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CROSSROADS COLLEGE PREP STUDENTS BECOMING CHANGE AGENTS

St. Louis, MO, September 8, 2009- The Crossroads College Preparatory 8th Grade Civics class is learning about sustainability. The year-long project charges students to become change agents, students as citizens in a global economy, and by the end of the school year, each 8th grader will develop and implement an action plan to make the world a better place.

Students select sustainability topics such as population, environmental and consumption management, peace, security, and social justice to study. Throughout the school year, students will conduct research, write papers, collaborate in groups, write a proposal, plan an educational experience for peers based on their topic, and conclude with the submission of a report chronicling the project.

John Merritt, the Crossroads College Prep Middle School Director, said he selected this topic because “sustainability pulls together the civic topics: environment, social justice, and the economy. We want our kids to be good citizens and preserve our community.”

Crossroads College Preparatory School is an independent, co-educational, secondary day school located in the Central West End. With a rich history of cultural diversity, Crossroads College Prep concentrates on college preparation for middle and upper school young men and women in an urban setting. The school provides a uniquely personal academic environment for students to develop by learning traditionally and experientially in an environment that blends hard work and scholarship with humor, imagination, discovery and compassion. Graduates of Crossroads College Prep demonstrate academic prowess, the ability to think critically, aesthetic appreciation and a strong belief in themselves and their ability to succeed in college and beyond.

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