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AND CHURCH TO DEVELOP
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CHRIST-CENTERED
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FROM THE HEADMASTER

CCS family,

We are pleased to introduce our first issue of *Missio*, the magazine of Crossings Christian School. The term 'missio' is rooted in the Latin language, translating to 'mission.' In the pages that follow, we hope you will find a clear picture of a school that is mission driven, as the title of the magazine suggests. Crossings strives to partner with parents and the church for the express purpose of developing students who demonstrate servant leadership in every aspect of life. We aim to accomplish our mission through a rigorous program of academics, athletics and the arts, and through dynamic relationships between faculty and students

It is our hope that as you peruse this magazine, you'll see our Mission in Action and will understand our desire to glorify God through every activity at our school. We trust you will be encouraged by what you see on these pages, and may He receive the glory.

On a mission,



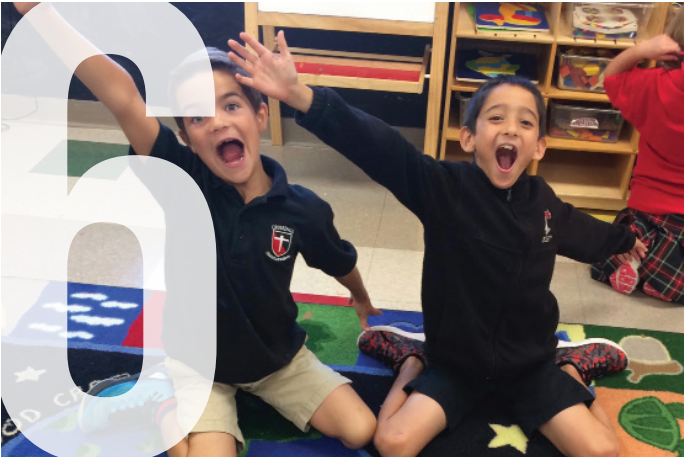
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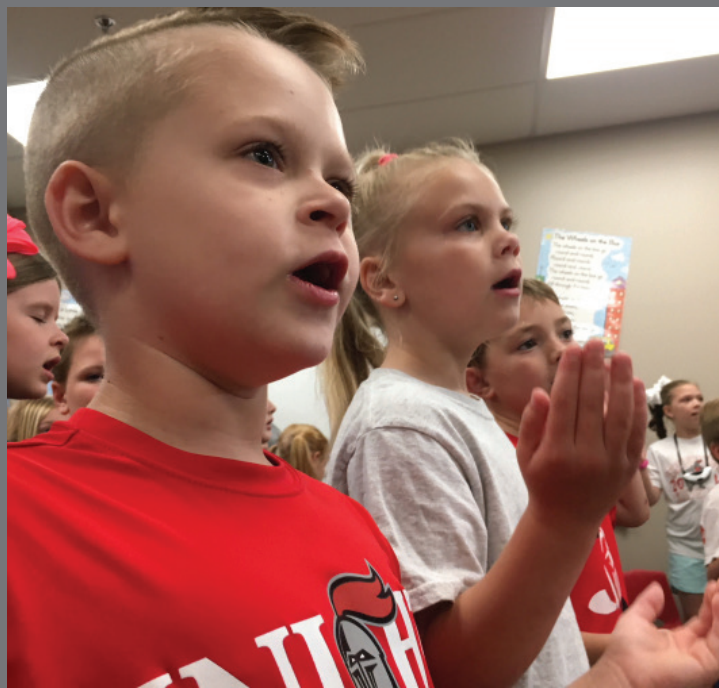
EARLY CHILDHOOD



The 2017-2018 school year introduced exciting new curriculum to the playground. Using the large playground blocks in the oversized play area, kids were given the opportunity to build a new world every day. They created robots and rocket ships, houses and tall buildings while developing spatial reasoning and problem solving skills needed for mathematics. Best of all, it provided child directed and unstructured free play, promoting group play and executive function as well as creativity and imagination.



Each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday morning, sweet sounds were heard down the hall from the preschool, prekindergarten, and kindergarten weekly chapel time, led by Connie Graves. The children spent time worshipping together and learned how to pledge to the American flag and the Bible. They memorized scripture and celebrated Birthday Blessings weekly. Older elementary age students, dressed in biblical costumes, re-enacted Bible stories for the younger students, helped lead through short plays, stories, and personal testimonies. Hearing and watching young children worship is always a special time and this year was no exception as the students sang the Battle Hymn of the Republic and Amazing Grace at their spring concert.



In November, the preschoolers focused on thankfulness. They learned about the voyage of the Mayflower and the first Thanksgiving shared by the Pilgrims and the Indians. They set and decorated beautiful tables for their feast, made pumpkins, hats, and baskets of blessings. They wrote about their many blessings from God and memorized scripture, "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good." Psalm 107:1.



LOWER SCHOOL



DIGITAL DAY

ONE University in Norman generously provided our students with an exciting Digital Day! This gave students the opportunity to explore different types of new and interactive technology. Digital Day is designed so that young minds will cultivate their use of technology and creativity, building a better understanding of how to utilize it throughout their lives and future careers. Students enjoyed the fun experience while learning multi-dimensional ways of using technology that stretch their brains and God-given creative gifts.

KNIGHT TIME

Knight Time is a special monthly assembly for kindergarten through fourth grade students. Each assembly starts with an exciting dance all the kids have learned during their PE class. Students are recognized with monthly virtue awards, the "I Am Third" award, and "The Fruity Award" which is given each month to a class that demonstrates the fruits of the spirit. Students enjoy the monthly celebration time and love to watch their teachers compete in fun games at each assembly. Knight Time is a fun-filled atmosphere that creates unity and reinforces Biblical principles.



BAL-A-VIS-X

Preschool and lower school teachers completed an intense training course in Bal-A-Vis-X, a program designed to integrate focus and processing skills utilizing all the senses. The combined use of balance, auditory, vision and exercise allows for students to learn more effectively and can be done in as little as two to five minutes. Exercises begin simply and increase in complexity while utilizing the full body through the use of sand bags, balls and balance boards. Students will continue to utilize this program and their newly learned skills throughout their time at CCS.

LITTLE LIGHT

Students began a new partnership this year with Little Light Christian School, a school dedicated to serving students who have been affected by incarcerated parents or caregivers. CCS classes "adopted" students from Little Light and spent time praying for them daily. Children also provided cards of encouragement and gifted students with clothing or personal care items as well as items for their classrooms. This partnership has been a beautiful example to CCS students on how to partner with others as Christ-centered servant leaders.



CHARACTER TRAITS

Our preschool and lower school students enjoy focusing on biblical character traits throughout the school year. Bible verses are recited daily during morning announcements, through weekly chapel experiences, and children are honored monthly during Knight Time for demonstrating these virtues in their lives. Teachers reinforce these traits by teaching motions to each Bible verse and focusing on traits as appropriate in class. The virtues and verses highlighted this year include:



INTEGRITY

For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of man.
2 Corinthians 8:21



UNITY

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!
Psalm 133:1



JOYFULNESS

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



GENEROSITY

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.
Proverbs 11:25



ORDERLINESS

But all things should be done decently and in order.
1 Corinthians 14:40



FAIRNESS

Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.
Proverbs 31:9



GENTLENESS

A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.
Proverbs 15:1



EXCELLENCE

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.
Philippians 4:8



HELPLEFULNESS

Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the sustainer of my soul.
Psalm 54:4



COURAGE

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.
Joshua 1:9



KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten celebrated learning with “Nursery Rhyme Day.” Children memorized their favorite Mother Goose rhyme by dressing up and using props to tell their story. This provided a chance for students to give their first oral report and to speak and practice communication skills for their size and skill level. Over time, students increased their self-assurance and composure at public speaking. Committing it to memory built their confidence and allowed them to take pride in a job well done - all within a fun learning experience!

FIRST GRADE

Learning about “Ancient Egypt” is first grade’s largest unit of study. God’s word is incorporated throughout the unit and the orderliness of God is revealed in the rules and systems that govern history. Biblical truths are integrated as students learn about false gods, the ten plagues, Moses and the Ten Commandments. Ancient social systems and daily life are explored while learning about Pharaohs, the dependence on the Nile River, and early inventions. Classes rotated through a series of fun Egyptian themed activities such as: Egyptian makeup, mummy wrap, Ten Commandments crafts, and an archaeological cookie dig while wearing student created costumes.



SECOND GRADE

For the month leading up to Valentine’s Day, CCS second graders are given the opportunity to bless someone without waiting to see if they will be blessed in return. The “Growing Our Hearts” project focuses on 1 John 4 and allows students to perform random acts of kindness - demonstrating what it means to be a Christ-centered servant leader. Some examples of acts of kindness shown this year were: writing notes to our trash collectors, mail deliverers, firefighters, and police officers. Students have returned shopping carts left in parking lots, left coloring books and notes in hospital waiting rooms, visited the residents in nursing homes, and much more. It is a special project reminding children of God’s love in our hearts.



THIRD GRADE

Third grade students showed off their creativity and “outside of the box” thinking in May at the annual Invention Convention. The adventure began with a study in why, how, and when people invent things. Students explore different problems in our world, environment, and homes that could possibly be solved with some type of invention or modification of an existing product. Students also learn that selling their idea is as important as the invention itself as they design creative displays. Problem solving, perseverance, and thinking in a different way are highly utilized skills throughout the project. Student inventions solved a variety of problems ranging from pet care, household chores, sports, and organization strategies. Who knows? CCS may have the next great inventor in our midst!



FOURTH GRADE

During the fourth grade States and Regions unit, students research different states in America. Each student creates a board with interesting state facts such as famous people, timelines, symbols, and resources. As a culminating activity, the classes sponsor a special evening called “One Nation Under God” where they sing patriotic songs and celebrate our country. Following the program visitors take time to learn about America through the student’s creative displays.



After learning about each of the state in our country, fourth grade students turned their focus to a unit on Oklahoma this past spring. Through the use of books, slide shows, videos, and maps students study location, symbols, the impact of the Trail of Tears, the 1889 Land Run and the general history of Oklahoma. They topped off the unit by re-enacting and celebrating the Land Run! Children dressed in a costume relevant to the Land Run era, enjoyed homemade pie for breakfast and, of course, staked their “claim” on the football field. Students enjoyed playing horseshoes, having sack and three-legged races, and getting the deed to their land! They wrapped up the day with a pie eating contest that included our coaches and security guards as participants



MIDDLE SCHOOL



iFLY

Eighth grade students explored a variety of principles and properties of matter through hands-on chemistry labs this past year. While learning in the lab is great practice, CCS eighth grade students experienced the concepts first-hand. What better way to understand Bernoulli's Principle than to complete a STEM based lab and "fly" in the wind tunnel at iFly. Who said learning isn't fun?



Pi Day

Pi Day was celebrated once again on March 14th, or 3.14. Students investigated the many ways Pi is utilized in daily life and researched how Pi was discovered. Students memorized as many digits in Pi as possible, with the top prize going to Cooper S. '23 for reciting over 135 digits! The fun day was capped off with a party and several servings of pie, of course. Seventh grade math students are learning more than just the basics. Throughout the course of the year, students study scale, digitization and pixelization and are tasked with creating a custom design that represents CCS. Using their new skills, the design is then brought to life using post-it notes!

ROBOTICS & ENGINEERING

The middle school robotics team focused on Hydrodynamics and finding solutions for water problems. All three CCS teams competed successfully at the Regional competition. Team Overflow advanced to the state competition for the first time in school history. Sixth grade students competed in the Francis Tuttle Engineering Competition. Using their knowledge in math, science, and logic, students engineered designs for the mousetrap car, ping pong ball launcher, popsicle bridge, wood glider, bottle rocket, and boat competitions. Designs were judged and awarded based upon academic and engineering tests. Congratulations CCS sixth graders!

SCIENCE FAIR

CCS fifth graders studied the three main branches of science: physical science, earth science, and life science. Students conducted experiments using the scientific method. Each fifth grader created a unique project within the categories of a super or creative scientist or a practical item for daily life.

Students rose to the challenge and created projects including hover boards, balloon powered cars, and biofuel products. Projects also posed the answer to questions like: Are pets right pawed or left pawed? How much sugar is really in that soda? Does caffeine affect your heart rate?



EDIBLE SCIENCE

CCS 6th and 7th graders experienced science in a new way – on the dinner table! After learning the differences in vertebrates and invertebrates, 7th grade students "tasted" them for themselves on the buffet line including shrimp, octopus, chocolate covered insects, ribs, elk, duck, and frog legs. 6th grade students created plant and animal cell models using only edible substances. Students incorporated licorice, chocolate candy and chips, cakes, frostings, and a variety of tasty treats to represent the organelles.





MAKE-A-WISH

The 7th grade Bible students participated in its 4th annual Make-A-Wish fundraiser. After reading the book “Do Hard Things” students were motivated to break free from low expectations and to do things that will change the world. The class set a goal to raise \$10,000 in support of this special group, an increase of \$1800 from last year’s total. Not only did students achieve their goal, they exceeded it by donating over \$11,400 for Make-A-Wish Oklahoma. From bake sales, shopping mall concerts, extra chores and babysitting - the kids all did “hard things” to make this year’s fundraiser one for the record books.

A KNIGHT TO REMEMBER

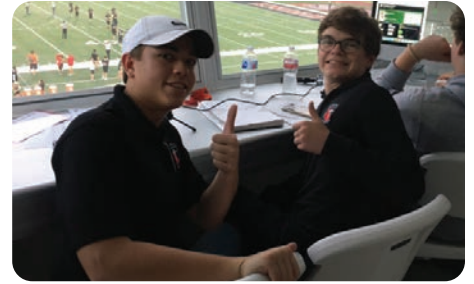
Fifth grade students gathered on March 13 in the CCS Performing Arts Center along with their families, friends, and teachers for “A Knight to Remember.” Students chose a person from the past or present who was considered a role model to all. Chosen role models included an amazing group of scientists, authors, government leaders, pastors, athletes, lawyers, and chefs. Students wrote “bioriddles” and read them from the stage while dressed as their role model and audience members wrote down their best guesses about the students’ identities. Students also created display boards and provided a variety of snacks representing their role model. It was indeed a night to remember!



CCS Middle School students enjoy a variety of activities and servant leadership opportunities throughout the year. Highlights for the 2017-2018 year included fall and spring social events, Stanley Hupfield Backpack Delivery, K.I.S.S. Days Service Projects, and the 7th and 8th grade Spring Fling Dance and Sock Hop. The CCS Middle School Student Council also allows for student leadership opportunities and provides fellowship at events for all fifth through eighth grade students to enjoy. Additionally, middle school students have the opportunity to practice what it means to be a Christ-centered servant leader at the Student Leadership Retreat. Students split firewood and winterized summer water features for the staff at New Life Ranch. After spending time serving, students participated in activities that fostered problem solving and team building skills while allowing them opportunities to reflect and build their individual leadership skills. The retreat was a special time for students and staff alike. Fifth and sixth grade students also took time to further appreciate our awesome God in his creation as a group at New Life Ranch. Each day students participated in initiatives that fostered problem solving, team building, and making connections with new friends. Students also enjoyed a creative worship experience that connected them with the love of Christ in the evenings.

UPPER SCHOOL

The CCS Upper School strives to prepare students for college and life through a variety of experiences including academics, athletics, and the arts. While ninth through twelfth grade students vary in their activities, all students experience an education that fosters fellowship, leadership, and service to others.



FRESHMEN

The Class of 2021 started the year off with the Freshman Class Retreat, a tradition that builds friendships and illustrates the role that friends will play in helping to navigate the high school years. This freshman class is the largest 9th grade class to date, with 73 students, and all of them traveled to Canyon Camp in Hinton, OK on the first weekend after the start of school. Students participated in group activities, praise and worship and team building exercises in preparation for high school while strengthening bonds with their classmates.

SOPHOMORES

Our sophomore class had an enjoyable experience planning, choreographing and practicing for the Lip Sync. Well over half of the 10th grade students participated in the performance and all of their hard work paid off with a third place finish in the competition. In addition, the Class of 2020 accumulated hundreds of hours of community service, highlighted by a class trip to Wings Events Center where they helped unload and organize pumpkins for the Wings Pumpkin Patch, their annual fall fundraiser.

JUNIORS

The Class of 2019 lived the most of every moment in 2017-18 and celebrated all year long. Juniors hosted the Used Uniform Sale, offering gently used uniform and spirit wear at discounted prices to CCS families. Proceeds from the sale are used for the Junior/Senior Prom budget. In addition to prom, the 11th grade students focused their community service efforts throughout the OKC/Edmond area, serving at locations including The Hope Center and Stanley Hupfeld Academy. The Junior class wrapped up their year with a highlight first place victory at Lip Sync. Playing off the theme, "One Hit Wonder."

S E N I O R S

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding: in all your ways submit to Him and HE will make your path straight." Proverbs 3:5-6



The Class of 2018 includes 53 students, the largest graduating class to date. 16 of those graduates are considered "CCS Lifers," attending CCS from preschool, kindergarten, or first grade through graduation. The Class of 2018 participated in a new, special event this year, Senior Surrender. Just as Hannah prayed and surrendered her son to the Lord in 1 Samuel 2:1-10, CCS seniors and their families gathered in prayer and to 'surrender' their sons and daughters to the Lord as they embark upon the next chapter in their lives after completing high school. Class of 2018 topped off the year by celebrating at the "happiest place on earth," The Magic Kingdom.

Career Day

Career Day is held every other year in the Upper School for all 8th - 12th graders. Over 30 professionals from areas of expertise ranging from accounting and architecture to law and medicine participated with students rotating through presentations. At the end of the day, a panel discussion was held with professionals answering questions from the students. This year's theme was "Not Just Your Average Career Day" where students were challenged to think about choosing a great life not just a great career.



Camp College

Keri Shields, Academic Counselor, began Camp College to help seniors begin their senior year with organization and confidence. Camp College has grown since 2014 and now includes a professional essay editor, college application and scholarship workshops, a College Fair, and a Q & A panel where several local and regional universities answer questions. This year all upper school students and parents are invited to the College Fair and Q & A panel on Wednesday, August 8th.

AP Testing

This year we had 100 students taking 190 Advanced Placement (AP) exams. By scoring well, students can obtain college credit through Advanced Placement.



CLASS OF

OKLAHOMA ACADEMIC SCHOLARS

To be distinguished as an Oklahoma Academic Scholar, a student must have at least a 3.7 unweighted grade point average and a minimum of 27 on the ACT. This year CCS had 22 seniors qualify as an Oklahoma Academic Scholars.

Lauren C.
Andrew C.
Gabe C.
Logan D.
Jared D.
Caleb G.
Rylie G.
Kali G.
Julia G.
Grace H.
Grace J.

Matthew L.
Taylor M.
John Mark M.
Matthew O.
Noah P.
Derek P.
Abri P.
Ellie R.
Alexis R.
Luke S.
Nancy W.

NATIONAL COMMENDED SCHOLARS

Approximately 1.5 million high school students take the PSAT each year. Of those 1.5 million, 50,000 or 3.3% are recognized as Commended Scholars.

Matthew L. and Noah P. have both earned this academic success and are recognized as Commended Scholars.

ALL - STATE

Volleyball - Elyce C.
Academic Team - Lauren C.
Policy Debate - Jared D.
Tennis - Grace J.
Band + Academic Team - Matthew L.
Soccer - Taylor M.
Pom - Grayson W.

ACT AVERAGE - 26.4

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

HOSA | FUTURE HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

The CCS chapter of HOSA, Future Healthcare Professionals, was established last fall. Under the direction of Brenda Chapman, 48 students participated in the group during its inaugural year. Members of HOSA each have a common interest in a career in science and medicine. The members of the organization elected CCS Chapter officers who attended the HOSA Fall Leadership Conference in Norman, Oklahoma. HOSA members also partnered with the Oklahoma Blood Institute to host a school blood drive.

ROBOTICS

The Robotics Season was a fast and furious adventure. Students traveled to Stillwater to meet with other teams from across Oklahoma and received new parts to use in the construction of a new challenge. This year's project was centered around video games and the CCS "Nuclear Knights" were challenged to create a robot to compete with and against other robots to defeat a boss. CCS students rose to the many challenges and designed and developed a robot capable of picking up boxes, lifting them in the air up to 12 feet, and climbing a tower. The team competed at the Cox Convention Center over the course of three days. Not only did the team experience success in the ring, but they grew as a team and look forward to building upon their efforts next season.

ARCHERY

The National Archery in the Schools program creates exciting opportunities for students to master the lifelong and unique skill of archery, as well to compete at the local, state and national level. Crossings hosted two qualifying tournaments for local schools and competed in other shoots held by schools or archery ranges in the area, prior to the State Shoot in February. Upper School Archery continued to excel and set new records: Boone H. '20 scored a 282 at Crossings' Winter Shoot and Ashley P. '20 scoring a 279 at State. The team competed in the State Shoot for the fourth year, placing 12th, and qualifying for the National Shoot for the second year in a row, making it the first CCS team to compete at a national tournament.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council hosted several events this year to promote school community and spirit. Starting the year off with the annual Back to School Bash and welcoming students on the first day of school added to the excitement while helping both seasoned and new students feel welcome. Fall and Winter Homecomings along with the Fall Ball provided fun and spirited culture-building activities for our students. STUCO also coordinated several K.I.S.S. days, Knights In the Service of the Students, providing students an opportunity to serve our community. Ninth through twelfth grade students served at Wings of Edmond, Stanley Hupfield Elementary, Habitat for Humanity, the Special Olympics, and the Hope Center. The annual Christmas Kisses Week was a success as students donated socks, diapers, toys, videos, and other items for local charities including the Infant Crisis Center, Cleats for Kids, and the OU Children's Hospital. Upper school students enjoyed the annual Lip Sync Competition sponsored by STUCO. Students plan, choreograph, and perform their 8-10 minute routine. While every group was a winner, the junior class took home the top prize this year. The CCS Student Council hosted the District 10 OASC Spring Conference at CCS for the first time. Over 300 students from local schools met on campus to fellowship, learn leadership skills and be inspired to be better leaders at their home school.

YEARBOOK

The 13th edition of the Squire, the CCS Yearbook, included 288 pages with a 17-page insert section. The publication also included aerial shots taken using a new drone and several videos accessed through QR codes, a first for the CCS Squire. Congratulations to the yearbook team for using their photography, writing, and editing skills to help create memories for each of our CCS Knights.

STEM

CCS STEM, Creative Tech, and Digital Art Courses were in full swing this year. Students were challenged to use their creativity and talents to create projects in a myriad of mediums. Students worked with 3D Printers to create architectural pieces while others used the laser cutter to create wall art or broken pieces for antique radios. Many student's projects spanned across different classes and curriculum. The collaboration between STEM courses and the arts, robotics, and other sciences create an exciting vision that will continue to grow for years to come.



DEBATE

The CCS Debate team experienced a year of “firsts” throughout their already robust program. From the varsity team to the incoming, first-time debaters, the policy team ranked on a national level for the first time. The team took home the gold at two different novice debate tournaments. The varsity team achieved second place in the OSSAA 5A State Sweepstakes in Policy and Debate, a rare title secured when only competing in one of the 14 events. Individually, Elizabeth C. '20 and Jackson H. '20, took home the title of 5A State Policy and Debate Champions, securing the title for CCS for the third consecutive year and fourth year overall. In addition to earning the title State Champs, both Elizabeth and Jackson were also named All-State. The success of the team led to qualifying for the National Debate Coaches Association in Atlanta.

SCHOLASTIC TEAM

Crossings' Upper School had another successful scholastic team season this past spring. Just seven Crossings students competed in the Seminole State College Interscholastic Meet and those students placed in the top five in twenty tests and earned the Sweepstakes Runner-Up award, competing against much larger teams. At this meet, Crossings' art students also won six photography awards and one sculpture award. More Crossings students competed in an online qualifying tournament, taking a total of 96 tests, and winning 45 top-three medals and finishing in the top 10 in another 36 tests. Finally, qualified Crossings' students competed at the High School Tournament of Champions, taking 67 tests, and winning 18 top three trophies and placing in the top 10 in another 32 tests.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The local CCS Chapter of the National Honor Society welcomed 146 students this year. Each student met or exceeded the guidelines of a 3.75 GPA and 40 hours of community service annually. Additionally, students in the CCS National Honor Society exemplify high levels of leadership and character throughout their daily lives. Building upon these characteristics, the CCS chapter will institute opportunities for peer-tutoring throughout the upper school as well as introducing a “Going Green” initiative reducing our ecological footprint as a school and within our community in the 2018-19 school year.

ACADEMIC TEAM

Crossings' academic teams continued to excel at all levels from fourth through twelfth grade and in both OSSAA and OAAC competitions. The varsity academic bowl team won both its district and regional tournaments, placed second in the area meet, and then staged an exciting comeback against a top competitor at the OSSAA state tournament to win Crossings' third state championship and its second in Class 3A. The CCS Academic Team also competed in the OAAC on-line competition against the largest schools in the state, winning the overall Sweepstakes award, placing first in the Math, Humanities and Language Arts tournaments, and placing second in the Science and Social Studies tournaments.

GIRLS SPIRITUAL FORMATION

The phrase, “The deeper the roots, the higher the reach” conveys what living fully is all about. The upper school girls met for Bible study during lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays this year. They were met with a home-cooked meal and a lesson from the study #LiveFully. The girls worked through the study, #LiveFully and used their time together to begin to understand their God-given calling on Earth and what a “full life” means. They also uncovered some of the obstacles that sometimes keep many from living the full life. Once a month, the older girls led the younger girls in discussions on how to practically apply the principles the girls learned about in their everyday lives. Pizza was served, relationships were nurtured, struggles were shared and prayers were prayed - all with the confidence that God cares and wants to take those burdens from us. Small group time also allowed the girls to be challenged and discuss how to be the salt of the earth, as Jesus called us to do in Matthew 5:13.

BOYS SPIRITUAL FORMATION

The upper school boys met weekly in small groups. Each group was led by a mentor teacher with a goal to discuss relevant topics covered in chapel as well as learning to deal with day-to-day challenges. These small groups allow our young men to bear one another's burdens and to encourage each other's daily walk. They are learning that “no man is an island” and “we need each other” and they can choose to be men of integrity by the way they live their lives. Small groups are about helping young men find healthy ways to confront their personal challenges while learning how to support others along the way.



I CAN ONLY IMAGINE

In the fall of 2016, a producer of an upcoming Christian film approached CCS after hearing our upper school choir perform at a benefit auction. The students filmed scenes for the movie and recorded the vocal tracks last fall. This spring, the inspirational movie "I Can Only Imagine" was released to widespread public praise from viewers. The movie portrayed the life of Bart Millard and his journey that ultimately inspired the powerful song by Mercy Me. CCS vocal students had the unique opportunity to portray Bart's high school choir in the film. While it was just a few minutes of screen time, the memories will last a lifetime!

VOCALS & SHOW CHOIR

The CCS Upper School Vocals group and Show Choir took to the stage this spring with competitions at Carl Albert High School and a Superior Rating and 3rd Place finish at the prestigious Edmond Santa Fe High School Show Choir Festival. Senior Abri P. earned a seat in the Central Oklahoma Choral Director's Association Mixed Chorus and performed a fantastic concert in January. In February, the US and 7th/8th Choir both competed at District Contest at Western Heights. The US earned a Superior on stage and in the Sight-reading room and advanced to State Contest in March where they earned an Excellent rating. Numerous students also earned superior and excellent ratings in the categories solo and ensemble.



THEATRE ARTS

This year was a banner year for the Theatre Arts at CCS. Our middle school musical, *The Lion King Jr.*, was student led and run. Upper school student leaders did a phenomenal job leading a team of 68 middle school students, creating a fantastic musical experience.



Both groups worked long hours to bring this production to life while exhibiting dedication, passion and work ethic. The CCS fall play, *A Christmas Carol*, featured a combined cast of middle and upper school students. With a cast ranging from 5th-12th grade students, upper school students had the unique opportunity to pour into their younger cast-mates through discipleship.

This spring, Percival's Players presented a truly magical production of *Cinderella*. Moments like Cinderella's dress transformations and a variety of stunts led to spectacular choreography and dance ensembles. This musical marked our third year to have the music played live by our own pit orchestra, led by orchestra teacher Jenn Bounds.

BAND

In March, the upper school band earned their second trip to State Band Contest and came away with CCS's first Superior Rating for a large ensemble at State Contest. Three judges awarded them the highest rating for their performance on stage and an additional Superior rating in the difficult sight-reading room. Additionally, Senior John Mark M. qualified for State Solo Contest on classical guitar. John Mark also earned a Superior rating with his performance.



Senior Matthew L. recently graduated with the distinction of being the first CCS Band All-State Performer; securing the title not once, but twice! As a sophomore, Matthew auditioned and earned a seat in the 2A-3A-4A All-State Band and as a junior earned the 2nd highest score in the state on Tenor Sax, securing a seat in the All-Class Oklahoma Music Educators All-State Band. Matthew's leadership in music and academics has created a standard for future students to look to achieve for many years.



JAZZ BAND

The Jazz Band Ensemble sprang to life this year in the middle and upper school. The Middle School Jazz Band performed for the Henderson Hills Senior Adult Monthly Dinner as well as competing at the OBU Jazz Festival where they earned a Superior rating. The Upper School Jazz Band also had a full slate of performances including CCS Grandparents Day, a Pre-Assembly Concert at the Veterans

Day Assembly, Crossings Community Church, and for the Henderson Hills Senior Adults. The Jazz Band earned Excellent ratings with a difficult, but crowd-pleasing set of tunes at the OBU Jazz Festival, ACSI Music Festival and State Jazz Festival.

ORCHESTRA

The middle and upper school orchestra groups enjoyed a year full of performances and competition. Middle school orchestra attended District and received straight superiors on their stage performance and sight reading, earning them the Overall Achievement Award for the 3rd year in a row. They also took several ensembles and solos to district in March and received superior ratings on each of their performances. Upper school performances included a multitude of school events including opportunities in the CCS productions of *Cinderella* and *The Lion King, Jr.* Members of the group enjoyed success at the OSSAA State Solo and Ensemble contest earning several superior ratings. This spring, the group participated in the State large orchestra contest receiving an excellent rating for stage performance.

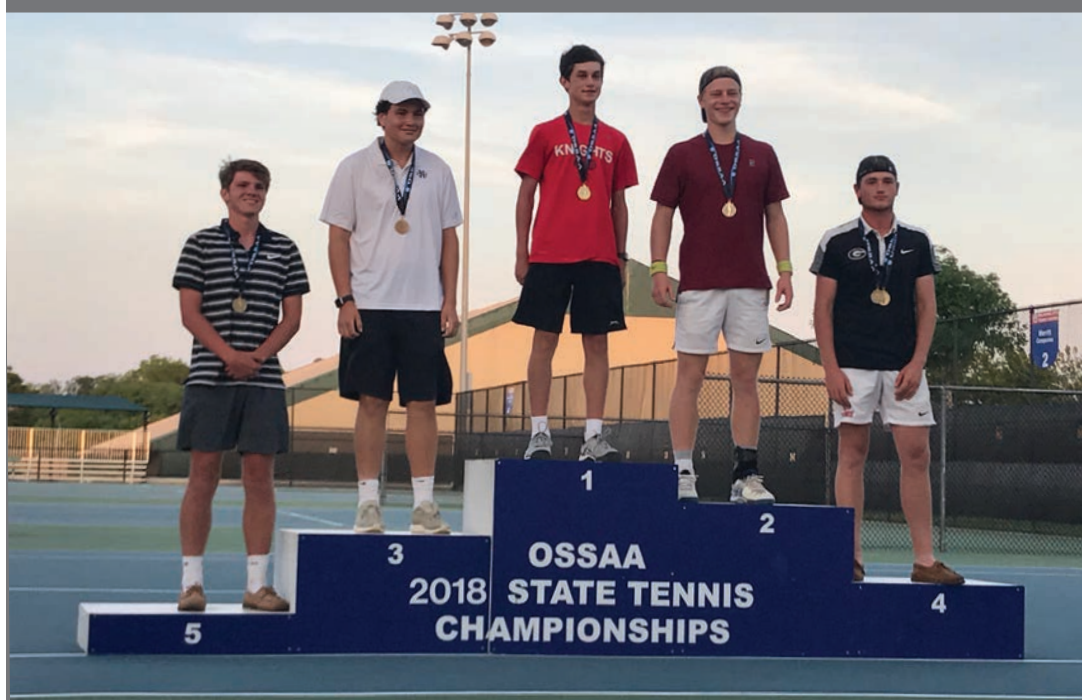
STATE CHAMPIONS



The Crossings Christian School volleyball team capped off the season as the OSSAA 3A State Champions! It was an exciting season that finished with an incredible 3-2 victory in the state finals. Crossings will graduate two seniors this year—Elyce C. and Rylie G.

Elyce and Rylie have been instrumental members of the volleyball team since their freshman year. Their presence and abilities on the court will be missed.

Crossings will be returning with 5 seniors this year including 3A MVP Megan H. '19. This fall, volleyball will move to 4A competition and look forward to another strong season.



CCS Freshman, Daniel H. earned the school's first ever tennis state championship.

Haley secured the OSSAA Class 4A State Championship in No. 1 Singles.



FOOTBALL

New coach, Jonathon Keathly, and the Knights football team grew together as a unit and won five of their final seven regular games this season, qualifying for the state playoffs. The winning streak included the team's first ever victory over Wayne and top ten ranked Wynnewood. The team, led by 8 seniors, may have started the season with three tough losses, but returned home to face 2A Stroud as a decided underdog. A dominant defensive performance and opportunistic offense led to a 27-8 victory and set the stage for the second half of the season. Facing Apache in the first round of the playoffs, CCS led most of the game before falling short of the program's first playoff win in the final seconds. After the season, six Knights were selected to the All-District team. Seniors Trip D. and Ethan G. also signed to play Division II next fall.

CROSS COUNTRY

CCS Cross Country athletes completed another successful season, qualifying for State for the second consecutive year. Over the past two seasons, the Knights' girls and boys have qualified for State and placed as a team at the State Meet. The 2016 season was led by Megan S. '19 who medaled and ran a personal best time of 13:30 and Daniel K. '20 who also finished 15th at the state level. The boys team took 7th place, were named as Academic Award Winners, and secured the title of OSSAA 2A Boys Cross Country Academic Champions.

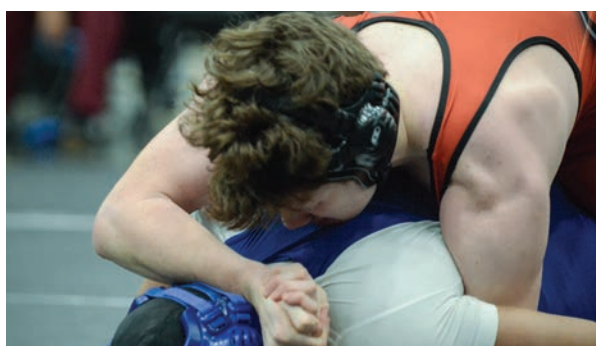


SOFTBALL

The Crossings Christian Lady Knights Softball team had the most wins in program history this past season, continuing their trend of growth and improvement. The Knights are led by a group of strong players, one already catching the eye of scouts in Oklahoma and throughout the country. Stop by and catch a game this fall as the Lady Knights look to another great season ahead!

CHEER & POM

The CCS Cheer Team and Pom Squad continues to lead the way in school spirit! The cheer team, comprised of 16 athletes, secured the Class 3A title of Regional Runner-Up, qualifying them for state where they placed 5th. The pom squad performed at a variety of events and senior Grayson W. was named Pom All-State, a first for the Knights. The Spirit Teams also partnered for a special routine spreading school spirit with over 30 girls combined.



WRESTLING

CCS Wrestling experienced its best season in the history of the program. The varsity team placed in the top 4 in two tournaments, bringing home the first team trophy for their 3rd place win at a Louisiana tournament. The season also saw its highest number of wrestlers competing into the second day of regionals and Senior Logan D. was the first Knight to qualify for state. Through the leadership of the varsity team and the seniors, the middle school team also saw success taking 2nd place in the All-State tournament and the Novice State Championship.



GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Lady Knights basketball team made history in spite of an incredibly challenging schedule. Their perseverance paved the way for a playoff run in Class 2A Regionals, making post season history for the Lady Knights. Senior, Alexis R., signed a Division II scholarship to play basketball, also a first for a member of the girls' basketball team. Coach and his team look forward to next season and will make history yet again with the largest number of participants in the program to date.



BOYS BASKETBALL

The CCS boys basketball teams achieved success both on and off the court. On the court, the varsity team compiled the most wins in program history with 22 victories. The team also secured their best winning percentage in program history, 22-9 for a 71.0% win percentage. The season continued into the playoffs as the 2A Area Consolation Champions reached the OSSAA 2A State Tournament as quarterfinalists for the second time in school history. Off the court, students showed strength in the classroom winning another Academic Achievement Certificate with a 3.440 team GPA, served many people through various service projects, and became a close, united, and unselfish group.



TRACK

The Knights track team topped 100 athletes ranging from 6-12th grade. The varsity team made a name for themselves by being the smallest school (2A) competing against fifteen 5A/6A schools and having 15 top 10 finishes among 835 athletes. This was the first year we had female pole vaulters, high school boys relay medal at the State track meet, and 18 varsity athletes in 22 events for the state track meet. While the Knights achieved many things on the track and in the field, their biggest impact came from their servant leadership to others. The team grilled hamburgers and hotdogs to serve other teams at each track meet, learning to be the hands and feet of Christ through service, prayer, and support of others.



TENNIS

The Boys and Girls Tennis teams experienced memorable seasons! Freshman, Daniel H. earned the title OSSAA Class 4A State Champion in Number 1 Singles. The teams also experienced success, both taking first place at the Lawton Mac and Little Axe Tournaments. The boys team capped the season off by securing the OSSAA 4A Regional Championship and 3rd place at the state tournament. The girls finished second in the 5A regionals and also placed at State.





GIRLS SOCCER

The 2017-2018 Crossings Girls soccer season was a success, academically and athletically! The Lady Knights ended the year with a 9-4 record, the best in Crossings Christian School history. Their winning season also earned the team their first appearance in the OSSAA tournament. Three girls earned their place on the All-District team and one senior earned All-State honors. The team was also awarded the OSSAA Academic Achievement Award for their collective GPA scores of over 3.25.



BOYS SOCCER

2018 was the inaugural season for the boys soccer program. The team was comprised of 8th grade students, many new to the game of soccer. The boys grew in their soccer skills overall as a team. Coach Eric Morrison, is excited to bring the program to the next level as they introduce the first CCS varsity team in the spring of 2020.



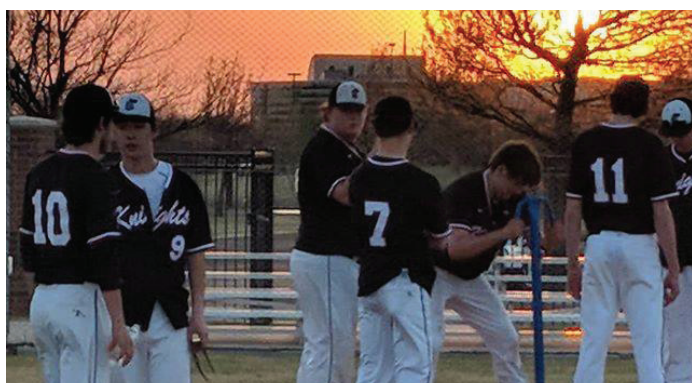
GIRLS GOLF

The varsity girls golf team was small in numbers but mighty on the course. Each of the ladies finished the season strong. Kylie S. '20 dropped her overall score 25 shots, Georgie F. '18 was only 1 shot away from qualifying for state. Sara A. '20 shot her career best 75 in tournament play ending the season with 81-84. Sara's success led her to the state tournament where she finished top 3 in the 2A Girls State Golf Championship.



BOYS GOLF

The Knights Boys Golf team experienced another great season on the course. The team went on to sweep the competition at the Regional Qualifiers by 20 strokes and were named Regional Runner-Up. The team earned 3rd place at state for the second consecutive year and sophomore Craig S. received an Individual Medal for placing 10th overall. The Knights will move up to Class 3A next spring, but have taken Philipians 3:13-14 to heart and look forward to the challenge.



BASEBALL

The Knights Baseball team played a strong season with a 14-15 record that included Crossings' first tournament championship. The team also celebrated being the new Alva Tournament Champions. Eight players received honors as All-Conference players and Trip D. '18, was named 1st Class 2A All-Star.




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