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School Notices

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Calendar of Events

Oct. 21st—6-8 pm. Open House for the new Library and Band Rooms

Nov. 3rd—Photo Retakes in the am.

Nov. 5th—Parent/Student/Teacher conferences. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 am.

Nov. 10th—Report Card Writing for K-12, no classes

Nov. 11th—Remembrance Day, no classes

Nov. 17th—High School Term 1 Report Cards issued

Nov. 28th —K-8 Report Cards issued

**Open House**

For our newly renovated Library & Music Rooms Tuesday, Oct. 21st 6 pm.—8 pm.

The evening is for adults to see what all the dust and noise is about at NCS. Drop by for as little or as long as you want. Music to help us celebrate will be provided by Cabin Fever Trio.

# The Eagle's Nest

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I had the privilege of once again taking the majority of the grade 12 class to East Vancouver to have somewhat of a cultural experience helping YWAM serve this particular community. And what a community East Vancouver truly is. So many people like you and I who have gone through some bad luck and made some poor choices. As this was my fourth year on this trip, a particular story stands out in my mind that I think the students experienced in a much different way. It was the evening we walked along the streets where many prostitutes sell themselves; the particular event is called "Roses to prostitutes." We go out as a group and pray for the prostitutes, johns and pimps as the Lord leads us. On one particular walk this year where in the past there had been a high volume of activity, there was noticeably less activity. Many of the students related this afterwards, and some were disappointed in not seeing anything and felt they had not been able to understand what groups in the past were able to see. The YWAM leader was ecstatic and tried to describe how our very message of 'inactivity' was an amazing answer to prayer. Often we don't understand that the deafening silence can so easily be God rescuing us. But I say HOORAY, let's rejoice in the absence of sin and fill this void with the shout of victory! May God be praised in any stillness that may exist in your life.

Mr. De Greeff

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences

When: Nov. 5th, from 12:00 pm. to 4:50 pm. and 6:00 pm.—7:50 pm.

Where: Classrooms

How: Book appointments through the office at 250-754-4512

**It is very helpful to the office staff** if you know your student's High School teachers that you need to see.

We are eliminating a 1/2 day of interview times this year so scheduling will have fewer spaces than usual. Please book early in order to accommodate your request.

**The Grade 9/10 Drama class will be presenting The Music Man on December 11,12,and 13th. Help is needed in all areas of production—more immediately with Costumes and Props. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Jenny Atkinson at 250-248-0197, or via email at: [the-jenster@shaw.ca](mailto:the-jenster@shaw.ca) Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated!**

The Annual Fund Appeal brochures were mailed last week. We ask you to please consider NCS in your giving and return the brochures to Corina Finlay as quickly as you can. Thank you!

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Nanaimo Christian School (1988) Society, please contact Corina Finlay @ [business.ncs@shaw.ca](mailto:business.ncs@shaw.ca) or (250) 754-4512. By becoming a member of this society, you will be able to have a voice through an official vote for things that impact your children at NCS at our Spring and Fall Society meetings. The cost of \$10. annually per person and a one-time membership orientation class is required. Current members are to renew before the end of October in order to remain in good standing. Class date to be determined.  
Corina Finlay, Development, NCS.

## BOOK FAIR COMING SOON. WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENT!

Congratulations to our cross-country runners for their great efforts at the Islands Age Group Championship. Special recognition to Joel De Schiffart and Erica De Schiffart who got first place, and Marita De Schiffart for a second place and Jennifer Vanden Bosch for 13th place. Sean Groenewold and Kaitlyn Franklin gave a good effort. Well done runners



Did you know that the Nanaimo Ice Centre has a loonie skate on Friday's from 1:15-3:30? So you can take your child after school and enjoy some skating time for a nominal fee.



### Operation Christmas Child

We have brochures and boxes for the collection of Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes in Building A. This is a wonderful opportunity to give a gift to a less fortunate child that otherwise would receive nothing. You may also buy plastic **shoe box size** containers that are very useful to the family after the gifts are removed. You may bring your shoe boxes to the school prior to Nov. 14th or to Nanaimo Full Gospel Assembly between Nov. 22-29th.

Wanted—Donation of Lego  
Do you have lego you are not using? The school is interested in starting a lego club and would like donations of any lego people are not using. Lego can be dropped off at the office or with Mrs. De Schiffart.

### High School Staffing Announcement

We are thankful for Ms. M. Hann's substitute work in the days since Mr. Berg's resignation. Last Friday was Ms. Hann's last day and we are pleased to announce that Ms. S. Collette has been appointed to the Biology 11 and English 11. She fills the supervising teacher 9/10 Musical Theatre position while Mrs. J. Atkinson assumes the director's role. We are thankful for their willingness to step in and allow the show to continue. Mrs. Collette has been an educational assistant on staff since 2005. Prior to this she served at Beacon Christian School in that capacity for three years.

Ms. Collette has worked with NCS students, staff and these subjects during these three years, often taking classes as a substitute teacher. She is a Bachelor's of Science undergraduate from the University of Maryland and specialized in immunology for her Master's degree. She has assumed the replacement teaching responsibilities as the school continues to advertise for this opening. The school is preparing the necessary documentation to certify her as a 'letter of permission' teacher through the Independent Schools Branch. The administration, education committee and board are thankful for her familiarity with the school operation; her university training, personal excellence and strong determination to have students succeed, while valuing the consistency that she brings to her assignment. If you have the opportunity, please welcome Mrs. Collette to the staff.