

CROSSROADS NEWS

December 12, 2016



Crossroads Family,

It is hard to believe that Christmas is less than two weeks away, and that we have nearly reached the end of the first semester. I know the students are excited to take a break for a few weeks and spend some time away from school. It has been a wonderful first semester to the school year.

*The food drive totals were amazing! We raised **3,954** items for the Salvation Army. Overall, we brought in **810** more items than last year, which is an increase of 26%! Over the past few years, the CCS family has provided more food for the Salvation Army than any other schools in the area! Captain Langley, who heads up the local Salvation Army, wanted me to say a big "thank you" to our students and families for their support. Thank you so much for bringing in those food items and helping to make a difference in the lives of those who would go without this holiday season.*

Congratulations to the lower school for bringing in the most items in our lower versus upper competition. The lower school brought in a total of 2,018 items, followed closely by the upper school with 1,936. The lower school earned a movie during exam week, as well as casual days for the remainder of the semester. The upper school students also earned the right to dress in casual attire for the remainder of the semester, as a "thank you" for all of the items they brought in. For the class competition, the 5th and 8th grades won in their division and will have a pizza party sometime during the 3rd quarter.

On behalf of the CCS Board of Directors, Faculty and Staff, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! God Bless and have a safe and wonderful Christmas!

Jonathan E. Capps

Luke 2:9-12

And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. "And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths, and lying in a manger."

Isaiah 9:6

For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.



Noah Page, Jesse Sawyer, & Dwayne Macon loaded buckets onto the truck for the Salvation Army.



Calli Massey and Chloe Pendergrass were passing by and joined in.



Student Council - Coats for the Children



The Student Council is joining the Salvation Army in collecting gently-used winter coats, hats, gloves, and scarves to make this winter a bit warmer and happier for families in need. All sizes from infant to adult are needed. Please go through your closet to find what your family has outgrown or no longer wears and send them with your child to CCS. Students may give their donations to their homeroom teachers.

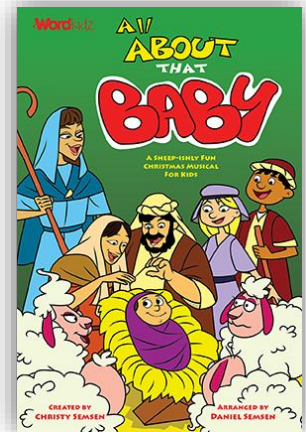
Members from the Student Council will make regular collections from each classroom through this Thursday, December 15. Last year, over 10,000 total coats were collected and went directly to families in need. CCS was glad to be a part of reaching that number and hope to help even more for the 2016 winter season. This year, let's do what we can to add to the Christmas spirit of giving by donating a little piece of warmth.

Any questions may be directed to Mrs. O'Steen at josteen@ccscolts.org.

Lower School Christmas Program

Thursday, December 15, 6:30 p.m.
"All About That Baby"
In the school cafeteria

The lower school students will be presenting this year's Christmas musical, "All About That Baby" on Thursday, December 15th. This musical is a delightfully fresh presentation of the blessed story of Jesus' birth. We know from Biblical accounts that Mary and Joseph had to find rest in a stable, where the baby Jesus was born. We're told of three Wise Men traveling from the East in search of the newborn King, and of shepherds visited by angels and told of His coming.



"All About That Baby" will introduce you to some entirely new, fictional characters, and wonders what it might be like had they enjoyed a "front row seat" to the events of that holy night! Mark your calendars and don't miss this blessing.

NHS – Kettle Bell Ringing on Dec. 7

The CCS chapter of the NHS took one-hour shifts ringing the kettle bells for the Salvation Army at the local Walgreen's store. Weather was great!



CCS Silent Auctions– End Wednesday

The CCS silent booster auction and silent pink-out auction both end this Wednesday, December 14, at 9:00 p.m.

Baskets include the following themes:

- Snapper 42" Zero Turn Mower
- Duke vs UNC Basketball Tickets
- **Pink-Out Basketball Basket**
- **Pink-Out Sports Basket**
- Beach
- Christmas
- Coffee/Tea Lovers
- Fishing
- Handyman
- Kitchen
- Family Movie Night
- Car Wash
- Duke
- NC State
- ECU
- UNC
- Sweet Tooth
- Yeti
- Pamper Me
- Prayer
- Sports



The baskets are on display in the front hallway of the school. Information about the baskets to include their contents and updated bid information is available at www.32auctions.com/ccsbooster.

For those who are waiting to the last minute to bid, the extending bidding option is enabled to extend the end time of an item by 3 minutes when a bid occurs during the final 3 minutes (8:57-9:00). This process repeats until no new bids are received during the final 3 minutes of the item bidding window or the auction has been extended for a maximum of 30 minutes beyond the original end time. When an auction is extended, you will see Extended Bidding messages displayed throughout the auction with a link for easily viewing all of the extended items.

(Pictured: Pink Out Basketball, Movie Night, and NC State)

Silent Auction Themed Baskets:

<https://www.32auctions.com/ccsbooster>

Silent Auction Pink-Out Baskets:

<https://www.32auctions.com/ccspinkout>

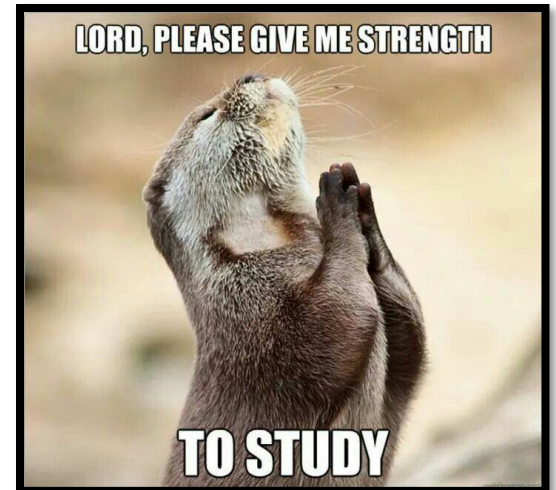
It's Exam Time! Exams & Schedule

Exams for all Upper School grades will take place **December 19-21** (half days). Review days are **December 15 & 16**.

Schedules of the exams and copies of the parent letters that were emailed to all parents and students a few days ago are also available on the school website at www.ccscolts.org.

NOTE: If school is cancelled due to inclement weather, the exam schedule will continue where it left off when school resumes.

Please be reminded that we will be on a **half-day schedule** on exam days. School will be dismissed at 11:45 for lower school students and 12:00 for upper school students.



Quick Notes from the College Counselor

College Advice from our Graduates

On Wednesday, December 14, during 7th period (our elective period), several graduates from the Class of 2016 will be in the library to answer questions and talk about their first semester at college and away from high school. All 10th-12th graders who can are welcome to attend this alumni panel and hear what they have to say about grading, college life, professors, etc.!

SAT

The next SAT opportunity is Jan. 21, 2017. The deadline to register is Dec. 21, 2016. Students can practice for the new SAT on their mobile devices--Check out the new daily SAT practice app. With a different question every day, students can prepare for the test even when they're crunched for time.

Other practice resources can be found at

- sat.collegeboard.org/practice/
- www.cfnc.org > Plan > For College > College Test Prep
- [Daily SAT Practice App](#)

ACT

The next available ACT test date is February 11, with a registration deadline of January 13, 2017. Practice resources can be found for this test at www.actstudent.org/testprep/. Some students prefer the test style of the ACT, which includes a Science component. Most colleges take either SAT or ACT scores as their entrance exam requirement. Just double-check on your college's website for admission requirements to make sure you are taking the right test!



Important Dates

December 13	NHS Christmas Potluck Lunch in Room 618
December 14	Silent Auction Ends – Class Baskets & Pink-Out Baskets
December 14	Alumni Panel in 7 th Period in Library
December 15	Lower School Christmas Play
December 15	Upper School Exam Review
December 16	Half Day of School – Upper School Exam Review (change to original calendar)
December 19-21	Half Days of School – Upper School Exams
Dec. 22-Jan. 4	Christmas Break
January 5	Third Quarter Begins

And don't forget the reason for this season...

