

# CROSSROADS NEWSLETTER

September 29, 2023



*“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*



## 2023-24 Theme: Gratitude!

In keeping with this year's theme of gratitude, our Kindergarten teachers asked their classes what they were thankful for and are sharing a few responses from their 39 students (we are thankful for ALL our Kindergarteners! What a blessing!).

Below are a few things some of Mrs. Short's K5 class are thankful for:

- ♥ Landon Jones: I am thankful for our food.
- ♥ River Snedecker: I am thankful for my friends.
- ♥ Tenley Farmer: I am thankful for God.
- ♥ Harley Edwards: I am thankful for our school.
- ♥ Peyton Bice: I am thankful for my dog in heaven.

Next are a few things some of Mrs. Marlowe's K5 class are thankful for:

- ♥ Lilly Capps: Because when I was throwing up and I didn't feel good, my cat was snuggling with me.
- ♥ Easton Thomas: That we have our teachers at school.  
Also in reference to Lilly Capps' response: "That is like, perfect."
- ♥ Christian Lloyd Sizemore: Because God always helps me every time I need help.
- ♥ Weston Carver: Because I have a house to live in and a mom and dad to keep me healthy.
- ♥ Ashe Gill: I was thankful because I didn't miss anything when my family went out to the big field.

## Colts Fall Community Sale Canceled

The House-sponsored yard sale has been canceled. It was originally scheduled to take place this Saturday, September 30. Questions? Contact Mrs. Martin at [dmartin@ccscolts.org](mailto:dmartin@ccscolts.org).

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Happenings

Mrs. Wade's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class collected donations to send to Gentiva Hospice, where they help people with a life-limiting illness – and their loved ones – make the most of the time they have in the comfort and privacy of wherever they call home. For more information about this:

(<https://www.gentivahs.com/services/hospice-care/gentiva-hospice/>)

Coming up, the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class will be visiting the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center in Chapel Hill on Friday, October 6, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.



## 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.

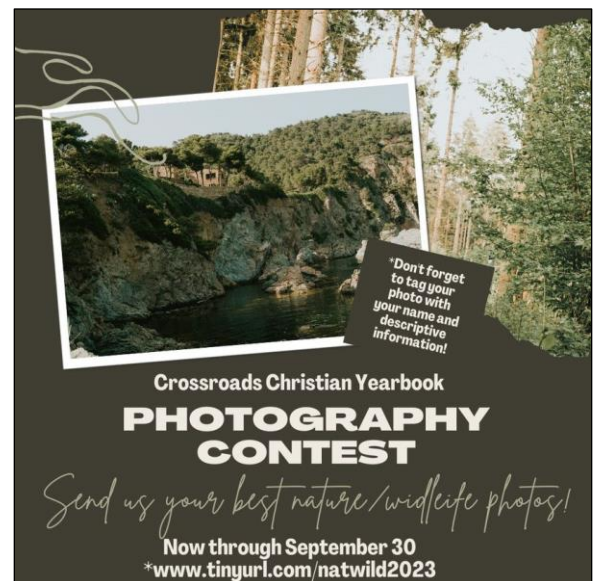
Outside food, including fast food, cannot be brought in for students to pick up from the front office, even on Thursdays and Fridays, per the CCS Student Handbook.

## Crossroads' Yearbooks on Sale Now!

Yearbook sales are going strong for 2023-24! Thank you for your purchases; let's keep working to make this the best yearbook ever!

*A few reminders from the Yearbook Staff:*

- The Nature and Wildlife Photo Yearbook Challenge will end Friday, September 30! A new challenge will be released on Monday, October 2.
- Senior parents: Senior recognition ads must be placed before December 31 and as space allows, so be sure to get yours in ASAP.
- Get your yearbook before they're gone!
  - We order what we sell, so yearbooks are **not guaranteed** once sales end (date TBA) in the spring.
  - Our yearbook covers sports, school events, community service events, and all ages at Crossroads – including our littlest PK students, our seniors, and everyone in between.
  - Our price right now is **\$50** but goes up after the first of the new year.



Don't miss out! See the ordering info at the end of the newsletter.

-- Mrs. Smith ([ssmith@ccscolts.org](mailto:ssmith@ccscolts.org))

## Beta/NHS – Working Together!

So proud of our Crossroads Beta Club and NHS students who served as aides to the baseball players in the Miracle League of the Triangle on Saturday, September 16. Servants' hearts and baseball--what an amazing combination! [Miracle League of the Triangle](#) rocks!!  
– Mrs. Newbern (Beta Club Adviser)



## Grandparents Day Celebrations

Mrs. Jarrell, our music teacher, is planning three Grandparents Day performances on **October 12** to celebrate our grandparents.

- Preschool will have a performance at 8:30 a.m.
- Kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade performance is at 9:30 a.m.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade performance is at 10:45 a.m.

While Grandparents Day is usually held on the first Sunday of September after Labor Day, CCS officially observes it just before the fall break.

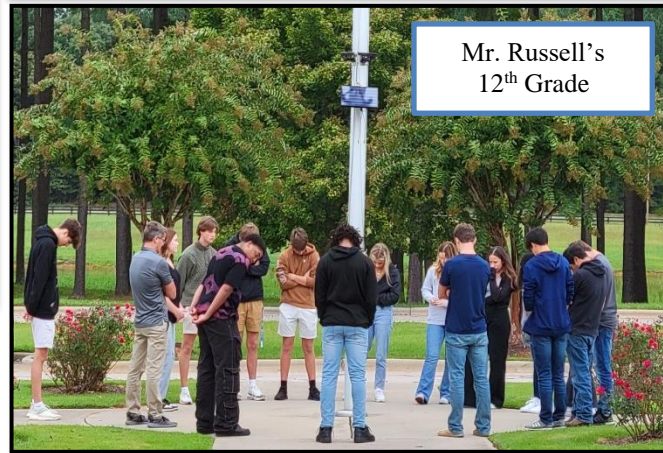
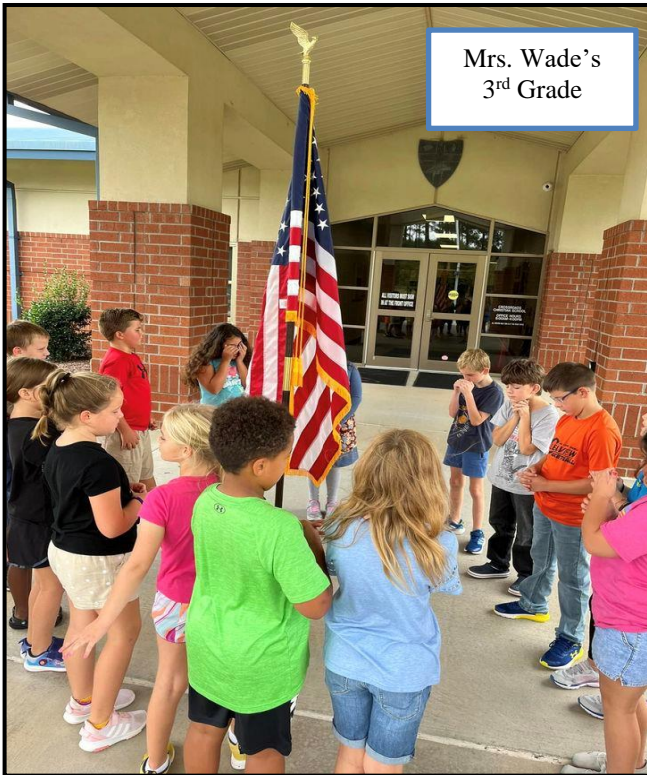
## National Honor Society News

The CCS chapter of the National Honor Society completed their first Adopt-a-Highway trash pickup for the 2023-24 school year after school on September 20. Adopt-a-Highway is a program that was started by the NC Department of Transportation in 1988 to help keep our roads clean. DOT rules state that it's the responsibility of a group to pick up at least once a quarter, so our members are off to a good start! In addition to improving our school's appearance, this pick-up counts toward their chapter's service project requirements for membership.



## See You at the Pole

September 27 was SYATP day across the nation. Our student body took part in praying around the flagpole for a number of concerns, including prayers for Crossroads teachers and staff, national, state, and local leaders, our US troops, persecuted Christians around the world, and missionaries who are proclaiming the Good News in the US and in other countries. This year each class was assigned a specific time period, so that prayer was ongoing for almost all of the school day! When the rain kicked in, students stood around a flag under the shelter above the main walkway. Below are some pictures shared by teachers.



**Orders Due  
October 6!**

## Juniors – Coffee Fundraiser Going On

In accordance with Crossroads tradition, this year's Junior class will sponsor and host the CCS Junior/Senior Prom on April 26, 2024! The first official prom event is the Pisgah Coffee fundraiser. Pisgah Coffee is **delicious!**

Juniors have order forms and coffee option flyers, so anyone can place a coffee order with any of them, or you can use the form at the end of this newsletter to send in an order to the attention of Mrs. May. Students may accept cash or checks (made payable to Crossroads Christian School). All orders and money are due October 6. Coffee will be delivered to the school and distributed the first week of November. Questions? Email Mrs. May at [amay@ccscolts.org](mailto:amay@ccscolts.org).

## College Counselor's Notes

**College Application Week** (when many NC colleges have free applications) will be **October 16-20**. This is a great week to apply to NC schools. To take advantage of the free application, students must have a CFNC account and apply through the CFNC website (College Foundation of NC). To create an account, follow this link, <https://www.cfnc.org/>, and in the upper right corner, click "Log In", then Create an Account. Please remember, use a personal email address and not your student's CCS email address. To help with College Application Week, students can fill out the information for their RDS (Residency Determination Service). This service enables a student to use one residency determination for applying to multiple North Carolina public colleges and universities and to demonstrate residency for state aid programs consideration at all (public and private) North Carolina colleges and universities. The website to use: <https://www.ncresidency.org/>



**October 1 – the FAFSA Opens!** On October 1, students and parents will have access to the 2024-2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the first step in applying for financial aid for college next year and for many scholarship application processes, too. Begin the process by going to [FAFSA Home](#).



**College Visits:** Google for traditional and virtual tour information in your area or visit the website of your college of interest for touring information. If you and your child 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 that all seniors can access via their Office 365 account.)

### *Juniors & seniors had a blast at the college fair held at VGCC on September 27!*



Seniors Will Alston, Eric Simmons, Colby Bargfrede, and Noah Newbern talk to UNCG. In the background, juniors Thomas Shah and Cody Paschall talk with Lynchburg University.



Juniors Chris Bell and Nik Brown, along with seniors Ben Gladieux and Leon LeCompte talk to Appalachian State University.



Seniors Caroline Wiard and Hailey Grissom speak to Wake Forest University.

Any questions about college counseling? Email Jason Hahn at [jhahn@ccscolts.org](mailto:jhahn@ccscolts.org).

## From the Athletic Director

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- **Varsity Boys Soccer** and **Varsity Boys Cross Country** are currently ranked #1 in the state and #1 in the conference for the NCISAA & MCC.
- **Middle School Boys Soccer** is ranked #1 in the MCC conference and looking to repeat as champions.
- **Varsity Girls Cross Country** has a chance to compete for the conference and state championships behind NCISAA #1 ranked runner *Leanna Wimsatt*.
- **Middle School Boys and Girls Cross Country** are competing well within the conference.
- **Varsity & MS Volleyball** have had tough seasons but looking to finish strong.
- **JV Volleyball** has played well as of late and will be looking to bring home a JV conference championship next month!



Leanna Wimsatt

WINTER SPORTS are in our pre-season practices for JV/V Boys Basketball, Varsity Girls Basketball, and Varsity Cheerleading. Varsity Baseball and Varsity Golf both Spring sports have also begun workouts.

## 3rd Annual Christmas Market Vendor Registration Open

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The Christmas Market Craft & Vendor Fair will take place at Crossroads Christian School on Saturday, December 2 in our cafeteria from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Spaces are 6' x 9', are first-come, first-served, and are limited (\$50 for one; \$90 for two, Early Bird rate until September 30! Prices are \$60 for one; \$110 for two beginning October 1 until the fair.). Email Dina Martin at [christmasmarket@ccscolts.org](mailto:christmasmarket@ccscolts.org) for more information. Deliver completed application and fee to school or mail application to Crossroads Christian School, Attn: Dina Martin, PO Box 249, Henderson, NC 27536. Get the vendor application at the end of the newsletter.



**Early Bird Deadline:** September 29

**Final Deadline:** November 15

**Christmas Market:** December 2  
9:00 – 3:00 p.m.

For information about the vendor tables, setup, times, and costs, see the attached Christmas Market flyer or contact Dina Martin at [christmasmarket@ccscolts.org](mailto:christmasmarket@ccscolts.org).

## RightNow Media: A Gift for our Families

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The administration at CCS is always looking for creative ways to serve and support our families and encourage faith integration both in the classroom and at home. One helpful resource is called **RightNow Media**. It's essentially the "Netflix of Video Bible Studies" because our families will have instant access to more than 25,000 great videos for students, families, parents, and more. These videos can be viewed directly from your phone, tablet, or computer. And you can also watch on all your favorite apps like AppleTV, Roku, and Amazon Firestick!

CCS families were sent an official email with an invitation the first week in September to get **FREE** access to this library. If you have not yet followed the steps in the email to take advantage of this gift, you can still do it!



## 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 [bpeggram@ccscolts.org](mailto: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

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<b>September 29</b>	Early Bird Deadline for Vendors (Christmas Market for Dec. 2)
<b>September 30</b>	CANCELLED: Fall Colts Community Sale
<b>October 12</b>	Quarter 1 Ends Grandparents Day Celebrations Half Day for Students
<b>October 13</b>	Fall Break (School Closed)
<b>October 16</b>	Fall Break/Staff Workday (School Closed)
<b>October 17</b>	2nd Quarter Begins
<b>November 20-21</b>	Teacher Workdays
<b>November 22-24</b>	Thanksgiving Break (Closed)
<b>December 1</b>	ASVAB Testing: 10th/11th
<b>December 2</b>	Christmas Market (9:00-3:00)
<b>December 6</b>	Picture Day: Fall Retakes and Senior Tux/Drape Retakes
<b>December 11-12</b>	Exam Review
<b>December 13-15</b>	Exams (Half-Days)
<b>December 15</b>	Quarter 2 Ends (Half-Day)
<b>Dec. 18-Jan. 2</b>	Christmas Break (Closed)



**Dismissal Times for All Half-Days**  
Lower School 11:45 a.m.  
Upper School 12:00 noon

# BAND-Aid DRive



The month of September is childhood cancer and Leukemia awareness month. Charlotte Lalas, a K5 student, and Mrs. Marlowe our K5 teacher's husband Brett have fought the long hard battle of Leukemia. We celebrate God's healing in both of their lives. You can read more about their stories on the reverse side of this paper.

Crossroads Christian School works to provide students with areas where they can serve their community to the glory of God. Often children spend months in the hospital when they are first diagnosed. UNC Children's Hospital loves to provide their pediatric patients with kid friendly band-aids to put smiles on their faces while undergoing treatment. We are asking Crossroads families to shop for **latex free** kid themed band-aids and bring them to school during the week of **September 25<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>** (characters, tie-dye, neon, etc.). Students may bring their donations to their teacher each morning and place them in the red or blue donation bucket.



As Christians, we are called to love and serve one another. Please use this time to talk with your child about caring for the sick. Use this teachable moment as an opportunity for your family to pray for those that are sick around us. "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)

Gold is the childhood cancer awareness color. Orange is the Leukemia awareness color. **On Friday September 29th, we will wear gold or orange in support of childhood cancer awareness and Leukemia awareness month.**

If you have any questions, you may email Mrs. Marlowe. We want to thank CCS families for their love and support as we look for ways to give back to our community and families facing the hard journey of cancer.

Bonnie Marlowe [bmarlowe@ccscolts.org](mailto:bmarlowe@ccscolts.org)

# CHARLOTTE'S STORY



At just 1 year and 2 weeks old, we heard the dreaded words "she has cancer." On July 25, 2019 Charlotte was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. We spent a week in-patient at the hospital learning more than we ever wanted to know about cancer, chemotherapy, and all the effects it would soon have on our lives. Charlotte has taken over 1,000 doses of chemotherapy. She has had multiple blood transfusions and more spinal taps than we can count. She lost being a normal toddler for 799 days. She's endured demanding physical therapy, hair loss, and loss of gross motor skills like crawling, sitting, and walking. Those days were extremely difficult. Thankfully, we had the support of family, friends, and our community to help us through this hard journey. Charlotte is now an extremely happy and healthy 5-year-old who loves life and is having fun! As we have entered the survivor world, we look for opportunities to give back to the childhood cancer community. So many families need our support. We are excited that the Colts Family is jumping alongside us as we continue to spread awareness and give back to others now that we can! On October 1, we will be celebrating Charlotte's 2nd year without chemo and we can't think of a better way to celebrate than to share the donations from the Crossroads family with her care team at UNC.



# BRETT'S STORY

I, Mrs. Marlowe, have taught and been a part of the Crossroads family for 13 years. Brett was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia 10 days after we married in September of 2019. After diagnosis, Brett spent a month in the hospital at UNC Cancer center. We often joke that we spent more time in the hospital than at home during our first year of marriage. The Crossroads family gathered around us and loved us through those hard days, weeks, and months. We will never forget the many cards, visits, and financial gifts that were given to us by families at Crossroads during that season of our life. In October of 2020, Brett underwent a bone marrow transplant, and his sister was his perfect match donor. Siblings have a 25% chance of being a full complete DNA match to donate bone marrow. God knit both Brett and his sister together in the womb to be an exact match. If it was not for God's perfect design of his sister's DNA, Brett would not have had a match in the donor registry. Anyone can sign up and put their name on the registry list at [bethematch.org](http://bethematch.org) and be available to donate to those in need of a match. Brett's bone marrow transplant saved his life. Bone marrow transplants are life saving for so many people facing Acute Leukemia. Brett is now cancer free, and he will celebrate his 3-year BMT anniversary on October 20th of this year. We are eternally grateful for God's healing and the love of Crossroads Christian School as we walked through Brett's cancer journey.

**NEVER  
DOUBT THE  
POWER  
OF PRAYER**

## Moms in Prayer

Several years ago, Mrs. Carol Montague, a grandparent of several CCS students, formed a Moms In Prayer group that meets each Wednesday afternoon to pray.

If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Mrs. Pegram, [bpegram@ccscolts.org](mailto:bpegram@ccscolts.org), and she will have Mrs. Montague reach out to you with all the details. Crossroads is extremely thankful for this group and appreciates their constant prayer support.

# KONA ICE

**IS COMING!**

**CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN**  
FRIDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 29TH

 <p><b>\$4</b></p>	 <p><b>\$5</b></p>	 <p><b>\$6</b></p>	 <p><b>\$6</b></p>
<b>KLASSIC</b> \$4	<b>KING</b> \$5	<b>COLOR CHANGING</b> \$6 \$3 refills	<b>KOLLECTABLE</b> \$6 \$3 refills

Don't forget to bring your refillable cups!  
20% of sales goes to CCS!



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 this 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 continue to hang in the gymnasium upon renewal. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Scottie Richardson, Athletic Director, at [srichardson@ccscolts.org](mailto:srichardson@ccscolts.org).

Thank you for your continued support of COLTS Athletics!

### **GO COLTS!**

Scottie D. Richardson  
Athletic Director  
Crossroads Christian School

\*\*\*If you would like to collaborate with Crossroads Christian School Athletics, your contribution will be tax-deductible as Crossroads Christian School is a 501c-3 entity and you will receive a receipt for tax purposes.

## 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).





# CHRISTMAS Market



**Happy Fall!** I am excited to announce our **Third Annual**

**Crossroads Christian School**

**Christmas Market Craft and Vendor Fair**

to raise money for our House System!! It will be held

**Saturday, December 2 from 9:00 - 3:00.**

Space is limited, so first come, first served.

**The Early Bird deadline for registration and payment is Friday, September 29!**

**FINAL deadline is November 15.**

**Thank you for your support!**

### ***What you need to know as a vendor:***

1. The fair will be located inside the CCS cafetorium.
2. You will be able to set up beginning at 7:00 a.m.
3. Students will be available to help you unload and load up at the end of the day.
4. We are advertising this as **Christmas Market, Craft and Vendor Fair**; focusing attention on our local businesses.
5. Your spaces will be at least 6' x 9'.
6. Spaces will be *\$50 for one and \$90 for two*. We accept Cash or Checks (made out to **CCS**; write CCS Market on memo line). After September 30, spaces will be *\$60 for one and \$110 for two*. Cash or Checks (made out to **CCS**; write CCS Market on memo line)
7. You will have the opportunity to donate a raffle item to help us raise money for our House System.
8. You are responsible for bringing all display materials, including tables, extension cords, display boards, etc.
9. You are responsible for advertising with your customers. A digital copy of the flyer will be sent to you as confirmation of your registration. Registration is complete after payment has been received.
10. We will be responsible for advertising in the community through community boards, social media, and with banners in front of the school.
11. We encourage crafters and direct sellers to participate.

**MAIL REGISTRATION & PAYMENT TO: P.O. Box 249, Henderson, NC 27536**

**Contact:** Dina Martin [christmasmarket@ccscolts.org](mailto:christmasmarket@ccscolts.org)

**Physical Address:** 583 Old County Home Road, Henderson, NC 27537

***It's going to be a grand event! Please let me know if you have any questions!***



# Crossroads Christian School CHRISTMAS Market



Crossroads Christian School  
3rd Annual Christmas Market  
Craft and Vendor Fair  
Application

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of business/products: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Spaces: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Special needs: (near electricity, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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Raffle Item Donated: \_\_\_\_\_

**Be on the lookout for our CCS Christmas Market Remind group chat.  
Join the group for a Quick and Easy way to stay connected! Info coming soon.**

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Coffee

SELECTION

GLOBAL COFFEE. LOCAL FLAVOR.  
12OZ BAGS \$12

 **Parkway Pick Me Up**

naturally sweet & balanced  
*medium roast*

 **Ridgeline**

notes of caramel & chocolate,  
bold finish  
*deep roast*

 **Dupont Dark**

notes of smoky dark chocolate  
*dark french roast*

 **Decaf**

naturally decaffeinated  
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 **Flavored Roasts**

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