

CROSSROADS NEWS

November 30, 2023

Matthew 25:37-40 ESV

Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

CCS Annual Food Drive

November 27 – December 8

Each year our annual food drive begins as soon as school resumes after Thanksgiving break and runs for two weeks. Our 2023 food drive began November 27 and ends on Friday, December 8. The goal for the canned food drive is **6,000** items. (Last year we collected over 7,000!) There are various rewards for class competitions, lower vs. upper school, and a house competition for upper school.



While we are rewarding our students for bringing items in, the real reward will come when families receive food to help meet their needs during this holiday season. Please help support the CCS food drive and be a light to those around us.

CCS Chooses Gratitude!

Our theme verse for 2023-2024: *“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”* 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

In keeping with this theme, a few of Mrs. Brauer’s 2nd graders had this to say:

Cameron Edmonds: I am thankful for the Earth because it has animals and for my family because my cousins are funny.

Ellie Savage: I am thankful for my school because I love learning and I am glad I have friends there.

Lawson Pernell: I am thankful for my family because they love me and take care of me.

Cayden Maynard: I am thankful for Christmas because of Jesus.

Sawyer Wimsatt: I am thankful for my new baby brother because he’s cute.

Mrs. Wolfe’s 2nd graders contributed these:

Sophia Engel: I am thankful for my family because they treat me well, they are nice, and they care for me.

Garrett Mooney: I am thankful for water because it hydrates you and makes you work a lot.

Junior Perkinson: I am thankful for Jesus because He dies on the cross for our sins.

Cameron Choplin: I am thankful for the world because God made it and it has His creation in it.

Scarlett Bumgarner: I am thankful for animals because I like to cuddle with them, and they are really cute.





3rd Annual Christmas Market This Saturday!

The Christmas Market Craft & Vendor Show
Saturday, December 2
CCS Cafeteria
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Four new vendors were added since the list went out yesterday! The new list is at the end of the newsletter.

Peanut Fundraiser – Friday is Last Day for Orders!

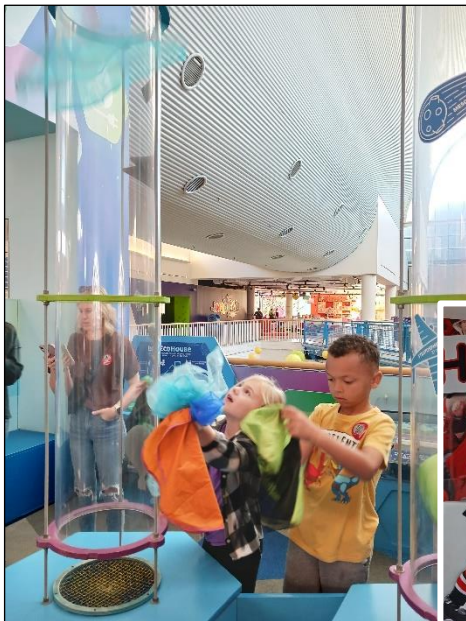
With \$10 and \$13 options, 1949 Nut Co. peanuts make great Christmas gifts. The funds raised from peanut sales directly benefit each student at CCS, as the funds raised by the lower school stay within the lower school, and the funds raised by the upper school students remain with their respective classes. This is typically our most popular fundraiser, and we hope for continued success this year!

Order forms (see the last pages of this newsletter) and payments are due to Mr. Russell no later than **Friday, December 1**. Make checks payable to **CCS**.

Questions? Contact Mandy May at amay@ccscolts.org or Ryan Russell at russell@ccscolts.org.



1st Grades' Field Trip to Marbles



On November 16, the first-grade classes spent the day at Marbles Kids' Museum in downtown Raleigh. Students enjoyed viewing a 3-D IMAX movie about the Animal Kingdom as well as exploring and playing in the museum's many hands-on exhibits.



Operation Christmas Child: 1st Grade & NHS Working Together

Each year, CCS' 1st graders participate in Operation Christmas Child by going shopping for items to pack into shoeboxes to send to children in need around the world. This is a wonderful opportunity to teach our students about serving others, spreading the gospel, and blessing those who are less fortunate than they are. Before Thanksgiving break, the first graders brought in items such as toys, stuffed animals, art supplies, toothbrushes, soap, and other hygiene items.

Members of CCS's National Honor Society visited the first-grade classrooms to help the students pack their items into shoeboxes and prepare them to be sent to locations around the globe. Thanks to all of the students and their families for helping support this ministry!



Lunch Reminders

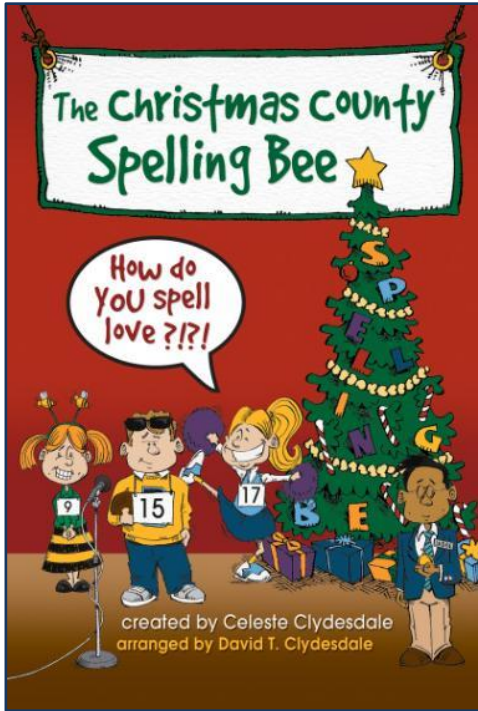


No fast food can be dropped off for students.

All daily purchases need to be made through the use of funds on a student's lunch account. **The CCS cafeteria will NOT allow items to be purchased daily with cash.** Funds need to be placed on account through either online payment or by sending in a check (made payable to CCS) or cash weekly or monthly. **For online payments,** you can use "PayNow" option through FACTS SIS. (Log in as parent, go to Family > Family Home > Family Billing.)

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.



Lower School Christmas Program

The CCS Music Department is excited to announce this year's Christmas Musical, "The Christmas County Spelling Bee!" How do you spell love? J.E.S.U.S. We will have multiple performances this year. (RSVP Forms were sent home and are at the end of the newsletter.)

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade will have two performances this year.

December 13, 2023 @ 8:30 am
December 14, 2023 @ 10:00 am

3rd Grade – 6th Grade will also have two performances this year.

December 13, 2023 @ 10:00 am
December 14, 2023 @ 8:30 am

Our students have been working hard and are ready to perform what they have learned. We hope you will be able to join us!

-- Music Director: Alicia Jarrell (ajarrell@ccscolts.org)

From the College Counselor

CFNC News: Remember, www.cfnc.org has many college planning tools to help you apply to college, choose a major, choose a career, find money for college, etc. If you don't have an account with them, create one soon!

FAFSA News: Students and parents can now complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#). The FAFSA application opened October 1. Apply soon! The earlier, the better, as far as funds go!

Seniors - All the Things OneNote: Seniors, be sure to check the Seniors - All the Things OneNote that you can access through your Microsoft Office 365 login. Information about graduation, applying to college, college fairs, transcripts, etc. can be found there!

Sallie Mae Scholarship Search: Sallie Mae's free [Scholarship Search](#) connects students to scholarship opportunities based on their hobbies and interests. The database now has over 6 million scholarships worth up to \$30 billion in free money for college.

SAT Going Digital: The SAT will [transition to a digital test](#) starting in March 2024. [Digital SAT practice](#) is free and available to all students. Taking a full-length digital practice test in Bluebook gives students the full adaptive digital testing experience, a practice score, tailored information about the questions they got right and wrong, and thorough answer explanations. They'll also get linked to additional instructional resources and lessons on [Official Digital SAT Prep on Khan Academy](#).



Appointments: Anyone in high school needing one-on-one assistance with applying to colleges or planning for college can make an appointment with Mr. Hahn (jhahn@ccscolts.org).

Upper School House Standings

Students have the opportunity to earn points for their houses through school and house spirit, competition days, and daily actions that exemplify loving God with all their heart, mind, soul, and strength and loving others.

Students, there is a new opportunity to earn a weekly house point. If you go to church, youth group or Sunday school, take notes and show them to your house sponsor for a weekly Spiritual Growth Mindset point. Notes must be dated, titled, and in your own handwriting.

The House Standings as of Thursday, November 30:

- **Nepshesh (purple)** 709 points
- **Dunamis (blue)** 681 points
- **Corazon (red)** 660 points
- **Akili (green)** 575 points

Encourage your students to participate in school and house spirit days and live out their faith consistently and publicly to earn points and help out their houses! Students will continue to earn points throughout the school year and will celebrate the team with the most points as House Cup Champion at an end-of-year banquet.



Senior Rock 2023

The Class of 2023 is still designing and painting their Senior Rock at the entrance to the car pool line in front of the school.

It is a work in progress...



Beta Club Project

On November 8, the Beta Club delivered goodie baskets with handmade cards, homemade baked cookies, and other great treats to our Henderson Fire, EMS, Sheriff, Highway Patrol, and Police Departments and our very own Captain Vaughn for keeping our community safe.

A special shout-out to Captain Vaughn for keeping Crossroads safe!! We are so blessed to have him!



Art Fun!

Mrs. Newbern shared a few pictures of her art students from Mrs. Brauer's 2nd grade and Mrs. Marlowe's Kindergarten in action!



So is computer class!



In this project, students became pirates in search of treasure. The swashbuckling fun began when students decorated a hat, eye patch, and parrot. Once they were dressed like old salts, they weighed anchor to set sail on an Internet Treasure Hunt. They used their skills to make a map of the computer lab that included the location of their hidden loot. This map was shared with a fellow pirate, who had to journey through the lab to find where X marked the spot!
--- Captain Newbern

Beta Club Chapter Inductions

Congratulations to the following students who were inducted into the CCS chapter of the National Beta Club! Their hard work and dedication to academic success is commendable. The 2023 induction ceremony took place in the CCS library on November 15. I look forward to serving our school and community alongside of each of you.

--- Mrs. Newbern



2023-2024 Beta Club Officers and Sponsors

Senior Beta Club Inductees

9th Grade: Rylie Capps, Chase Champion, Jake Douglas, Valerie Foreman, Chloe Friedrichs, Reagan Hedgepeth, Rosalie May, Will Medlin, Josie Miceli, Corban Mill, Seth Newbern, Ely Phillips, Laci Wade, Sophie Wade

10th Grade: Elizabeth Waltz

Junior Beta Club Inductees

7th Grade: Wade Cooke, Carlee Edmonds, J.J. Hahn, Allie Harris, Anna Hedgepeth, Stuart May, Harrison Mill, Gabriel Rossi, Brady Reagle, Layton Pernel, Emily Waltz, Luke Wimsatt

8th Grade: Harley Hall, Hallie Smith, Faith Young



Kindergarteners Learn about Thanksgiving

Kindergarten celebrated what they learned about the Wampanoag Indians and Pilgrims with special thanksgiving centers. Mrs. Short and Mrs. Marlowe mixed classes and rotated through these special centers to celebrate what they have learned. Below are pictures shared by Mrs. Short.



CCS Christmas Trees Get a Refresh!

A BIG THANK YOU to Mrs. Marlowe and Mrs. Short for making our hallway Christmas tree look beautiful! Mrs. Marlowe's mother, better known to CCS as "Mama Hunter," made the bow on top of the tree and did a wonderful job!

For the tree in the front office, Mrs. Marlowe started a new tradition: a Staff Tree. She encouraged all staff members to bring an ornament that they love with their name and the school year on the bottom to decorate our office tree. Before Christmas break (at our staff party) each person will choose an ornament to take home. Each year, the ornament will be a reminder of a CCS staff member to pray for at Christmas! What a sweet idea!



High School Community Service Project

Our high school students served at God's Pit Crew in Danville, Va. on November 29! God's Pit Crew is a non-profit, faith-based disaster response team of over 1,200 volunteers who wish to serve others in their time of need.



Seniors: Graduation Preparation...

Holidays are a perfect time to get out the photo albums with your family and pick out the perfect pictures for the graduation slideshow. In the Seniors – All the Things OneNote are guidelines for the pictures (all seniors have access to this OneNote via their Microsoft Office 365 accounts). In brief, Mrs. Choplin will need 9 pictures (in digital format if you can but she can scan hard copies at school) for the special memories slideshow that is shown during the graduation ceremony. These pictures are due to her before spring break. She emailed senior parents in October and all the info is in the OneNote. You can email her with questions at kchoplin@ccscolts.org.



Athletic Department

Basketball game schedules: Visit <https://www.maxpreps.com/nc/henderson/crossroads-christian-colts/> and scroll down to the Teams section for your team – schedules will be updated all along as information becomes available.

Want to support your Colts? If you would like to become a member of our CCSXPRESS Corporate Partners for Athletics, please email our Athletic Director, Scottie Richardson srichardson@ccscolts.org. Corporate banners will hang in the gymnasium for the 2023-2024 school year. Becoming a partner gets you 4 season passes for all home games! (See the end of the newsletter for more info.)

Winter Sports Update – AD Scottie Richardson:

- **MS Girls Basketball** – Coach Cammy Simmons has a young team this season and they are learning the fundamentals and working hard each day.
- **MS Boys Basketball** – Currently 1-1 with a big road win against Rolesville Charter who had beaten us the last two seasons. Coach Jacob Savage has the team looking good for another MCC Championship run.
- **JV Boys Basketball** – Coach Conner Bryant’s team has been dealing with injuries this season but still boasts a winning record at 2-1 overall.
- **Varsity Girls Basketball** – Coach Ed Moore’s team is 2-1 on the season and looking good going into MCC play.
- **Varsity Boys Basketball** – Coach Scottie Richardson’s team is 4-0 with big wins at home versus Berean Baptist and on the road vs Camden High School.
- **Cheerleading** – Varsity Coach Tina Pace has her team looking good as they prepare for a competition later in the season. Coaches Katherine Anderson and Lindsay Harmon have their Little Colts and Junior Colts in full force ready for more action this season! Don’t want to miss our teams’ halftime performances!

Guidelines for students attending ballgames: All lower school students must be either picked up at the end of the school day or attend aftercare—even on game days. No lower school students are allowed to be dismissed to the gym to wait for games to start. They must be picked up and driven around to the back of the building with their parent or another supervising adult, as no childcare or direct supervision is provided at games. We ask that every lower school student be supervised by an adult and never left at a game unattended. Unfortunately, we can no longer accept written permission or phone calls to dismiss lower school students directly to the gym. Due to the increase of our student population, we need to know that all students have been accounted for at the end of the school day during carpool and are turned over to adult supervision for after-school activities. Even though there is school staff in attendance at games, many have other duties during the game or are spectators.

Upper school students need to follow the same guidelines and may not enter the gym prior to 30 minutes before the start of the game. This means that if a game begins at 4:00 p.m., they must wait and enter the gym no earlier than 3:30 p.m.

All students must remain in the gym and concession area during games. No student should be permitted back into the school hallways once they have been dismissed at the end of the day. This is simply a precaution should any type of emergency occur during game times. It is imperative that everyone is where they are supposed to be. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you for making sure all students are able to attend and enjoy our sports' programs safely!

Reminder: Health Policy from 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 bpeggram@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.).**



Upcoming Events

November 30	2 nd Payment Due for 9 th – 12 th NYC Trip
December 1	ASVAB Testing - 9:00 a.m. to noon/10 th & 11 th grades
December 1	Last Day to Order Peanuts (1949 Nut Co. Peanut Fundraiser Ends)
December 2	Christmas Market & Vendor Fair, 9:00 – 3:00
December 6	Picture Day: Fall Retakes and Senior Tux/Drape Retakes
December 8	Salvation Army Food Drive Ends
December 11-12	Exam Review
December 13-15	Exams (Half-Days)
December 15	Quarter 2 Ends (Half-Day)
Dec. 18-Jan. 2	Christmas Break (Closed)
January 3	Quarter 3 Begins
January 15	MLK, Jr. Holiday (Closed)
January 16-19	Spirit Week
January 19	Homecoming
January 24	Picture Day: Kindergarten/Senior Cap & Gown, Winter Sports
Jan. 29-Feb. 9	Map Testing Grades 2-9

Next month will be fast and short! Watch for a brief newsletter with all the things that didn't make it in this time around...

- Spirit Days for Homecoming
- Pink Out News
- Annual Food Drive Results
- NaNoWriMo Wrap-up

...and more!

Let the countdown begin!

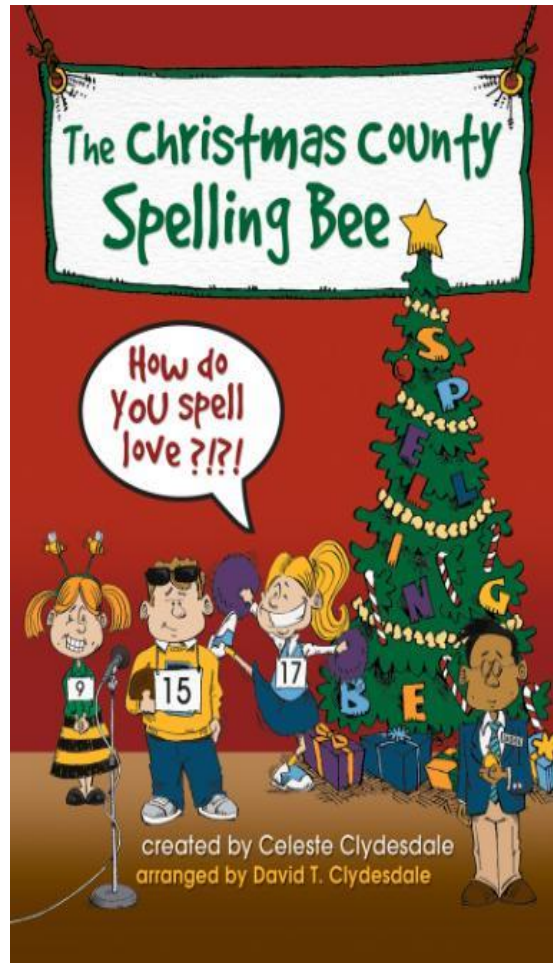


Kindergarten – 2nd Grade Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 13 at 8:30 am

Thursday, December 14 at 10:00 am

The CCS Kindergarten through 2nd grade students will be presenting “The Christmas County Spelling Bee!” on December 13 at 8:30 am and Thursday, December 14 at 10:00 am. Based on seating in the cafeteria, the Christmas musical is being presented twice to allow up to six (6) family members to attend per family. For families with students in both age groups, as well as varying work schedules, the play will be presented on two different days.



Please complete the form below and return to your child’s teacher by **Wednesday, December 6**. Families with multiple students (K-2nd) need to turn in only one form. Place a checkmark beside the performance your family would like to attend and list the number of family members who will be attending the performance (6 maximum). Due to space limitations, families can only attend one performance for the K-2 and the 3-6 performances. Forms will be returned designating the performance time for your family to attend.

Student Name:		Teacher:
Checkmark Choice	Performance Options	# Attending (6 max)
	We would like to attend the 8:30 performance on Wednesday, December 13.	
	We would like to attend the 10:00 performance on Thursday, December 14.	
	We can attend either performance.	

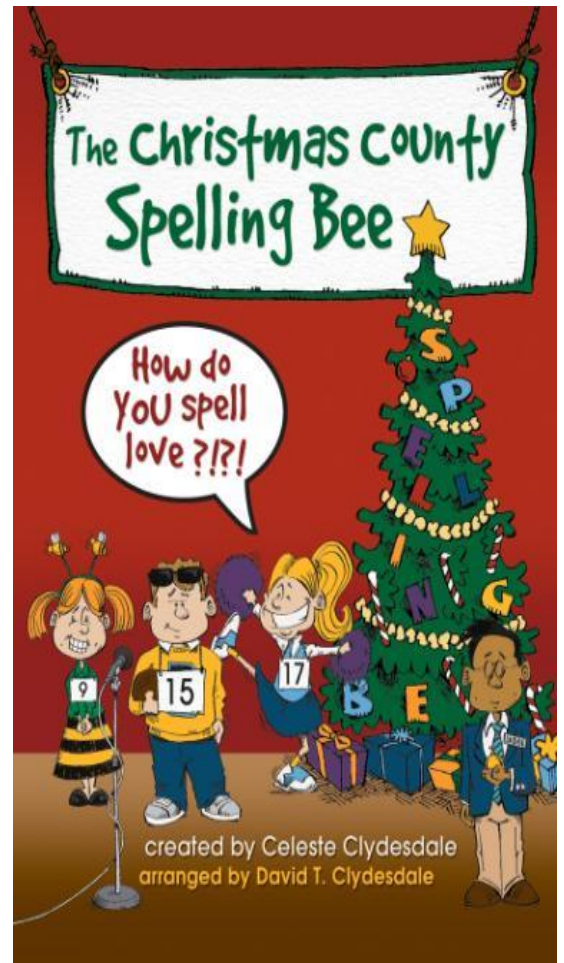


3rd – 6th Grade Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 13 at 10:00 am

Thursday, December 14 at 8:30 am

The CCS 3rd through 6th grade students will be presenting “The Christmas County Spelling Bee!” on Wednesday, December 13 at 10:00 am and Thursday, December 14 at 8:30 am. Based on seating in the cafeteria, the Christmas musical is being presented twice to allow up to six (6) family members to attend per family. For families with students in both age groups, as well as varying work schedules, the play will be presented on two different days.



Please complete the form below and return to your child’s teacher by **Wednesday, December 6**. Families with multiple students (3rd-6th) need to turn in only one form. Place a checkmark beside the performance your family would like to attend and list the number of family members who will be attending the performance (6 maximum). Due to space limitations, families can only attend one performance for the K-2 and the 3-6 performances. Forms will be returned designating the performance time for your family to attend.

Student Name:		Teacher:	
Checkmark Choice	Performance Options	# Attending (6 max)	
	We would like to attend the 10:00 performance on Wednesday, December 13		
	We would like to attend the 8:30 performance on Thursday, December 14.		
	We can attend either performance.		

Corporate Partners with our CCS Athletic Department!

Benefits & Costs of Collaborating:

Corporate Platinum Partner \$1250 first year with \$1000 annual renewal.
Sponsorship includes a corporate banner placed in the gymnasium.

- All corporate partners will be added to the Athletic Department's VIP List receiving admission for four to all regular season home sporting events for the school year (August to May).
- The advertising period is one calendar year (Exclusive and Long-Term Partnerships are available upon request).
- Make checks payable to Crossroads Christian School (designated to the Athletic Program).



2023 Christmas Market Vendor List

❄ Saturday, December 2 ❄ 9am - 3pm ❄

Business Name	Type of Business
Alive Ever Dolls	Doll Clothes, Shoes, & Accessories
Blissful Yarn Creations	Crocheted Animals, Hats, Headbands
Bottles By The Beach	Bottles & Jars With Sayings
Candles And Things By Jane	Mia Bella Candles
Color Street	Color Street Nails
Cozy Chicken Crocheted Creations	Crocheted Toys, Etc.
Franklin Brothers Nursery	Plant Nursery
Funtastic Creations	Door Hangers, Sea Glass
G-Hey Designs	Cups, Tumblers
House Of Carroll	Acrylic & Concrete Jewelry
Jim's Woodcraft Store	Wood Burning Crafts
Juice Plus	Supplements
Krafty Kreations	Tumblers, Wristlets, Earrings
Kriste's Krafts	Beaded & Charm Jewelry
K's Accessories	Women's Fashion & Accessories
Mary & Martha & Watkins	Inspirational Gifts, Home Décor, & Spices & Extracts
Mountain Creek Custom Creations	Insulated Tumblers
Next Level Kennels	Dog Training & Products
Nora's Inspired Crafts	Bowl Cozy
Rock Bottom Farms	Tumblers, Badge Reels, Croc Bits
Scentsy	Scentsy Products
Soulshine Gardens, LLC	Jams, Jellies
Studio 7 Fashion	Jewelry, Scarves, Etc.
Sweet Frosty Dreams	Freeze Dried Candy
Sweet Potato Biscuits	LuLaRoe & Earrings
Sweet Southern Wreaths	Wreaths & Arrangements
Sweets by Eric	Homemade Cakes
Whiskey Creations	Wood Décor Made From Whiskey Barrels
Woodworth Customs	Custom Woodworks/ Carving & Hand Carved Items
Wuerker Bee Apiary	Honey

**Orders Due
December 1**



40% OF ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO YOUR SCHOOL!

10 oz. Gourmet
Salted Peanuts



10 oz. Chili Lime
Peanuts



10 oz. Sea Salt &
Pepper Peanuts



10 oz. Zesty
Sriracha Peanuts



\$10.00

9 oz. Buffalo
Party Mix



10 oz. Butter
Toffee Peanuts



10 oz. Chocolate
Covered Peanuts



\$13.00

