

# EAGLES NEWSLETTER



## CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

### BASKETBALL SEASON 2018-2019

This semester's basketball season was very exciting, and CCA was represented by many age groups in various leagues. The boys SUB 18 team, led by coach Dan Cotton, won the ADECOP championship for the second year in a row, GO EAGLES! The group also participated in the Kiwanis league with a 5-1 record, but unfortunately, they were unable to qualify for the playoffs. The boys SUB 16 team, led by coach Aaron Hultstrand, played in the ADECOP league and fought hard in all their games. Though they did not win them all, they gave the opposing teams a strong fight, coming close to winning in all their games. Overall, the CCA boys' basketball teams played very well and represented the school in a Christ-like manner.



**Girls SUB 18:** Astrid Estevez (11th), Loreine Mijares (10th), Nicole Ferguson (10th), Gracie Louderback (12th), Jovanna Batchelor (12th), Nadia Estevez (8th), Eden Louderback (8th), Chandni Asnani (10th), and Paula Mijares (9th).

The girls' SUB 18 team, led by coaches Dempsil del Rosario and Rogelio Latty, participated in both the ADECOP and Kiwanis leagues, and though most of the members of the team had little experience, they gave their all in each game and showed great sportsmanship.

Several Elementary students participated in the ADECOP league in the SUB 8 and SUB 10 categories. With ten

players on each team, all but three players had not participated in organized basketball before. SUB 10 ended in 4th place and SUB 8 finished the season in 3rd place. The teams were led by coaches Paco Morales, Jennifer Morales, Mariela Burges and Coach Lupe with the assistance of Daniel Yau (7th).



**SUB 8:** Lucas Iñigo (3rd), Ethan Morales (3rd), Saorise Fulton (3rd), Dany Bueno (2nd), Jason Laubcher (3rd), Ernesto Cantore (2nd), Eli Morales (2nd), Jake Skinner (2nd), Alejandra Terrero (3rd), and Aram Garibaldi (2nd).

**SUB 10:** David Aguero (4th), Bailly Chu (4th), Oliver Rook (4th), Dany Bueno (2nd), Samuel Hineztrosa (5th), Adriana Valdes (5th), Eric Yau (4th), Dylan Wester (5th), Samy Guarisma (4th), and Caleb Perez (2nd).



**Boys SUB 18:** Emilio Baeza (12th), Austin Van Steenburg (11th), Jacob Harrill (12th), Barry Van Steenburg (12th), Josias Valenzuela (10th), Ken Chen (12th), Jesse Foster (12th), Edwin Cobham (10th), Diego Barrios (12th), David Torres (11th), David Loo (10th), and Diego Castillo (11th).

**Boys SUB 16:** Seth Van Steenburg (8th), Josias Valenzuela (10th), Miguel Machaj (11th), David Loo (10th), David Torres (11th), Diego Castillo (11th), Asher Gunn (9th), Eddie Garcia (8th), and Derek Garibaldi (10th).

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## PANAMUN 2018



Once again CCA Seniors participated in PANAMUN, which was held this year on October 24-26th at the International School of Panama. CCA had the opportunity to participate alongside international schools from Aruba, Ecuador, and the US, among others. CCA was represented by four delegates: Jovanna Batchelor, Barry Van Steenburg, Mateo Betancur and Gabriel Gamundi. This year's theme was *Strengthening Our Humanity* which helped our representatives become more aware of issues others are facing around the world and the need for global assistance and unity. Congratulations to our very own delegates for the extraordinary work and dedication they put into representing our school.

## FIESTAS PATRIAS

In honor of Panama, CCA celebrated Fiestas Patrias with great energy. The Elementary and Middle School students presented "Panamá de la A a la Z," a show filled with singing, folkloric dancing, and a presentation that gave the audience new information and insights on Panama. High School students marched with great pride while playing drums, carrying international flags, and with the baton girls performing the many routines rehearsed during the year. Congratulations to all who participated!



## SENIOR LIFE

### 1st SEMESTER

The CCA class of 2019 has participated in numerous activities so far this year, such as a field trip to Fort San Lorenzo in Colon and The Panama Canal Museum in Casco Antiguo. The Seniors also participated in the yearly senior retreat held at Casa Paraiso from Aug. 31st - Sept. 1st, where the group came together in fellowship and were strengthened as a class.



We are very proud of you all!

## ART FESTIVAL

CCA celebrated its first Art Festival on November 21st, incorporating a Thanksgiving theme of gratefulness. Students and staff enjoyed a day of painting, coloring, drawing and of warm fellowship. All of the created artwork was entered into this year's art contest, with the following students winning in their category:

1st -2nd grade: Zoe Betts (1st place), Eli Morales (2nd place), Mateo De Leon (3rd place).

3rd-5th grade: Adriana Valdes (1st place), Alvaro Avendaño (2nd place), Valeria Wilshusen (3rd place).

Middle School: Andres Gomez (1st place), Alex Herrera (2nd place), Anna Skinner (3rd place).

High School: Patricia Chung (1st place), Francisco Ruiz (2nd place), Christian Olarte (3rd place).



## SUB 12 / SUB 14 SOCCER

The SUB 12 team began its season slowly but was able to come together and tie Balboa Academy as well as the MET, and winning its match against Javier. Coach Orlando Aguirre states, "This team has a lot of potential for future years." The SUB 14 team is a strong, fighting team made up of very promising players, but had difficulty this season due to not having enough players on the team.



**SUB 12:** Josias Orozco (6th), William van Belzen (6th), Caleb Van Steenburg (7th), David Elias (5th), Ty Sasso (5th), Luis Vergara (5th), Peter Hedspeth (6th), Tai Herrera (6th), Benjamin Chu (6th), Gianberto Tamburrelli (6th), Sampson Rook (5th), Brian Chu (7th), and Joel Torres (7th).

**SUB 14:** Alex Herrera (7th), Seth Van Steenburg (8th), Santiago Betancur (8th), Edwin Garcia (8th), Giacomo Tamburrelli (8th), Xavier Sumrall (8th), Andres Gomez (8th), Javier Yau (8th), Greg Saldaña (7th), Micah Cotton (7th), Tomas Hinestroza (9th), and Josef Colteryahn (8th).

## DIA DEL ESTUDIANTE

This year's Día del Estudiante was a great success. October 26th began with shortened classes where top students were given the responsibility of teaching for the day, either a specific subject or class group as in the case of Elementary. At noon, secondary students were paired up with their elementary "sibling" to enjoy lunch and an afternoon of fun activities. It was a really great day all around and there were many smiles and tired bodies when it was over.



## BASKETBALL NIGHT

This year's basketball night, held on October 12th, was a great success. Many teachers, students, and parents participated in this fun event playing basketball and eating good food. Students made up teams of 3 through which they battled it out in a tournament where only one team would come out victorious. After a hard fought battle, The Refugees (Barry -12th, Austin -11th, and Seth -8th Van Steenburg) were able to escape with the victory after defeating the Cheerios (Emilio Baeza -12th, Diego Barrios -12th, Alejandro Diaz -8th) during overtime.

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"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters." 1 John 3:16

## CONGRATULATIONS TO...



... Ricardo González (3rd) who played on the Balboa Dragons Football team which placed third in the Kiwanis Micro League SUB-10.



... Isabella Shacklett (K5) who participated in the Aquatics Swim School yearly competition, swimming in freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke.

...7th grader Lorie Pineda who was part of the dance team of the school Complot that came in first place in the category of Hip Hop at the *All Dance World Orlando*, and second place in the category Musical Theater.



... Christian Olarte (12th) who was featured in the newspaper *La Prensas Ellas* magazine, after launching his first fashion collection.

... Jean Mario Ramirez (10th) who was part of the Canoa Polinnesia/Paddling team that represented Panama at the *Suramericano de VA'A* in Brasil. He placed 5th in the world, SUB 17, and classified go to the World Competition in Australia.



...Ethan Ferreira de Souza (5th) and Daniel Yau (7th) whos team won 2nd place, out of 20 teams, in the RPC National Chess Tournament.

... Giacomo Tamburrelli (8th) and Tomas Hinestrosa (9th) who were selected to be on the football team that represented Panama at the American Youth Football National Championship in Orlando. More than 52 teams participated.

... Ken Chen (12th) for participating in Trillo Nacional XI (All Terrain Vehicles marathon)



...8th grader Seth Van Steenberg, Middle School student of the month for Aug./September



...12th grader Drew Pilliod, High School student of the month for Aug./September



...7th grader Daniel Yau, Middle School student of the month for October.



... 12th grader Mateo Betancur, High School student of the month for October.



... 7th grader Sienna Gorski, Middle School student of the month for November.



... 11th grader Kirsten Tjon, High School student of the month for November.