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Spring Break

This year Spring break is combined with the Good Friday/Easter weekend. The break is from Mar. 22—Apr. 5th inclusive. Classes will resume on Tuesday, Apr. 6th.

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Happy New Year everyone!

I hope this finds each of you well rested and refreshed, ready to face the New Year with renewed energy and fresh starts. For some, this is a time of catching up and pulling together loose ends, of finishing projects and promising not to fall behind again. This can be rewarding or discouraging, even overwhelming. For many this is a time of making “resolutions”, promising to make changes to the way we approach things, as well as setting new goals for ourselves. As we make our way back into the routines that each of us has, whether it be work or school, I encourage each of you to rely on the Lord for your inspiration and strength, and that your focus be on what is pleasing to Him. God wants us to focus on our strengths and not our weaknesses, our victories and not our losses, our joys and not our problems. Philippians 3:13,14 tells us that God wants us to press forward and respond to His upward call and forget what lies behind us. James 4:13-15 reminds us to depend on God and to fully trust Him with our lives. Ask God to continue to reveal His will for your life to you – and be willing to adjust your plans accordingly!

Mrs. S. Collette

Please note that the annual calendar, approved by the board, provides for a two week, Easter break this spring. The NCS holiday has the school closing date on Friday, March 19 and opens again on Tuesday, April 6. This was decided upon for the reasons of a more balanced schedule with fairly equal number of weeks before and after the holiday, getting most of term three in high school completed and giving students and staff a rest closer to the end of the year. We are aware that some families may make use of recreational and sports programs that operate during the public school holiday. Therefore, if you are one such family please note our holiday change so that you may make necessary plans for childcare and activities. Thank you for your attention and consideration of this change from the status quo.

Tuition & Donation Receipts

Tuition and Donation Receipts for 2009 will be ready for pick up the end of February. Please look for notice in the newsletter when they are available.

Bus Riders

Please be advised that for insurance reasons students not enrolled in NCS may no longer ride the bus. So if one of your family members not enrolled at NCS occasionally rides the bus they will not be able to do so any longer. Thank you for your attention and understanding.

Dear NCS School Community,

Just before Christmas break we received a word of approval of the NCS proposal and application for full day kindergarten beginning in September this fall.

As you may well know, in August 2009, the provincial government announced its commitment to expand Kindergarten from half-day to full-day. By 2011, all eligible children in British Columbia will have access to a full-day program. Full-day Kindergarten (FDK) will be implemented over the next two years.

Part of the letter is printed below for your information:

“ In October 2009, independent school Authorities were asked to submit proposals for Year One of implementation. There was significant interest from British Columbia’s Group 1 and 2 independent schools, and the Office of the Inspector of Independent Schools (OIS) has now reviewed the proposals submitted for Year One. The review process included a range of considerations, including population distribution, demographic information of anticipated and past Kindergarten students, regional/provincial distribution, and proponents’ readiness to implement (i.e. facilities and internal capacity). I am pleased to inform you that your proposal for **Nanaimo Christian School** was reviewed and approved for implementing full-day Kindergarten in September 2010 as outlined in your proposal. Implementation of FDK is contingent on your independent school Authority having space to accommodate a full-day program in September 2010.

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To assist in implementation, an updated version of the Ministry of Education’s *Primary Program: A Framework for Teaching* and a dedicated guide on implementing FDK will be released in the spring of 2010. These resources include suggested FDK practices and strategies for teachers, principals, and other school staff.

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Thank you for your interest in implementing full-day Kindergarten in September 2010.

Sincerely,

Ed Vanderboom, Executive Director of International Programs, Inspector of Independent Schools, pc: Principal,

The school has until January 22 to return a letter of commitment. Any parental input or questions may be directed to the NCS administration of education committee. This matter will be addressed at the next education committee meeting scheduled for January 12. Your input would gladly be received and considered at this time.

Calendar of Events

Jan 16th	Grade 9/10 Drama Production “Memories”
Jan. 25-Jan. 29 th	High School Exams
Jan. 29th	High School turnaround/ski day
Feb. 1st	High School Semester 2 begins
Feb. 5 th	High School, Term 2 Reports issued
Feb. 15th	Vancouver Island Professional Development, no classes
Feb 16th	Student Led Conferences
Mar. 5 th	High School Interim Report Cards issued
Mar.5 th	K-8 Report Card Writing, no classes
Mar. 12 th	K- 8 Report Cards issued
Mar. 22-Apr. 5th	Spring Break, no classes
Apr. 6 th	Classes Resume
Apr. 16 th	High School Report Card Writing, no classes
Apr. 16 th	Grandparent/Grandfriends Day, for K-8
Apr. 23 rd	High School, Term 3 Reports issued
May 5 th	Hoops for Heart
May 6 th	Jump Rope for Heart
May 24 th	Victoria Day, no classes
June 18th	Last Day High School Classes
June 23rd	Last Day for K-8 Classes
June 21 st – 28th	High School exams
June 25 th	GRAD
June 28th	High School Report Cards issued
June TBA	K-8 Report Cards issued

ARE YOU DROWNING IN A SEA OF BOTTLES???

If you are looking to get rid of your returnable beverage bottles and cans and would like to support the band program or an individual band student you can take your returns to the Mostar Return It Depot and ask them to credit the Nanaimo Christian School Band account! If you want it to go an individual band student please get a printed receipt and return it to Lynn Kopec in the office with the students name clearly printed on the receipt. Please do not bring your bottles to the school as we do not have sufficient space to store them.

Freybe Sausage Order

If you placed an order with the Grad class for Freybe Sausages in December and left them at the school they are in a fridge waiting for you to pick them up. Please call Sue De Schiffart if this is your order. 250-754-4512 ext 110

Announcing the Grade 9/10 drama presentation of “**Memories**” showcasing the student’s dramatic skills including the written script. This is a one-performance only Dessert Theatre event held on:

Saturday, January 16th at 7:00 pm.

Tickets are \$6.00 each (no discounts)

Tickets can be purchased from the school office.

Desserts/coffee not included in the ticket price. Bring some loonies and toonies for the desserts/coffee.

- ♦ If you have a patio table (or two) that could be borrowed for the dessert theatre production on Saturday, Jan. 16th please call the office. Arrangements can be made for pick up and drop off.
- ♦ If you are able to help the drama class set up some staging in the gym this Sunday evening Jan. 10th at 6:30 pm. Leave Mr. Smith a voicemail message at 250-754-4512 ext. 191.
- ♦ Help is needed in tearing down the set/staging after the Dessert Theatre on Sat. Jan. 16th. If you could help please leave Mr. Smith a message at the office or voicemail at 250-754-4512 ext. 191.

Dear Friends at NCS:

Thank you all so much for all of the prayers, food, gifts and items you gave to us after the house fire. Though we were very saddened by the loss of our beloved pets and our home of 15 years, we also felt very blessed to have such love and support by so many.

The fire was started outside on the back deck by the master bedroom. They said that it was started by an extension cord that was plugged into the cordless weedeater. We had all left the house by 8:20 and our neighbour phoned the fire department at 9:05 – it had happened very quickly. We are so thankful that this didn’t occur in the middle of the night as it could have been so much, much worse. The fire burned the master bedroom, the dining room, and most of the kitchen. The smoke was so heavy and it was so hot that all items above 4 feet melted, so we also lost all of the contents of the Living Room, Nich’s room. Only half of the contents from 2 of the bedrooms are salvageable. Thankfully, our photos and photo negatives were down low and were saved.

We have spent many hours going through the rubble as we have to account for everything in the house. It has been emotional at times as we filter through rubble and find little treasures that we have to give a final goodbye to. We continue to work at the house and it will not get demolished until this task is done. We do have insurance for the rebuild and the contents, but we will be required to do some mandatory upgrades that we don’t have enough coverage for, so the donations received will be put to that.

We are blessed to have such dear friends. We are staying at our friend’s lovely old home by the beach in French Creek until late January – it is now a vacation home, so it is well equipped with everything we need. We will then house-sit our Minister’s home while he is away on mission from January to May, so we are well accommodated.

Please continue to pray for us. We can feel the love every day.

Many thanks and much love to you all.

Jenny, Rob, Nicholas, Jessica and Miranda Atkinson

Exam Schedule January, 2010

Grade	Monday, Jan 25th	Tuesday, Jan 26th	Wednesday, Jan 27th	Thursday, Jan. 28th
9	English 9		Math 9	
10	French 10	Social Studies 10		*English 10 *Math 10 (12:30 –3:00) Principles Essentials
11		English 11 Physics 11 (12:30—3:00)	French 11 Social Studies 11 (12:30—3:00)	Math 11 Principles Essentials
12	*Geography 12 *Biology 12 (12:30—3)	*Communications 12	*English 12	

Exams start at 8:30 unless stated otherwise.