



# The Eagle's Nest

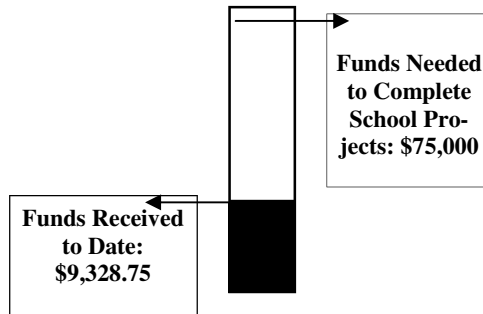
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## Annual Fund Appeal

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Matt 6:33 tells us to "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and these things (*our needs*) will be provided for you." *Italics mine.* As we choose to allow the kingdom of God to reign in our hearts fully, living in the Righteousness of God, then and only then are we able to rest and not worry about tomorrow. Ponder today and ask the Lord as we come upon the Christmas season how you may fully rest in a true dependency, according to the reality God lays out for you & me in His Word.

Blessings for this season, Corina

**Tax Tip**

Do you know that your donation to the school is tax deductible, which means you can get up to 43% (depending on your tax bracket) refunded by the government on your income tax return? Please contact Corina Finlay @ [business.ncs@shaw.ca](mailto:business.ncs@shaw.ca) if this is of interest to you as we will need to receive your donation by **December 31st.**

**Calendar of Events**

- Nov. 28th –K-8 Report Cards issued
- Dec. 11-13th—Music Man, drama presentation
- Dec. 17th—Preschool-grade 5 Christmas program
- Dec. 18th—Middle & High School Concert band Christmas program
- Dec. 18th—Cookies for Inmates, bagging and delivery

The theme in Middle School this year is "Head to Heart to Hands" taken from Christian Schools International, a North American organization created to support Christian Education around the world. As an extension of that theme, Grade Eight is looking at who Jesus described as the most vulnerable. Jesus is very clear about what our responsibilities are to the marginalized of our society. We are called to be active participants in the lives of these people. In response to homelessness awareness month in October and Jesus' call to help those less fortunate, the grade eights are embarking on a service focused unit. Students are given the chance to use their gifts and abilities to improve other people's lives. What a powerful message for the people of this town and for the students who have this opportunity to look beyond themselves, giving themselves to something larger, something we are called to do as Christians.

When I have the privilege of working with students, challenging them to live a life with wider vision I become excited to be part of this community. It is a time to celebrate the fact that I have children as students in this school. Children who will be supported in the building of their faith, challenged to live their faith, and encouraged to explore the calling to be active participants in the redeeming work of Christ.  
Mr. Spyksma

**"A Christmas Carol" Scrooge in Bethlehem**

Featuring the Preschool—5th Grade in their Christmas musical on Wednesday, December 17th @ 7:00 pm. in the NCS gym. This will no doubt be a packed performance, so doors will open at 6:30 pm. for early seating.

**O.D.E. for Concert Band** (One December Evening for Concert Band)

Featuring familiar Christmas songs and Carols performed by Middle School and High School Concert Bands. Thursday, December 18th @ 7:00 pm. in NCS Gym. Seating is on a first come first served basis, so doors will open at 6:15 pm.

Opportunity to be part of Nanaimo Christian School community prayer to be held on Saturday, November 22 at 11:00 am. All are welcome. A 24 hour time of fasting is asked for. For more information please contact Catherine (Cat) Mede @ 250-753-3270.

Hope to see you there.

Greetings from the Prop Department at NCS! Our production of **“Music Man”** is well under way, and now is the time to get all of our props in order. As with past productions, the success of our musical theatre program is in large part due to the authenticity of our props and set dressing and we owe that to the support of the many school families that graciously lend their prized possessions to us for the rehearsals and performances. Please take a look at this year’s list and give me a call if you are willing to lend any of these items to us. I can be reached at the school at 250-754-4512, or by e-mail at [guidance.ncs@shaw.ca](mailto:guidance.ncs@shaw.ca) Thanks so much for your help and support!  
Sue Collette, Props Manager

Suitcase (s) – similar to the ones used for “42<sup>nd</sup> Street” typical of what a traveling salesman would be carrying

A pitchfork

Small Wooden Box

Horseshoes

Horse items to dress a portion of the set to appear as a horse livery (reins, whip, hay etc)

a rifle (can be a toy one that looks real)

a pitch pipe (tuning pipe)

a pipe (one that holds tobacco the kind you smoke with)

Bigger set items -

table - wooden type, small with 3 chairs

a wooden wagon - not too big, but large enough for a person to stand in

**WANTED:** University Master’s candidate needs students with learning challenges to participate in a 12 week study on improving academic skills. The study is based in the family home and may involve changing household cleaning to a “green” alternative. Contact Donna at 250-390-2756 for more information.

### **GIFT CARD ORDER FORMS**

Starting to do your Christmas shopping? Planning on buying gift cards for someone living out of town, the person who has everything or is just too hard to buy for? Then why not order them through the school and support NCS at the same time. For every card or certificate you purchase NCS earns between 2-10%! And best of all it costs you nothing extra! All you need to do is print off the attached form, complete it and return it to the office along with your cheque. The percentages shown on the form shows you the percentage that NCS receives from your purchases. All gift cards are redeemable across Canada (except for Domino’s Pizza is valid in BC only). Two order dates will be happening before Christmas, Wednesday, Nov 12<sup>th</sup> and Monday, Dec 1st. Gifts cards will be available for pick-up on Wednesday, Nov 19th and Monday, Dec 8th.

#### **Email Addresses**

If you are not currently receiving the newsletter by email and would like to, please call the school office at 754-4512.

#### **We still need more cookies for inmates. Can you help?**

I will provide \_\_\_\_\_dozen Christmas cookies for the inmates at Nanaimo Correctional Centre.

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(name – please print)