

Crossroads Christmas News



December 23, 2024



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



Annual Food Drive Biggest Success Ever!



As a school, we collected **9,123** items, with 6,559 items brought in on the last day alone! This is an all-time record for Crossroads, surpassing last year's total by 1,115 items! It's a great year to be a COLT!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped us exceed our goal of 6,000 items!

Class Competition Winners: Due to the overwhelming amount of food collected, the lower school was split into two groups for the class competition: Pre-K to Kindergarten and 1st – 4th grade. This allowed us to award two classes with pizza parties!

- **Pre-K & K:** Mrs. Short's Kindergarten Class
- **1st – 4th Grade:** Mrs. Wade's 3rd Grade Class

For middle school, the 8th grade came in first place, and for high school, the seniors took the top spot. All four winning classes will enjoy a pizza party during the third quarter.

Lower School vs. Upper School Competition:

- Lower School: 5,067 items
- Upper School: 4,056 items

Both divisions averaged 19.79 items per student, so we consider it a win for everyone!

Thank You: The generosity of the Colts family will make a real difference in the lives of local families in need this holiday season and beyond. We are incredibly proud to be part of this compassionate and hardworking community.

NHS Helps the Salvation Army

Our National Honor Society was privileged to work in the Salvation Army warehouse in Raleigh on Monday, December 2, sorting and packing Christmas gifts for the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program. This is a holiday tradition that provides new toys and clothes to children in need. The Salvation Army of Wake and Lee County will provide Christmas gifts to over 7,000 children this year, and we were so excited to be a part of making that happen!

-- Mrs. Smith



Yearbook News

🎉 ****Yearbook Sale Alert!**** 🎉

Get your hands on this year's unforgettable memories! Yearbooks are on sale for just ****\$50**** until ****December 31****. Don't miss out on capturing all the fun, friendships, and milestones!

📅 ****Reminder**** Prices will go up in the new year, so secure yours today!

Order now at www.tinyurl.com/ccs2025 and make sure you have this year's memories to cherish forever! 📖 ✨

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



Spirit Week Is Almost Here!

**SPiRiT
WEEK**

Spirit Week is January 21-24, with our Homecoming basketball games planned for that Friday night, January 24. Share this date with any alumni you know and come on out to support your Colts!

SPiRiT DAYS

Tuesday, Jan. 21: New York (Pajama Pants Day)
Wednesday, Jan. 22: Texas (Western Day)
Thursday, Jan. 23: Florida (Beach Day)
Friday, Jan. 24 Homecoming! (School Colors Day)

Crossroads Students Shine in NaNoWriMo 2024

November was a month of creativity and inspiration at Crossroads as 50 students took on the challenge of National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo).



Together, these young writers crafted more than **750,000** words, showcasing their imagination and commitment to storytelling. The event not only encouraged individual creativity but also fostered a strong sense of community among the participants.

With more than half of the participants “winning” by reaching their word count goals, NaNoWriMo 2024 has been a celebration of hard work.

Congratulations to all our writers for turning their ideas into stories and making NaNoWriMo 2024 a memorable experience! We can’t wait to see what next year brings!

-- Mrs. Smith

Homecoming – January 24, 2025

Spirit Week is January 21-24, ending with our Homecoming games and court ceremony on that Friday. (See the Spirit Week dress-up days near the end of the newsletter.)

The following are the 2024-2025 Homecoming representatives...

9th Grade:
Kaniya Serbin
Jacob Pendergrass



10th Grade:
Rosalie May
Jake Guinn



11th Grade:
Leanna Wimsatt
Jake Wood



12th Grade:
Allison Owens
Zeke Anderson



12th Grade:
Jenny Pace
Adam Brantley



12th Grade:
Abby Taylor
Thomas Shah



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



On December 6, CCS inducted 40 students into our chapter of National Beta Club. The ceremony was held in the CCS cafeteria. The National Beta Club of CCS recognizes academic achievement, promotes character, develops leadership skills, encourages service involvement to students in grades 6-10. The ceremony was led by Mrs. Newbern and Mrs. Paschall as well as the Beta officers. CCS has achieved the School of Merit Award from National Beta for the 2024-2025 year.

Junior Beta Officers

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

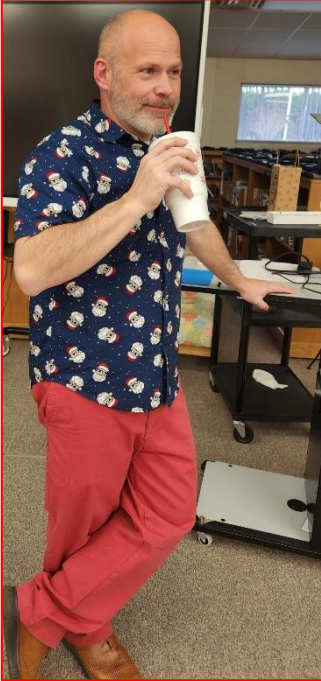
Senior Beta Officers

- Rosalie May – President
- Rylie Capps – Vice President
- Reagan Hedgepeth – Secretary
- Josie Miceli – Treasurer

JUNIOR BETA DIVISION			SENIOR BETA DIVISION
<p style="text-align: center;">6th Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aaron Arness • Brennan Capps • Ellie-Kate Collins • Madison Creech • Hannah Etheridge • Logan Finch • Avery Haithcock • Bella Moseley • Raegan Murray • Avery Roberson • Berkley Smith • Mackenly Stancil • Eli Wade • Paxton Wilson 	<p style="text-align: center;">7th Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Abbott • Jonah Burnette • Chance Carpenter • Kaelynn Collins • Clara Beth Harris • Hartley Hill • Ashby Keith • Mae Medlin • Jackson Pendergrass • Myles Richardson • Meredith Roberson • Aiden Stark 	<p style="text-align: center;">7th Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Libby Thompson • Eva Williamson • Reilynn Yates • Emmalee Young <p style="text-align: center;">8th Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connor Evans • Bailey Franklin • Anna Harris • Carter Tondreau 	<p style="text-align: center;">9th Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Austin Haithcock • Jacob Pendergrass • Kaniya Serbin • Alaina Short • Cristan Sims • Hallie Smith <div style="text-align: center;"> </div>

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 on Thursday (thank you!!). Mr. Capps, the ultimate gamemaster of Christmas, orchestrated games and activities for his staff!



Athletic News & Notes

Athletics December Schedule (Varsity Boys Basketball Tournaments):

Hoopstate Christmas Event

- 12/20 at Berean Baptist Fayetteville vs. Harding University School -.7:00 p.m.
- 12/21 at Southern Durham vs. Woodberry (VA) 3:30 p.m.

South Granville HS Holiday Tournament

- 12/28 at South Granville High School vs. South Granville 8:30 p.m.
- 12/30 at South Granville High School vs. TBD
- 12/31 at South Granville High School vs. TBD



Special Nights Coming Up!

- Jan. 24: Homecoming CCS vs. Lee Christian
- Jan. 31: Senior Night/Coaches vs. Cancer Night vs. Cristo Rey (VG) & North Raleigh Christian (JVB/VB)

Current Team Records:

- Varsity Boys Basketball (9-2 overall), (2-1 MCC)
- *Currently Ranked #2 in the NCISAA
- Varsity Girls Basketball (6-1 overall, 2-0 MCC)
- *Currently Ranked #1 in the NCISAA
- JV Boys Basketball (5-1 overall, 1-1 MCC)
- MS Girls Basketball (4-3 overall, 1-1 MCC)
- MS Boys Basketball (2-3 overall, 1-0 MCC)

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 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, fifth disease, hand-foot-mouth disease, 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/>.



Announcement for Students Interested in Taking the SAT...

- **January 2025:** In response to feedback from students, their families, and educators for more opportunities to take the SAT®, CollegeBoard is pleased to announce an increase in the number of weekend administrations from seven to eight in 2025-26.

In addition to the usual calendar, they will offer another administration on September 13, 2025. Most September scores will be available approximately two weeks after the administration and before October 1, 2025. Students can sign up when registration opens for 2025-26 next spring. All 2025-26 dates can be found on the [CollegeBoard website](#).

- **More SAT Practice Tests Coming Soon**

In February 2025, CollegeBoard is releasing additional SAT practice tests to provide students with the most relevant practice resources.

Spreading Christmas Joy from the Art Room!



Clockwise: Madison Creech (6th – manger scene), Eva Williamson (7th - purple bow), Mrs. Newbern & Annabel Keir (4th), Lily Milne (7th – blue bow), Tate Pernell (K4), PreK (center pic).

Reminders from Mrs. O'Steen

As we prepare to welcome everyone back after our Christmas break, I wanted to share some important reminders to help ensure a smooth start to the new year.

- 1. Morning Drop-off Reminder:** Please remember that in the morning carpool, we request that if you have children in both the upper school and lower school, you drop off the lower school children first. This improves our traffic flow and prevents a backup of cars trying to turn left from the back parking lot, thus decreasing congestion and ensuring students arrive on time. As a reminder, five unexcused tardies count as an unexcused absence and can lead to an after-school detention.
- 2. Make-Up Work Policy:**
 - **1 Day Absent:** If a student misses one day of school, they should meet with their teacher the following day to obtain a list of all missed work. Parents may pick up textbooks on the day of the absence, but teachers will not provide a detailed list of missed work on the same day. Most assignments can be checked on FACTS.
 - **2 or More Days Absent:** For absences of two or more days, parents can contact the teacher or school to request all missed work. Materials will be available for pickup between 3:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Teachers will do their best to have everything ready by 3:00 p.m., but it may take until 3:30 p.m. depending on the workload. FACTS should provide most of the missed assignments.
 - **Planned Absences:** Students with planned absences should consult with their teachers beforehand. Teachers may require work or tests to be completed prior to the absence. Policies for planned unexcused absences differ and will be determined by individual teachers.
 - Please allow ample time for the school to gather textbooks and supplies; same-day morning requests may not be accommodated. **Most materials will be ready for pickup between 3:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.** The office closes at 4:00 p.m. daily.
- 3. Electronics Policy for Lower School:** Lower school students are not permitted to have electronics, including cell phones, AirPods, or smartwatches capable of texting or receiving calls. The only acceptable wearable device is a pedometer-type fitness band. Please ensure these items remain at home, especially as many students may have received them as Christmas gifts. Items brought to school will be confiscated and held for parental pickup at the end of the day and may result in disciplinary consequences.
- 4. Lost Earbuds:** A few sets of earbuds have been turned into the office. If your child is missing his or hers, please contact Mrs. O'Steen (josteen@ccscolts.org) to identify and claim them.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we work together to provide a Christ-centered education for your children. Let's make this a great start to the new year!

Blessings,

Jenny O'Steen
K-12 Principal



Mrs. O'Steen shared a few pics from Pink Out that she had on her phone!

Give Us an “A!”

Every year, Wake Electric in Wake Forest holds drawings in January, May, and September to reward area students who received at least one “A” on their report cards with \$25 gift cards. The next drawing will be held on January 20, 2025. Crossroads has had several winners on this list throughout the last year. For more information on the Give Us an A program, including where to send report cards, visit www.wemc.com/give-us-an-a.



Upcoming Events

Dec. 19-Jan. 3	Christmas Break (Closed)
January 6	Quarter 3 Begins
January 20	MLK, Jr. Holiday (Closed)
January 21-24	Spirit Week
January 22	Picture Day: Kindergarten/Senior Cap & Gown, Winter Sports
January 24	Homecoming Games & Crowning Ceremony
January 25	Homecoming Dance →→→
February 3-14	Map Testing Grades (K5-8th)
February 17	Presidents Day (School Closed)
February 18	Winter Break/Teacher Workday (School Closed)
March 7	Quarter 3 Ends
March 10	Quarter 4 Begins
March 19	Picture Day: Spring Individuals, Class Groups, Spring Sports
March 24-28	Spring Break (School Closed)

CCS HOMECOMING DANCE 2025 INFO

Sponsored by the PTSF (Parent, teacher, student fellowship)

Date: SATURDAY, JANUARY 25TH

Time: 7PM UNTIL 10PM

Place: WHISPERING PINES VENUE
1551 N LYNNBANK RD
HENDERSON, NC 27537

Tickets: \$25 PER STUDENT

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED DURING LUNCH FROM MR. RUSSELL

****STUDENTS WHO ATTEND CCS MAY BRING A STUDENT THAT ATTENDS ANOTHER SCHOOL. HOWEVER, THOSE TICKETS MUST BE PRE-PURCHASED AND THE NAME OF THE STUDENT AND SCHOOL THEY ATTEND MUST BE PROVIDED.**

The logo for CCS Homecoming 2025 features the text "CCS HOMECOMING 2025" in a bold, blue, blocky font. Below this, the words "Road Trip" are written in a white, cursive font. A red heart is positioned between the words "Road" and "Trip". The entire logo is set against a background of a winding road that curves around the text.

CCS HOMECOMING 2025

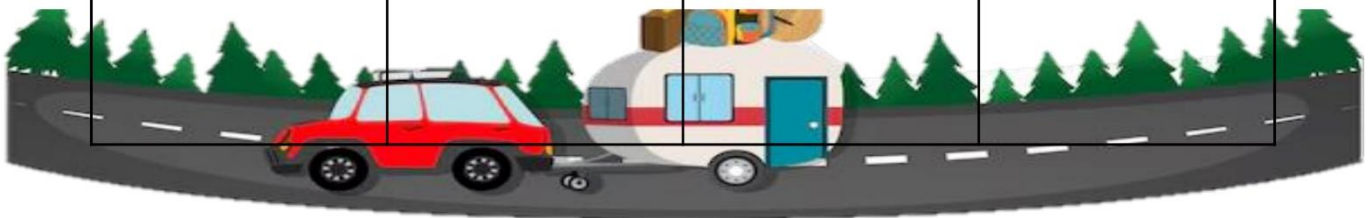
Road Trip

Pack your Bags and join us for a **FUN-FILLED** week of **HOMECOMING** celebrations. Our **Road Trip** will begin the week of January 21-24.

Each day will be filled with **ADVENTURES!**

**ALL OUTFITS MUST FOLLOW SCHOOL GUIDELINES
FOR MODESTY AND FIT!**

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
NY	TX	FL	NC
Travel to a city that NEVER sleeps	Giddy UP to the Wild- Wild West	RELAX by the beach	Home is where the HEART is
PAJAMA PANTS DAY	WESTERN DAY	BEACH DAY	CCS SPIRIT DAY: BLUE AND GREEN
Loose fitting Pajama pants ONLY! Dress code still applies to the rest of your outfit	No Weapons of any kind (toys or pictures on clothing)	No women's swimsuits No wetsuits No Spanx/Lycra ALL clothing must meet CCS modesty and length requirements	No Leggings Sweatpants and Hats allowed if part of the costume



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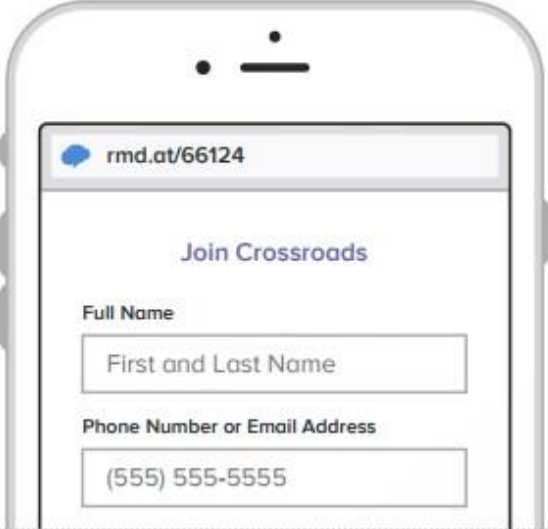
Pick a way to receive messages for Crossroads: (Entire School – Main Account)

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.

** Standard text message rates apply.*



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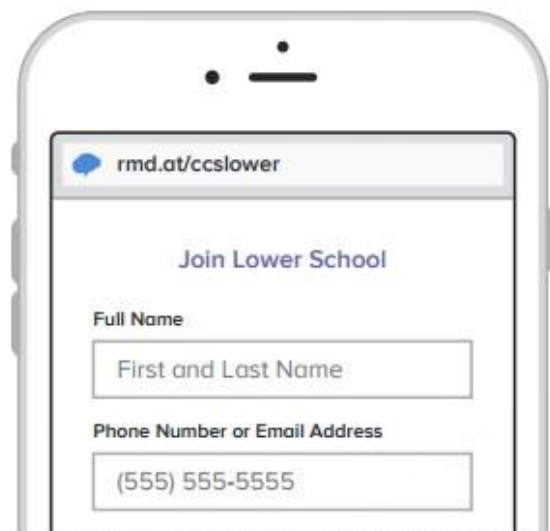
Pick a way to receive messages for **Lower School**:

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/ccslower

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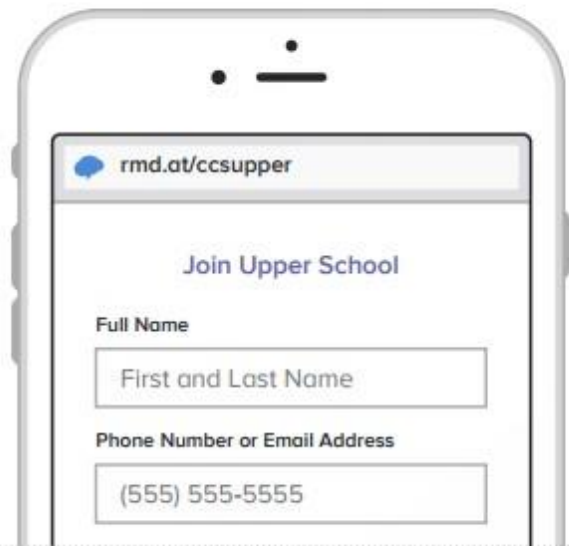
Pick a way to receive messages for **Upper School**:

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/ccsupper

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