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**June 28th K-8 and High School Report cards ready for pick up from 9am.—noon.**

# The Eagle's Nest

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**New Years Eve**

During a recent Tuesday morning staff devotion time, I led the staff through some “end-of-the-school-year-” reflection. For me June is very much like December in that it is a time of thinking back over the year gone by—the school year that is—as well as making plans for the year ahead. It has been a very full year at NCS, as well as within our individual families. Within each of our lives this past year there have been numerous reasons for laughter, joys, celebrations, successes, school highlights and accomplishments; however, there have also been tears, struggles, sickness, loss and grief. I wondered whether, if I knew back in September of all that would unfold during the school year, if it would possibly seem just too overwhelming. Our Pastor has been preaching sermons on Romans—”The Road to Rome.” Our life is indeed a journey and in Romans we are constantly reminded of God’s covenantal promise to us, His children, that His faithfulness is forever! The passages in Romans 8 and 11 have especially been a source of strength and hope for me throughout the good times and the not-so-good times.

“And God, who sees into our hearts, knows what the thought of the Spirit is; because the Spirit pleads with God on behalf of His people and in accordance with his will. We know that in all things God works for good with those who love Him, those whom He has called according to His purpose.” Romans 8: 27-29

So as we think back over the year and anticipate the year ahead, we rejoice in the assurance that God is always with us every step of the way! - *Yvonne Vandergrift*

“For all things were created by Him and all things exist through Him and for Him. To God be the glory forever!: Romans 11:36

**A Graduate's Prayer**

Dear Lord,  
As I look toward the future  
Bright hope conducts this prayer,  
For I know the plans You have for me  
Were wrought with divine care.

Holy Spirit, lead me.  
Let me run at Your command,  
Yet be still and know that You are God  
When trouble's close at hand.

Your Word will be a lamp for me,  
A light to guide my way,  
A solid place to set my feet,  
A compass when I stray.

May I live my life to praise You,  
Not for fortune, or for fame,  
May everything I say and do  
Bring glory to Your Name.

May my eyes stay fixed upon You

As I seek the way that's pure,  
Knowing Your loving kindness  
In You I am secure.

Even in a dangerous land  
When storms threaten to destroy,  
Upon the Solid Rock I'll stand  
My Strength, my Hope, my Joy.

Lord Jesus, I look to You alone,  
At all times keep me blessed,  
May Your face forever shine on me,  
With perfect peace and rest

Adapted from a poem by Mary Fairchild

*As we say farewell to our 9th graduating class we pray that the Lord will continue to guide and bless you. Please note that the graduation ceremonies are open to everyone and will take place on Thursday June 24th at 3pm in the Nanaimo Christian School Gymnasium*

## Nanaimo Christian School June 2010 Exam Schedule.

Grade	Thurs, June 17	Friday June 18	Mon, June 21	Tuesday, June 22	Wed, June 23	Thurs, June 24	Friday, June 25
9		Science 9 Rm 202	Social Studies 9 Rm 204		French 9 Rm 203		
10			Social Studies 10 Rm 203		*English 10 <b>12:30 to 3:00</b> Rm 206		*Science 10 A- 202 B- 201
11				*Social Studies 11 Rm 204 <b>12:30 to 3:00</b>	Biology 11 Rm 202		
12	French 12 Rm 203 10 to 12		*Physics 12 In school and provincial Rm 201  * Math 12 <b>12:30 to 3:00</b> Rm 201			*French 12 Rm 2	

\*provincial exam

- All exams start at 8:35 unless otherwise indicated
- Grade 10 provincial exams are worth 20% of final mark that is not part of the school's final report card marks. Grade 12 optional exams are worth 40% of final mark that is not part of the final school report card mark.

### Middle School Campout Report

Once again we have returned from another amazing middle school camping trip to the Pacific Rim National Park. We would like to thank the following people for driving and or being chaperones, without you, events like this simply can not happen.

**Nicole Haylow**  
**Don Goodman**

**Rochelle Enders**  
**Nick Foglietta**

**Steve Henderson**  
**Chris Gillespie**

**Brian de Schiffart**  
**Tim Parker**      **Cindy Mash**

And of course all the middle school teachers who planned, planned and planned to make this a great trip.

A special thank you to all the parents who kindly donated camping equipment and supplies, our halls are overflowing with your kind and generous donations. If however, your camping equipment was inadvertently donated without your knowledge or will, please stop by the middle school and peruse our "donations".

The **High School closing program** is on **June 18 from 12:00 to 2:00, in the gym**. We will be presenting awards, celebrating a year together, and closing a year together and saying goodbye to our grade 12's in the informal setting of high school. All parents are welcome to join us.

#### **K-8 News**

**June 22nd**—K-5 trip to Mansfield Park, parents welcome!  
**June 23rd**—K-8 Closing Program at 1pm. Grade 8 students will be receiving their certificates and grade 5's will be recognized for completing the elementary program. Parents and friends are encouraged and welcome to attend.

#### **ALL STUDENTS PLEASE NOTE :**

**Report Cards** are to be picked up on **Monday June 28th between 9-11am in the office**. Teachers will also be available during this time.

**Staffing News**

We are pleased to announce the hiring of Mrs. Kristen Visscher. She is currently ending her contract at Duncan Christian School where staffing is being reduced. She taught at DCS for three years, her first year in grade one, and the next two in grade four. Prior to her first teaching experience, she graduated from the King's University College in Edmonton, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences and a Bachelor of Education degree in a five year program. She was awarded the KUC's woman athlete of the year in 2005 (with a passion for volleyball). Pending the fulfillment or completion of the school's staffing plan for 2010/11 she is assigned to grade five.

Mr. Josh Patience caught the hiring committee's attention during the hiring process and we are also pleased to announce his appointment to a staff high school position. At this time he is assigned to teach Biology, High & Middle School Fine Arts, and part time English Language Learning. Mr. Patience has just graduated from Vancouver Island University this winter with a Bachelor's in Psychology and a Bachelor of Education, with Dean's list mentions, and a concentration in Fine Arts.

We thank Mrs. Collette for her many efforts over two year in providing biology teaching in high school. Her service continues in the educational assistant and guidance administrative positions in the fall. Her work in the student's council, graduation committee, and supporting the musical theatre productions have been noteworthy.

At this time, Mr. Banman remains on leave and has submitted his resignation to the school for family reasons. He has taught at NCS since 1993 in various assignments. We are thankful for his years of service and wish him Godspeed in the years ahead.

Mrs. Kim Kirkbride is returning from her maternity leave in September and has agreed to fill in the part time kindergarten assignment. We welcome her back and wish her God's blessings in this transition. Mrs. Kirkbride's replacement teacher, Miss Sonier, has accepted the offer to remain in the grade one assignment, next September. Congratulations Miss Sonier on your effective year and your contract renewal.

**Teaching Position Posting**

Nanaimo Christian School invites applications to be submitted for possible middle school and elementary teaching positions.

A complete application package will include your resume, copies of post-secondary transcripts and valid teacher certificate, statement of Christian faith and Christian education philosophy statement. Please send only one resume. If you fax or email your resume, **do not** forward a copy by mail. **No telephone enquiries please.** Qualified professional applicants will be given priority. We thank all applicants for their interest in Nanaimo Christian School. However, only those applicants selected for further consideration will be contacted. **You may reach us at: Hiring Committee, Nanaimo Christian School, 198 Holland Rd. V9R 6T7, Nanaimo B.C, Fax 250.754.4271, email: [admin.ncs@shaw.ca](mailto:admin.ncs@shaw.ca)**

**Thank you** to all for your many expressions of support and prayers for our grieving staff members, Mrs. D. Dyck and Mr. C. Verveda. Both staff members recently lost their fathers to cancer. Please continue to remember them as well as Mr. and Mrs. De Schiffart and Mr. Henderson (whose mothers passed away this spring) in your prayers as they too grieve the loss of their loved ones. The staff finds comfort and strength in the assurance that their parents are with their Heavenly Father.

**Library News**

\*\*Just a reminder to students (and staff!) that all library books are due back by **JUNE 18**. School policy states that books must be returned or paid for before report cards can be issued. So...check under the bed, in the car and on your bookshelf for any missing library books. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Cooper in the library on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays, or leave a written message in the office. Thank you for helping us care for our collection.

\*\*This summer, "Reading Rocks" at your public library with the Summer Reading Club. Register at your local branch to get an activity book and reading record. Play online games, enter contests, and read your way to prizes. Summer Reading is free, and sign-up is easy. Visit the Vancouver Island Regional Library and ask at the front desk how you can join the Summer Reading Club. And remember – if you're going on vacation this summer, you can borrow books from any of the 38 branches and return them at your home library. For more information visit [www.virl.bc.ca](http://www.virl.bc.ca).

Teens have their own online Reading Club that continues all year. Check out the information, blog and student reviews at [www.teenrc.ca](http://www.teenrc.ca).

Happy reading!

**BUS NOTICE JUNE 23RD**

To accommodate the K-8 closing program, the school bus schedule will be adjusted .

**School buses will leave NCS at 2:15 as opposed to 3:10.**

Congratulations to Marla and George Briggs on their recent marriage. Marla, who was previously known as Miss Platz, is an educational assistant in the high and middle schools. We wish you both a wonderful life together!



### Track and Field—Provincials

On June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> we sent some athletes to the Track and Field provincials in Burnaby. Our NCS team had a strong showing where Erica De Schiffart finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the 3000 and Marita De Schiffart followed very close behind in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the grade 8 and 9 division. These two also ran in the 1,500 where Erica finished 4<sup>th</sup> and Marita a close 5<sup>th</sup>. In the senior division Joel De Schiffart ran the 2000 meter steeple finishing in 5<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> in the 3000 which is impressive when he is running against grade elevens and twelve's. We also had Maggie Hault competing in discus where she finished 10<sup>th</sup>. All of these results show that our NCS track and field team has a positive future. Congratulations to all the participants look forward to a strong showing next year.

Nathan Johnson  
Athletic Director

### Group Photographs

We have sample copies of group band/sports photo's in the office for viewing. If you would like to purchase a copy they are \$7/copy. We have the following groups to select from:

High School Band	Jr. Girl's Volleyball	Badminton
Cross Country	Track Team	Sr. Girl's Volleyball
Sr. Boy's Basketball	Jr. Boy's Basketball	Boys Soccer Team
Boys Ball Hockey Team	High School Jazz Band	Grade 11 Fun Shot
ESL Student/Teacher		

If you would like to order a copy please see Lynn or Diane in the office.

### Friday Nite Basketball

Boys and Girls from Grades 1-10 are invited to join in this seasons Friday Night Basketball program September 17-November 26 2010. Brochures are available in the office or call Joan Hiemstra at 250 758 3773.

### ATHLETIC AWARDS

Sport	Most Valuable Player	Most Sportsmanlike	Most Improved
<b>Soccer</b>	Daelen Berg	Greg Vandergrift	Jason Normand
<b>Cross Country</b>	Joel De Schiffart	Chauncey McEachern	Zach Henderson
<b>Jr. Girls Volleyball</b>	Lakeisha Geddes Skelding	Megan Henderson	Nadia Lepak
<b>Sr. Girls Volleyball</b>	Alyssa De Schiffart	Cassandra Riedstra	Catherine Sevenhuysen
<b>Jr. Boys Basketball</b>	Jonah Wassell	Darren Vandergrift	Josh Grossgardt
<b>Sr. Boys Basketball</b>	Daelen Berg	Greg Vandergrift	Callan Kopec
<b>Badminton</b>	John Foster	Jonelle van Rensburg	Samantha Bishop
<b>Ball Hockey</b>	Nathan Lueder	Darren Vandergrift	Jacob McKnight
<b>Track and Field</b>	Erica/Marita De Schiffart	Alyssa De Schiffart	Dragos Neaga

### ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL NCS MUSICAL!

A big Thank You goes to Miss Brunsting , Mr. Smith and Mrs. Briggs (formally Miss Platz), the grade 11 and 12 cast for the tremendous performance of Anne of Green Gables the musical. Many hours of preparation and hard work were put into the three successful shows. A special mentions goes out to Echo Players, Gaye Heatherington, Sue De Schiffart and her sewing class, Glen Friesen and his woodworking class, as well as the parents and staff who donated their personal belongings as props.

### THREE THUMBS UP!!

#### PNE Tickets—K-7

We have a number of free tickets for the PNE available in the office, please feel free to pick some up for your family.

### KIDS KLUB PRESCHOOL

- we still have a few spaces available for fall 2010. For more information please call Shelly Yates at 250 667 4222

### ***The African Children's Choir***

**Saturday, July 10 at 7:00 pm**  
**Sunday, July 11 at 9:00 and 11:00 am**

at  
**First Baptist Church**

1650 Waddington Rd, Nanaimo  
Tel: (250) 753-0241

The concert will be a mixture of well-loved children's songs, traditional African songs and dances, and favorite gospel tunes. Experience the hope, dignity and beauty of Africa!

#### **ABOUT THE CHOIR**

*The African Children's Choir has been working with the most vulnerable children in Africa for 25 years, raising awareness of the plight of Africa's orphaned and abandoned, but also showing the beauty, dignity and potential of each African child. They are a voice for the millions of children suffering in Africa.*

A free-will offering will be taken to help provide education, care and emergency relief for over 7,000 children in Uganda, Kenya, South Africa, Sudan, Rwanda, Nigeria, and Ghana.

The International program at NCS is looking for **homestays** for September for both male and female students. If you are interested please contact Dianne Mains at [international.ncs@gmail.com](mailto:international.ncs@gmail.com) or call the school office at 754-4512

#### **Financial Assistance**

Forms for Financial Assistance Bursary are available in the office. If you have any questions please email Corina Finlay at [business.ncs@shaw.ca](mailto:business.ncs@shaw.ca)

### **TUTORING AVAILABLE**

I am a BC certified K-12 teacher who is experienced in teaching Kindergarten to Grade 12. I am available to tutor all subject areas, including math up to grade 10. Please contact me if you would like to talk about how I could help give your child a jumpstart throughout the summer to get ready for the next school year. Contact Nicole Wassell by email at [buildingblocks101@email.com](mailto:buildingblocks101@email.com) or by phone (250) 751-1323.