



**Sept 15, 2009**

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**School Forms and Sched-  
ules**

Many of you have completed your information forms and tuition payment schedules and have returned them to the office. Thank you! We still have many to be returned, so to those of you who have not yet completed this small task the office staff would really appreciate receiving the paperwork this week. Thank you too!

# The Eagle's Nest

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## Starting Over Again

The first week of school is completed and summer is long forgotten for many of us. On the first day of school, we had many students who were eager to be back to see their friends again. There was lots of excitement in the halls and classrooms (of course some not so excited about the school part). As the week progressed, most students started to settle into a routine.

This year, like any other year, we have the challenge of building good community among our students and to encourage good relationships with others. A start up theme we have in high school is "Love your neighbour as yourself." If teachers, students and parents could all do this together, NCS would be a great place to be. Please pray for this to take place in our school and that we all strive to reach this goal. You have the opportunity to grow community with other families at our family night BBQ. Join us in meeting teachers and other parents in an informal evening.

B. De Schiffart

Thank you for all the last minute support in clean-up and school chores in the last few days before school started. They are extended to: Trish and Christie; painting volunteers, Brett Baynton painting exterior steps and lockers (a big job!), Johann VanRensburg, Bernie Taekema, Todd and Shelley Yates, Melinda Franklin, Bob Gauld, the Geddes Skelding children bark mulching and weeding, (and Mike Geddes Skelding thank you very much for all your summer help with weeding, wheelbarrowing, watering, and being a great support! you were a real blessing!) and Glen Friesen for the new table and table top installations in the portable, Ed Lock, every teacher's friend - thanks for getting those last minute bulletin boards and maintenance requests done, as well as baling the grass crop every week this summer! Mark Gall, thanks for the welding in the lobby and for the soccer post job, as well as painting the MS office space. And of course, our dear Norma Gauld for all her coordinating work -getting the bank done, arranging for the roofer to come out, and all the summer jobs that need doing. Every effort made improves our school - they are much appreciated!

There are new projects remaining to be served. Firstly, we want to reinstall the swing set and need to have posts and peagravel put in, as well as the fence posts and chain link to keep the swing area safe. Secondly, Glen Friesen is trying to make his work space more efficient with an outside storage compound to be installed. This includes taller fencing and a covered area. Thirdly, we would like to invite elementary parents to contact Shelley Yates and/or Norma Gauld for elementary playground improvements. Elementary students have a fundraising account that has been designated for playground additions. Your ideas, time, work and volunteering for these projects would make NCS even better than it already is!

**Introducing:**

**Nathan Johnson**—High School PE & Leadership

Nathan was born and raised in Duncan, B.C. After graduating from DCS he went to Dordt College in Iowa where he received his teaching degree with a major in Physical Education. After college he taught in Brooks, AB before returning to DCS for 1 year of teaching. Nathan is married and excited to be the Athletic Director at NCS.

**Julia Hancox**—Middle School grade 7/8 Teacher

Julia graduated from Vancouver Island University in 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts and her Bachelor of Education. She has recently come back to Nanaimo from teaching at a bilingual school in Shanghai, China. Julia is excited to share the first-hand experience she acquired throughout her time overseas with her students at NCS. She is confident in the role that God has placed her in and grateful that she has been called to be an active member at Nanaimo Christian School.

**H1N1 Virus**

A reminder from the school and the health unit with the flu season upon us to remain vigilant in your daily health care practices. Spread of the H1N1 virus is thought to be happening in the same way that seasonal flu spreads—person to person through coughing, sneezing by people with influenza.

It is important to note that an infected person may not exhibit signs or symptoms of H1N1 and may be contagious from one day before they develop symptoms up to 7 days after they get sick.

Please STAY HOME if you are not well.

Wash your hands frequently, soap and water are in the washrooms, Hand sanitizers are in the offices and classrooms.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth without having washed your hands first.

Use tissue when coughing or sneezing and discard in the garbage after use.

Use your arm or sleeve when coughing or sneezing if tissue is not available.

Clean hard surfaces such as keyboards and phones with alcohol based wipes.

Symptoms of H1N1 include: fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. A significant number of people infected with H1N1 have also reported diarrhea and vomiting.

Recommend web links for information are: [www.healthlinkbc.ca](http://www.healthlinkbc.ca) or [www.fightflu.ca](http://www.fightflu.ca)

**Classroom Orientation and Family BBQ**

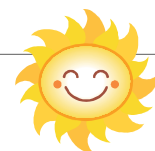
**Tuesday, Sept 15** is our Annual NCS Family BBQ starting at **5:30pm** in the school gym. This is a great opportunity to meet our new families or catch up with those that you have not seen over the summer! We will provide all beef hot dogs and beverages, as well as some important school information and what is sure to be lively entertainment. If your last name begins with A-L please bring a family sized salad, M-Z a family sized dessert. Please make sure items are ready to serve (desserts pre-cut) along with serving utensils.

Classroom orientation sessions begin at 7:00. This is the time to find out what to expect with regards to classroom newsletters, home work, classroom rules, volunteer opportunities, how best to communicate with the teacher and an overview of what your children will be learning this year. Elementary and middle school will have two classroom sessions per class, while high school will have a separate posted schedule with more, shorter sessions.

Consent forms for immunizations for grade 6 and 9 students have been sent home and need to be returned to the school immediately. Thank you. Immunizations are scheduled for **Monday, Sept. 28th**

**School photo's**

Photo packages have been sent home. We are using Life Touch photography this year. You have a choice of background colours and poses. Please fill out the envelope with the required information and include payment with the envelope. The students take the completed envelope with payment to the photographer when their picture is taken. If you have more than 2 children paying for their photo package you will receive a complementary package for each additional child. Please pick up a family coupon from the office to include with the additional children's envelope. When you receive your photo packages you will also have opportunity to order other products online. Photo's will be taken on **Tuesday, Sept. 22nd. Bring you best smile!!**



**Soft, Cudly & Cute**

Collette's Lionhead Rabbitry has baby and Junior Lionhead bunnies for sale. We normally sell them for \$35. each, but offer you a School discount price of \$25. each. These unique dwarf size rabbits, (under 3.5 lbs. at adulthood), have a mane of angora-like fur, similar to a lion's mane. We have both males and females. For more information, talk to Sue or Carolyn Collette in High School, or phone 250-752-5243

Kid's Klub Preschool has a few spaces left. Please contact Shelly Yates @ 250-667-4222 if you are wanting more information.

**From the Office:**

We will soon be preparing the school directory for this year. If you have had a change in name/address/phone # etc and have not yet reported it to the office or if you are uncertain if you have reported it please call the office this week (754-4512) and advise us of the change. Also if you would like to place an add for your business in the directory for a nominal fee of \$5.00 please let us know. We appreciate your help with this update. Also if you are not receiving the newsletter by email and would like to do so please email your address or change in email address to: admin.ncs@shaw.ca or call the office.

Thanks!

**GRADE 12 YWAM TRIP**

The grade 12's exposure to missions Vancouver YWAM trip takes place Sept 23-25th.

**GRADE 11 HIKE**

The grade 11's Mt Edward Albert 2 day hike is on Sept 23-25th. Students should be getting in shape for this hike and getting the needed equipment.

**GRADE 9 & 10 CAMPING**

The grade 9 & 10's are scheduled for Camp Moorecroft this week Sept 17-18

**September's Virtue & Artist of the Month**

We are excited to once again kick-off our virtue and artist of the month in K-5. This year the focus for our artists will be taken from the Olympics. All artists will be representing countries participating in the Olympics, or will have created something for the Olympics in the past. The Virtues will be based on different Christ-like attitudes that are important to instill in our children. The first three virtues are hospitality, gratitude, and peacemaking. Teaching students to follow Christ's teachings is the most important thing we can teach them, and our actions speak louder than our words. Look for the upcoming displays in the elementary lobby each month.

**Hospitality Verse—Whatever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me. Matthew 25:40.**

**Injuries at school do happen.** Even in the safest environment children get bumps, bruises, cuts etc. Each year we send home an insurance option for parents to consider. The cost is as low as \$13.50/year. We have included this insurance option with the hard copy of the newsletter and hope that you will consider this for your child(ren).

We are looking for a used but **fully working, in good condition** stove for our Home Ec. Room. If you have one you would be willing to donate please call the office at 754-4512. Thank you!