



The Eagle's Nest

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Calendar of Events

- June 5th– Gr. 3-8 Track & Field at Serauxmen Stadium.**
- June 9-11th—Middle School camping trip**
- June 12th—K-8 Report Card Writing day, no classes**
- June 12th—Last day of classes for High School**
- June 12th—High School closing assembly at 12:05**

Grad Notice

Graduation ceremonies—June 24th. We still have some tickets available for the graduation dinner and dance at the Nanaimo Convention Center. Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased through Lynn Kopec @ 754-4512 or 758-4720. Tickets are only required for the dinner portion of the event. The ceremony is open to everyone and begins at 3pm. At Maranatha Church on Portsmouth Rd. If you have already ordered tickets please arrange to pick them up from Lynn Kopec.

Why Many Students Abandon their Faith.

Just recently, I was again reminded of how many students abandon their faith after they leave for college or university. There have been recent surveys that show over 65% of high school students stopped attending church after high school. There are indications that that number might even be higher. There appears to be a gap after students leave their youth groups and home churches and move on from high school into further education or the work force. Many appear to not be prepared for the challenges that colleges and universities might present to them.

What ever the actual number of students who stop attending church we know it is high. It should make us question, “why is this happening?” Do we prepare our children enough for the challenges and questions that they will encounter in higher education? Do we train our students enough to form their own questions and wrestle with them in an honest environment where questions can be asked? Do we encourage them to struggle with these questions and bring them to God just as David did as recorded in the Psalms? We need to teach our children how to think critically and to be able to discern.

Our youth need to able to stand their ground in areas of temptation that they are exposed to everyday but maybe more so on university and college campuses. What are we teaching them in the way that we live as parents? What are the messages we are giving in teaching them what it means to be successful? As a parent I struggle with this because I am too influenced by what the world is teaching.

Our challenge at NCS is to provide a community that strives to promote Christian community, discernment, calling and discipleship. We hope that our students have been, and are given the tools to deal with the issues that will come up when our faith is challenged. Let us continue to journey together in this important task.

B. De Schiffart

**High School Closing/Awards Ceremony, June 12th from 12:05-2:00 pm.
All parents welcome!**

School Community Survey regarding Spring Break, 2010. Please refer to the attachment.
Thank you!

NCS offers a limited amount of financial assistance to families who find tuition and expenses a deciding factor. If you wish to have your family considered for bursary assistance for the 2009-2010 school year, please pick up an application from the office and submit it this week.

Reaping the Harvest: A Tribute to Volunteers

With the arrival of spring no doubt many of you are busy in your gardens. Left to just the sunlight and moisture from the rain, our gardens do not grow near as well as when we till the soil, prune, weed, add nutrients and water in order to enhance the growth and reap a richer harvest.

Operating our school is much like tending our gardens. The more time and care we put into our school the richer the harvest.

I have witnessed the many different ways staff, students and parents have volunteered this past year. Without the help of volunteers we would not reap such a rich harvest. People have nurtured our "garden" in so many ways:

driving for school outings	helping in classrooms	helping with sports teams
working on committees	working on the school board	serving on the auxiliary (PAC)
helping in the office	attending Work Bees	clearing/shoveling snow
helping with band	helping with the drama productions	
Graduation	Building Renovations	reading
		marking
		serving
		sound tech
		ETC.

The many hours of volunteer time have been significant factors in our ability to do all things we do! A glance through the year reveals the hundreds of hours volunteers have committed to caring for our "garden". As each person has put their hand to the plow, it has helped to provide a healthy, enriched and exciting place for our students to grow and develop.

As another year draws to a close, the harvest has been plentiful! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, to everyone who has given so generously of their time and talents. May God richly bless you!

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. !Cor. 12: 4-6

June 9-11th is the middle school camping and band trip.

This year the school are heading to Port Renfrew and will be doing some science lessons at Botanical Beach. We will also do two band performances during this trip. There will be NO SCHOOL for students not attending this trip. However, due to the fact that this is a curricular trip, a package of work will be given to each non-participating student which must be completed and handed in upon their return to school.

Attention all Middle School students and parents!

We are very sorry for the inconvenience but unfortunately we have to cancel the Parent Appreciation Night on June 4th. We hope you still enjoy the experience you have being a parent .
From the Grade 8 students.

The Wizard of Oz played for four nights at NCS last week. It was a delightful performance with lavish scenes and costumes and live music. With fifteen scene changes the very first thank you should go to the set crew who were very busy all night long. The actor's and the band's ability to endure and shine over such a time speaks very well to their preparations, talent, resilience and desire to do a job well. It was a massive undertaking and presented many challenges. To the cast, crew and band we give our congratulations on a memorable performance! The thank you list on Saturday night reflected the many good efforts of many good people. Thank you and congratulations to:

The play directors: Miss A. Randall and Mrs. S. Collette,

The band director, Mr. Smith,

Props and costumes, Mrs. K. Chaignon, (also for being voice of a crow, an owl, a baby chick, Toto and the wind!)

Sets: An entire army fearlessly led by Christy Hancox, the Art 11/12 class, middle school's flower team, Sue Collete, Amy Randall, Randy Smith, Charne Gooche, Trish Gradica, Jasmine Sonier, (there were 24 scene panels alone!), et al.,

Vocal Director: Mr. J. Banman.

The students on stage after the closing lines were impressive in number and smiles. The crew behind the scenes had tired smiles of accomplishment. They rightfully belonged to: the house manager, Jeremy Adams, props manager, Liz Henderson, the technical crew with leader, Nick Ferris, stage manager, Kyle Page, the stage crew, and promotions team. Each leader was well supported by large numbers of volunteers and students. Truly a community event! The "sum of the parts" was a large work force.

Special notes of individual effort, noteworthy support and hours of provided service go to Nick Ferris, John Collette, Patricia Rempel, the church readiness and cleaning crew, Richmond Christian School (donated props/sets), Oceanside Church for their patient cooperation and sharing of facilities, flower donation from grade 2, Cloverdale Paint, and Northgate Church.

People's passion for theatre and doing their best certainly was appreciated. We express our gratitude to the community for its attendance and your support. To our parents again, thanks for your cooperation and participation for the numerous taxiing back and forth for the practice and show times. There's no place like home!

Nanaimo Christian School **June Exam Schedule**

DATE	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Mon., 15 th	Math		French	Biology
Tues., 16 th	English			Chemistry
Wed., 17 th	Science	*English	Math- Principles Essentials	
Friday, 19 th			*Social Studies	
Mon., 22 nd		*Math- Principles Essentials Applications		#Biology (1 to 3)
Tues., 23 rd				#Chemistry (1 to 3)

All exams start at 8:45 unless indicated otherwise.

* means provincial exam

means optional provincial exam

Lost & Found

Please check for lost and found items in Building B on the top floor before the end of the school year. All items not claimed will be given away.

Kids Klub Preschool still has a few spaces available for the fall. If you are interested contact Shelly Yates at 250-667-4222 or come by for a visit Monday or Wednesday mornings.

Dear NCS Families,

Please consider submitting relevant stories of interest for our NEW NCS Quarterly Publication. It is my heart to put together at least one newsletter for your reading enjoyment before this school year ends. From there, I will continue to bring you more NCS news beginning next school year.

This publication will include relevant stories of interest that promote our vision & mission at NCS. Included will be school updates as well as success stories on a personal and school level. This newsletter will go out to you our current school families as well as our alumni and grandparents and anyone else who would like to be on our mailing list.

In order for this go forward successfully, I need your help. A catchy title for this newsletter is imperative as well. Please submit your ideas or stories of interests to business.ncs@shaw.ca.

I look forward to hearing from you and putting together something that will reflect the heart of Nanaimo Christian School.

Blessings,

Corina Finlay, NCS Development
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Afterschool Care

I am looking for Afterschool Care for my daughter who is starting Kindergarten in September, therefore I need somebody to pick her up from school on Tuesday, Thursdays and Fridays and have her until I get off from work (4:30 pm).

Thank you!

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A Summer Film School is scheduled for Aug. 3-7th from 9am-4pm at NCS. The cost of the camp is \$199 and space is limited with only several spaces remaining. If your child age 12-17 is interested in camera work, film editing, acting in front of a camera, music video's or short films this may be a great learning opportunity for them. To register email: simes-family@shaw.ca