# **EAGLES NEWSLETTER**



#### **CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

# **BASKETBALL SEASON 2015-2016, Sub-18**

Basketball season is a time of joy and excitement for the CCA community. It starts at the beginning of August and ends in November. During the past few of years, CCA's basketball team has strengthened the school's identity, placing it as a competitive team among other Panamanian schools. The basketball season began with an intense training session led by Coach Cotton, Coach Miller and Coach Bell. This year's team is formed by ten dedicated players: Ramses Garibaldi, Samuel Lewis, Isaac Barrios, Rodrigo DeMendoza,





Noah Louderback, Alex Fulton, AJ Hale, Drew Pilliod, Jacob Harrill and Oto Gumbs. The team participated in the Adecop and Kiwanis sub-18 leagues, obtaining 3 wins and 3 losses in Adecop and 9 wins and 3 losses in the Kiwanis league placing them in 3rd place. The games against Americana and Gaston were streamed live on national TV. Congratulations Eagles!!!

# **BASKETBALL NIGHT**

During basketball season, the student council held a basketball night in order to celebrate and encourage all participation of students in the 2015 basketball season. CCA's basketball team supporters, team member's families, teachers, and coaches attended this special night. There were mini games, competitions, food and drinks for the celebration of all.





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#### CCA YEARBOOK STAFF:

Jady Young, Buddy Rodriguez, Anthony Chang and Maye Cordero.

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October From 28-30. CCA participated at the Model United Nations (PANAMUN) conference held at ISP. The delegation was formed by Michael Wang, Cane Walden. Lizeth Cañizales. Isaac Barrios, Natalia Montenegro, María Andrea Martín and Juan Olarte, and was directed by Miss Laura Diaz. These

**PANAMUN 2015** 

students spent a whole month researching, preparing notes, and writing position papers on a variety of issues relating to Modern Extremism for a Model United Nations simulation here in Panama. They spent three days at the event debating and discussing resolutions to current issues with students from thirteen other schools. Congratulations to this outstanding delegation.

#### FIESTAS PATRIAS

CCA celebrated Panama's Independence with two outstanding activities: a magnificent presentation by students in K4 – 9th grade, and the marching band comprised of students from 10th - 12th grades. This year's Spanish department presented "Un Precio Incomparable," directed by Mrs. Rita Salinas with the help of the entire Spanish department.

CCA's marching band consisted of baton twirlers. drummers and flag carriers, the largest group to represent our school in such an im-Panamanian portant event. After months of preparation, the group beautifully demonstrated their hard work and dedication.





#### SENIOR RETREAT



CCA Seniors had a special time of fellowship together the weekend of September 4 - 5th at Casa Paraiso. This yearly event is held for students to get to know more about themselves while spending time with many of their high

school teachers outside of the school setting. Testimonies were shared, activities were enjoyed, and an opportunity to pray for each other in a relaxed environment was held.

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### FIELD TRIPS

- K4 visited the Miraflores Canal Fire Station on October 8, during Fire Safety week. The students took a tour of the station and were able to go on to the fire trucks and ambulances. The firemen gave the kids hats and snacks, which was a joy for the students.
- In October, the first grade class took a field trip to the Smithsonian Park, Punta Culebra on Amador, Causeway. Since they had been studying habitats in their science curriculum, the children were excited to see many rainforest and ocean animals up close! It was fun for them to experience so much of God's amazing creation.
- On October 23, Mr. Wesley Jones took his 9th grade Geometry class and the Engineering Club to a construction site in Veracruz. The purpose was to see first hand the appli-

cation of math in a real-world situation. The students had to calculate the volume of concrete needed for one of the columns, watch as the cement was poured, and then compare their results with the engineers on site. Thank you Gustavo and Kathy Fernandez for making this possible.

## **A JOURNEY TO NEPAL**

"I stopped to think about the trip and a thought came through my head: If they have so little and they give so much, are we giving enough compared to how much we have been blessed with?" -Mateo Betancur

On November 1st, 9th grader Mateo Betancur, with a group of CBC members, went to Nepal on a short-term missions trip. They spent time with orphaned children, women rescued from traffickand in medical ing. camps. During the trip they learned a lot about true meaning of the thankfulness. The people have so little to be thankful for yet they are thankful at all times.





#### **CCA CHESS TEAM**

CCA's Chess Club participated in the XIV Interocolegial Chess Championship this past Saturday, December 5th, held at the Chino Panameno school. The Sub-13 team came in 2nd place and the Sub-19 team played with great courage against professional and national master players. Congratulations to all participants!

Sub-13: Santiago Betancur, Ethan Ferreira, Nora Skinner, Sampson Rook and David Romero.

Sub-19: Ken Chen, Drew Pilliod, Sam Lewis, Carlos Garcia and Kenny Su Qiu.





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"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" Romans 12:2

# **CONGRATULATIONS TO...**

... 12th grader Luis Diego Flores for winning first place in the National Taekwondo competition

... 1 1th grader Carlos Garcia for winning first place in the IV National Youth Games !

... 12th grader Cane Walden on his Eagle Scout rank!

...K5 student Regina Romo who participated in a Dance Exposition for the flamenco dance on October 11. Several classmates went to watch and support her in this cultural event!

... 4th grader Alex Herrera and 5th grade Andres Gomez who are members of Remend Soccer School, which plays in the San Miguelito league. Their team, sub-11, made it to the semi-final round. There were originally 36 teams participating. Their coach is Mr. Pascual, who was last year's CCA assistant coach for the Sub-10 soccer team!

... 12th graders Buddy Rodriguez and Brantly Tjon members and captains of the Balboa American Football team, for winning 3rd place in the Kiwanis Varsity league!

...8th grader Paulina Naranjo for winning 1st place and 8th grader Astrid Naranjo for winning 2nd place in the Tennis Nestle 2015 Tournament at Club de Golf of Panama! ... 7th grader Fernando Flores for winning 1st place in the U-14 Tennis category!



...K5 student Caleb Herrera, K4 Dany Bueno, 1st grade student Joshua Kelso and 1st grade student Samuel Correa who are on the sub-7 team for Remend Soccer School. They came in 2nd place (of 24 teams) of the division!

... 8th grader Paola Testa for her participation in the Panama Bow Tennis tournament.

... 12th grader Samuel Lewis for winning Player with Most Rebounds during this seasons Kiwanis basketball league.

... 12th grader Oto Gumbs for winning MVP of this seasons Kiwanis basketball league.

...7th grader Cristie Lam -Middle School student of the month October!



... 6th grader Emmy Cotton –Middle School student of the month November!



...12th grader Rodrigo De-Mendoza - High School student of the month October!



...9th grader Morgan Hale -High School student of the month November!

