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Matthew 5:16



Cresset Christian Academy's First Creative Writing Anthology!

Cresset will be producing our own creative writing anthology, featuring stories from across our school spectrum: kindergarten, elementary, middle, and upper schools. Faculty and staff are encouraged to participate as well! Creative writing features short stories, poetry, and non-fiction essays. If you have questions, please contact **Mrs. Stephanie Smith** as soon as possible. **The deadline for submission is Friday, April 2.** Entries should be submitted electronically to ssmith@cressetchristian.org. All work is subject to administrative approval. Anthologies will be produced in April and sold to parents and the public at a nominal fee as we approach the close of the school year.

Spring Production 2010
April 22-25

Rogers & Hammerstein's

THE KING & I

Dates for Musical:

April 22-23 Thursday/Friday Dinner Theater 6 pm
April 24-25 Saturday/Sunday 2:30 pm Matinees
April 24 Saturday evening 7:30 pm

Thanks to Mr. David Smith (father of Olivia in 4th grade) who worked tirelessly for many hours developing our Cresset "Ticket-master" website; you can order your tickets and seats online starting March 8!

Instructions will be coming soon.



Mark Your Calendar!

Make a note of these important dates!

- Feb. 28 CBC Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
- Mar. 3-5 Upper School Enrichment Week/NY Trip
- Mar. 4 CCA Piano Festival
- Mar. 6 Eighth Grade Banquet
- Mar. 9 Gr. 6-11, Spring Pictures
- Mar. 10 Gr. K-5, Spring Pictures
- Mar. 11 PS Spring Pictures
- Mar. 11-17 Senior Trip
- Mar. 12-15 NO SCHOOL, Spring Break
- Mar. 22 Chuck-E-Cheese Family Night
- Mar. 27 Church Work Day
- Apr. 2-11 NO SCHOOL, Easter Holiday
- Apr. 12-28 Drivers' Educ. Class
- Apr. 22-25 School Musical "The King and I"
- April 26 Golf Classic
- Apr. 27-30 Achievement Testing
- May 4-6 Grade 5 trip to Wash. DC
- May 5-7 Grade 8 trip to NC Coast
- May 7 Junior/Senior Prom
- May 10-12 Senior Exams
- May 10-14 Book Fair
- May 11 Upper School Concerts
- May 13 Lower School Concerts
- May 17 Athletic Awards, 7pm
- May 19 Volunteer Appreciation, 3 pm
- May 21 Upper School Awards
- May 24-25 Senior World-view Presentations

Better Than Spell-Check!

The 2010 ACSI District Spelling Bee was held at Millers Creek Christian School in Millers Creek, NC, on February 19, 2010. Students in grades 5-8 from Cresset Christian Academy represented one of five schools participating in this bee. Cresset Advisors were **Mrs. Diggs** and **Mrs. Stewart**.

Students representing Cresset were:

5th Grade

Joshua Lockley—2nd place winner

Christian Scott—3rd place winner

Emily Sherron

Travis Faircloth

6th Grade

Charity Yeyeodu—3rd place winner

Maredith Devlin

Everett Cockrell

Darryl J. Crockett

7th Grade

Adeline Diggs—2nd place winner

Jenny Black

Cameron Brophy

Victoria Whitley

8th Grade

Maggie Addison—1st place winner

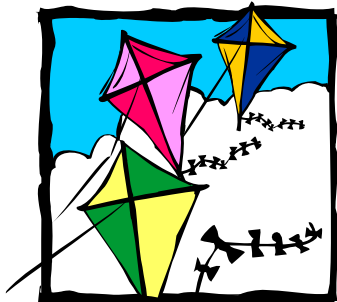
David Yeyeodu—2nd place winner

Nataly Stewart

Joshua Lemire

NOTE: 1st and 2nd place winners in each grade also competed again all together. (**Cresset had 4 students out of the 8 competing in this overall competition.**) **Maggie Addison** placed 2nd in this Final Spell Off and will be going to the **ACSI Regional Spelling Bee in Atlanta, Georgia.**

We would like to congratulate these students and especially those who placed. Congratulations! You made Cresset proud. We also say, "Thank You," to the parents of these students who worked so hard with them. To our volunteers: **Mrs. Huff**, spelling bee practice Spell Master; **Mrs. Yeyeodu**, chaperone and Round Keeper; and **Mrs. Black**, chaperone and Arbitrator, we also say, "Thank You!" We could not have done this without your help.



Olympians Flex Math Muscles

36 students, 6:30 a.m., 3 teachers, 2 buses, and a partridge in a pear tree. Well, no partridge, and no pear tree, but the 36 students, 3 teachers, and 2 buses made their way to Millers Creek Christian School on Friday, Feb. 12, for the annual ACSI Math Olympics. "Mathletes" ranged in age from 3rd to 8th grade and competed in areas of reasoning and computation against students from Crossroads of Statesville, Millers Creek, and High Point. Cresset brought home 20 ribbons! Congratulations to all Math Olympians and many thanks to the parents and teachers who helped to make this event possible.

3rd grade

Morgan Noel – Third place, Computation

Anna Madden

Katrina Mattson

Ben Yeyeodu

Daniel Morales – Second place, Reasoning

Caroline Wellons – Fourth place, Reasoning

4th grade

Beck Addison – Third place, Computation

Walker Chambers

Olivia Smith – Fifth place, Computation

Kolby Craig – Fourth place, Reasoning

Connor Wellons

Tori Fox



5th grade

Logan Mattson – Second place, Computation

Josh Lockley – Fifth place, Computation

Marissa Helms – Fourth place, Computation

Emily Sherron

Travis Faircloth – Fifth place, Reasoning



6th Grade

Jacari Daye

Everett Cockrell—First Place, Computation

Charity Yeyeodu

Maredith Devlin—First Place, Reasoning

Tommy Medaiyese – Fifth place, Reasoning

Jose Quinones

7th Grade

Cameron Brophy – Fourth place, Computation

Hollin Boy

Jenny Black

Victoria Whitley – Fourth place, Reasoning

Joey Tenaglia

Lauren Vuytecki

8th Grade

Simon Hong – Third place, Computation

Sarah Anderle – Fifth place,
Computation

Richie Huff – Fourth place, Computation

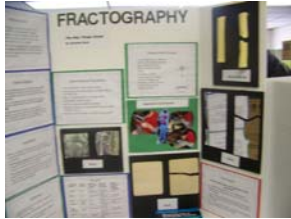
Marcus Means – Fourth place, Reasoning

Drew Daffron – Fifth place, Reasoning



Science Fair Projects— Outstanding!

On February 11th, Cresset's Science National Honor Society hosted an Upper School Science Fair. The participants did an outstanding job! One of the judges stated, "The level of difficulty of the projects is evident and the professionalism of the presentations is impressive."



Thank you goes out to all the highly qualified judges, **Judy Smith, Gene Smith, Steve Bollinger, Dawn Bowles, Ron Shearin, John Whitley, Adam Cockrell** and the Science

National Honor Society judges.

The winners are listed below:

Eighth grade Physical Science category:

Christian Boyd—1st place

Nataly Stewart—2nd place

Simon Hong—3rd place

Honorable mention: **Chynah**

Allen, Jonathan Creel, Drew

Daffron, and Lee Reynolds



Eighth grade Life Science category:

Sadie Carpenter—1st place

Sarah Anderle—2nd place

Matthew Mangum—3rd place



Eighth grade Earth Science category:

Charlie Pierce—1st place

David Yeyeodu—2nd place

Micah Stewart—3rd place

High School Chemistry category:

Grace Yeyeodu—1st place

Taylor Massey—2nd place

Nicole Whitley—3rd place

Honorable Mention: **Nicole Daniel, Michael James Stafford, Dominique Wright, and Brittany White**



High School Biology/

Environmental Science category:

Hannah Kiefer—1st place

Alexandra Stafford—2nd place

Alex Watkins—3rd place

JB Baek—Honorable Mention

High School Physics category:

Rebecca Min—1st place

Brian Park—2nd place

Joshua Castellucci—3rd place

Mitchell Farrell—Honorable Mention



Financial Aid for College Starts Here!

If you are a senior or a parent of one of our bright and shining stars headed for college next year and would like some help with the tuition, your first step is to fill out the **FREE APPLICATION FOR STUDENT AID or FAFSA**. The website is www.fafsa.gov. You can find a tutorial for the process at CFNC.org. Parents should do this now as the scholarships are going fast. **As soon as your taxes are done you can fill in the information.** If you cannot get your taxes done early, you can make your best estimate of what the numbers will be and go back later to fix the final amount.

Every school uses this information to determine scholarships, grants and loan amounts. Each college has its own deadline for the FAFSA. Some private scholarships require the FAFSA as well. Never pay anyone to do the FAFSA for you. Remember FAFSA's first word is FREE!

Lost and Found is Growing!

If you or your child has lost a jacket, coat, lunch box, or other assorted items, please check in the office to claim the item. Purses, glasses, electronic gear, and jewelry are usually kept on a staff member's desk in the office and need to be identified before seeing.

Unclaimed items without identifying names are usually given to charity every other month. March 26 and June 1 are the last two dates to empty our Lost and Found.

Cresset Baptist Church-Work Day March 27, 2010

Join the teachers and members of Cresset Baptist Church for a day to beautify and clean our buildings and grounds. All help is appreciated. No skills are too little. Lunch will be provided.

Summer Day-Camp 2010



June 7-July 30

Time:

7:30a.m. - 5:30p.m.

- For preschool aged children
- Infants 6 weeks to 5 years old
- Lunch & snacks provided
- Bible centered
- Purposeful play, skill-building
- High activity format
- Limited space available

- For children ages 5 through 11
- Lunch provided
- Bible centered
- Academically oriented
- High activity format
- Swimming
- Field trips
- Limited space available
- Special arrangements can be made for older students to attend other activities on campus.

Registration Forms available on-line or in the school office.



Cooking Camps



**#1—Baking with Ms. Mattson
June 21-25**

for students entering Grade 2 and above

**#2—Cooking with Ms. Mattson
July 19-23**

for students entering Grade 4 and above



**Both camps will be held from 9am to 2pm,
Monday-Friday, at Ms. Rebecca Mattson's house.**
(Transportation will be provided for students enrolled
in CCA Summer Day Camp.)

Lunch is provided.

**Registration forms are available on-line or in
the school office.**



Summer Guitar

Lessons
with Mrs. Martin

Ages 6-Adult

on Mondays,

June 7, 14, 28 and July 12, 19, 26

from 8:30am to 3:00pm

**More details and Registration forms are
available in the school office or contact
Mrs. Martin at 919-489-
2655, ext. 204.**



Order your Yearbook for 2009-2010!

- ◆ At www.jostensyearbooks.com
- ◆ Recognize your child with a Recognition Ad.
- ◆ Advertise your business with a Business Ad on our CCA sponsors page.
- ◆ Contact Ms. Mattson for additional information at rmattson@cressetchristian.org or 489-2655, ext. 401.

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Summer Piano Lessons with Ms. Mattson



Choose either 30 minute lessons or 45 minute lessons on the following Mondays* during the summer: **June 14, 28;**
July 5, 12, and 26

*Other days of the week may be available as needed.

- ◆ Lessons will be given between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm.
- ◆ Lesson times will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.
- ◆ Contact **Ms. Rebecca Mattson** for more information at rmattson@cressetchristian.org.

Ask a Second Grader... What is love?

By **Anya Whitehurst**

I think love is red, purple, gold, and brown. When I think of red I think of Jesus when He laid down his life. When I think of purple, I think of my Mom, because she's really sweet. Gold is the color of my teacher's hair, I love her very much. Brown is the color of my dog, he's very funny. These are the colors of my family. They're very happy.

By **Julia Quinones**

I think love is the color of a rainbow. Brown is the color of my mommy, she has brown hair. Black is for my daddy, he has black hair. Orange is the color for my first big brother, Jose, he plays basketball. Blue is for my brother, Danny. His favorite color is blue. Red is for Lucas, because he likes firetrucks. Pink is for my new baby because I am going to have a girl. I love them all.

By **Caleb Smith**

I think love is green because my sister's favorite color is green and I love her. I also think love is red because that's the color of hearts. My mom's favorite color is red and I love my mom.

See other descriptions of love in the Elementary hallway outside of **Mrs. Reed's** classroom!

Women and Children's Expo March 5-7

All you who love Cresset Christian Academy, we need you! The Streets of Southpoint mall is hosting a Women and Children's Expo on March 5-7, Friday-Sunday. Hours: Fri. Sat. are 10-9 and Sun. 12-6. The show will feature health care, career opportunities, education, tanning, pedicure, spa and products, and much more. **Cresset Christian Academy has been given an incredible opportunity to have a table at center court at this great event!** It would be wonderful to have moms, grandmoms, teachers, and others helping to get Cresset's name in the community. Please consider working and sharing your love for Cresset with others.

If you think you could work ANY hours that weekend, please contact Molly Sias at msias@cressetchristian.org, or Julie Craig at jcraig@cressetchristian.org.

Cresset Baptist Church Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser



We have several Academy parents going on a **Missions Trip to Ethiopia in June**. **Nicolle Lemire** (mother of **Josh Lemire**) and **Jon and Matthea Glass** (parents of **Katherine Glass**) are part of a 25-member team that will be working with churches in remote villages of southern Ethiopia on this 17-day trip. There will be a spaghetti dinner in the CLC (gym) on **Sunday evening, February 28th, at 6pm**. The team will share about their specific ministry and what they will be doing. A Love Offering will be taken to help with the costs of the trip. **If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to the church office by Feb. 24th.**



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VOLUNTEERS ARE AN ESSENTIAL PIECE TO OUR SCHOOL!

ANNUAL AUCTION

Did you attend Cresset Christian Academy's Annual Auction and Dinner last November? If so, then you know it was a great evening of fun and fellowship as well as a very successful fundraising event for our Academy. **Large events like our auction are only possible because of the wonderful help and commitment of fabulous volunteers.** Last year's volunteers were essential to executing an amazing evening for all to enjoy. We are so very grateful to all of you who so graciously gave of your time and services. We know it seems early, yet there are many things that we can begin working on now to ensure another extraordinary auction! Please consider being a part of this experience this year. **Contact Molly Sias** at msias@cressetchristian.org or at 354-8002 to inquire about how you can help. Thank you!

NEW DATE

Cresset Christian Academy's Annual Golf Classic will be held on April 26 at the Preserve at Jordan Lake Golf Club. We encourage each of you to participate in this exciting event and help us raise funds for our Academy. This has always been a lot of fun and successful fundraiser, and we look forward to another great Annual Golf Classic. We will be sending more information on this event in the upcoming months as well as information on the **PENNY WARS!** Start telling your family, friends and neighbors to mark their calendars for this enjoyable day!

Sammy Hatchell could still use volunteers to assist with the Golf Classic. Those of you who are interested, please **contact Molly Sias** at msias@cressetchristian.org or at 354-8002.

ITEMS NEEDED

A special thanks to all of you who volunteer your time at Cresset and the many of you who have donated items and funds to help us provide the best for your children. You are truly a blessing!

Thanks also for everyone who has made donations through United Way; linked their cards with Kroger, Harris-Teeter, and Target; and who continue to collect Campbell Soup Labels and Box Tops for Education.

Our families at Cresset are wonderful! Parents are coming to our teachers and asking them to let them know of any specific needs. Therefore, the **teachers have come up with a few things that would make a profound and immediate impact on our school and elementary playground.**

Items needed:

- ◆ 225 feet of 8' tall chain link fence
- ◆ 23 10' posts and hardware
- ◆ Permanent basketball goal for the elementary playground.
- ◆ 2 multimedia projectors (for use in classrooms for displaying internet activities)
- ◆ 10 computers for use in individual classrooms to support Accelerated Reader programs (call the school for minimum requirements.)
- ◆ 2 wi-fi routers (call the school for requirements)

Items and cash donated are eligible for tax-deductions.



Spring Drivers' Education Class

A class for drivers' education will be held **April 12th-28th, from 3:30-6:00pm at Durham Academy.** Students must be at least 14 1/2, by April 28th. There is no charge for this class. Bring paper and pencil or pen to the first class.

After the class, the instructor, Mr. Phipps, will contact each student for behind-the-wheel training.

The next class will be held during the Summer, also at Durham Academy, June 7th-18th, from 8:00-11:00am.

If you have further questions, call Mrs. Mattson at 354-8000.

Cresset Children Speak Out at their Speech Meet

Displaying considerable poise and skill, Cresset elementary students in Grade 1 through Grade 5 stood before their classes and before speech judges on February 11, 2010, to deliver a memorized speech presentation. After being awarded certificates based upon how well they met the judges' standards, the very best presenters then stood in Chapel and spoke to the combined elementary students. Mr. Reynolds and Mrs. Martin organized the judging and the Chapel, with the able help of elementary teachers and parents. Look below to see how student efforts were recognized. Superior, Excellent, and Good awards were given. Those with a star beside their name (*) recited in Chapel. Kindergarten children recited in their own classrooms, with no judges.

Poetry, Grade 1

Chase Viscuse – superior*
 Fernando deCarcer -superior*
 Ella Lawrence – superior
 Jayson Creel – excellent
 Amirah Allen – excellent
 Iyana Gilreath – excellent
 Jack Rice – excellent
 Jennifer DiBona – excellent
 Henley Crichlow – excellent
 Leslie Zuniga – excellent
 Craig McDowell – excellent
 Cole Fox – excellent
 James Shaw – good

Bible, Grade 1

Aaron Anthony – superior*
 Gabe Burkett – superior*
 Joshua Atkinson – superior
 Henry Felder – excellent
 Hannah Burnett – excellent

Bible, Grade 2

Gabby Burnett – superior
 Anya Whitehurst – excellent
 Tobi Medaiyese – good
 Langston Brooks – good
 Calvin Sparrow – good



Poetry, Grade 2

Rachel McGinnis – superior*
 Hannah Crawford – superior*
 Martina Palladino – good
 Gabriel Balderas – good
 Rubie Allen - good

Fables, Grade 2

Caleb Smith – excellent

Julia Quinones – excellent
 Richae Smith – good
 Mackenzie Taylor – good
 Remi Ologbenla – good

Bible, Grade 3

Reyna Alston – superior*
 Daniel Morales – excellent
 Will Mathews – excellent
 Christian Davis – good
 Ben Yeyeodu – good

Poetry, Grade 3

Anna Madden – excellent
 Katrina Mattson – good
 Madelaine Mills – good
 Bre'Ara Law

Fables & Folklore, Gr. 3

Morgan Noel – superior*
 Caroline Wellons – superior
 Jeremy Herndon-Caceres – good
 Isabelle Stephenson – good

Bible, Grade 4

Evan Felder – good
 Connor Wellons – good
 Jack Henry Stelling – good

Fable & Folklore, Gr. 4

Jamie Lucas – superior*
 Emma Sabulsky – excellent
 Mackenzie Smith – excellent
 Elizabeth Knott – excellent
 Walker Chambers – good
 Kolby Craig – good
 Daniela Diaz – good
 Bryant Law – good
 Corey Davis

Poetry, Grade 4

Olivia Rice – superior*
 Beck Addison – excellent
 Olivia Smith – excellent
 Amanda Vuelta – excellent
 Victoria Fox – excellent
 Ashley Clayton – good
 Daniel Quinones – good
 Jhon Stewart

Dramatic Bible Prose, Grade 5

Gabrielle Myers – good
 Marissa Helms – good

Bible, Grade 5

Emily Sherron – excellent

Poetry, Grade 5

Michael Reed, superior*
 Logan Mattson – superior*
 Alexia Epperson – superior*
 Allegra Morales – excellent
 Blaise Richichi – good



Patriotic Oration, Gr. 5


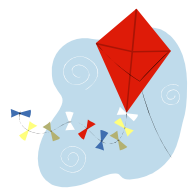
Joshua Lockley – superior*
 Travis Faircloth - excellent
 Caleb Stewart – good
 Christian Scott – good



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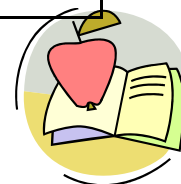
MARCH MENU



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Turkey taco Mixed vegetables Pears Milk	2 Grilled chicken & Caesar salad Mandarin oranges Milk	3 Pizza Tossed salad Pineapple Milk Ice cream	4 Meatloaf Mashed potatoes Peas Peaches Milk	5 Macaroni & Cheese Green beans Tropical fruit Milk
8 Sloppy Joe Corn Peaches Milk	9 Chicken nuggets Broccoli Applesauce Milk	10 Pizza Tossed salad Pineapple Milk Ice cream	11 Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Tropical fruit Milk	12 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK
15 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	16 Ham sandwich Potato chips Tropical fruit Milk	17 Pizza Tossed salad Pineapple Milk Ice cream	18 Baked ziti Italian bread Fresh cut veggies Applesauce Milk	19 Hotdogs & Chili Coleslaw Mandarin oranges Milk
22 Baked potato CA veggies Applesauce Milk	23 Grilled cheese Tomato veggie soup Pears Milk	24 Pizza Tossed salad Pineapple Milk Ice cream	25 Beef lasagna Italian bread Spinach Mandarin oranges Milk	26 Fish sticks Coleslaw French fries Tropical fruit Milk
29 Chicken parmesan Italian bread Tossed salad Mandarin orange Milk	30 Cheeseburger French fries Peaches Milk	31 Pizza Tossed salad Pineapple Milk Ice cream		

Notes from The Kitchen...

- NEW THIS YEAR: We are pleased to offer “corn syrup-free” fruits!
- MS/HS Nutritious Snack Items (subject to availability): Nuts, Yogurt, Fresh Fruits, Chex Mix, Pretzels, Peanut Butter on bread
- Lunch: \$35.00 for a ten meal ticket; lunches are \$3.50 daily; Lunches charged to an account are \$4.00.
- A la carte items for MS/HS include pizza, baked potatoes, small and large salads.
- GORP is a mixture of M&M’s, Chex mix, and raisins.



- ◆ If you are planning a party for your child’s class and serving them lunch, please let the kitchen know as early as possible, so the proper amount of food will be prepared for those eating regular school lunches.

A Big THANK-YOU to Mrs. Alisa Huff for her tireless efforts in picking up our recycling. Thanks for helping keep us Green!

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