 3-6 are preferred. Contributions to the diaper drive will be accepted through March 1.

Check out <https://theselahcenter.org/> to learn more about the services provided by The Selah Center. *Thanks for spreading the love and valuing life with us!*

March 4: NYC Trip Info Session

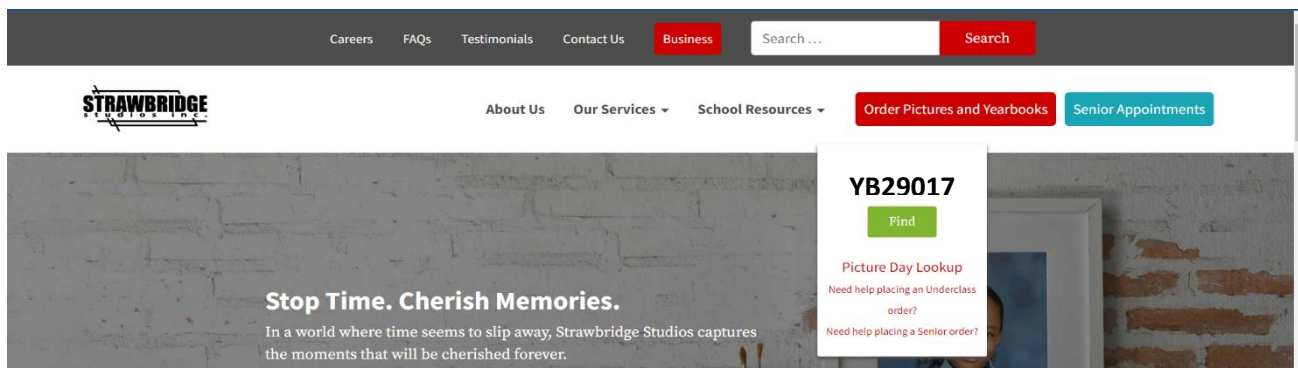
A brief information session will be held on Monday, March 4 at 4:00 p.m. in the cafetorium for all parents of 9th-12th grade students attending the trip to New York City. Topics covered: an overview of the itinerary, details on travel/lodging arrangements, and answers to any other trip-related questions. Chaperones will also meet briefly following the general parent meeting. All questions go to the trip coordinator, Mrs. May, at amay@ccscolts.org.



Yearbook Deadline Approaching

The last day to order a CCS yearbook is **March 15!** Extras are not guaranteed at the end of school, so reserve yours now at www.strawbridge.net. Once there, click on the red **Order Pictures and Yearbooks** button, then enter our code (YB29017) and click **Find**. Follow the screens from there.

Yearbook Adviser: Stephanie Smith (ssmith@ccscolts.org)



Graduation is Getting Closer!

Mrs. Choplin (kchoplin@ccscolts.org) will need 9 photos from all the seniors for the graduation slideshow by spring break. All the guidelines and how-to's are in your Seniors – All the Things OneNote. If you need help finding the guidelines, ask Mr. Russell or Mr. Hahn to show you. In addition to these photos, families and CCS staff are invited to share any photos of this class throughout the years (field trips, class photos, class parties, etc.) to be used for the graduation pre-show.

CKC Summer Camps 2024



Registration is now open to everyone, and camps are filling up! A copy of the registration packet is available on the school website at <http://ccscolts.org/site/summer-camps/>.

CKC summer camps will run from **May 28 – July 26** (closed July 1-5) from 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. each day.

Open House:

- May 20 (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon & 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.)
- May 21 (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon & 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)
- May 22 (7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.).

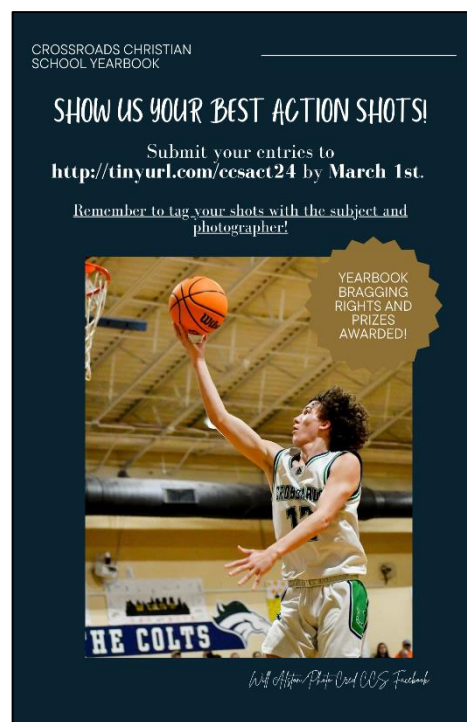
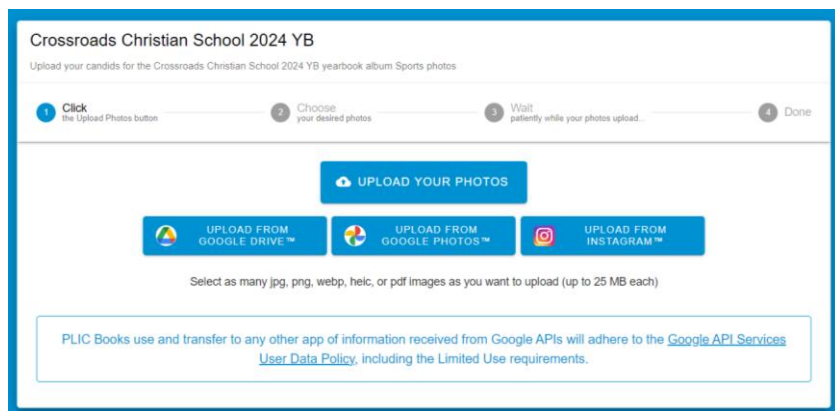
Parents/guardians can pick up their summer camp packets and make payments at Open House.

Please check the [CKC Facebook page](#) for daily/weekly available spots for each week.

For information, contact Katherine Anderson at kanderson@ccscolts.org or call 252-431-1333.

Yearbook Contest Ends March 1

Reminder that Friday, March 1 is the last day for the yearbook contest, "Show Us Your Best Action Shots"! Upload your entries to <http://tinyurl.com/ccsact24>. Be sure to tag your shots with the subject and photographer!



Beta Club News

Thirty students in CCS chapter of National Beta Club served at the ACTS House on February 26. This organization provides 225 meals every day at lunchtime. They provide 25 care packages for student Backpack Buddies and deliver meals on mobile wheels to shut-ins. Our students participated in preparing food, making cards for recipients, and organizing meal prep items. What a blessing to help our community! Sponsors: Mrs. Newbern (anewbern@ccscolts.org) and Mrs. Paschall (bpaschall@ccscolts.org). ACTS stands for Area Christians Together in Service.

If you'd like to donate to the ACTS House, you may take items (see list) to the ACTS location at 201 South William Street in Henderson any weekday between 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and at other times by appointment (call 252-492-8231).



1st Semester Projects: Planning during Lunch Meetings

1. *February* - Making Valentine gifts for Kerr Lake Nursing Home
2. *March* - Food Service at the Acts House of Henderson
3. *April* - Baseball buddies with North Wake Miracle League
4. *May* - Serve at the Vance county animal shelter

Items Needed

- Canned meat (like chicken, beef stew, pork)
- Spaghetti noodles
- Corn muffin mix (like Jiffy)
- Baked beans/pork & beans
- “Helper” meals (like hamburger & chicken)
- Canned soups (like tomato and chicken noodle)
- ANY type of canned fruits
- Canned beans (like black eye, navy, great Northern, etc.)
- Tomato sauce
- 16 oz. jars of peanut butter
- Jelly
- Canned carrots
- Crackers (in sleeves, like Ritz)
- Canned greens (like collards, spinach, turnip, etc.)
- Non-sticking cooking spray (like Pam)
- Cooking oil
- Garlic powder & onion powder
- Canned potatoes
- Canned mixed vegetables



Student Spotlight!



Shout out to Ava Wade, who was featured on the Henderson-Vance Chamber of Commerce Facebook page!

The Henderson-Vance Chamber is spotlighting one of their participants from the Student Leadership Institute. This is the first program that the Chamber has ever offered to high school students. These participants experience a number of tours which expose them to various aspects of the community. CCS' Anderson Boyd and Rebecca Fowler are also part of this program this year.

Congratulations, Ava!

2024 NHS Induction

The CCS chapter of the National Honor Society held its annual induction ceremony on February 21, followed by a reception. Each prospective candidate must have attained the 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; weighted). Congratulations to these new members!

The new inductees from 10th – 12th grades were as follows:

- Jackson Anderson
- Addison Barrow
- Anderson Boyd
- Kasey Gooch
- Cason Hilliard
- Rebekah Himes
- Annah Newman
- Cody Paschall
- Tyler Seaman
- Elizabeth Waltz
- Leanna Wimsatt



Thank you also to our officers for leading the ceremony.

- Hailey Grissom - Historian
- Nate Bobbitt - Secretary
- Mattie Grissom – Treasurer

(Haley Edwards, President, & Emily Darnell, Vice-President, were absent).

Art Fun

Mrs. Newbern shares some pictures from second semester of students working in her class – looks like they are having a great time being creative!



100 Days of School

Our lower school celebrated 100 days of school on February 3. Mrs. Hahn shared some of the photos!



Key Sites to Help Prepare for Life after High School

Senior year is approaching fast for our Class of 2025, and applying to colleges, learning a trade, joining the military, entering the workforce, taking a gap year, etc. all are among the many choices they will have before them. But why wait until senior year to start preparing? Below are a few key sites that are full of articles and checklists to help anyone in high school begin making plans for after graduation.

- **College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC):** At www.cfnc.org, you will be able to practice for the SAT or ACT, find money for college, apply to any community college, independent college, or UNC-system university in the state of North Carolina, explore many free resources to help you choose a career or a major, and more! If you don't already have an account with them, set it up now and check it out.



- **O*NET Online** – Visit www.onetonline.org to take a career interest survey, explore jobs, and find out about their demand, salary ranges, amount of education or training required for them, and more! You don't have to set up an account to take the career survey, but if you do, it will allow you to save jobs you would like to look at later.
- **CollegeBoard Career Finder** – Visit <https://roadtripnation.com/edu/careerfinder>, where their motto is, "Tell us what you like, and we'll find career paths you'll love."
- **CollegeBoard BigFuture** – This site offers help for planning for life after high school and even rewards steps taken with scholarship opportunities: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>
- **Common App** – The Common Application website—www.commonapp.org—pulls together over 900 colleges in one place from across the nation, so you set up one account and go through the application process once for as many colleges as you want. Participating colleges and universities then download from your application the information they need (like teacher recommendations or your transcript). You will need an account. They also provide several college planning resources.
- **FAFSA** – Financial aid begins with the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#), and this website is the source of how-to's and info about deadlines for completing the FAFSA. It also explains how student aid works, how to stay eligible, what types of aid there are and more. You complete the FAFSA each year you are attending college (including community college). In North Carolina, the FAFSA opens each year on October 1 and funds are given out until they run out.



Vance County Winners!

Congratulations to our winners for the Vance County Soil and Water Conservation Poster Contest! Presentation of the prizes took place on Friday, February 24.

CCS Class Winners:

- 1st – Avery Haithcock (see her prize below)
- 2nd – Naomi Satterfield (\$15)
- 3rd – Jackson King (\$10)

Vance County Winner:

- 1st place – Avery Haithcock (Bike, Helmet, \$25)

Sports Note from Mrs. Williams



We are gearing up for spring sports to start! The athletic fee for spring sports is due at this time. If this is the first sport your student has participated in this year, the fee is \$125. If this is the second sport, the fee is \$100. Please send those fees to the school office to the attention of Lisa Williams. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Williams at lwilliams@ccscolts.org.

Also, please remember parents/guardians will receive emails to sign up to volunteer to work games. Be on the lookout for those and let Ms. Williams know which games you can volunteer for.

Winter Sports Update

Athletic Director Scottie Richardson reports on the successful winter season:

Varsity Boys Basketball – Back-to-back MCC Tournament Champions, 3 Straight Final Four Appearances, Overall 22-6 Record, school record holding opponents to 49.3 points per game! Ben Gladieux was named NCISAA All-State, marking the 6th time a Colts Varsity Boys Basketball player was named to the All-State Team! Brodrick Jenkins, Ben Gladieux, Chris Bell, and Ely Phillips were named MCC All-Conference, Ben Gladieux Team MVP!

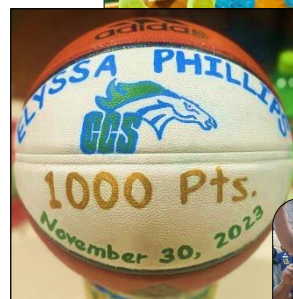
Varsity Girls Basketball – Back-to-back Final Four Appearances; MCC Tournament Runner-up; Elyssa Phillips NCISAA All-State, Ed Moore MCC Coach of the Year; Elyssa Phillips, Mattie Grissom, Leanna Wimsatt MCC All-Conference; Overall Record 17-6; Elyssa Phillips Team MVP/1000 Points!

JV Boys Basketball – MCC Tournament Runner-up, Overall Winning Record, Bryce Burton Team MVP. Conner Bryant great job in his first year as JV Boys Coach!

MS Boys Basketball – Back-to-back MCC Tournament Champions; Coach **Jacob Savage** did a great job coaching the team in a dramatic comeback win to win the championship on the road at Cape Fear Christian; Ben Adcock Team MVP!

MS Girls Basketball – Coach Cammy Simmons did an excellent job improving the team play each and every game, with a dramatic win on the road at Lee Christian being a highlight of the season; Anna Hedgepeth Team MVP!

Shoutouts to our Cheerleaders coached by Tina Pace, Katherine Anderson, and Lindsay Harmon and our wonderful mascot, *TROTTER*!



Cafeteria News



The cafeteria is offering a new item on Tuesdays during upper school break. Taste-testing was a success, so it is now listed in the system as BEC Bagel Topper and costs \$2.00. It's bacon, egg, and cheese on one half of a bagel. Yummy!

Dr. Seuss Day Celebrations March 1 and 5

K3-6th Grades

K3 - 6th grades will be celebrating "Read Across America" week in honor of Dr. Seuss on Friday, March 1, and Tuesday, March 5. The National Education Association started this event in 1998 to encourage children and young adults to read. We celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday at this time.

Please have your child dress as his/her favorite Dr. Seuss character to celebrate on his/her scheduled Library Day. CCS National Honor Society students will also be helping on these special days. A special treat will be given to the "best-dressed" girl and boy from 5th and 6th grades on Tuesday, March 5.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Paschall in the library at bpaschall@ccscolts.org.



Friday, March 1 - Library Classes:

- K3 - Coburn
- 1st grade - Bartholomew
- K4 - Anderson
- K5 - Marlowe
- 2nd grade - Brauer
- K4 - Harmon
- 4th grades - Hill/Krieg

Tuesday, March 5 - Library Classes:

- 1st grade - Gresham
- K5 - Short
- 2nd grade - Wolfe
- 3rd grade - Wade
- 5th & 6th grades - Hahn/Mattson

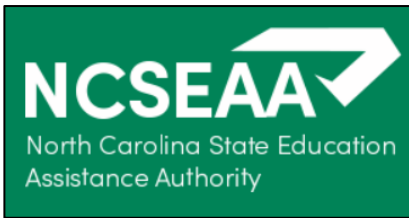
Spring Picture Day Coming April 3

We will be taking Spring Individual Pictures, Class Group Pictures, and Spring Sports Pictures.



- ❖ **Individual Pictures** – These pictures require no payment up front. You will receive proofs in a couple of weeks after Picture Day with package options for your consideration. Students will be allowed to wear outfits of their choice, but they must follow the CCS Dress Code guidelines, which can be found in the CCS Student Handbook on our website at www.ccscolts.org. Please keep modesty in mind as you choose your outfit. More information will be sent home closer to the date of the pictures.
- ❖ **Class Group Pictures** - These must be prepaid. The cost is \$10. It is preferred that you order online at www.strawbridge.net, using the following code: **FM432174**. If you choose to send in the payment, you may send in cash or check with the order form. Order forms for class pictures will be sent home closer to 04/03/24. If using cash, you must send the correct amount. Change will not be available. Checks should be made out to **Strawbridge Studios, Inc.**
- ❖ **Spring Sports Pictures** - It is preferred that you order online at www.strawbridge.net, using the following code: **FM432176**. Students need to have their entire uniform plus shoes for the photograph. If you choose to send in the payment and order form, please note the following: If paying by cash, please submit the correct amount, as change will not be available. Checks should be made out to **Strawbridge Studios, Inc.** Order forms will be given to athletes the week before Picture Day.

Please contact Mrs. Beth Pegram at bpeggram@ccscolts.org, if you have any questions.



March 1: Deadline to Apply for Opportunity Scholarship

K5 - 12th Grades: The ESA+ and Opportunity Scholarship applications for the 2024-2025 school year are open February 1 – March 1, 2024. There is no advantage to applying on February 1. All eligible applications submitted during the month of February will be entered into the lottery. Take your time and make sure that all your information is correct.

For specific information visit: <https://www.ncseaa.edu/k12/opportunity/>

NHS Service

Members of the National Honor Society collected 15 bags of trash for Adopt-a-Highway this past week!



Upcoming Events

- March 1** Deadline to Apply for Opportunity Scholarship
- March 1** Diaper Drive Ends
- March 1** Yearbook Action Shot Contest Ends
- March 4** NYC Info Session for Parents/Guardians
- March 6** 9th-12th Leave for NYC
- March 8** Quarter 3 Ends
- March 11** Quarter 4 Begins
- March 20** Theater Group Field Trip
- March 25-29** Spring Break (School Closed)
- March 29** Good Friday (School Closed)
- April 3** Picture Day: Spring Individuals, Class Groups, Spring Sports
- April 10** 7th & 8th Grades: God's Pit Crew in Danville, VA
- April 22-May 3** Map Testing Grades 2-9
- April 27** Junior/Senior Prom

Congratulations
to Senior Will Alston on his signing Feb. 28
to play soccer at St. Andrews University.

