FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Parents and Guardians,

“Crossroads Center will inspire students to overcome academic and personal obstacles to be prepared to succeed in college or a career through innovative teaching and learning.

Faculty and staff strive to create a compassionate, structured, culturally responsive climate that seeks to foster students’ individual strengths and develop social emotional growth through high expectations and a daily commitment to repairing and restoring relationships.”

The quotation above is our Mission Statement. It reflects the efforts that faculty, parents, students and community stakeholders put into our work here every day. I am proud to be a school leader, and I take seriously my role as the adult who is most responsible for your child’s well-being and learning while they are with us. There is a sense of purpose and support here that is not found in most schools. As our Mission Statement says, we have a “daily commitment to repairing and restoring relationships.” I believe that this quality is one of our greatest strengths. Our achievements over the last few years are further evidence of the great things going on here.

One of my goals this year is to increase the degree of connection that our families feel for our school and community. I think that much of what we learn in school and in life is “caught” rather than “taught.” A positive attitude, self confidence, and a will to overcome obstacles are nurtured by strong involvement in the school community. Students often “catch” these positives when they have good mentors and role models at home, in school and in clubs, sports and other activities. During the week of October 7-11, our students will be taking their first Experiential Learning trips. This year we are heading to Towson University to practice team building on their outdoor ropes course. Students will work together in the outdoors to solve problems and overcome obstacles. This is a great way to establish those strong relationships that will carry us through the year.

To get more families more involved and connected, we are looking forward to our annual Fall Family Festival! This outreach is planned and completed by teachers, staff and students. It is a
Student growth and achievement is always our primary purpose at Crossroads. Please ensure that your child is in school each day, and is completing all assignments. In the approaching flu season, it is important to note that if a child is sick, he or she should rest and recuperate. Otherwise, it is critical for your child to be in school every day and participate fully in school.

American Education week begins on November 18th and runs through November 22nd. As always, the classroom doors are wide open for you all of that week (and any time) so please try to stop in!

Thank you for your continued support. Our scholars truly do excel and learn when parents and teachers work as partners!

Sincerely,

John S. Ward
Principal

**MAGNET PROGRAMS**

If your current 8th or 9th grade student is interested in applying to one of the many magnet programs in Baltimore County, applications are now available on line at the BCPS Magnet Program's Web site (tinyurl.com/BCPSMagnet). Please contact your child's school counselor if you have any questions or concerns regarding Magnet Programs, or ask your student for the brochure they were issued earlier this year. Additionally, the following Magnet Showcase Events are scheduled through October. Attending a Magnet Showcase Event of the program(s) the student is interested in is an invaluable way to get a feel for the program before applying.

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As part of the wonderful things that are happening here at Crossroads Center we are introducing the Virtues Project in conjunction with the Mind Over Matters Campaign to students and staff. *What is the Virtues Project?* It is a character building program that is designed to bring out the best in every individual. What is a virtue? It is thinking and doing what is right and avoiding what is wrong, a way of behaving. *What is the Mind Over Matters Campaign?* It is a monthly initiative focusing on issues that effect our students daily. Along with a monthly focus, there is a monthly Mind Over Matters theme as well.

We are asking that all students and staff join in as we all continue to build positive character by demonstrating and encouraging each other to be the best that we can be. During the remainder of the year we will be learning a different virtue and its meaning each week. Virtues will be featured on the morning announcements, and guidance counselors will come through at the start of each month to discuss these Virtues with students. Monthly virtues will be
COMMUNITY NEWS

ANTARCTIC COMMUNITY

Students are off to a great start with more than half of the community attending our incentive trips so far and every student qualifying for either gold or silver at least once already this school year! After the application and hiring process we are happy to congratulate the following students with community jobs: Amare Hewitt, Marlon Jones, Star Potter, Devin Yates, Caron Bowles, Zachary Brown, Ciarra Jackson, Da’jinae Jones, Nyasa Rolsal, Taiyana Neblett-Harris, Trey Osborne, Gari Stokes and Jaden Thomas. These students are paid every Friday at school store time for their hard work😊

MAP TESTING 10/3 AND 10/4 Please be present and on time.

In our classrooms:

Science: In our first unit students will investigate energy, specifically the transfer of heat. Students will apply the knowledge gained to answer the essential question “How is energy transferred between objects or systems?” In the culminating project, students will engineer a device that will transfer thermal energy to heat and change the state of matter to efficiently melt chocolate to create a s’more treat.

Social Studies: 7th graders have been working hard at answering the big question of "Why study history?" We've been conducting research on families that lived over 200 years ago and recently we've been hard at work creating our first "Discovery Board" on the characteristics of a civilization!

Language Arts: Students are studying about people who have taken bold actions. Everything from Greek myths to Jackie Robinson to a plane crashing in the middle of the Hudson River are a part of unit one. Students will end the quarter completing a compelling project (PBA) in which they compare different versions of a similar story told in text and video.

Math: Students are engaging with order of operations and continuing to work on skills reinforced with Ascend Math.

INDIAN COMMUNITY
Indian Community students made pinwheels for International Peace Day and designed them to represent our movement towards climate change. Mrs. Drury, our 8th grade science teacher, led the project. Students and staff can check out the display on the windows next to the administrative office.

AVID Highlight:
- September Skill: Focused note taking, which is being utilized in all content areas
- September Project: Visionary Boards representing the short and long term life goals of each student

**PACIFIC COMMUNITY**

On Tuesday, October 8, 2019, students from the Pacific Community will participate in an Experiential learning activity at Towson University. Students will work on team building and problem-solving activities. This trip is open to all 9th-grade students.
Also, during October, students who maintain a grade of a C and above in each class will be invited to our monthly incentive trip to Jones Family Farm where they will walk through a corn maze and enjoy other fall activities during their visit.

**ARCTIC COMMUNITY**

**What is SPARC?**
SPARC is our Baltimore county credit recovery online platform. Your students access SPARC via the web and can work on this platform from home.

**Why SPARC?**
SPARC is a self-paced blended learning platform that allows students to work at their own pace while being provided face to face support and individualized learning opportunities.

**How often?**
You student has SPARC 1-4 periods a day. Their work pace is monitored by their teacher and they are provided daily goals to reach specific targets.

**NEW to Sparc:**
In the next few weeks we are going to start gauging interest for an afterschool work session. Students will need to sign up ahead of time and provide transportation. Please let me know if you have questions or would like more information. Students who sign up will be getting a phone call before they can attend. Any comments/questions can be sent to Aglover2@bcps.org

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**Ms. Glover’s Science Superstars for September**

These students are doing awesome work in Science SPARC courses so far!

- Amauri
- Shamira
- Mariah
- Phoenix
- Shane
- Sharonda
Mr. Adams’ Sparc Superstars for September

Phoenix for completing two units of U.S. History!
Shane for completing one unit of U.S. History!
Mary Rose for completing two units of Economics!
Da'jah for completing two units of Economics!

Mr. Adams’ Social Studies Superstars for September

As of September 26th, the following students have an A in one of my history classes!

Marih
Salem
Phoenix
Shane
Emalii
Jailin
Chisuna
Amauri
Mr. Esposito’s SPARC high achievers 9/2019

Christina Le finished Unit 1 of Geometry SPARC!
Emaahli finished Unit 1 of Geometry SPARC!
Dante finished Unit 1 of Geometry SPARC!

Mr. Esposito’s Algebra 1 Superstars for September

These students are crushing it in Algebra 1 so far this year! 90% average or above! Great work, keep it up!

Mariah        Aiden
Zhara         Michaela
Avianna      Aaron
Jerrell         Jordan
Savannah     Malaya

Mr. Esposito’s Geometry Superstars for September

These students are crushing it in Geometry so far this year! 90% average or above! Great work, keep it up!

Phoezix  Cole
Iyanna   Dillon
Kaylia   Dylan
Yamar    Cierra
Ronda   Ta’Jah
Arctic English Updates

September 15th-October 15th  
September 22nd-September 28th  
September 23rd

National Hispanic Heritage Month
Banned Books Week
National Voter Registration Day

Project LIT #ProjectLITBookClub @projectLITcomm YA selections

Scholars will be selecting their first independent novels to read on Friday, September 27th! Please discuss the book your reader has selected to ensure that they are reading and enjoying it and that you approve of their choice. Thank you for your support, and happy reading! —Ms. Nielsen

SPOTTED IN SEPTEMBER
UPCOMING EVENTS

PSAT DAY
OCTOBER 16
9th Graders will take PSAT 8/9, while 10th and 11th graders take PSAT/NMSTQ! BCPS covers all testing fees!

PINK DAY
OCTOBER 22
Show your support for breast cancer awareness month by wearing pink!

SAVE THE DATE - NOVEMBER 9TH
Join us Saturday November 9th for our annual Fall Family Festival! We look forward to games, food, and spending time together as a Crossroads Community. More information will be shared with you soon!
PBIS October/November Important Dates:

10/2/19 Eastern Regional
10/4/19 Club Surveys
10/16/19 Eastern Regional
10/25/19 First Day of Clubs
10/30/19 Eastern Regional
11/6/19 Jones Family Farm
11/9/19 Fall Family Festival 12:30 – 2:30
11/13/19 Eastern Regional
11/22/19 Clubs
11/27/19 Eastern Regional