

CROSSROADS NEWSLETTER

October 1, 2024



¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷ If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king.^[a] ¹⁸ But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

Students may not be picked up or called out of class between 2:30 p.m. and the end of the school day. No exceptions.

Band-Aid Drive a Success!

Mrs. Marlowe reports that 414 boxes of bandages were collected this past week in our annual Band-Aid Drive (last year the total was 360!).

Charlotte Lalas (pictured) will deliver the bandages and cards made by the National Beta Club to UNC Children's Hospital on behalf of our school. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this worthy cause!



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.



Remember, as long as students have a credit on their balance, they can order. Parents/guardians are responsible for checking their students' accounts to make sure they have a credit. **FACTS does not send out reminders when funds get low; it sends a message once the account goes below zero and freezes the account from any future charges until payment is made to the account.** This is why it is SO important for parents/guardians to monitor their FACTS accounts.

Call the school office at 252-431-1333 if you need any type of assistance with checking your account or adding funds to the account.



CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL - 2024-2025
YEARBOOK

Crossroads' Yearbooks on Sale Now!

Yearbooks are on sale now for the low price of **\$50!** Get yours today at www.tinyurl.com/ccsyear2025 while supplies last.

The price will go up again after the first of the year, so don't delay.

Contact our yearbook staff with any questions at yearbook@ccscolts.org.

See You at the Pole – a Day of Prayer

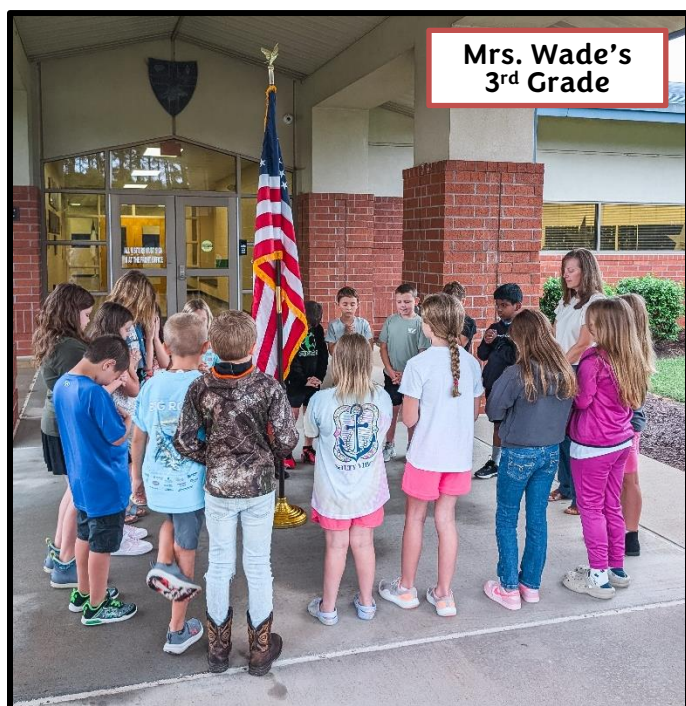
This year on September 25, each class took a scheduled turn praying around a flag as a part of SYATP. For example, Mrs. Short's Kindergarten class was around the flagpole under the covered walkway while another class was at the flagpole in the parking lot. Our entire student body took part in praying 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.



Mrs. Short's
Kindergarten



Mrs. Hahn's
5th Grade



Mrs. Wade's
3rd Grade



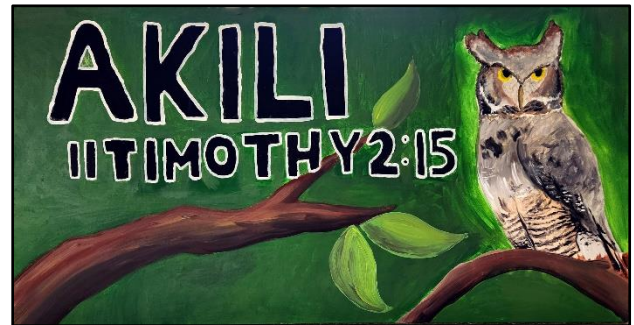
Upper School House Updates

The second major challenge of the year, "Who Are My Neighbors?" begins next week. Students will memorize the characteristics of the other three Houses and where to find their verses. They will receive three points for each House they quote. Students can earn a total of nine points each.

Upper school is divided into four houses, each with its own special characteristics:



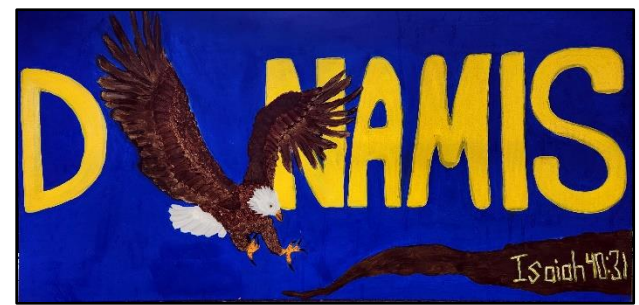
COLORS: RED / GOLD
POWER: LOVE PASSIONATELY
HERITAGE: APPROACH LIFE WITH A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW
LANGUAGE: SPANISH
SPIRIT ANIMAL: LION
VERSE: JOSHUA 1:9



COLORS: GREEN / WHITE
POWER: CULTIVATE EXCELLENCE
HERITAGE: CONTINUE TO GROW ACADEMICALLY AND SPIRITUALLY AS A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST
LANGUAGE: SWAHILI
SPIRIT ANIMAL: OWL
VERSE: 2 TIMOTHY 2:15



COLORS: PURPLE / SILVER
POWER: SERVE GENEROUSLY
HERITAGE: ENGAGE CULTURE WITH TRUTH AND INTEGRITY
LANGUAGE: HEBREW
SPIRIT ANIMAL: WOLF
VERSE: I PETER 4:10



COLORS: BLUE / YELLOW
POWER: EMPOWER OTHERS
HERITAGE: UTILIZE PERSONAL RESOURCES FOR KINGDOM PURPOSES
LANGUAGE: GREEK
SPIRIT ANIMAL: EAGLE
VERSE: ISAIAH 40:31

First Challenge Results:

For the first challenge (What is a House?) last month, the number of students who participated are these:

Akili Jr.	6	Nephesh, Jr.	7
Akili	2	Nephesh	4
Corazon Jr.	12		
Corazon	6		
Dunamis Jr.	6		
Dunamis	11		

Upcoming House Days
Wear your house T-shirts on these days!
October 9 ♦ October 23

Grandparents Day Celebrations



Mrs. Jarrell, our music teacher, is planning three Grandparents Day performances on **October 17** to celebrate our grandparents.

- K3 and K4 will have a performance at 8:45 a.m.
- Kindergarten – 1st grades will perform at 9:45 a.m.
- 2nd – 4th grades will perform 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.

Pink Out – Order Your Shirts by October 6!

It's that time of year again when we begin planning and looking forward to supporting a cause that is near and dear to our hearts—Breast Cancer Awareness. Each year, the Crossroads family raises money for **Lump to Laughter** (<https://lumptolaughter.org/>), a Christian organization dedicated to supporting individuals facing the challenges of breast cancer. All proceeds from our fundraiser are donated directly to Lump to Laughter.

This year, we're excited to offer both **Pink Out t-shirts** and, for the first time, **hoodies**! Here's how it works: for **this week only**, you can place your order directly through this website: <https://stores.inksoft.com/CCS014>.



A full-page flyer is at the end of this newsletter.

Please remember:

- All orders must be placed this week, no exceptions.
- Orders are processed through the website, and **no additional orders will be accepted after the sale ends.**
- All items will be delivered to the school and sent home with your children.

Thank you for your continued support of this important cause. We can't wait to see our stands filled with pink for our **Pink Out games on November 8!**

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 May 3, 2025! 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 4**. Coffee will be delivered to the school and distributed the first week of November. Questions? Email Mrs. May at amay@ccscolts.org.



**Orders Due
October 4!**



NaNoWriMo!

It's that time of year again - November is just around the corner, and you know what that means... NaNoWriMo is almost here! I'm thrilled to announce that we'll be participating in our fifth annual NaNoWriMo challenge. For those of you who aren't familiar, NaNoWriMo (**National Novel Writing Month**) is a fun, caffeine-fueled, creativity-boosting event where writers of all ages (yes, parents, you, too!) and skill levels attempt to reach a particular writing goal in just 30 days.

To get started, simply head to the NaNoWriMo website (ywp.nanowrimo.org) and create your account using the special school code: **NWUYJUVY**. This will allow us to track our collective progress and celebrate our successes together. Contact Mrs. Smith at ssmith@ccscolts.org with any questions.

College Counselor's Notes

College Application Week (when many NC colleges have free applications) will be **October 21-27**. 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 click "Don't have an account? Create one today!" 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/>.



FAFSA Opens Late This Year: The U.S. Department of Education announced on August 27, 2024, that the 2025-26 FAFSA will be available for students and families by December 1, 2024. The FAFSA deadline for the 2025-26 school year is June 30, 2026. Begin the process by going to [FAFSA Home](#). Students who file the FAFSA during the first three months after it opens tend to get twice as many grants, on average, as students who file it later.

College Visits: Do an internet search 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 in September!

Any questions about college counseling? Email Jason Hahn at jhahn@ccscolts.org.



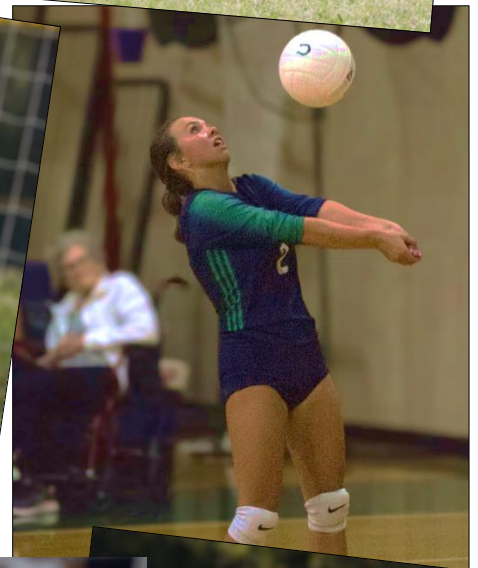
FALL BREAK IS COMING!

Thursday, October 17 is Grandparents Day at CCS and a half-day for students. Lower school dismisses at 11:45 and upper school at noon.

School is closed on Friday, October 18, and on Monday, October 21 for students. October 21 is a teacher workday for staff.

From the Athletic Director

Our senior sports photographer, Sebastian Lucas, gives us a glimpse of what's been going on with our fall sports! He will continue to capture our sports moments all year long.





2024-2025 Officers

Wade Cooke - President
Luke Wimsatt - Vice president
Stuart May - Secretary
Harrison Mill - Chaplain

Beta Club is collecting blue Food Lion plastic bags for the **ACTS HOUSE** in Henderson for food delivery. Make sure the bags are free of holes and tears. They should be separated, flattened, and placed in the box outside the art room. We will deliver these periodically as they are needed.



Each Beta Club member designed three cards to be delivered with the bandages in last week's Band-Aid Drive for UNC Children's Hospital.



MIRACLE LEAGUE This Saturday - OCTOBER 5

We are very excited to be volunteering at the Miracle League Raleigh ballfield! Permission slips will go out this week. Be on the lookout and return them promptly. Parents must fill out an online waiver for each child or the student will not be able to participate. I need to know ASAP if you need a ride.

They are counting on us to show up. It is the most rewarding service project of the year. Thank you for giving their players with special needs the opportunity to participate in a great game of baseball.

Saturday, October 5
North Raleigh Field
3011 Queensland Blvd.
Raleigh, NC 27615
12:00-3:00 – CCS NHS & Beta clubs (25-30)

Wear your green Beta Club T-shirt!

All volunteers are required to sign the online waiver.
See Remind memos for specific information or contact me via email.

Blessings--it's an honor to serve with you!! – Mrs. Newbern (anewbern@ccscolts.org)

THE HOUSE COUNCIL PRESENTS
OUR THIRD ANNUAL

Pumpkin Painting Contest

What you need to know:

PUMPKINS ARE DUE OCTOBER 22

- ◆ Contest is open to all students K4-12th
- ◆ Transform your pumpkin into something amazing (Choose from the categories below.)
- ◆ Minimal attachments are allowed. (We are not responsible for fixing or mending, Entries must arrive intact).
- ◆ Each entry must be accompanied with a completed entry form. (See next page).
- ◆ NO gory, spooky, Halloween-themed pumpkins will be allowed.
- ◆ Ribbons will be awarded to first, second, and third places in each age group.

CATEGORIES

ELEMENTARY K4-4th

Noah's Ark – Animals
Princesses
All things Sports
Super Heros

Middle School & High School

Under the Sea
CCS House Mascot
Out of this world - Sci-Fi
Jesus is the Light – carved option (9th-12th)



Contact Mrs. Newbern
for questions at
anewbern@ccscolts.org

Pumpkins will be judged in the following age groups:

- K4—Kindergarten * 5th-8th
- 1st—2nd * 9-12th
- 3rd-4th

Pumpkins will be on display in the library October 22-25.

Pumpkins must be picked up by Friday afternoon, October 25.

PUMPKIN CONTEST

ALL PUMPKINS MUST BE TURNED IN BY 10/22/2024

STUDENT NAME GRADE TEACHER

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CIRCLE YOUR CATEGORY BELOW:

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REMEMBER:

No Halloween, frightening, or
gory images allowed.





Christmas Market Vendor Registration Open

It's time to plan for our annual Christmas Market on December 7 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Vendors are already signing up to participate, and we are looking forward to our best event yet! Do you own a small business? Are you a crafter? We would love to help you spread the word about your business to our school and local community.

This event supports our House System, a character-building program within our student body that encourages multi-class relationships through challenges and a point system. This year we are so excited for our best Christmas Market yet! We have three years under our belts, and we are making some big changes on your behalf. Our event is growing each year, and we're looking forward to welcoming you to our family!

FINAL deadline is November 15.

- Registration is open for prospective vendors.
- We offer 10' x 10' spaces for \$50 per space.
- We offer 6' x 9' spaces for those who have only one table for \$45 per space.
- This application process will help ensure we do not have a lot of product overlap:
 1. You will submit your application in Google Forms (see #7 below for link) with two photos of your booth set-up.
 2. Upon approval, you will receive an invoice with payment options, along with an option to choose an indoor or outdoor (limited availability) space and a digital copy of the flyer to share.
 3. Payment will be due within two weeks of your approval letter to avoid cancellation.

What you need to know as a vendor:

1. The fair will be located inside the CCS cafeteria, with new outside spaces available.
2. Your spaces will be at least 6' x 9' or 10' x 10'.
3. Space prices: 6' x 9' = \$45 per space; 10' x 10' = \$50 per space. After September 30, spaces will increase by \$10 for each size.
4. You are responsible for bringing all display materials, including tables, extension cords, display boards, etc.
5. On November 1, you will be able to sign up for time slots to set up your space on Friday, December 6 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. or Saturday, December 7, at 7:00 a.m.
6. Students will be available to help you unload and load up at the end of the set-up day and craft fair day.
7. Click to apply: <https://forms.gle/9jsRmoMuiW3nRzxs5> (this will open a Google Form).
8. Upon application approval, you will receive an invoice with payment options & instructions, an option to choose from a limited number of outdoor spaces or an indoor space, and a digital copy of the flyer to share. Registration is complete after payment has been received.

We encourage crafters and direct sellers to participate. Feel free to contact me with any questions at christmasmarket@ccscolts.org or by phone at 252-431-1333.

-- Dina Martin (Christmas Market Coordinator)

Crossroads Christian School

Pink Out Sale!

ORDER BY
OCT. 6

All proceeds from this event are donated to 'Lump to Laughter,' a Christian ministry dedicated to supporting those diagnosed with breast cancer and sharing their stories. (<https://lumptolaughter.org/>)



Youth & Adult Tie Dye T-Shirt (Pink)...\$25

Youth & Adult Tie Dye Pullover Hoodie (Pink)...\$40



<https://stores.inksoft.com/CCS014>

Items will be shipped to the school 2-3 weeks after our sale end date.

Email will be sent out with delivery instructions.


*** ALL ORDERS ARE FINAL. NO REFUNDS, RETURNS OR EXCHANGES WILL BE OFFERED ***

Please Note: There will be an extra charge of \$2.00 on 2XL to 4XL items.

EPI CUSTOM
APPAREL



GLOBAL COFFEE. LOCAL FLAVOR.
12oz Bags Or 12 Count pods = \$12

-  **PARKWAY PICK ME UP**
medium roast - naturally sweet & balanced
-  **RIDGELINE (12OZ ONLY)**
medium-dark roast - notes of caramel & chocolate, bold finish
****please note we are replacing Ridgeline pods with Squirrely pods due to a shipping error, a light + dark post-roast blend.**
-  **DUPONT DARK**
dark french roast - notes of smoky dark chocolate
-  **DECAF**
medium roast - naturally decaffeinated
-  **FLAVORED ROASTS**
Jamaican Me Crazy
Southern Pecan
Sticky Bun

FARMER DIRECT | LOCALLY ROASTED | LOW ACIDITY

Questions about the juniors' coffee fundraiser will go to Mrs. May at amay@ccscolts.org.



Upcoming Events

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| October 5 | NHS/Beta to Miracle League |
| October 11 | Quarter 1 Ends |
| October 11 | K3-2 nd – Bearpond Fire Department Visit |
| October 14 | 2nd Quarter Begins |
| October 17 | Grandparents Day (Half-Day for Students) |
| October 18 | Fall Break (School Closed) |
| October 21 | Fall Break/Teacher Workday (Closed) |
| October 22 | Pumpkin Contest Deadline |
| October 23 | God's Pit Crew (High School) |
| October 25 | K3 & K4 to Hillridge Farms |
| October 30 | Seniors to Raleigh |
| October 31 | Herff-Jones Meeting with Juniors & Seniors |
| November 1 | 3 rd & 4 th to the NC Zoo |
| November 6 | Picture Day: Fall Individual & Senior Tux & Drapes |
| | 10 th Grade to Art Museum |
| November 25-26 | Teacher Workdays (Closed) |
| November 27-29 | Thanksgiving Break (Closed) |
| December 7 | Christmas Market (9:00-3:00) |
| December 11 | Picture Day: Kindergarten/Senior Cap & Gown, Winter Sports |
| December 18 | Quarter 2 Ends (Half-Day) |