

2014
SCHOOL
GRADE "A"

The Scorpion Script

A High-
Performing
Tuition-free,
public K-12
Charter School

"At Crossroad Academy, We take the Business of Education, Seriously!"

August 2014

Millions of Fathers Show Up On The First Day



Fathers escorting the sons to CACS on August 18, 2014

The first day of school is like no other day for families and teachers alike. For the second year in a row, we make the first day of school the "Father's Bring your Child to School Day," as a part of the National Million Father March. A father who actively participates in the educational and social development life of a child is invaluable and irreplaceable.

As noted in the Black Star Project, statistics from the National Fatherhood Initiative support these findings and show that when fathers and men are regularly and substantially involved in the education and social development of children, children have higher standardized test scores, higher grade point averages, higher attendance rates and higher graduation rates from high school. Additionally, they have lower rates of suspension, expulsion, arrest, fewer incidents of violent behavior, and they are less likely to use drugs, alcohol or engage in premature sex. **The Crossroad family salutes all fathers and role fathers for actively participating in this event.**

Begin A New Year The Right Way

Drop off: Not before 7:00am

Breakfast: 7:10-7:40am

School Starts/Warning Bell: 7:40am

Tardy Bell: 7:45am

(4 tardies in 9 weeks to school or class means trouble)

Picking up Early? Arrive by 2:00pm

Students are not released between 2:00-2:30pm

Dismissal: 2:35pm

Bus Departure: 2:45pm

No supervision after 3:00pm. Late fees will apply.

Be sure to get in uniform. Uniform penalties begin September 2, 2014. See Dress Code on the school website. Please update: contact information, medications, and allergies. Food allergies require and updated doctor's report on medical letterhead listing the food and substitute requirement.

Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Seventh graders MUST have current immunizations to remain in school.

COMING SOON...

August

28 Open House: Pre-K -5th Grade: 5:30pm-6:30pm

29 Anti-Bullying Assemblies 8:00-10:00am

September

1 NO SCHOOL-Labor Day

5 Grandparents Luncheon: 10:15-12:15pm

12 Registration deadline for SAT

17 1st Nine Weeks MIDTERM

19 Registration deadline for ACT

25 Mandatory PTO/SAC Meeting 5:30pm

26 Hispanic Heritage Fiesta

**WELCOME TO OVER 430
STUDENTS AND FAMILIES**



New Changes in State Standards Will Challenge Teachers and Students

The State of Florida adopted new standards. As a result, Florida's teachers are transitioning from designing courses and lessons based on the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards to using the Florida Standards. Both the *Mathematics Florida Standards (MAFS)* and *Language Arts Florida Standards (LAFS)* were approved by the Florida State Board of Education on February 18, 2014. Based on the results of the public comment, in January of 2014, the Department recommended that changes be made to the original Common Core State Standards adopted in July 2010. Both of the finalized *MAFS* and *LAFS* are to be fully implemented across the grades in the 2014-15 school year.

In reading, the Florida Standards will include a greater use of informational and nonfiction texts and reduce the use of fictional texts. Additionally, the complexity of assigned reading passages will increase and the texts will include academic vocabulary appropriate for challenging students in each grade. In mathematics, there will be a greater focus on key topics that are crucial for a student to succeed at the next level of the mathematics curriculum. The mathematics curriculum is more challenging and more rigorous. Increased emphasis will be placed on conceptual understanding as opposed to just learning a formula and there will be more applications of the concepts to demonstrate in-depth comprehension of the material. A full copy of the new Florida Standards can be found on the website.



Elementary Updates

Elementary students will see a new Math series in MyMath. MyMath by McGraw Hill is a completely consumable program where the students will interact with the text in numerous ways throughout the learning cycle.

Welcome to the Elementary Staff

Ms. Lucretia Battles, Pre-K
Ms. Chaia Johnson, Kindergarten
Ms. Natasha Sarjeant, 4th Grade

Welcome to the Specials/Elective Staff

Ms. Kiana Cogdell-K-12 Spanish
Ms. Q'Vanda Curry-Physical Education
Ms. Laura-Nicole Houston-Middle Writing

Secondary Updates

Secondary students face more responsibility in 2014-2015. The secondary school is now divided into two teams middle and high school. Each team consists of 4 core teachers and 2 electives. Two additional AP courses have been added bringing the total to 3. Technology students will be required to master the entire office bundle in one year. New interactive English Language Arts and Mathematics textbooks are called Springboard and were developed by the College Board, developers of the SAT.

Welcome to the Secondary Staff

Ms. Danielle Price, Middle School Social Studies
Mr. Marlon Johnson-High School English
Ms. Heather Lee-High School Math
Ms. Rachel Johnson-High School Social Studies

