

Crossroads Christmas News



December 15, 2023



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

What Are You Thankful For?



Eleventh grade was eager to share their gratitude for relationships during this holiday season. So many of us are thankful for our families, our friends, our school, and our churches, and, as Mattie Grissom said, "the many wonderful people in [our] lives." But then Allison Owens summed it up beautifully for the class: "Jesus because he is the greatest gift we have been given, and He asked nothing in return other than love. He is always there to support us and to be with us even though we do not deserve it."
-- Mrs. Smith



Christmas is the perfect time of the year to remember the 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

Annual Food Drive a Success!

As a school we collected a total of 8,008 items, with 4,015 items coming in on the final day! This is an all-time record for Crossroads and beats our previous record from 2021 by 871 items! It's a great season to be a COLT!! The items we brought in will be used by families in our area that are in need this holiday season and throughout the first part of next year. Thank you to everyone who helped us shatter our goal of 6,000!



The Competitions:

- For the second week's competition for the classes bringing in the highest average for the week, the winners are Mrs. Short's Kindergarten and the senior class. Both classes will have a special treat after Christmas break.
- For the overall class competition, the winning classes are Mrs. Brauer's 2nd grade and the 7th grade. Mrs. Brauer's class brought in over 1,300 items and the 7th grade brought in almost 1,100 items. Both classes have earned a pizza party during the 2nd semester!
- For the lower vs. upper school competition, the lower school brought in 4,908 items and the upper school brought in 3,100 items. Both the lower school and upper school averaged 23.85 items per student, so both divisions won!



New 2024-2025 School Calendar Approved

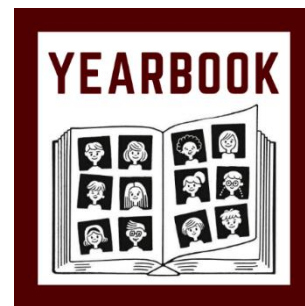
The proposed 2024-2025 school year has been approved by the school board. It is now officially available on our website at <http://ccscolts.org/site/information/calendar/>. This page also has the latest updates to this year's calendar, as well, including upcoming half-days.

Yearbook News

Crossroads' yearbooks are on sale for **\$50!** That price will increase after the first of the year, so be sure to purchase yours now at www.tinyurl.com/ccsyear2024.

Parents of seniors, the deadline for purchasing a yearbook recognition ad is approaching. All ads must be purchased and finalized no later than **December 31** at <https://plicbooks.com/go/DEEB2W>.

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



NaNoWriMo a Big Success!

I'm excited to announce that 2023 was one of Crossroads' most successful NaNoWriMo seasons yet:

- 52 participants including elementary, middle, and high school students - as well as two faculty members!
- 641,368 words written – an amazing 72% of our school goal!
- 56% of our participants reached their word count challenge goal for November, which ranged from 250 words to 50,000 words!

National Novel Writing Month is an amazing opportunity to spread your creative wings. Please make plans to join us for next year's challenge! NaNoWriMo is open to all K-12 students.



In the upper school hallway, the NaNoWriMo display showed winners on the left around the posters and the rest of the participants to the right, with percentage completed representation in the horseshoes below.

-- Mrs. Smith

Lower School Christmas Program

Mrs. Jarrell directed the lower school presentations of "The Christmas County Spelling Bee"! Everyone raved about the success of the musical message and the performances of the children.

Kindergarten - 2nd grades and 3rd – 6th grades each had two performances. It was a full two days!



Pink Out!

From the fundraising related to our Pink Out event, we were able to donate \$1,612 to Lump to Laughter, a Christian ministry that supports families dealing with breast cancer. Thank you to all who supported the House Council in this endeavor!

The most "Pinked Out" classroom winners on November 10:

Lower School:

- Mrs. Marlowe's Kindergarten
- Mrs. Brauer's 2nd Grade
- Mrs. Hahn's 5th Grade

Upper School:

- Seniors



Homecoming – January 19, 2024

Spirit Week is January 16-19, ending with our Homecoming games and court ceremony on that Friday.

New York
State of Mind

Tuesday: The Big Apple - *Teachers dress as students/students dress as teachers.*

Wednesday: City So Nice, They Named It Twice - *Rhyme without Reason Day - dress as a combination of two things that rhyme but are not related! Examples: Cinderella/Umbrella, Butterfly/FBI, Fairy/Dairy, Consider partnering with a friend!*

Thursday: The City That Never Sleeps - *Pajama Pants Day! Loose fitting Pants ONLY! Dress code still applies to the rest of your outfit!*

Friday: Spirit Day

We want you to have fun this week, but we ask that you be responsible. All students should refrain from wearing yoga pants, tank tops, and half shirts. All clothing must be appropriate in length, fabric weight and modesty. Tights/leggings may be worn as long as shorts/skirts are worn over the tights as part of the costume. The administration/faculty will ask students to change their clothing should the costume be deemed to be immodest or inappropriate.

CCS SPIRIT WEEK!

The following are the 2023-2024 Homecoming representatives...

9th Grade:

Rylie Capps
Will Medlin



11th Grade:

Jenny Pace
Zeke Anderson



12th Grade:

Hailey Grissom
Colby Bargfrede



10th Grade:

Avery Raney
Carson Seaman



12th Grade:

Haley Edwards
Will Alston



12th Grade:

Caroline Wiard
Lucas Lane



The upper school will vote for the King and Queen during Spirit Week in January. For Homecoming Court dress code guidelines, please refer to the CCS Handbook or see Mrs. May (amay@ccscolts.org).

Beta Club News

BETA CLUB is reaching out to our community. For their December service project, they sponsored 20 kids for Christmas! LifeLine Outreach, Inc. provides shelter for women and children in crisis. They also operate a Food Pantry to help feed those who are in need, and a Thrift Store which sells donated items to help with the costs of the shelter.



Dorothy Hunt founded LifeLine Outreach in the early 1980's. She has dedicated her life to helping those that are less fortunate. Her goal has always been to spread the word of Christ and show those that do not know him a way of life with him.

Currently LifeLine is housing 20 boys and girls that will be with them during this Christmas season. We are partnering with LifeLine and sharing the love of Christ by providing gifts, stockings, and candy for each child. Thank you to all Beta members and their families who have adopted a child!



Beta Club members will be selling chocolate bars again this year. \$1 per bar. Whole boxes are available. Contact Mrs. Newbern if interested at anewbern@ccscolts.org.

Staff Christmas Luncheon

With generous donations from our CCS families, the Parent Teacher Student Fellowship (PTSF) provided the staff with a Christmas luncheon and gifts after school dismissed on Wednesday (thank you!!). Mr. Capps, the ultimate gamemaster of Christmas, orchestrated games and activities for his staff! So, if you ever wonder what goes on at a staff Christmas party...



Merry Christmas!

Athletic News & Notes

Current Team Records:

- Varsity Boys Basketball Overall 8-1, MCC 2-1, NCISAA State Ranking #4
- Varsity Girls Basketball Overall 6-2, MCC 2-1, NCISAA State Ranking #4
- JV Boys Basketball Overall 2-4, MCC 0-1
- MS Boys Basketball 3-2, MCC 1-1
- MS Girls Basketball 0-6, MCC 0-2

Upcoming Games:

- December 15 at Lee Christian (MSG 3:30, MSB 4:30, JVB 5:45, VG 7:00, VB 8:15)
- December 19 at Lawrence (JVB 4:00, VG 5:30, VB 7:00)
- December 27-29: Holiday Invitational Tournament--BATTLE IN THE BULL for Varsity Boys Basketball at Falls Lake Academy (First game on 12/27 vs. Grovetown from Georgia at 7:00 p.m.)
- January 9: Next Home Game vs. United Faith from Charlotte (JVB 4:00pm, VG 5:30pm, VB 7:00pm)
- MLK Day: Hoopstate Event at Garner High School; our Varsity Boys Basketball team plays Ravenscroft.
- January 12: Coaches vs. Cancer Game – CCS vs. Cresset
- January 19: **Homecoming!** CCS vs. Lee Christian
- February 1: Senior Night! CCS vs. Trinity Durham

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 at the end of the newsletter and on this webpage: <http://ccscolts.org/site/support/remind101/>)
- TV newsfeeds (WRAL, WTVD, NBC, News 14)
- School website: www.ccscolts.org
- School Facebook page (go to Facebook and search for “Crossroads Christian School”) and Instagram feed
- FACTS Announcements and Calendar



The fastest (and BEST) way to receive news about closings and any other unusual delays is to sign up to receive Remind texts. You can sign up for ...

1. Crossroads announcements – This is the main school account and where school closings and other events affecting everyone in the school will be posted by Mr. Capps.
2. Lower School announcements – This account is for parents of grades K3-6th.
3. Upper School announcements – This account is for parents/students of grades 7th – 12th.

The sign-up instructions are at the end of this newsletter. There have been some predictions that this will be a year we get snow, so be sure to sign up for Remind so you get the news!

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 of 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

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
- www.fastweb.com
- 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 additional financial aid help, visit <https://www.cfnc.org/pay-for-college/apply-for-financial-aid/>.

Upcoming Events

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

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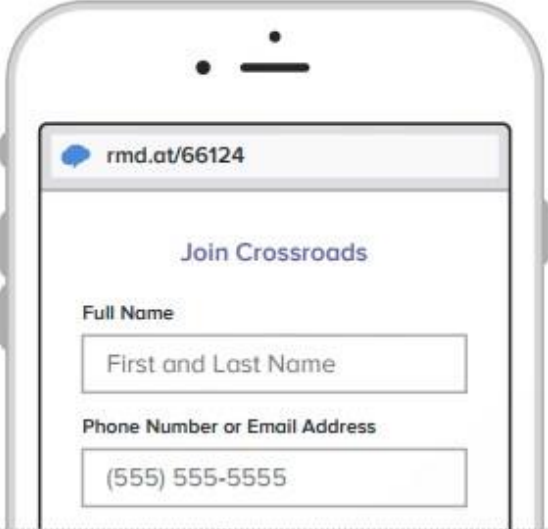
Pick a way to receive messages for Crossroads: (Entire School – Main Account)

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/66124

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.




B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @66124 to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @66124 to (980) 255-5102.

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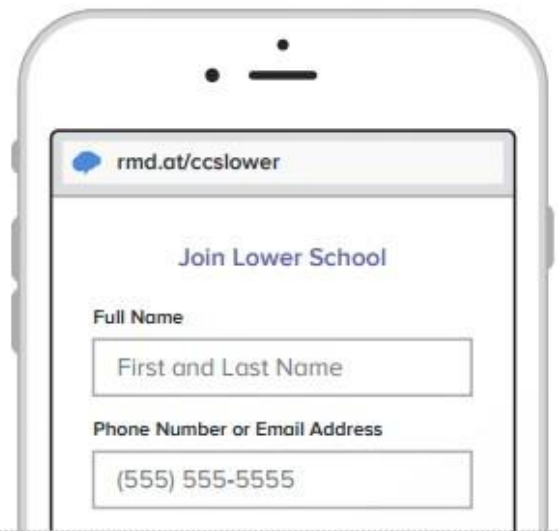
Pick a way to receive messages for **Lower School**:

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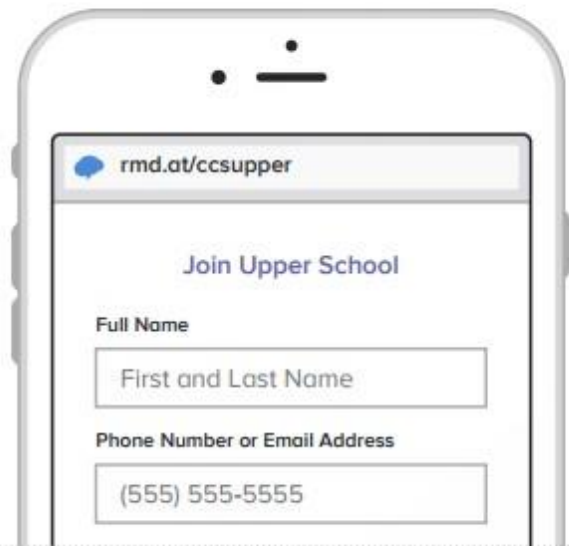
Pick a way to receive messages for **Upper School**:

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