



Crossroads Christian

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Thoughts from the Principal

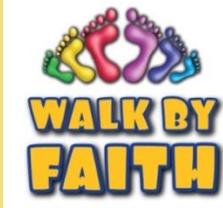
Welcome to the Spring-Summer Focus Newsletter! If you can't see the pictures, check to see if your email provider has blocked them. You should be able to make a selection to unblock them.

This school year has been a wonderful journey. I have seen God mightily at work in the lives of students and their families. Among other things, Crossroads has made significant strides in living out one of its Core Values: Providing an Uplifting Atmosphere. Understanding that good relationships are essential to a positive environment, our dedicated staff has provided both individualized and group mentoring to Junior High students. Those students were given the opportunity to give back and build into the lives of younger students through activities such as Connect Play and a weekly combined Homeroom time of connection and prayer in grades 3 and 8.



For more than 40 years Crossroads has been a ministry of South Ridge Community Church. As such, Crossroads is an integral part of South Ridge's 2020 Vision. Our goals for the coming school year will coordinate with South Ridge's Goals of **Deepening Relationships and Discipleship, Expanding our Reach and Developing the Campus.** Specific to that last goal, this year Crossroads partnered with South Ridge to upgrade the security camera system throughout the campus. We hope to have much more to tell you in future newsletters!

Walk by Faith



This April brought Walk by Faith, Crossroads' main fundraiser for the year. The entire school, including students, families, teachers, staff and Leadership Team members banded together to raise support from an impressive number of sponsors for the school's programming and to replenish the tuition assistance and scholarship program funds. This year's wet weather didn't dampen the enthusiasm of participants as they walked or ran the track to show their support for the school while having a fun time.



Grand Day / Family Fun Night

This tradition at Crossroads occurring in May combines family fun with an opportunity for students from Kindergarten through 8th Grade to demonstrate some of the things they have been learning. This year more than 300 people, including grandparents and other family members, attended a luncheon with the students and had an opportunity to get a taste of some of the students' work, talents and abilities.

The evening's Family Fun Night brought additional displays of academic achievement, including an art show, science fair, living history presentation, classroom presentations and a writer's corner.



"What a sweet experience," an enthusiastic Grandmother wrote in a note to Crossroads. "...We are so blessed to have [our grandchildren] at this school! We also came to the Family Fun Night...as a retired art teacher, I can truthfully say that whoever is running your art department is doing a spectacular job!"

A highlight of the evening was the annual presentation of the Polsley awards, \$500 scholarships given to one elementary and one junior student. The award is named for Crossroads' founder and first Headmaster, Eugene Polsley, with criteria representing his idea of the ideal Crossroads student, based on a combination of academic achievement, Christian commitment, consistent positive attitude and behavior and demonstrated school spirit.

Chapel Program / America's Grow a Row



Throughout the year Crossroads students participate in a weekly chapel program, part of which is dedicated to recognizing and raising support for a nonprofit ministry. This year's recipient was America's Grow a Row, a local farm program that grows and provides fresh, healthy produce for those in need throughout New Jersey. At the end of the year, Crossroads Principal Dave Homa was pleased to present a check on behalf of all the Crossroads students to Founder and

President, Chip Paillex, whose daughter Kyra is a Crossroads graduate.

But the relationship between Crossroads and Grow a Row goes well beyond chapel donations. For several years students from Crossroads at all grade levels have regularly helped with planting, cultivating and harvesting a number of different crops. Teachers use the outings to teach science lessons and enhance the character-building provided by this opportunity for community service, one of Crossroads' Core Values. For the students, it's a time of fresh air, good exercise and lots of fun.



"We have a lot of volunteers who help us out at the farm," said Paillex. "But we are always particularly impressed with the hard work, reliability and good behavior demonstrated by Crossroads students. We know we can count on them."

Graduations

Kindergarten and 8th Grade Graduations are celebrations eagerly anticipated by parents, teachers and students. On June 5th the Kindergarten class of 20 “Shining Stars” demonstrated their growth in poise, understanding and burgeoning academics by reciting poetry and Bible verses and singing songs. They also exhibited an abundance of cuteness as they proudly marched in their caps and gowns to the sounds of “Pomp and Circumstance” and a lot of camera shutters.



June 12th brought 8th Grade graduation: a joyful time as

graduates, most of whom have progressed together through a number of grades, spoke eloquently of the positive impact Crossroads has had on their lives. Whether they are going on to public or private Christian high schools, these graduates are living testaments to Crossroads' Vision to **graduate**

biblically grounded followers of Jesus who: succeed academically in high school and beyond;

respond to life's challenges with

wisdom, hope, courage, and integrity;

and impact their communities by

fulfilling their God-given callings. The

results were on full display during the

ceremony as each student presented an

essay, song, poem or dance to express his

or her personal reflections. Other evidence



of the graduates' living testament to Crossroad's Vision was the fact the four of the six graduates received the Presidential Academic Excellence Award, a national award given to those who graduate with a sustained academic grade average of 90 or above as well as high achievement scores on state or national standardized tests.

Congratulations to Crossroads' 2018 graduating class. May God continue to bless you in High School and beyond!

How You Can Help

As a friend of Crossroads, there are many ways you can help us impact our future leaders.

1. Pray for us!
2. Share this newsletter with others who might be interested in learning more about the school. If

you would like brochures or other information to share, please contact the school office.

3. Volunteer. Do you have resources, skills or expertise that might help us in providing the best tools, environment or educational experiences for our students? We would love to hear from you!
4. Amazon Smile. Do you shop on Amazon? You can choose to have 0.5% of all purchases made at Amazon donated to Crossroads **and there is no additional cost to you**. To register, go to Crossroads' direct link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2175663>. Then log on through the Amazon Smile page and shop as usual.
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Thank you!

We hope you enjoyed this roundup of some of Crossroads' spring events. **Please feel free to share this newsletter.** If you are not receiving it directly, you may sign up to receive future issues at Crossroads' website <http://crossroadschristianacademy.net>.

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