



Fall Focus 2018

The First Marking Period is already complete! Many things have been happening at Crossroads this fall; here are a few:

Professional Development Workshop with Dr. Ellen Black



Even before school started, faculty members were sharpening their teaching skills during a workshop led by Dr. Ellen Black, Professor of Education and Director, Online EdD Program at Houston Baptist University.

Teachers from Lehigh Christian Academy in Allentown, PA joined Crossroads' teachers to learn about how to nurture growth mindsets and avoid fixed mindsets. A growing body of research is demonstrating the positive impact on learning and success when students – and teachers – have an underlying belief that their abilities and intelligence can be developed and enhanced.

Dr. Black also talked about typical characteristics and how to best reach students in "Gen Z," born between 1995 and 2016. Dr. Black shared the alarming statistic that 25-30% of Gen Z job seekers are actually taking their parents with them to job interviews!

At Crossroads, we want to grow students who can buck this trend and are on the path to becoming fully functioning, independent adults who, as Crossroads' Vision Statement says, "respond to life's challenges with wisdom, hope, courage, and integrity."

Security Updates

Crossroads is partnering with South Ridge Community Church to be informed on best practices and improve safety and security procedures. Several changes have been made based on recommendations by a leading expert in the field of threat assessment who conducted a risk analysis at Crossroads.

- All visitors are now required to sign in at the school office and wear an identification badge, and all staff now wear photo id badges.
- Building access is limited to a single entry monitored by a security camera.
- Coordinated training, procedures, common terms and evacuation routes are being implemented.
- The daily schedule has been changed to add an extra lunch period, enabling the splitting of elementary grades that provides for increased supervision and space for recreation during lunch and recess.

Staff from Crossroads and South Ridge are continuing to learn about safety and security issues, including cyber security and student safety, while maintaining Crossroads' emphasis on our students' physical, spiritual and emotional security and growth.



New Logo

This fall saw the launch of a new school logo for Crossroads which was crafted to create a more modern, unified and recognizable look for the school. The combination of a shield, cross

and crossroads, which you can see in the banner above, is meant to convey Crossroads' passion for the convergence of academic and spiritual growth centering on Jesus Christ. The school's theme for this year is *New Look - Same Values*.

Throughout the year Crossroads' six Core Values will be highlighted in various ways. To find them, visit the web

page http://crossroadschristianacademy.net/about_mission_and_vision.html.

Throughout the year you will also see the new Logo showing up in various places, including a soon-to-be revamped website.

Back to School Social



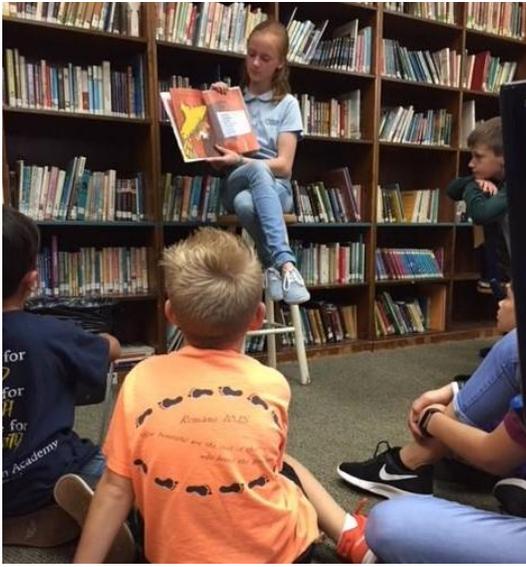
For the past few years Crossroads has kicked off the school year with a Back to School Social where students, families, teachers and staff can gather for a fun time to ease into the new academic year while renewing friendships and connecting with new students and teachers. This year's event featuring treats of pizza, salad and frozen delights, was well attended by students, families and staff.



Teacher Convention

Another fall tradition is the Mid Atlantic Christian School Association (MACSA) conference at Lancaster Bible College. Most of Crossroads' full-time teachers were able to attend. They enjoyed a time of sharpening professionally while being able to connect, collaborate and share ideas on a deeper level outside of the school setting with fellow school professionals from throughout the region.

Keynote speakers this year were Dr. Todd Williams, President of Cairn University, who spoke on The Servant's Calling, and author Michael Sherrard who spoke on Relational Apologetics. The conference also featured a number of practical workshops spread over the two days.



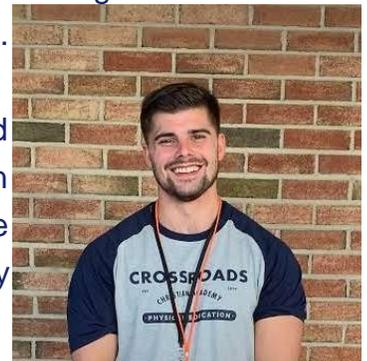
Spotlight: New Teachers at CCA

Erin Barrett, 3rd Grade, has a BA in Elementary Education, ESOL, and Reading Endorsements from Florida Gulf Coast University and previously taught in Florida, Bolivia, Georgia and Pennsylvania before making her way Northward to join us in Clinton. Erin has particular expertise in the use of individual data, guided reading and Project Based Learning, among other skills.



Dan Bobick, Middle School Math teacher, has a BA in Financial Economics and Philosophy from Moravian College and a Master of Divinity in Pastoral Ministry from Westminster Theological Seminary. Although new to teaching in a school setting, Dan has experience working with young people along with skills and experience in the financial services field.

Jack Zastowny, Physical Education, is known to us, having ably served as a basketball coach last year. Jack has an AD in Secondary Education from Warren County Community College and has considerable experience working with young people at Westbridge Community Church.



In addition to the new teachers, we are thrilled to have Rachel Ruane Thompson as our new part-time school nurse. Rachel graduated from DeSales University with a BS in Nursing. Rachel previously worked as a registered nurse on a medical surgical unit at Warren Hospital in Phillipsburg, NJ and as a medical surgical nurse at South Georgia Regional Medical Center. Congratulations are in order to Rachel and Joshua Thompson on their recent marriage.

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 those 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.
5. Make us a part of your year-end giving to enable us reach our annual goal of \$40K used to provide tuition aid, scholarships, technical and program support. You can give online at our website <http://crossroadschristianacademy.net>.

We hope you enjoyed this roundup of some of Crossroads' fall 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>.

