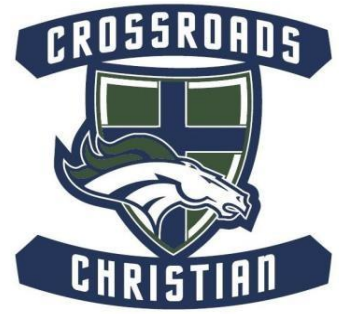


CROSSROADS NEWS



Back-to-School Issue ♦ July 31, 2026

Dear Crossroads Families!

With hearts full of anticipation and joy, we welcome you to the start of another incredible school year! Whether you are returning for another year or joining us for the first time, we are so glad you're here. Crossroads continues to grow in ways that are visible and meaningful—through new families, new opportunities, and exciting campus projects that reflect God's continued faithfulness to our school.

There is something truly special about the energy that fills our hallways at the start of a new year—the smiles, the reunions, the eagerness to learn and grow. This year, we look forward to building that energy as we pursue excellence in academics, character, and faith together. If you are a new family, please know how sincerely we welcome you into this community. I would love the chance to connect with you personally and am always available to answer questions, offer support, or simply get to know you better.

As we begin this journey together, I'm reminded of Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV):

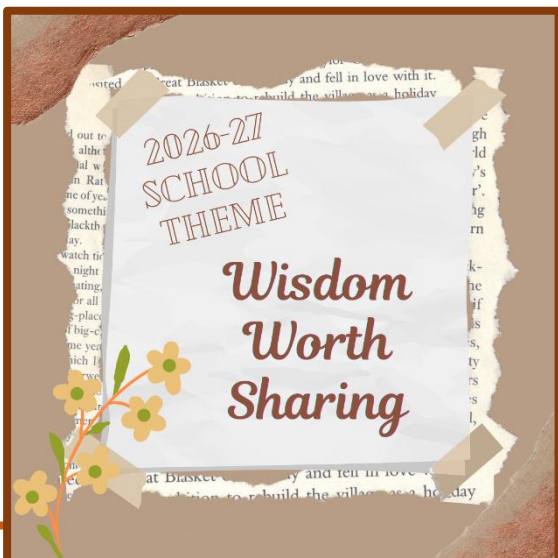
"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

CCS is excited to introduce our new faculty members:

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| • Rebecca Kate Short | K3 Lead Teacher | • Stephanie M. Smith | 5 th Grade Teacher |
| • Lana Short | K3 Aide | • Rachel Brown | Fulltime Sub & HS Aide |
| • Candice Stewart | K5 Teacher | • Tina Steffensen | Cafeteria |
| • Elizabeth Whitby | 1 st Grade Teacher | • Casey Wynne | School Nurse |
| • Rebecca Ridgley | 1 st Grade Teacher | • Betty Jones | Lower School PE/Computer |
| • Mikayla Green | 2 nd Grade Teacher | • Amy Leonard | Librarian |
| • Linda Gooch | 4 th & 5 th Grade Aide;
6 th Grade Study Hall | | |

Let's trust Him fully as we step into a year full of promise. Here's to a joyful, purposeful, and unforgettable school year!

Jenny O'Steen
K-12 Principal



Theme Verse

Psalm 111:10

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding."

BACK-TO-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

The back-to-school Open House will be held on Tuesday, August 11. Please use the table and information below to plan to attend anytime during your designated period (like a “floating” shower).

Date	Last Names Beginning with	Time Frame
Tuesday, August 11	A – J	9:00 – noon
	K – Z	1:00 – 4:00

- **Parking & Entrance Information:**
 - *Preschool (K3 & K4) & lower school grades (K-4th):* Take the 2nd driveway on the right to access the parking area. The first driveway leads into the carpool lanes.
 - *Upper school grades (5th-12th):* Park in the lot at the back of the school and enter through the main gym entrance.
 - Families with students in both lower and upper school should enter through the gym entrance.
- **5th – 12th Grades:**
 - Class schedules will be available for pick-up in the upper school hallway.
 - Computers will be distributed after school starts (completed Acceptable Use Agreement form required of all 6th-12th grade students--see page 21). Students in 6th grade will receive tablets for use at school only; 7th -12th grade students will receive tablets to use both at school/home.
- Mrs. Pegram & Mrs. Williams will be available in the office for you to pay outstanding balances, receive a parking pass (for students who drive – must complete form on page 18), place funds on a lunch account, or ask a financial question. Cash, check, or money order is accepted; no debit/credit cards.
- Families of students in K-5th grades who are interested in after-school care will need to see Mrs. Jarrell in the library.
- House Council members will be helping at Open House and on the first day of school. They will be available to carry items and provide directions to anyone who needs help finding classrooms.

Lower School (PreK – 4th):

Class assignments, teacher information, and other details will be available for pickup in the lower school hallway. Enter through the lower school door to the left of the main entrance. Miss Goyette, the Lower School Assistant Principal, will be there to greet you and give you guidance!

All fees must be paid prior to receiving class schedules.

Visit the office to pay any outstanding fees.

Upper School (5th-12th):

Room assignments, homeroom teacher information, and class schedules will be available at Open House. Enter through the main gym door and head to the upper school wing. You will find Mr. Russell, the Upper School Assistant Principal, at a table with all the answers you'll need!



SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

School supply lists are located on the CCS website. You can access the lists online through the following link: <https://ccscolts.org/academic/supplies-list/>.

CALLING ALL MUSIC LOVERS

Do you play an instrument? Do you sing? Would you like to join the upper school Praise Band and lead your fellow students in times of singing during chapel? Contact our Praise Band coordinator, Mr. Russell, at russell@ccscolts.org for all the details.



LUNCH REMINDERS

The cafeteria is closed on Thursdays and Fridays every week. Please either order Jersey Mike's or Chick-fil-A by the end of the day 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.



Lunch Accounts for the Cafeteria: As long as students have a credit on their lunch account 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 office at 252-431-1333 if you need any assistance with checking your account or adding funds to the account.

NEW IN THE CAFETERIA!

We are excited for a new school year! Plate lunch prices have not changed, but a few other items have, so please view the price list on page 22 (and on our website). Keep in mind that we DO NOT offer French fries, corn dogs, etc., daily. These items are offered ONLY on the days that they are listed on the menu each month.

We will be adding Acai Bowls this year. Acai bowls are made from a base of frozen Acai berries (from South American palm trees) blended with other frozen fruits, bananas, and a liquid such as milk. The consistency is thick and creamy, like a smoothie. Acai berries are rich in antioxidants, vitamins C & E, potassium, and fiber. Adding fresh fruits boosts vitamin content, and granola adds crunch. CCS Café will be using a premade acai sorbet.



The Bowls will be **\$6.50** per bowl. There are several options to choose from:

- **CLASSIC** – Strawberries, Blueberries, Granola, and Honey
- **COLTS** – Strawberries, Banana, Granola, and Nutella
- **MONKEY** – Banana, Peanut Butter, Granola, and Honey
- **BYO** (Build Your Own) – Pick 2 fruits, 1 topping, and 1 drizzle
- **Extra toppings** – \$1.00 each (Chocolate Chips, Pineapple, Coconut, and toppings already listed)

We hope that students will enjoy this new "healthy" item!

NOTES:

The menu is subject to change due to market conditions, delivery, and food availability. Food in the cafeteria may contain or come into contact with common allergens such as dairy, eggs, wheat, tree nuts, peanuts.

Jesus called Himself the "Bread of Life," reminding us that He nourishes our souls just as food nourishes our bodies.

John 6:35

NEW FOOD SHARING POLICY

Food Sharing and Homemade Items:

To help maintain a safe and healthy environment for our elementary students, homemade food or beverage items may not be brought to school for the purpose of sharing with classmates, staff, or other members of the school community. This includes birthday treats, holiday celebrations, classroom parties, etc.

Only commercially prepared, prepackaged food items with original ingredient and allergen labels may be shared or distributed, and only when permitted by the school or classroom teacher. This policy helps protect students and staff with food allergies, dietary restrictions, and other health concerns, while supporting food safety standards. The school reserves the right to prohibit the distribution of any food item that does not comply with this policy.

Students also may not sell food or beverage items to other members of the school community during the school day.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM (REQUIRED 5th-12th)

Don't forget! Summer reading assignments for students in grades 5-12 are required. You can find the assignment for your grade at <https://ccscolts.org/academic/summer-reading-lists/>. Please read the instructions carefully.

1st - 4th Grades: Summer reading assignments at CCS are OPTIONAL. Summer reading logs are due on the first day of school to the teacher.

5th - 12th Students: Summer reading assignments are REQUIRED for all upper school students. The due date is specified on each grade's assignment cover sheet.



STUDENT DRIVERS – PARKING PASSES REQUIRED

All student drivers must purchase a yearly parking pass. The cost is **\$25**. The Student Vehicle Registration form is on page 23 of this newsletter and on the school website at <https://ccscolts.org/information/forms/>.



SENIOR YEAR WORLDVIEWS PROJECT



Requirement for graduation: Successful completion (75% or higher) of the senior worldviews project assigned during the second semester is required for graduation. Project requirements and grading rubric will be given to the seniors at the beginning of the second semester.

DRESS CODE

Romans 12:1-2

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Students must always be neatly and modestly dressed at school and all school events, both on and off campus. Parents are strongly urged to supervise their child's dress on a daily basis. Final determination rests in the hands of the administration.

Dress for Preschool (K3 – K4)

Children should wear washable, serviceable clothes to school each day. Dress-up clothes should be saved for Sunday or for special chapel/school programs. It is almost impossible to keep children clean during the day, as they are involved in activities such as painting, cooking, eating, playing outdoors, etc.



Students need to follow the guidelines for grades K through 12 listed below for fit, modesty, and design. Refer to the Preschool Handbook for specific details.

Parents are asked to dress their child according to the weather in clothing that he/she may handle somewhat independently. This practice is very helpful to the teacher during certain routines, such as restroom breaks, and fosters the child's development of self-help.

Tennis shoes or other closed-toe shoes are highly recommended for school. Sandals and flip-flops often prevent a child from fully participating in all activities.

Grades K-12

All clothing must fit appropriately (not excessively tight or baggy).

Tops

- Students may wear CCS tops, shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies purchased in previous years but are not required to. (The CCS in-school clothing store is closed and will remain closed until further notice. Our new online school store offers multiple brands and various price points, along with several logo and embroidery options and has options for our smallest Colts to adults.

Link to online store: <https://crossroadsspirit.itemorder.com/>

- All tops worn must be appropriate in style, fit, and length. All shirts must have sleeves and must fit appropriately, to include shirts worn under outerwear.
- All tops must be worn as purchased; no modifications to fit are allowed (for example, cutting the shirts and tying knots down the side, etc.).

NOT ALLOWED:

- Shirts that expose the midriff when hands are raised above the head, shirts that expose skin lower than 4 fingers below the neck, camis, body suits, tank tops, crop tops, spaghetti straps, tube tops, open back tops, halter tops, deep V-neck shirts, button up shirts with several top buttons left unbuttoned, etc. are not considered appropriate for wear on the CCS campus (including athletic events).
- Tops with offensive (whether implicit or explicit), sexual, or distracting designs (including skulls, skeletons, pirates, witches, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, etc.) are not allowed.
- Tops with items that are counter to the Christian culture are not allowed, including secular artists' T-shirts, as well as LGBTQ+ themes.
- Any clothing or accessory with a depiction of the Confederate flag is not allowed.
- We understand that there are differences in opinions when it comes to political and societal issues. However, due to their nature to cause division, no clothing or accessory of a political or societal nature will be allowed at school.

Pants, Skirts, Etc.

- Jeans and twill/chino type pants and shorts are allowed. Solids, plaids, stripes, and prints (no camo) are allowed. Pants and shorts must have a buttoned front, belt loops, and a back pocket (made of cotton, polyester, or blend). Shorts must not be shorter than mid-thigh and should not be rolled up at the bottom or rolled down at the waist to make them shorter.
- Leggings may only be worn if they are worn underneath a skirt or dress. The skirt or dress must still meet the mid-thigh rule.
- Lower school students may wear athletic shorts or pants to school daily. Athletic shorts must meet the requirements for shorts listed above (mid-thigh length, not rolled down, etc.). Athletic-type pants include wind pants, training pants, joggers, and sweatpants. These rules apply to lower school students only (grades K-4).

NOT ALLOWED:

- No pajama pants, lounge pants, or camouflage pants/skirts/shorts allowed.
- Pants may not be too tight in fit or worn too low as to expose undergarments when seated or bending over.
- Jeggings and other tight-fitting pants are not allowed.
- Pants that have holes, torn, split at the seams, or cut off with ragged edges are not allowed.
- Yoga pants and leggings of any style are not appropriate.
- Athletic shorts and athletic pants (such as wind pants, lounge pants, training pants, joggers, sweatpants, sweat shorts, and CCS athletic warmups) are NOT allowed for upper school students. Athletic shorts/pants are a type of clothing specifically designed for physical activity and sports (working out, yoga, soccer, basketball, running, swimsuits, etc.).

Outerwear

All outerwear must adhere to the guidelines set forth in the "Tops" section above. All clothing worn underneath outerwear must adhere to CCS dress guidelines (for example, no tank tops underneath jackets).

Underwear

Undergarments (including boxers, bras, bralette straps, etc.) should not be visible.

Headgear

Any head covering (hats, hoods, bandanas, etc.) must be removed before entering the building. No type of hat or head covering (including school baseball hats) is acceptable at any time in the classroom or anywhere in the school building for boys or girls. Hats will be confiscated if worn in the building.

Jewelry, Belt Buckles, Etc.

- Body piercings are discouraged and should not be visible.
- Girls may wear earrings and a single nose ring (small stud only...no hoops or septum rings). These are the only piercings permitted for girls.
- Boys may NOT wear earrings in any part of the school; earrings must be removed before entering any part of the school building.
- Distracting, offensive, oversized, or extreme jewelry/belt buckles/misc. is prohibited (spikes, leather collars, etc.).
- Confederate flags or symbols, etc. are not allowed.

Hair

Students should keep their hair neat, clean, and well-groomed with no distracting hair colors (natural hair colors only) or styles. Male students are allowed to have facial hair as long as it is well-groomed. They should not allow their hair length to cover their eyes nor touch their shirt collar. Male students are not allowed to have ponytails or man buns. After one warning, students will not be allowed to return to school until the issue has been resolved.

Make-Up/Nail Polish

Only female students are permitted to wear make-up, nail polish, and other cosmetic accessories.

Body Art

Permanent or temporary tattoos must be covered and not visible during the school day or on school-sponsored field trips.

Shoes

Appropriate footwear (tennis shoes, casual shoes, loafers, nice sandals, flip flops, etc.) is required. No bedroom slippers are allowed.

Students are expected to abide by the requirements in this dress code when they are on campus, whether during the school day or for a school-sponsored event.

See the Student Handbook (available on our website under Info > Handbooks and Forms) for information about dress code for field trips, special occasions, prom, homecoming court, school dances, and athletic dress on game days.

Reminder:

Students may not be picked up or called out of class between 2:30 p.m. and the end of the school day.

PICTURE DAYS

The first picture day of the year is **Wednesday, September 16**. This day includes all grade levels' individual pictures for the yearbook, senior tux & drapes, senior sports banners, and fall sports. Flyers are sent home with students close to the date. If you do not receive one, ask your student or contact the office and we can provide one for you. Questions? Contact Beth Pegram at 252-431-1333 or bpeggram@ccscolts.org.

For your calendar, here are all the picture days for the year, and these are all Wednesdays!

- **September 16** Fall Individual Pictures, Senior Tux and Drape, Senior Sports Posters, and Fall Sports
- **October 28** Fall Picture Retakes (Individuals and Senior Tux & Drape)
- **December 9** Kindergarten and Senior Cap & Gown, Winter Sports
- **March 24** Spring Individual Pictures, Class Group Pictures, Spring Sports



UPPER SCHOOL CELL PHONE & PERSONAL ELECTRONICS POLICY

Cell phones and earbuds/headphones must be turned off and put away before students enter the building and are not to be used during the school day. Staff/teachers who see students using cell phones/earbuds/headphones in the halls, in restrooms, during class, etc. will collect the items and issue demerits per the demerit system. Smart watches are not allowed during the school day.

Exceptions: Cell phones may be used by high school students (9th-12th) during lunch in the cafeteria.

- Cell phones should be placed in designated classroom pockets before and for the duration of class.
- Cell phones are not allowed between classes, before or during chapel, or snack break.
- Students must remove and put away earbuds/headphones before entering the school building each day. Earbuds/headphones are not allowed to be used at break, lunch, hallways, or any time during the school day. Use during the school day will result in confiscation and demerit(s).
- The school's social media policy still applies—students cannot be on social networking sites during the school day.
- Violations will result in demerits & loss of privileges.

Parents should call the office if they need to get in touch with their child.

Telephones are available in each classroom for emergencies. Students may call parents in the case of an emergency from our office telephones.

Other electronic devices: Personal iPads, Kindles, laptops, e-readers, gaming devices/consoles, etc. are not allowed on campus during the school day. Violation of this rule will be handled with the same consequences as cell phone violations.



YEARBOOK FUN!

HEADS UP!

The CCS yearbook staff is bringing back one of our favorite activities!



Over the next few months, we'll be looking for great photos from the Crossroads community. We'll have a few fun challenges, some new ideas, and plenty of opportunities to have your photos featured.

We'll fill you in soon. In the meantime, if you take a picture that makes you smile, don't delete it. You might need it later. 😊

Please email yearbook adviser Stephanie W. Smith at yearbook@ccscolts.org with questions.

UPPER SCHOOL TABLETS

Dell Latitude 3140 2-in-1 Tablets

CCS will provide each 6th-12th grade student with a Dell tablet device (Width: 11.84" | Depth: 8.07"). Students in grades 7th-12th will be able to take these devices home with them; students in 6th grade will use them at school. Prior to obtaining the device, both the student and parent will sign paperwork outlining acceptable use and the costs for a damaged/lost device or accessories (see pages 15-17). Students will be financially responsible for the devices, so we require them to store and transport their devices properly by using the provided cover specifically designed for this computer. If the cover or computer is damaged in any way, please report it to the front office immediately.



FROM THE COLLEGE COUNSELOR

SENIOR INFORMATION NIGHT

Tuesday, August 25 | 6:30 PM | School Library

Seniors and parents are encouraged to attend our Senior Information Night. We will discuss important information to help students and families prepare for a successful senior year.

HIGH SCHOOL: The opportunities in 2026-27 for taking standardized testing are found at the ACT/SAT websites:

- **ACT:** <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration/test-dates.html>
- **SAT:** <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/dates-deadlines>

Some colleges do not require a test score for admission consideration but check the website for any college or call their Admissions Office to make sure you know what is needed to apply. Many colleges do require a test score for academic scholarships.



ACT on the CCS Campus: April 21, 2027

- PreACT 9 for Freshmen
- PreACT for Sophomores
- ACT for Juniors



Jason Hahn
jhahn@ccscolts.org

COLLEGE CLASSES: Juniors and seniors are able to take college classes through the CCP (Career & College Promise) program, offered by the NC Community College System. Students are eligible if they have over a 2.8 unweighted GPA. Classes can be taken online or in person at Vance-Granville Community College. The CCP is free, with the exception of books and material. CCP classes are in addition to CCS classes. Please reach out to Mr. Hahn (jhahn@ccscolts.org) for more information.

COMMUNITY SERVICE is not only required of National Honor Society members but encouraged for all high school students to enhance their college applications and scholarship applications. Community service also earns House points. Students who complete community service hours can use the Community Service Record form on page 21 of this newsletter (and available on the school website under Information > Handbooks and Forms) to turn in their hours either to Mrs. Smith (NHS adviser) or to Mr. Hahn (guidance counselor). Community service hours are shown on CCS transcripts. If you have any questions about college readiness, ACT, SAT, CCP, or community service, please email Mr. Jason Hahn at jhahn@ccscolts.org.

CLASS OF 2027

SENIORS: Throughout the year, important senior information will be shared in the Seniors – All the Things OneNote notebook, which you can access through your Microsoft Office 365 account. This notebook serves as your one-stop resource for everything related to your senior year, including Common App information, scholarships, college visits, financial aid resources, important deadlines, graduation details, and much more. It will be updated regularly as new opportunities and information become available. Mr. Russell, the senior sponsor, will review how to access and use the notebook with you at the beginning of the school year.

Extra! Go to the end of the newsletter for a summer checklist that was emailed to seniors this summer by Mrs. May.



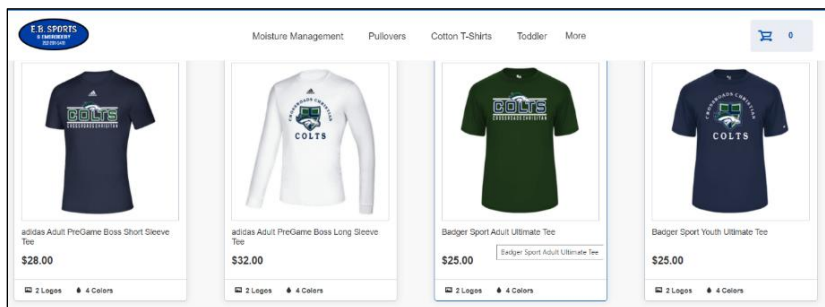
Water Bottle Policy

Water bottles must only contain water and be spill-proof. Flip-up straws and leak-proof lids are required. Water bottles with external, removable straws are not allowed because they are *not spill-proof*.

ONLINE SCHOOL STORE

Below is the link to the CCS online school store. It offers multiple brands and various price points, along with several logo and embroidery options and has options for our smallest Colts to adults.

<https://crossroadsspirit.itemorder.com/>
(see a sample cut of the page --->)



LOCKERS IN UPPER SCHOOL



A few reminders about the lockers:

- Students will need to provide their own locks if they choose to lock their lockers.
- No stickers on lockers.
- Textbooks/materials cannot be left in classrooms. Use lockers for storage.
- No drinks can be left in lockers (they spill and damage books).

SPORTS NEWS

Athletic Director: *Scottie Richardson* (srichardson@ccscolts.org)

Our athletic program provides CCS students with opportunities for exercise, fellowship, and team-building skills. If your student is playing any sport this year, check out the links below for requirements and schedules.

For all required forms: Check <https://ccscolts.org/athletics/athletic-forms/>

For game schedules: Visit <https://www.maxpreps.com/nc/henderson/crossroads-christian-colts/> and scroll down to the Teams section for your team – schedules will be updated closer to the start of school.



All students participating in athletics must have record of a current physical on file in the CCS Athletic Office. Physicals must be turned in to the Athletic Office before a student-athlete may begin practice. Physicals are good for one year from the time of the exam.

Forms can be obtained at the school office or by visiting the school's website at <https://ccscolts.org/athletics/athletic-forms/>. Copies of physicals will be given to each coach to be accessible at all times, in case of an injury or medical emergency.

Athletic Fees

A \$125 athletic fee per child is due prior to the first practice of the first sport. For each additional sport in the school year, the athletic fee is \$100 per sport. The family maximum in athletic fees is \$450 per school year. This fee is for athletic participants only and covers miscellaneous school athletic costs to include conference fees, coach stipends, equipment, field/gym floor maintenance, transportation, etc. *This fee is non-refundable.*

Each family is required to have one adult work either gate or concessions at **two home contests** during the season their student is competing in (does not have to be a game that their son/daughter is competing in). An additional \$25 fee will be charged per game not covered during the season (maximum \$50).

AFTER-SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

After-school care will be provided for K5 through 5th grades in the library from 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, including some holidays and other school closings. During after-school care, students will work on homework assignments, participate in planned activities, and have snack time.

Monthly Rate	First Child	Second Child
	\$250	\$230
Additional Options		
Part-Time	\$15 per day per child	
Half-Days	\$30 (11:45 a.m. dismissal)	
Full Days	\$50 (Teacher Workdays/Holidays)	

For more information and to sign up, visit <https://ccscolts.org/information/after-school-care/>. Mrs. Jarrell, our After-School Care Coordinator (ajarrell@ccscolts.org), will be in the library during Open House.

HOUSE COUNCIL RETREAT

Our House Council came together on July 31 for our **Fourth Annual House Council Retreat**, an exciting day dedicated to leadership, teamwork, and planning for the year ahead. This year marked a special milestone as, **for the first time, our Junior House Council joined us for the retreat**. Their enthusiasm, creativity, and contributions added tremendous value to our time together. Junior House Council members worked collaboratively to design banners for their hallways and spent time planning meaningful events and activities for their Junior Houses (5th-8th grades).

Throughout the retreat, students participated in friendly competitions, collaborated to plan upcoming House events, and reflected on the mission and purpose of our House System—building character, fostering community, and developing servant leaders who make a positive impact.

A highlight of the day was an outstanding leadership workshop presented by the **Dale Carnegie Institute**. Facilitators **Neville de Lucia** and **Amy McLoughlin** challenged and inspired our student leaders with practical strategies for effective communication, teamwork, and leadership. Their engaging presentation equipped our House Council with valuable skills and fresh perspectives that will help them lead with confidence throughout the school year.

We are excited to see how our student leaders—both senior and junior—will put what they learned into action as they continue to strengthen our House System and serve the Crossroads Christian School community.

Questions? Contact Dina Martin at dmartin@ccscolts.org.



PRE-K4 and KINDERGARTEN – STAGGERED ENTRY

This year, we are using a "staggered entry" system to ease the transition from home to school, ensuring a positive and calm first day for your child. Each student is assigned a specific day for his/her first day of school:

PRE-K4:

Crossroads would like to invite **Pre-K4** parents to walk their child to class on the first day of school. Beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending by 8:20 a.m., parents may enter the school with their child and walk them to their classroom. This will be a time to help them hang their bookbags in their cubby and take pictures with them at their tables.

Parents are asked to stay in the classroom for only about 10 minutes and keep in mind that other classes will be in session during this time. We have found that with children who may have some separation anxiety, quicker goodbyes are typically easier.

Walking a child to class is only allowed on this first day of school. We will resume normal school drop-off on Friday, August 14. Please note that it is a requirement that ALL preschool-aged children are escorted to the outside door by a parent (no older siblings are allowed) *each day*.

KINDERGARTEN:

Crossroads would like to invite **kindergarten** parents to walk their child to class on the first day of school. Beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending by 8:20 a.m., parents may enter the school with their child and walk them to their classroom. This will be a time to help them hang their bookbags in their cubby and take pictures with them at their tables.

Parents are asked to stay in the classroom for only about 10 minutes and keep in mind that other classes will be in session during this time. We have found that with children who may have some separation anxiety, quicker goodbyes are typically easier.

Walking a child to class is only allowed on this first day of school. We will resume normal school drop-off on Friday, August 14. Drop-off will be in the carpool line at the front of the school from 7:30 to 7:55 AM (students must be in their classrooms by 8:00 AM). Staff will ensure all children get to their classroom safely.

Parents/guardians will meet teachers during **Open House** on **Tuesday, August 11**. This is a great time to ask questions so teachers can focus on welcoming students during the first days of school.

Please check the chart below to identify the date your child will come to school for their assigned first day of school.

PRE-K4 -- Your child's staggered entry day will be as follows:	
First Day of School	Students' Last Names
Thursday, August 13	A-J
Friday, August 14	K-Z

KINDERGARTEN -- Your child's staggered entry day will be as follows:	
First Day of School	Students' Last Names
Thursday, August 13	A-J
Friday, August 14	K-Z

Didn't receive your child's final report card?

Please contact Mrs. Williams at
lwilliams@ccscolts.org or 252-431-1333
to check on your account.

IMPORTANT DATES

August 11	Open House
August 13	First Day of School--Quarter 1 Begins
September 7	Labor Day (Closed)
September 16	<i>Picture Day: Fall Individual Pictures for Yearbook, Senior Tux and Drape, Senior Sports Posters, Fall Sports</i>



Check out the full school year calendar near the end of the newsletter. This calendar is also available on the school website; it is subject to changes throughout the school year.

CARPOOL GUIDELINES (K-12)

MORNING DROP-OFF PROCEDURE – See the map at the end of the newsletter

Our Kindergarten through 12th grade morning carpool operates using two drop-off lanes under the covered awning.

- Approximately 10-14 vehicles will be unloaded at one time as directed by staff members.
- Once all vehicles are safely stopped, students may exit their vehicles.
- After every student has safely reached the sidewalk, staff members will release traffic one lane at a time:
 - Outer lane first
 - Inner lane second
- The next group of vehicles will then move forward into the unloading zone.



This system allows us to unload a large number of students quickly while maintaining a safe environment for everyone.

Staff Assistance

Staff members will be stationed throughout the carpool line to:

- Assist students with unloading.
- Direct traffic.
- Ensure students safely reach the sidewalk.

Additional staff members will stop all traffic until every student has exited their vehicle and is safely away from the drive lanes before vehicles are released.

Important Morning Carpool Rules

To help the line move efficiently, please remember:

- All K-12 students must be dropped off through the designated carpool line.
- Students may not be dropped off in the parking lot to walk into the building.
- Please have your child completely ready to exit the vehicle when you reach the unloading zone. This means they should:
 - Be awake.
 - Have shoes on.
 - Finish breakfast before arriving.
 - Have backpacks and belongings ready.
 - Be prepared to exit immediately.

If a student is not ready to unload promptly, you may be asked to pull forward and re-enter the carpool line so traffic is not delayed for other families.

If you need to conduct business inside the school, please park in the main parking lot and remain in your vehicle until after the 8:00 a.m. bell. Prior to 8:00 a.m., the crosswalk is closed to pedestrian traffic for everyone's safety.

Safety Reminders

- Students may exit vehicles only within the designated unloading zone under the covered awning or as directed by staff.
- Vehicles may not unload before or after the designated unloading area here is no option to exit the car line early.
- Students should exit from the passenger side of the vehicle. If your child rides in a car seat, please position the car seat on the passenger side of the vehicle. If transporting a non-student infant, place that car seat behind the driver so that students may enter and exit their vehicle on the passenger side of the car.



STUDENT DRIVERS

Beginning this school year, all student drivers will park in the **front auditorium parking lot**. Student drivers will no longer drive to the back of the campus.

Student Driver Arrival

Student drivers should:

- Drive past the main carpool entrance.
- Continue past the main parking lot entrance.
- Enter campus using the third driveway on the right, located directly in front of the auditorium sidewalk.
- Park in the designated student parking area.

After parking, students should walk along the sidewalk in front of the auditorium and continue directly to the main school entrance. A staff member will be present each morning to direct students and ensure they remain on the sidewalk for everyone's safety.

Younger Siblings

If a student driver is transporting a younger sibling, the younger sibling may walk with the student driver from the auditorium parking lot to the main entrance.

No parent drop-offs or student dismissals may take place in the student parking lot. Families who are not student drivers must use the regular morning carpool procedures.

PRESCHOOL ARRIVAL

Preschool families will **continue to use the rear entrance of the school** for morning arrival.

- Parents must drive to the back of campus.
- Every preschool student must be accompanied by a parent from the vehicle to the back gym entrance.
- Parents may not drop students off at the curb.

If a preschool student has an older sibling, that sibling may enter the building through the back entrance alongside the preschool student.

No other students may enter the building through the rear entrance.

Parents are not permitted to enter the building during morning drop-off.

Staff members will receive students at the entrance.



ARRIVAL AFTER 7:55 a.m.

The rear preschool entrance closes promptly at 7:55 a.m.

If you arrive after 7:55 a.m. and find the preschool entrance locked:

- Return to your vehicle.
- Drive to the front of the school.
- Wait until the 8:00 a.m. bell and escort your preschooler across the crosswalk to enter the school's main front office entrance.
- Sign your child in at the tardy window before leaving.

AFTERNOON CARPOOL

Please note: **Students may not be picked up from the school office between 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.**

- Students will be released at carpool and will be expected to follow carpool procedures. This policy is strictly enforced to ensure the safety and efficiency of afternoon dismissal.
- If your child must leave early for an appointment, arrangements must be made before 2:30 p.m. There are no exceptions to this rule.

AFTERNOON PICK-UP – See the map at the end of the newsletter

Lower School dismissal begins at 2:55 p.m. and Upper School dismissal continues until 3:30 p.m.

Please remember:

- Display your carpool tag prominently in your front windshield (this is for lower school students Pre-K through 4th grade only).
- Use both loading lanes beneath the covered awning as directed by staff.
- Pull completely forward so staff can load many cars at one time.
- Staff will release vehicles one lane at a time once all students have safely entered their vehicles.
- Please be alert and aware of your surroundings.
- Pay close attention to staff members so that this process runs smoothly and safely.

CAR SEATS

If your child requires assistance buckling into a car seat, please do not buckle them while stopped in the loading zone.

Instead:

- Pull into the parking lot after exiting the loading zone, or
- Exit school parking lot area and pull completely onto the shoulder of the main driveway before securing your child.

Parents are not allowed to exit their vehicles while in the carpool lanes for any reason. This helps keep the loading zone moving for all families and ensures safety for all.

AFTERNOON SAFETY

- Preschool through 4th grade students must be picked up through the carpool line.
- Students in 5th-12th grade may be picked up from the main parking lot if parents choose.
- No pedestrian traffic may use the crosswalk between 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. except for when students are directed by staff members to enter the main parking lot to join their ride.
- Student drivers will dismiss from the front auditorium parking lot. From here, they will either leave the premises or move their vehicles to the back of the school in preparation for athletic practices or games.
- Students are not permitted to be picked up from the student parking lot nor the back parking lot.
No exceptions!

REMIND

One of the fastest ways that you can receive information from the school regarding delays, closings, and important announcements is through Remind. Remind sends messages via text and/or e-mail. If you are a new family or you did not sign up last year, please use the information on the following pages and sign up for the accounts that pertain to you.

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 from Mr. Capps.
2. **Lower School announcements** – This account is for parents of grades K3-4th.
3. **Upper School announcements** – This account is for parents/students of grades 5th – 12th.



Instructions for each Remind list are on the following pages.

Sign up for important updates from Mr. Capps.

Get information for Crossroads Christian School right on your phone—not on handouts.

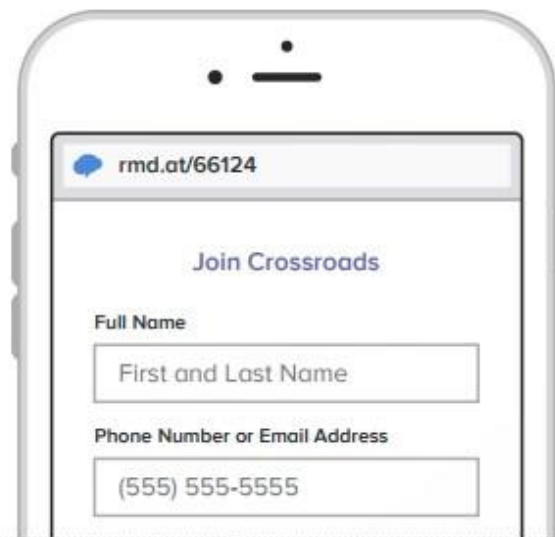
Pick a way to receive messages for Crossroads: (Entire School – Main Account)

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.*



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/66124 on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

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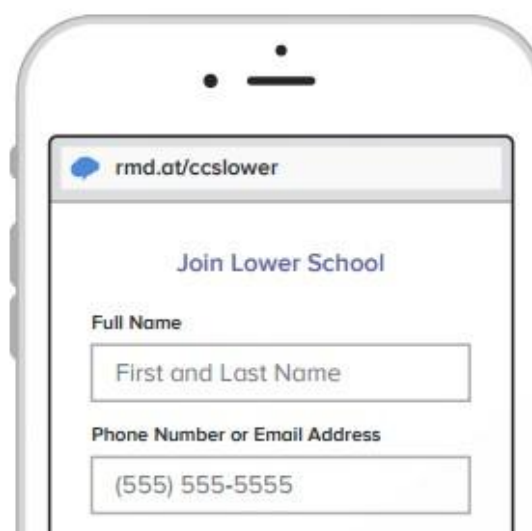
Pick a way to receive messages for **Lower School**:

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

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 [@ccslower](#) to the number **81010**.

If you're having trouble with **81010**, try texting [@ccslower](#) to **(980) 255-5102**.

** Standard text message rates apply.*



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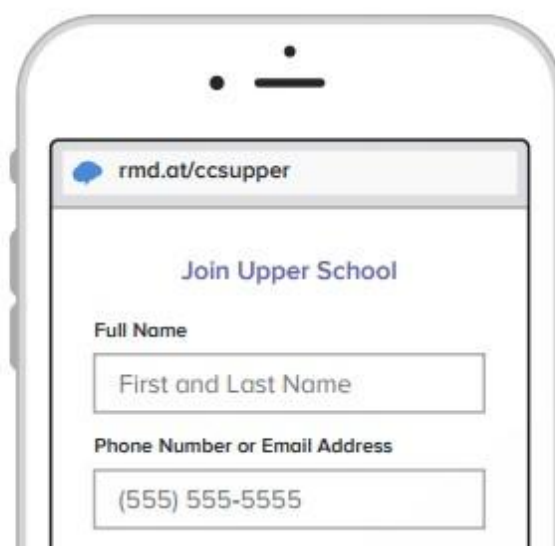
Pick a way to receive messages for Upper School:

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

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 @ccsupper to the number 81010.

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

** Standard text message rates apply.*



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Technology Acceptable Use Policy

Section A applies to ALL technology-related devices used at Crossroads Christian School.

Section B *additionally applies* to student CCS-issued Dell Latitude 3140 2-in-1 tablets.

Section A

INTERNET USES: Use of the electronic information resources in the school shall be to improve and support the educational process by providing access to global information and improving communication between students, employees of Crossroads Christian School, parents, and community members.

ACCEPTABLE USES: All Internet or computer equipment use shall be consistent with the purposes and goals of CCS. It is imperative that users of the Internet or computer equipment conduct themselves in a responsible, ethical, moral, and polite manner. All users must abide by all local, state, and federal laws. The Internet user accepts the responsibility of adhering to high standards of conduct and the terms and conditions set forth in all parts of this policy.

IMPERMISSIBLE INTERNET & COMPUTER EQUIPMENT USES:

The following uses of the Internet & computer equipment are prohibited:

1. Any violation of applicable school policy or public law by such use;
2. Any activity that is immoral or contrary to the high moral standards which must be maintained in an educational setting;
3. Any attempt to bypass school security is forbidden;
4. Accessing or transmitting of immoral, obscene, pornographic, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, defaming, harassing, threatening, disrespectful, or otherwise inappropriate images or information, or receiving such information from others;
5. Any commercial use, product advertisement, display of personal information, or promotion of political candidates;
6. Any violation of copyright, trade secret, or trademark laws;
7. Any attempt to damage, disrupt, or interfere with the use of any computer or electronic information resource;
8. Any attempt to access information beyond the users authorized access to any electronic information resource;
9. Any destruction, defacement, theft, or altering of school equipment;
10. Any storing of illegal, inappropriate, or obscene material on school owned electronic equipment.

PRIVILEGE: The use of the Internet and computer equipment within CCS is a privilege. It is confidential information to the user unless it is transmitted to others with the user's permission. Violation of this policy can result in the loss of computer access privileges or further disciplinary action.

MONITORING: CCS reserves the right to monitor and review any material on any machine at any time in order for the school to determine any inappropriate use of computer resources.

SECURITY: CCS will implement security procedures on Internet access to protect against unacceptable use. Computer users are responsible for the security of their files and passwords. Sharing of any usernames or passwords to anyone is not permissible and may result in the loss of account privileges. Computer users will be held accountable for any activity under their account. Any security problems should be reported immediately to the school/site administrator.

DISCLAIMER OF ALL WARRANTIES: CCS makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the services provided in connection with use of the Internet or computer equipment. Neither CCS nor any supporting Internet services will be responsible for any damages that an Internet user suffers. CCS expressly disclaims any liability in connection with the loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, failure to deliver, mistaken deliveries, viruses, backup device failure, service interruptions, or other unforeseen reasons caused by CCS or the Internet server or by the user's error or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk. CCS expressly denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through any Internet service. All users must consider the source of any information they obtain and evaluate the validity of that information.

ENCOUNTER OF CONTROVERSIAL MATERIAL: Internet users may encounter material that is controversial which the user or administrator may consider inappropriate or offensive. The school has taken precautions to restrict access to inappropriate materials through a filtering and monitoring system. However, it is impossible on a global Internet to control access to all data that a user may discover. It is the user's responsibility not to initiate access to such material. Any site or material that is deemed controversial should be reported immediately to the appropriate administrator. CCS expressly disclaims any obligation to discover all violations of inappropriate Internet access.



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TERMS OF USE:

1. Only registered students of CCS qualify for computer use under this policy.
2. Only the authorized users who have signed the user agreement shall have computer access. Users are ultimately responsible for all activity while using the Internet.
3. The Head of School may suspend or terminate any computer user's access for any reason.
4. All Internet or computer equipment access of a student is automatically terminated at the moment of withdrawal, graduation, or expulsion of the student from CCS.

PENALTIES FOR IMPROPER USE: Any user violating this policy or applicable state and federal laws may be restricted from Internet use or use of any or all computers (in addition to other disciplinary options). Such additional options may include suspension, expulsion, and/or referral to legal authorities.

Section B

CARE AND APPEARANCE:

1. I will do my best to take care of my Dell Latitude 3140 2-in-1 tablet.
2. I will not leave my tablet unattended.
3. I will not loan my tablet to other individuals.
4. I will know where my tablet is at all times.
5. I will keep food and beverages and other potentially harmful items away from my tablet.
6. I will not disassemble any part of my tablet or attempt repairs of any kind.
7. I will not remove or deface or obscure any identification or serial numbers or stickers on my tablet or the touch keyboard.
8. I will protect my tablet at all times by keeping it in its case/cover. If the cover is lost or damaged so that it needs to be replaced, the replacement cost is **\$50**.
9. I will not place any stickers or decorations or markings of any kind on the tablet or the touch keyboard. Anything I do put on the cover must be something that can be taken off later without leaving any permanent markings or residue.
10. I will charge my tablet so that it arrives at CCS with a fully charged battery.
11. I will not leave my charger unattended at school. If the charger is lost or damaged, the replacement cost is **\$40**.

INSPECTION, DAMAGE, AVAILABILITY:

1. I understand my tablet is subject to inspection by CCS at any time, without notice.
2. Within 48 hours of my tablet/cover/charger being lost or damaged, I will obtain from CCS's I.T. Coordinator the CCS **Dell Latitude 3140 2-in-1 Tablet Incident Report** or the **Tablet Charger/Cover Incident Report**, fill it out, and follow the procedures it outlines.

CCS Policy Regarding LOST or DAMAGED Dell Latitude 3140 2-in-1 Tablets

In the case of a LOST or DAMAGED Dell Latitude 3140 2-in-1, the student/family must fill out CCS's **Dell Latitude 3140 2-in-1 Tablet Incident Report** and submit it to the I.T. Coordinator, Mr. Fleming, within 48 hours of the incident.

LOST:

If the Dell Latitude 3140 2-in-1 is lost, the student's family is responsible for the full cost of the device and any associated lost items (charger, cover, etc.) and will work through CCS to obtain the items to be replaced.

DAMAGED:

If the Dell Latitude 3140 2-in-1 was damaged, the tablet will be repaired through CCS as described here:

- *First incident:* Student/family responsible for **\$100** repair/replacement cost.
- *Second incident:* Student/family responsible for **\$200** repair/replacement cost.
- *Subsequent incidents:* Student/family responsible for the **full cost** of the repair, and a meeting will be scheduled between CCS administration and the student and their parent(s) to discuss ways to help eliminate future incidents.

NEGLECT & INTENTIONAL DAMAGE:

*** If the damage is determined to be due to willful neglect or is intentional (as determined by CCS and/or its repair agents), the Dell Latitude 3140 2-in-1 will be repaired or replaced (depending on the severity of the damage) through CCS, and the student/family will be responsible for the full cost of the repair or replacement.



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Acceptable Use Agreement for CCS-Supplied Dell Latitude 3140 2-in-1 Tablets

THIS FORM MUST BE TURNED IN BEFORE STUDENTS CAN BE GIVEN THEIR TABLETS.

Student (6th-12th)

1. **I have read and agree to** the conditions described on pages 15-16 of this newsletter in the **Technology Acceptable Use Policy** and the **CCS Policy Regarding LOST or DAMAGED Dell Latitude 3140 2-in-1 Tablets** (including chargers and covers).
2. **I agree** to keep private any unique account names and/or passwords (if any) provided to me, and I agree not to allow others to access information or resources using my unique account information.
3. **I understand** the use of the Dell Latitude 3140 2-in-1 tablet or any other computer/technology-related equipment or resources, and use of the Internet, is a privilege. I also understand that should I commit a violation of any described rules, regulations, or laws, disciplinary action may result, as well as access to certain technology-related equipment or resources being restricted.

Student name (printed): _____

Student name (signature): _____

Grade: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian

1. **I/we have also read the materials** described above in the "Student" section.
2. **I/we agree** to support our student in keeping the commitment he/she agreed to above, and we agree to abide by the policies as they apply to us.

Parent/Guardian name (printed): _____

Parent/Guardian name (signature): _____

Date: _____

CCS Cafeteria & Food Prices 2026-2027

Monday ♦ Tuesday ♦ Wednesday		
MAIN MENU		Price
Plate Lunch (includes small drink)	(K4 through 3 rd)	\$4.50
Plate Lunch (includes drink)	(4 th through High School)	\$5.00
Small Salad Bar		\$4.00
Large Salad Bar		\$5.00
Lunchable (w/chips & water)		\$4.00
Smucker's PB &J Uncrustable Meal (w/chips, small drink, and fruit rollup) Daily		\$3.50
Smucker's PB &J Uncrustable Meal (w/chips, large drink, and fruit rollup) Daily		\$4.00
Smucker's Uncrustable only (Daily)		\$2.00

À LA CARTE & EXTRAS		Price
Main Entrée		\$3.00
Extra Hot Dog, Corn Dog, or Pizza		\$2.50
Chicken Leg		\$1.75
Bowl of French Fries		\$2.50
Small Drink (Juice Box)		\$1.25
Large Drink (Juice/Yoo-Hoo)		\$1.50
Large Water/Sweet Tea		\$1.00
Ice Cream - All Types		\$1.50
Yogurt Parfait		\$3.50
Acai Bowl (Regular)		\$6.50
Cookies		\$0.75
Chips	varies	\$.75 - \$1.00
Fruit Rollup		\$0.75
Roll or Breadstick		\$0.75
Packaged Muffins, Cheese Danish, etc.		\$1.50 - \$2.00

Thursday		
	Mini Sub (5.5"), Chips, & Bottled Water	\$6.50
	Regular Sub (7.5"), Chips, & Bottled Water	\$7.25

Friday		
	Chick-fil-A Sandwich or Nuggets (8-count), Chips, & Bottled Water	\$6.75

Upper School Morning Break		
Plain Biscuit	Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday	\$1.50
Blueberry Scone	Monday & Wednesday	\$2.00
Bacon Biscuit	Monday & Wednesday	\$2.50
Bacon, Egg, & Cheese Biscuit	Monday & Wednesday	\$3.50
Cinnamon Roll (Large)	Tuesday	\$3.00
Sausage Biscuit	Tuesday	\$2.50

*** See menu for items that are available for the day. All items are NOT available every day (i.e., French Fries, hotdogs, etc. are only available when listed on the menu). Substitutions may be necessary due to availability of food from vendors. Food in the cafeteria may contain or come into contact with common allergens such as dairy, eggs, wheat, tree nuts, peanuts. ***



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Student Vehicle Registration

STUDENT DRIVER MUST HAVE A VALID NC DRIVER'S LICENSE TO REGISTER*

A \$25 fee is due upon submission of this form. Registration will not be accepted without the fee.

Parking passes can be purchased in the front office.

Please register all potential vehicles that you might drive below. All vehicles must be registered.

****Please see Beth Pegram in the Main Office if at any time during the school year you need to update your vehicle information. If you lose your parking tag, you may obtain a replacement tag for a fee of \$5.00.**

Year	Make	Model	Color	License Plate #
Year	Make	Model	Color	License Plate #
Year	Make	Model	Color	License Plate #
Year	Make	Model	Color	License Plate #

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT CONCERNING USE OF STUDENT PARKING

I understand and acknowledge that:

1. Students are allowed to park on school premises as a matter of privilege, not right.
2. Crossroads Christian School retains the authority to conduct routine patrols of student parking areas and the inspections of the exterior of student vehicles on school property.
3. Crossroads Christian School may inspect the interior of student vehicles whenever a school authority has reasonable suspicion to believe illegal or unauthorized materials are contained inside the vehicle.
4. Such patrols and inspections may be conducted without notice, without student consent, and without a search warrant.
5. If I fail to provide access to the interior of my car upon request of the school official, I will be subject to school disciplinary action.

Print Student Name: _____

Student Grade for 2026-2027 _____

NC Driver's License #: _____

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Office Use Only	Date:		Payment: Cash or Check #:	
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Student Off-Campus Lunch Release of Liability Form 2026-2027

Seniors are allowed to eat lunch off campus **on Fridays** once proper paperwork is completed. Off-campus lunch is a privilege that can be lost.

"I, (parent) _____, give (student) _____
permission to go off campus for lunch for the current school year."

Parent's Liability Agreement for Off-Campus Lunch

Parents: in completing the following statements, please circle the appropriate YES or NO:

YES or NO	<i>"I release Crossroads Christian School of all liability from the time my student leaves campus for lunch until my student returns from off-campus lunch."</i>
YES or NO	<i>"I give permission and accept liability for my student to ride with another student driver off campus for lunch."</i>
YES or NO	<i>"I give permission and accept the liability for my student to drive off campus for lunch."</i>
YES or NO	<i>"I give permission and accept the liability for my student to transport other students off campus in my student's car for lunch AND accept the liability for those students being transported."</i>

In completing the Parent's Liability Agreement for Off-Campus Lunch, I will assume the responsibility of making my wishes known to my student AND accept the liability if my student does not abide by my wishes in the above statements.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student's Agreement for Off-Campus Lunch

In signing this agreement, I agree to display my school parking permit at all times. I acknowledge my parent's/guardian's wishes and agree to abide by the above statements. I accept full responsibility as to the consequences at Crossroads Christian School if I do not abide by their wishes. I also understand that my parents/guardians assume the liability for myself and any other student that I transport when I do not abide by the above statements.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Cell Phone: _____



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2026-27 School Calendar

*** Dates subject to change throughout the year ***

SEMESTER 1

August 3-12	Faculty and Staff Orientation
August 11	Open House
August 13	First Day of School
	Quarter 1 Begins
September 7	Labor Day (Closed)
September 8-11	Spiritual Emphasis Week/House Week
September 16	<i>Picture Day:</i> Fall Individual Pictures for Yearbook, Senior Tux and Drape, Senior Sports Posters, Fall Sports
Sept. 21-Oct. 2	Map Testing (Grades K5-8 th)
September 23	See You at the Pole
October 9	Quarter 1 Ends
October 12	Quarter 2 Begins
October 15	Half-Day for Students
October 16	Fall Break/Teacher Workday (Closed)
October 19	Fall Break (Closed)
October 28	<i>Picture Day:</i> Fall Individual & Senior Retakes
TBD	Pink Out
November 23-24	Teacher Workdays (Closed)
November 25-27	Thanksgiving Break (Closed)
December 5	Christmas Market
December 9	<i>Picture Day:</i> Winter Sports
December 17	Quarter 2 Ends (Half-Day)
December 18	Teacher Workday (Closed)
Dec. 21-Jan. 1	Christmas Break (Closed)

Dismissal Times for All Half Days

Lower School (K-4 th)	11:45 a.m.
Upper School (5 th -12 th)	12:00 noon

Dismissal Times for All Full Days

Lower School (K-4 th)	2:55 p.m.
Upper School (5 th -12 th)	3:15 p.m.

SEMESTER 2

January 4	Quarter 3 Begins
January 6	<i>Picture Day:</i> Kindergarten/Senior Cap & Gown
January 18	MLK, Jr. Holiday (Closed)
January 19-22	Spirit Week
January 22	Homecoming
February 1-12	Map Testing (Grades K5-8 th)
February 15	Presidents Day (Closed)
February 16	Winter Break/Teacher Workday (Closed)
March 10	Quarter 3 Ends
March 11	Quarter 4 Begins
March 24	<i>Picture Day:</i> Spring Individuals, Class Groups, Spring Sports
Mar. 26-Apr. 2	Good Friday/Spring Break (Closed)
April 7-15	Boosterthon/Fun Run (Lower School)
April 21	PreACT (9 th and 10 th) and ACT (11 th) Testing
April 26	Teacher Workday (Closed)
April 27-May 7	MAP Testing (Grades K5-8 th)
TBD	Junior/Senior Prom
May 6	National Day of Prayer
TBD	Lower School Field Day
TBD	Upper School Awards Day
TBD	Sweet Success Celebration for Lower School Students
May 20	Kindergarten Graduation (6:00 p.m.)
May 21	Q4 Ends (Last Day of School – Half-Day)
May 22	Senior Graduation (9:30 a.m.)
May 31	Memorial Day (Closed)
June 1	Summer reading assignments are posted to website by June 1. Required for 5 th -12 th !
June 1 Week	Final transcripts are available for graduates and are sent to colleges during first week of June.
July 4 Week	School Closed



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Community Service Record

One of the pillars of the National Honor Society is **Service**; however, service is not limited to NHS members. All CCS students are encouraged to serve as Christ would serve and to seek to be a blessing to those being served. With this mindset, their work will reflect integrity, diligence, care, and excellence for the glory of God. Our goal is from James 2:18 which says, "...I will show you my faith by my works..."

Service must be volunteered at a school, a church, or in the community. Any summer volunteer service, such as a mission trip, will be added to the previous school year.

Community service is not:

- where the student receives payment of any kind
- self-improvement workshops or conferences
- service performed as a disciplinary action
- babysitting for an individual family or for siblings
- service to family members or a business for profit

NHS Members: Turn in completed form to Mrs. Smith.

All Other High School Students:
Turn in completed form to Mr. Hahn.

Community Service Report for _____
Name of Student

Date	Description (Who, What, Where)	Hours	Signature of Supervising Adult
TOTAL			

Rising High School Senior Summer College Application Checklist

Goal: Use the summer before senior year to prepare strong college applications and reduce stress during the fall semester.

Brag Sheet

- ☐ Create or update your Brag Sheet to give to teachers for your letters of recommendation. This also helps tremendously when filling out your Common App!

Letters of Recommendation

- ☐ Choose teachers to write your recommendations and ask them if they would be willing. This should be done soon!
- ☐ Provide recommenders with your Brag Sheet.
- ☐ Thank your recommenders.

College Essays

Note: My Honors class started this process in the spring. If you were not in my Honors class, I am happy to help you get started on this! – Mrs. May (amay@ccscolts.org)

- ☐ Review Common App essay prompts. <https://www.commonapp.org/blog/announcing-2026-2027-common-app-essay-prompts>
- ☐ Brainstorm essay topics.
- ☐ Write a first draft.
- ☐ Send to Mrs. May for feedback (amay@ccscolts.org).
- ☐ Revise multiple drafts.

Residency Determination Service

- ☐ Complete your RDS <https://www.ncresidency.org/>. This is required when applying to NC community colleges, UNC-system colleges, and NC independent colleges and universities as it verifies your NC residency status. It requires a lot of specific information, so be sure to gather that before starting the process. Complete this as soon as possible!

College Research

- ☐ Create a list of colleges you are interested in. You can use Common App and CFNC to research many colleges and universities.
- ☐ Organize colleges into Reach, Target, and Safety schools.
- ☐ Research admission requirements.
- ☐ Check Early Decision, Early Action, Regular Decision, and Rolling deadlines.
- ☐ Research majors, campus life, and financial aid.
- ☐ Attend campus visits (in person or virtual).
- ☐ Sign up for admissions emails.

College Applications

- ☐ Create Common App if you have not already done so. <https://www.commonapp.org/>. Complete personal information sections. ONLY information you enter in the Common App. tab and My Colleges list will roll over on August 1!
- ☐ Create CFNC account if you have not already. <https://www.cfnc.org/>
- ☐ Gather personal and family information needed for applications.

Scholarships

- ☐ Search for local, state, and national scholarships.
- ☐ Create a scholarship deadline calendar.
- ☐ Begin scholarship essays.
- ☐ Organize required documents.

Best Case Scenario...Before School Starts:

- ☐ College list finalized.
- ☐ Personal essay drafted.
- ☐ Brag Sheet completed.
- ☐ Recommendation requests made.
- ☐ Application accounts created.
- ☐ Scholarship search underway.



Crossroads Christian School

No Bullying Policy

It is the policy of the Crossroads Christian School to maintain a safe learning and work environment that is free from bullying. Students, staff, and the school community are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful, Christian manner, and demonstrate a level of respect and dignity towards others. While bullying can involve a single, severe behavior, bullying is usually defined as repeated negative behaviors, by a student(s) towards another student(s), intended to frighten or cause harm. CCS prohibits all forms of bullying, including cyber-bullying, even if it occurs outside of school on equipment not owned or operated by CCS.

Examples of Bullying:

1. Verbal: Name calling, put downs, racist remarks, teasing, threats, spreading rumors, sending inappropriate (violent, sexual, malicious, etc.) notes or pictures in any medium (magazine, over a cell phone or Internet, etc.).
2. Physical: Pushing, hitting, shoving, biting, hair pulling, scratching, spitting, tripping, damaging or stealing the victim's property, locking a person in a room, making mean faces or rude gestures, mimicking, initiating or forcing inappropriate touching, etc.
3. Social: Ostracism or exclusion, ignoring, being unfriendly, alienating, spreading rumors, encouraging others to socially exclude someone, etc.
4. Psychological: Acts that instill a sense of fear or anxiety, etc.
5. Cyberbullying (online bullying): The bullying, harassment and/or humiliation by use of electronic devices through means of email, instant messaging, text messages, blogs, mobile phones, and websites.
6. Miscellaneous: Any act that insults or demeans an individual in such a way as to cause distress, reluctance to attend school, a decline in work standards or problem behaviors.

What Bullying is Not:

There are distressing behaviors that occur that are not bullying, even though such behaviors may be unpleasant and/or inappropriate. Such behaviors, although not bullying, are taken seriously and may result in disciplinary action.

1. Mutual Conflict:
In mutual conflict situations, there is an argument or disagreement between students but not an imbalance of power. Both parties are upset and usually both want a resolution to the problem. However, unresolved mutual conflict sometimes develops into a bullying situation with one party becoming targeted repeatedly for 'retaliation' in a one-sided way.
2. Social Rejection or Dislike:
Unless the social rejection is directed towards someone specific and involves deliberate and repeated attempts to cause distress, exclude or create dislike by others, it is not bullying.
3. Single-episode acts of meanness, random acts of aggression, or intimidation:
Single episodes of meanness or physical aggression are not the same as bullying. If a student is verbally abused or pushed on one occasion, they are not being bullied. Meanness or physical aggression that is directed towards many different students is not the same as bullying. However, since the school has a duty of care to provide a student with a safe and supportive school environment, single episodes of nastiness or physical aggression will be dealt with accordingly.



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Bullying Awareness:

As part of the required in-service training for all school staff, the headmaster or designee will discuss Bullying Awareness. Because adults must take the initiative in combating bullying, they must be watchful for bullying warning signs, closely supervising children on the playground, in the classrooms, hallways, rest rooms, gym, locker rooms, cafeteria, etc.

Teachers will periodically conduct class discussions and activities to educate the students in seeking help from an adult, reporting incidents, speaking up and supporting the victim, expressing disapproval of bullying behavior, responding assertively to the bully, walking away from bullying behavior, etc.

The "No Bullying" Policy will be presented in a school-wide assembly to all students in grades six through twelve at the beginning of the year, and as needed in the lower grades, to ensure that the student body is familiar with the policy and procedures. Bullying Incident Reports will be available in each classroom for students, and in the school office for parents. Because we are a TELLING school, everyone is expected to "tell" if they suspect bullying is happening.

Bullying Reporting:

Students and staff are prohibited from knowingly making false accusations accusing another of bullying. Disciplinary action up to, and including, suspension/dismissal for students and termination for staff shall be taken if they knowingly make false reports.

Any member of the school staff receiving a suspected bullying report (verbal or written) shall address the matter as soon as possible, preferably before the end of the school day. The staff member shall assess the situation to determine if the behavior meets the criteria for bullying, or if the behavior is an isolated incident that can be resolved within the classroom (not all conflict constitutes bullying).

If the behavior meets the criteria for bullying, the staff member must report this to the headmaster or his/her designee immediately in order to protect the alleged victim. The staff member is to immediately forward a *Bullying Incident Report* to the headmaster or designee for investigation. The staff member shall remind the victim/witness that "No one deserves to be bullied and we are going to do everything we can to stop it." The staff member is to commend the victim/witness for bringing the matter to the attention of school staff, and should begin intervention strategies for the victim.

The headmaster or designee will promptly and thoroughly address suspected reports of bullying. He/she will individually meet with the victim/witness and bully privately. If determined that bullying has occurred, he/she will act appropriately within the discipline codes and will take reasonable action to end the bullying. The message for the child who bullies will be, "Your behavior is unacceptable, inappropriate, and must be stopped." The principal or designee shall notify the parents/guardians of both the victim and the offender preferably before the end of the school day or within 24 hours. Steps will be initiated to address and resolve the issue. An intervention plan will be developed with the parents of the bully. The principal will inform the student that he/she may be monitored, and the student's movements outside the classroom may require supervision until trust has been re-established and all bullying behavior ceases.

Parental notification and the intervention plan shall be documented on the *Bullying Incident Report*. The *Bullying Incident Report* will be given to the offender's parents. The headmaster will share a verbal report with the teacher(s) involved to assist in determining whether or not a pattern of bullying behavior or abuse exists.

Incidents in which the behavior is believed to constitute criminal activity will also be referred to the proper law enforcement officials and appropriate charges may be filed.



CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

No Bullying Pledge

Every student (and a parent/guardian) in 3rd through 12th grade needs to read the “No Bullying” policy and sign this pledge. The policy is available in the Student Handbook and on the school website under Information > Handbooks and Forms.

Pledge:

We agree to do our part in preventing bullying at our school. We believe it is the equal right of everyone to enjoy CCS and to have the confidence that it is a place where all will feel safe, secure, and accepted regardless of color, race, gender, popularity, athletic ability, intelligence, religion, and nationality.

Bullying can be pushing, shoving, hitting and spitting, as well as name calling, picking on, making fun of, laughing at, and excluding someone. Bullying causes pain and stress to victims and is never justified or excusable as “kids being kids,” “just teasing,” or any other rationalization. The victim is never responsible for being a target of bullying.

As parents/guardians, we pledge to:

1. Keep ourselves and our children informed and aware of the CCS “No Bullying” Policy.
2. Work in partnership with the school to encourage showing positive behavior, valuing differences, and promoting sensitivity to others.
3. Discuss regularly with our children their feelings about school work, friendships, and relationships.
4. Inform faculty of changes in our children’s behavior or circumstances at home that may change a child’s behavior at school.
5. Alert faculty if any incidents of bullying have occurred.

As a student, I pledge to:

1. Know and understand the CCS “No Bullying” Policy.
2. Show positive behavior and be sensitive to others.
3. Treat all students, teachers, and staff members with respect.
4. Not bully my peers or join in when others do.
5. Not participate in cyberbullying.
6. Talk with my parents about my feelings about school work, friendships, and classmates.
7. Tell my parents or teachers if any bullying has occurred.

By signing below, we, the parents and student, agree to stand by the above pledges and to do our part in preventing bullying at Crossroads Christian School.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Date

Student Signature

Student Printed Name

Date

Return signed form to the K-12 Principal, Mrs. O’Steen, in the front office.

Dear Parents

(of elementary school aged kids)

When your kids come to school we will have to help them open LOTS of the things you pack for lunch.

PLEASE HAVE THEM PRACTICE OPENING THINGS BY THEMSELVES.

These are EASIER to open. If I help them open it, I won't be putting my hands on parts that will go in their mouth.



These are HARDER to open. If you send these PLEASE have them PRACTICE opening it. If I help them open it, I will be putting my hands on parts that will go in their mouth.



If your kiddo can open everything in their lunch, it means less time waiting with their hand up, more time eating and less germs!!
(even though we are washing our hands and disinfecting)

AUGUST 2026

CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

We offer PB & J Meals and salad Bar as optional meals on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays.
French fries, corn dogs, etc., are ONLY available as per menu.
See website for a la cart prices and other Cafeteria information.



Monday

3

Salad bar will
not be available
August 17, 18, or 19

17

Lasagna
Corn
Breadstick

24

Pepperoni Pizza
Garden Salad
Fruit

31

Philly Cheesesteak
French Fries
Lemon Bar

Tuesday

4

OPEN
HOUSE

18

Corndog
French Fries
Peaches

25

"Hot Diggity"
Dog
French Fries
Rice Krispie Treat

ACP Sept. 1

(Chicken, Cheese, Rice)
Refried Beans
Chips/salsa
Charro

Wednesday

5

12

19

"COLTS"
Cheeseburger
Bagged Chips
Brownie

26

BBQ Pork
Mac N Cheese
Baked Apples
Hushpuppies

Thursday

6

13

JERSEY
MIKE'S
Orders MUST be placed
by midnight on
Monday of each week

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by midnight on
Monday of each week

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JERSEY
MIKE'S
Orders MUST be placed
by midnight on
Monday of each week

Friday

7

14

CHICK-FIL-A
Orders MUST be placed
by midnight on
Monday of each week

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CHICK-FIL-A
Orders MUST be placed
by midnight on
Monday of each week

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DID YOU KNOW?

Saying Grace before meals is a simple way to thank GOD for the food we eat and the people who prepared it.

FACTS ACCOUNT – Please keep your student's lunch account up to date in accordance with the CCS handbook. You can add money via FACTS SIS Family Portal "Add Funds" option or by sending a check or cash to the CAFETERIA.

We DO NOT take cash on a daily basis – ALL students must have an account.