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Students create rock candy in our science lab to study the science behind crystallization

## Crosland Success by the Numbers

**100%** of TEACHERS returned this year...and added **5 NEW** staff members

**106** STUDENTS enrolled... a **10%** increase

**86%** Students with MULTIPLE DIAGNOSES

**34%** MINORITY students

**22%** Students receiving JCS FINANCIAL AID &

**45%** receiving NCSEAA SCHOLARSHIP funds

**100%** ANNUAL FUND participation by JCS staff

## Essentials

### Enhanced Science Lab Sparks Student Learning

Over the summer, we upgraded our science lab with help from The Charlotte Hornets Foundation Educational Grant, which we received last school year. Science teacher, Mary Katherine Stephan, elaborates, "The new and improved flex space and science lab have been wonderful. The updated layout allows for a more open environment and mobility in the lab and students have been able to utilize the new lab equipment in various experiments across Upper School."

### HoopTee Scholars off to a Great Start at John Crosland School

We are excited to welcome our first class of HoopTee Scholars. Four incoming students in grades K-6 have received full-ride scholarships thanks to our partner, **HoopTee Charities**, who committed **\$168,000**. These dollars are matched by JCS and ensure three years of full tuition support for these families as well as enrichment opportunities designed to enhance the learning experience of these deserving students.



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## Program Spotlight

Our new Buddy Connection mentoring program creates valuable relationships by pairing lower school students with upper school students for fun interaction and activities.

JCS Director of Wellness & Connection, Jennifer Bailey, designed the program to support self-esteem, communication skills and patience in our students.

With buddies connecting monthly to build relationships, younger children learn social skills, such as communication and cooperation. Mentoring helps teens develop leadership abilities, including responsibility, patience, and communication skills, making the program beneficial for all of the participating students.

So far, the buddies have had a kick-off session that encouraged students to get to know each other and read a favorite book together. During Spirit Week, there was a Buddy Dance with our own DJ Rich. Up next is an outdoor picnic where buddies share time eating lunch together!

## Get Involved

- **Our Annual Fund campaign, “Seating for Success: Enhancing Spaces, Engaging Minds”** aims to enhance our classrooms by introducing flexible seating options designed to elevate learning experiences and empower our students. These new seats will not only make our classrooms more inviting, but will also help every student feel more comfortable and supported in their educational journey. Help us reach our \$145,000 Goal.

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- **We are embracing Restorative Practices** with staff learning and utilizing “With You” thinking when engaging with students and each other. Find out how we are using restorative practices to foster a more connected and supportive community.

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- **Our Community Collaboration Series has a fantastic lineup!** With this free, virtual series, we connect with community professionals to share valuable insights on a variety of educational strategies, parenting tips, and wellness practices. The next topic, “Executive Function Skills and the Impact on Student Success” is coming up 11/13/24 at 12:30 p.m. Register now to

[\*\*Join Us!\*\*](#)

## Round-up

- **Our New Lower School Clubs** allow students with common interests to engage in activities they are passionate about and build connections with peers. Current clubs are Perler Beads, Story Sketching, Karaoke, Music, and Dance, Tech & Board Games & Lego Building!
- **Welcome to Our Board of Directors:** Betsy Deupree, Walt Fisher, Mark Mealy, Josh Teague, John Wahr and Christopher Youse have joined our board. We thank them for their leadership.
- **Fall Sports season** is underway with a solid Cross-Country team of 14 students exerting energy and talent on the trails. Our Esports program also kicked off, challenging players to think critically, make quick decisions under pressure, and to hone their problem-solving abilities and strategic thinking. Why is Esports beneficial for development? Check out this blog post from our IT Manager and Esports coach, Rich Bowman. [\*\*Read More!\*\*](#)



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