



# The Eagle's Nest

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**Calendar of Events**

- Spet. 26th—Terry Fox Run**
- Sept. 30th—School Photo's**
- Oct. 8th—High School Interim reports issued**
- Oct. 9,10th—Christian Teachers Conference, no classes**
- Oct. 13th—Thanksgiving Day, no classes**
- Oct. 29th—Parent/Student/Teacher conferences**

**Parking Lot**

We have some concern over parents pulling in to the gravel (staff) parking lot to pick up/drop off children., and then backing out of the parking lot. This is potentially dangerous as drivers can not necessarily see little ones as they are walking through the lot. Please restrict your drop off/pick up spots to the main or lower parking lots. Please do not use the gravel (staff) lot for this purpose.  
We also have K-5 students walking through the lot to their bus.

**Your Student Activities at Work (and Play):**

Over the past two weeks, high school students have been digging into their activity fees in order to do some amazing and wonderful things. A week ago, about sixty five students and five staff members went out to Moorecroft Camp on the Nanoose peninsula to enjoy the beautiful, rustic setting- and to get to know each other in a special way outside of the classroom. The games and activities from Wednesday afternoon, through Friday noon, enabled friendships among the Grades 9 and 10 students to be established and strengthened. From fun and wild mixer games (blame Mr. De Schiffart:), to camp wide games led by Mr. Friesen and Miss Hogeterp, the teens were run ragged yet happy. Each evening saw us around a roaring campfire in close fellowship, where Miss Scholman gave us thoughtful, inspirational direction for the year. During the day on Thursday, a team of four B.C. naturalists led the group into a "Survivors" series of exercises furthering our goal of team building, and teaching the young people (among other things) just how difficult it is the build a fire without matches! After a sleep-in on Friday and a wonderful brunch, we had a last time for personal reflection down at the beach that focused on choices we're going to undertake to make this school year. Finally, cabin clean up and inspection, and a dash to secure the best seats on the new NCS school bus, and we were back!

This past Wednesday through Friday, the Grade 11's, led by Mr. Berg, hiked what seemed like a gazillion miles uphill into the wilds of the Forbidden Plateau (Mount Edward Albert Baker Smith- or something like that...) Students had amazing stories to share- of blood, sweat (lots of sweat), toil, and blisters. And of a blessed time had by all - that I hope will come out in much more detail soon. Also, from Wednesday through Friday the Grade 12's, led by Mr. de Greef, ventured into Vancouver's East Side where the good people of YWAM supported our group in an exposure to the mission work that is ongoing in that beleaguered part of our Olympic host city. Again, more amazing stories- but of a different part of creation where God's handiwork is perhaps not as easy to discern as the rest of us saw. Yet, our senior class came back tremendously moved by what they experienced. Many more stories to come...

The year has barely begun, and the high school students of NCS are well into their activity fees, but much more importantly, are well into developing the bonds of Christian community wherein we all want our children to feel safe, valued and thereby- where learning can best take place.

Paul Henderson

**Middle School Electronics**

Parents please not that Middle School does not permit student use of cell phones, iPods, Itouch, electronic gaming systems, mp3 players etc. between 8:15 and 3:10. These items will be confiscated, placed in the office and returned to parents.

Christian Schools Canada hosted its' bi-annual conference last week and three of the four NCS principal's team attended. We are thankful to have been able to participate and have the time to listen, reflect, share and pray with colleagues from all over Canada. Some travelled a long way to get there but, for us it was a little less than two hours as we drove to Sydney on Thursday morning. It was very helpful to have a conference of such a high caliber so close to home. Pacific Christian School did a great job as the host school. Besides the networking and connecting that goes on, we listened to excellent speakers present on the theme "Rhythms of Leadership". There was "milk, meat and potatoes" to digest as we were looking in the mirror at ourselves – reviewing our own personality, character, and competence as they are applied in God's service in our lives and at work.

One element of Mark Buchanan's address (author of *Is Your God to Safe?, The Rest of God*, and others), caught my attention. He spoke on Caleb's address in Joshua 14 and emphasized Caleb's honest convictions which resonated well with each of the team. For example, our last year of facility expansion was more than just work to enter NCS into its next stage of development. It was growing our school on the bedrock of our communal conviction that NCS is called to serve Christ in education in Nanaimo – not in a quiet, small manner but, in a visibly intentional way that enters into the mainstream of the community by offering a valuable faith based alternative. Exercising our faith in learning is a blessing and responsibility that the Holy Spirit has provided and we are thankful for the work, the convictions and the leading that the Spirit has given. We are also thankful to the board and the NCS community for providing for the opportunity to grow in awareness and understanding in our daily work. A special thank you goes to Mrs. De Schiffart for taking the responsibility for the school in our absence.

NCS Teachers are making plans to attend their CTA conference on October 9 and 10. They are looking forward to this year's convention at Abbotsford Christian School. Please pray for travelling mercies and fruit for our staff as we continue to invest in their lives as well). John Reems, on behalf of the conference attendees

The parking lot has had relatively less traffic than last year as the lower lot has helped ease congestion. However, there are still days when the lot is at capacity. We would like to inform you that the southern route bus will now park by the Art room in building A. This is primarily to assist primary students to get to the bus without going all the way around the gym and then, through the main lot. K-5 students may simply go through the staff lot, which typically has much less traffic, if any at all.

Parents and staff are asked to be continually attentive to the mix of numerous cars and students. So, please follow the traffic flow arrows and use the entry and exit lanes properly. When the main lot is full there are available spots below that may be used (yes, you would have to go up the stairs to collect your children and rides).

### Terry Fox Run

This year N.C.S. will once again be participating in the Terry Fox Run for cancer research. We will be holding our run on the afternoon of **Friday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>**. Students in grades 1-3 will be bussed to Westwood Lake and will walk a short loop together. Students in grades 4-12 will run from the school to Westwood, around the lake, and back to school. Please remind your child to bring a donation for the Terry Fox foundation on the day of our run. This can be done through the Terry Fox website as well. Thank You!



## NEWSLETTER

The bi-monthly newsletter will be posted on the school's website at [www.nanaimochristianschool.ca](http://www.nanaimochristianschool.ca)  
We are trying to minimize the number of hard copies issued so if you would like to have the newsletter emailed to you please call the office with your email address.  
If you have changed your email address and would like to continue receiving the newsletter this way please let the office staff know your change in email address.

### School Photo's

Mountain West studio's will be at the school on Tuesday, Sept. 30th to take pictures of all the happy smiles in the school. Please bring your photo packages including payment to give to the photographer.

