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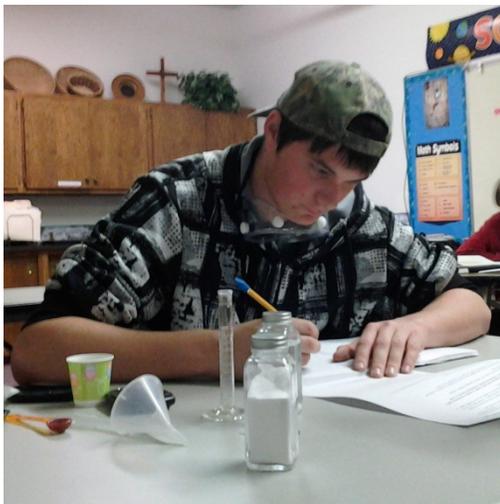
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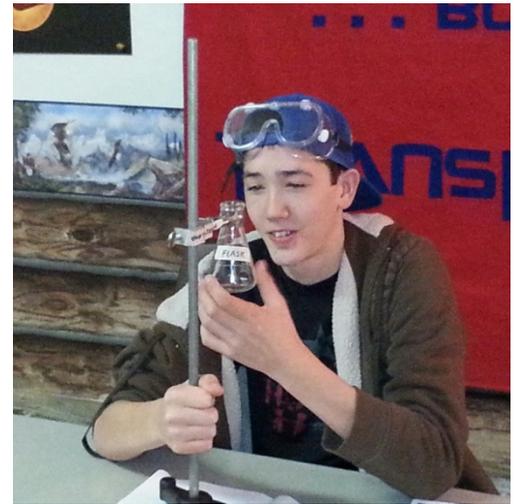
A Tale of Two Brothers: Students Thrive at Crossroads... by Janet Streed

One brother identifies the proverbial glass of water as half full; the other, half empty. One the optimist, the other the pessimist. There are things they agree about, though – important things, like their experiences at Crossroads. Both Aaron Schlegel, the optimist, and Noah Schlegel, the pessimist, like the small class sizes at Crossroads. They also like the one-on-one instruction time and an environment where they can learn at their own pace.

Aaron, a freshman, says his favorite classes are science and math. Science is a fascination for him because he likes learning how different things react - science experiments are not only fun but meaningful. In addition to math and science, Aaron likes karate, cooking and art. And there's one other consideration – "I can speak openly about my faith at school."



Noah, a junior and a critical thinker, says history is his favorite subject because he enjoys "learning about the differences from years ago to today". Other interests include horseback riding, rock climbing, and white water rafting. Noah proudly carries his Heartsaver CPR AED card from the American Red Cross. At the present time, Noah volunteers at Denver North Suburban Medical Center and at the Colorado Therapeutic Riding Center for people with disabilities. He and Aaron are both Airsoft gurus.



If given the opportunity, the one addition Aaron and Noah would make at Crossroads would be access to a full size gym for sports like basketball.

"Crossroads has been a Godsend," says mom Anne Schlegel. "Noah took off at the time of his enrollment, and Aaron is climbing and thriving". Anne volunteers at the school. She appreciates the relationship Crossroads has with the St. Vrain Valley School District, which allows her sons and their classmates to participate in Career Development Center opportunities.

Anne was at a crossroads herself when she researched schools online and found everything about Crossroads to her liking. Her sons come from both public school and home school environments. What 'sold' Anne and her husband Mike on Crossroads is the individualized programming that meets the needs Aaron and Noah had when they came to Crossroads two years ago. That specific classroom fit for her sons is why Anne today says, "Even if my kids didn't go there, I would support Crossroads."

Spotlight on New Crossroads Staff: Welcome Mrs. Damick and Mrs. Allen



In order to free Connie Nourse from her teaching responsibilities to focus on her role as principal, the Crossroads School Board approved hiring an additional teacher in January. We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Allyson Damick to teach Science and Bible/Life Skills classes. Allyson holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She began tutoring adolescents in science in high school and loves making science fun for others, most recently teaching a homeschool chemistry class. As a mother of two children with unique needs she homeschooled for several years. In recent years she has served at church as a children's ministry volunteer and interim children's ministry director. Through her own children and her service at church she says she has discovered her passion for encouraging students who need extra attention.

Mrs. Wendy Allen is not new to Crossroads; she has volunteered as a classroom aide and mentor for two years and has demonstrated her ability to connect with students. She has come on board part-time as Remediation Specialist to work one-on-one with students on specific, individualized academic goals. Wendy earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from CU Boulder. She has worked with at-risk students for the past 4 ½ years through Kids Hope USA. She also enjoys volunteering at her church and in Boy Scouts. Wendy grew up in Longmont and lives with her husband, Steve, and 3 children.

SAVE THE DATE: Annual Friends Dinner & Auction: Friday, April 24, 2015

Our fifth annual Friends Dinner and Auction promises to be great fun! Some of our high school students who are taking Culinary Arts will plan and prepare the dinner, under the guidance of professional chef Jake Riley who has volunteered to assist. Other students will serve the dinner. We are already gathering auction items, and are excited to offer everything from whitewater rafting to museum tickets to dinner gift certificates. Live auctioneer Joe Knight will entertain us, along with an update about the school's progress. We hope you will plan to join us! Watch for your invitation soon!

Help us make this event a success! Contact Barb Bulthuis (bbulthuis@crossroadslongmont.org; 303-709-9881) if you are interested in any of the following:

- Have your business sponsor the event (\$200, \$300, and \$500 levels, with recognition)
- Host a table, and invite your friends to enjoy the evening with you and learn about the school
- Donate an item or service for the auction, or make suggestions of items you'd like to bid on
- Serve on the committee to plan and organize the event
- Help with last-minute details and set-up for the event



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February Food & Fellowship: Chick-fil-A: Thurs, Feb. 26, 5-7:30 pm

Come enjoy an excellent meal and hang out with Crossroads staff, students, and friends! Mention Crossroads at the register and the school will receive 20% of all proceeds. We hope to see you there!

