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# The Eagle's Nest

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### Calendar of Events

**Oct. 30th—Parent/Teacher Conferences for K-12, no classes**

**Nov. 6th—Report Card Writing, K-12, no classes**

**No. 11th—Remembrance Day, no classes**

The Exchange and Nanaimo Full Gospel Assembly would like to invite you to a Hallelujah Night for children from preschool to grade 7. Singing, games, prizes, puppets and a movie all part of this fun-filled evening. No costumes and RSVP very much appreciated.

Date: October 31st  
Time: 6:30-8:30  
Place: NFGA—4900 Hammond Bay Road

### Essential Questions and Education

After salvation, the creative mind is quite possibly the greatest gift God bestowed on human beings. The ability to think and process, to strategize, explore and to learn are all processes that are only possible through use of the mind God has given us. In a fallen world where we struggle with the effect of sin on all areas of our lives it is good to be reminded of Psalm 139. David processes his fallen nature sharing a deep understanding and desire to live in a way that pleases God. David shows that critical thinking and questioning are important components in the life of a believer. Critical thought and analysis are not easy tasks, especially in a day and age where machines have been created and programmed to entertain us in a way where we do not have to think in any deep way. Being able to think critically is an essential skill for a follower of Christ. Asking tough questions and working through the answers is essential to faith development. Have conversations with your children about questions they have. Do not accept “Nothing” as an answer to the question “What did you do today?” and “What did you learn today?”. Build in daily conversations about your child that include questions like “How is what you are learning going to help you develop as a Christian? If your child cannot answer this, get them to ask the teacher.

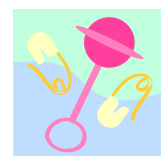
Each unit we as teachers create at the school is built around **Essential Questions**. These are the backbone of what we are uncovering as a class and as a school. Talk to your child’s teacher about the essential questions of the unit they are covering so that your conversations at home can be focused on what matters the most in the study of a unit. We are working together to build an educational community that develops Christian leaders in whatever path they are lead on. Developing and increasing our creative and critical thinking abilities will go a long way in taking hold of the gifts we receive from our God.

By Darren Spyksma

Thank you to the NCS school community for the provision of two days for staff to attend the CTABC annual convention. As the school faced an enrolment decline there was a limited number of teachers attending this year. With the number of recent additions to staff over the past years, there was a value decision endorsed by the board to allow 0.7 FTE teachers or greater to attend. So 14 of us were there. They were two good days of enrichment and networking amongst our peers. The theme this year was “(be) united, renewed, encouraged, transformed”. There was a host of workshops that support Christian teaching and the staff enjoyed their time. It was a time of learning for all.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH MR & MRS FRIESEN AND MR & MRS CROSBY.**

This Thanksgiving weekend was also a time of welcoming new family members into the world. The Friesen’s welcomed twin baby girls, Avery and Heidi and the Crosby’s welcomed their son Everett! **Congratulations!**



**Mark your Calendars!** Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup> NCS is partnering with Good Cents Co. & Nanaimo Full Gospel Church to bring you a workshop; **Successful Debt-Free living and Biblical Stewardship.** Where? Here at the school, 7-9PM, Building B. The workshop is free, and one you cannot afford to miss. Good Cents Co. owners Laurie & Dave Lee say.....

“Worry is the interest you pay when you live on credit”

Our goal is simple, to help families and individuals plan for a debt free future. This is achieved through education, goal setting, a comprehensive budget and financial coaching. We prioritize your bills to pay down debt as quickly as possible and align your spending habits with your personal goals.

If you would like to attend please call (250-754-4512 ext. 115) or email Corina @ [business.ncs@shaw.ca](mailto:business.ncs@shaw.ca).

Marsha Bishop is looking to hire a parent to provide after school driving services for her two daughters from NCS to the Hawthorne subdivision near the intersection of Jingle Pot and Wakesiah Roads. The services would be required for two weeks of each month and compensation is negotiable. Please contact Marsh at 250-616-2042 for further information.

**Please be on the look out for our fall Annual Fund Appeal brochures coming to your mail box soon. We would ask that you prayerful consider your donation for this upcoming school year. If you have any questions please contact Corina at [business.ncs@shaw.ca](mailto:business.ncs@shaw.ca)**

Dear NCS Families,

Nanaimo Christian School is proud to present our annual

“Old Fashioned Christmas Silent Auction Fundraiser”

This exciting event will be held Saturday, December 5th at Nanaimo Christian School. This “Courier & Ives” evening will feature a silent auction, Christmas carol singing, home-baked goodies, and “chestnuts roasting over an open fire”.

In order to make this a successful event, we need your help! The Event Planning Committee & I are looking for volunteers to make this community building event happen. Help is needed in the following areas:

- Phoning for silent auction items
- Pick up of silent auction items
- Decorating
- Food
- Advertising
- Set up
- Tear down
- Sound
- Greeters
- Putting gift baskets together

Please come together with us as we plan and execute a wonderful evening of fellowship and celebration. If you are able to be a part of this event, please call me at 250-754-4512 ext. 115 or email me at [business.ncs@shaw.ca](mailto:business.ncs@shaw.ca).

Thank you and Blessings!

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