



# NCS EAGLES NEST

August 29, 2011

## Special points of interest:

- Message from Administration
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## Calendar of Events

Sept. 6th—School re-opens, 1/2 day till 11:30 am.  
Sept. 1st—MS camping meeting  
Sept. 7-9th Middle School Camping  
Sept. 13th -Welcome back Bar-b-q and Meet the Teacher evening  
Sept.14-16th—Gr. 11 Hike to Mt. Washington, and Gr. 12 to YWAM, Victoria  
Sept. 29th—School Photo's  
Oct. 6,7th—CTABC Convention, no classes  
Oct. 11th—Thanksgiving Day  
Nov. 11th—Remembrance Day Day

**Our K-12 program opening day begins on September 6, 2011 from 8:30 am to 1130 am, so students need not bring lunches that day as school dismisses early. Bus departs 11:45am**

## What's New?

The NCS leadership has been actively pursuing a restructuring of the school. This was reported to the membership at the last meeting in June where the reorganization was clarified. This means that the administration of the school will be managed through an executive leadership model. This impacts the roles and responsibilities of the principal and vice-principals and indeed the entire teaching and support staff. In this regard, Mr. Reems has been selected to the Van Lunen Foundation for Executive Management in Christian Schools and is attending three, one week sessions over the next year. One week was attended this July and its intent and direction will be continuously applied over the calendar year through a specific project. Other teachers were also busily engaged in professional development through taking summer courses, organizing planning and documenting their curricular work. The staff met in a retreat in order to focus on the school mission purpose of providing an effective biblically based curriculum. Our retreat was held at Mount Washington where we were blessed with a time of preparation and a magnificent tribute to summer on the mountain.

## Tuition Payments

The first week of school, a table will be set up in the lobby, for you to register your tuition payment schedule. There will be forms for Automatic Debit either from your banking account or from your credit card. There will also be a promissory note for you to sign. Please remember that if you paid a reenrollment fee, this amount gets deducted from your first tuition payment. Any outstanding amounts will be cleared up at this time unless you have made other arrangements. REMEMBER: Communication is your biggest asset!!

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Thanks go to Mr. De Schiffart and Mr. Spyksma for organizing a time for staff to be primed to implement God's principles into everyday's teaching. Thus, we have prepared to be of better service. Mrs. S. Yates, our preschool director and administrator continues to be involved in establishing two other preschool satellite sites in the Oceanside and North Nanaimo areas. We are finalizing discussions with two churches, Qualicum's Christian Fellowship Centre and Maranatha Foursquare Gospel Church to host these classes. We, of course, also plan our regular preschool on campus and are offering two and three day options. If you have preschool aged children that would benefit from organized learning through play activities please contact Mrs. Yates or leave a message for her through the NCS office.

We trust you had a restful summer away from the daily routine of school. Kindergarten to grade 12 applications continues to be received and administered by the NCS admissions officer, Mrs. D. Ferris.

Kindergarten parents please note that there will no classes on Wednesdays until after Thanksgiving to allow for Kindergarten visits.

## Pre School

There is still room in the Kingdom Kids pre-school for September. We are offering classes from 8:35-11:45 m/w/f or t/th.

We are also looking for a licensed ECE (Early Childhood Educator) for the Qualicum program. Please email resumes to the school at [admin.ncs@shaw.ca](mailto:admin.ncs@shaw.ca) attention Shelley Yates or you may also call Shelley at 250-667-4222



## Athletics

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over. Sorry to those who have not realized that school is just around the corner. This also means that the sports seasons for NCS is coming soon. Last year was a great year for the athletic program, seeing more students involved. As this year starts, it's our goal to even further enhance and improve our area of athletics. It's my dream as the athletic director, as well as the dream of many others to see a school wide involvement in athletics through a Christ centered approach. With this challenge at hand, it's going to take a team effort (no pun intended) to get more students proactive and involved. As more students throughout all grades become engaged in athletics, the demand for coaches, parent support, and teacher sponsors notably rises. If you have a passion for athletics and to see this area of NCS flourish, this call is to you. If you have coached, know of some coaches, or would like to support and help in any other way, I would love to here from you.

*"The most important key to achieving great success is to decide upon your goal launch, get started, take action, move."*

John Wooden, One of the most successful NCAA basketball coaches of all time.

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## Twoonies for Somalia

The Canadian Foodgrains Bank (A Christian Response to Hunger) is offering a 4-1 match for a limited time in support of the Somalian people. You can find out more about this organization at [www.foodgrainsbank.ca](http://www.foodgrainsbank.ca) I am hoping that as a school community we could raise a minimum of \$1,000 to support this work and so I'm asking families of Nanaimo Christian School to donate a minimum of a twoonie which will multiply to become \$8. The donations will need to come in to the school office by **Sept. 7th at the latest** so the funds can be couriered in time for the deadline. Your church may also be able to facilitate this if you find our deadline too tight.

This is something we all can do and be a part of. It's also something you could use to provide an avenue of giving/teaching for your children. You could also collect donations from your friends, families and neighbours if you like. Unfortunately I am unable to write receipts for donations but I think this is worthy of simply giving from a heart of love and concern for these desperate people.

God bless you as you consider this.

Thank you!

Diane Dyck, Admin. Assistant

## Music Community Announcements

### Trumpet for Sale:

Lintone Brand Trumpet– In excellent condition, includes 2 NCS band shirts (M) and a cleaning kit! . Please contact the Vandergrifts at 250-245-8136 or email [vandergrifts@hotmail.com](mailto:vandergrifts@hotmail.com) for more information.

**Private Music Lessons** being offered for piano, trumpet (brass) bass guitar and music theory by Dean Boland. You may contact him at 250-591-0102 or [bolandmusic@gmail.com](mailto:bolandmusic@gmail.com)

**Missing Yamaha Bass Amp**—if you know the whereabouts of this piece of equipment, please see Mr. Smith

### High School Information

High School will be involved in the following off campus overnight trips in the second week of school.

Grade 12 is going on their YWAM trip to Victoria from Sept. 14 to 16.

Grade 11 is going on their hike to Strathcona from Sept. 14 to 16. Practice hikes will be happening in the first week of school.

Grade 9/10 is going their fall retreat to Camp Pioneer on Sept. 15 and 16. **Adult help in the kitchen is REQUIRED on this trip and if anyone is interested in helping please contact Mr. Henderson.**

Our first day is a half day and it is done at 11:30. Parents are welcome to join us for our opening assembly starting at 10:50.

### **Middle School Info**

#### Camping

The 5th annual Middle School campout kick-off is scheduled to start Sept. 7th with students arriving at Rath Trevor Provincial Group campsite after 6:30 pm. Parents are asked to stay and assist their children in the set up of tents and camping areas. We will stay at the camp from Wednesday night and return to school for dismissal on Friday, Sept. 9th.

On the first day of school students will be placed in teams and asked to sign up to contribute to their groups camping supplies. Tents and some general supplies will also be needed and children will be signing up to bring those as well. Students are to bring all of their supplies to the camp on the Wednesday night where they will be organized into the team bins.

In order for this event to be a success, we need parent chaperones and a chaperone with first aid or equivalent experience. We welcome parents who can only stay for one night, or both, or just during the days. If you are able chaperone, please contact the office and register your name at the office. There is room for trailers and campers, so if parents want to bring this for themselves that is fine.

The students will be sleeping in tents. In addition to the list your child is being asked to bring we also request that they bring fifteen dollars to cover the cost of food. This can be brought to the classroom teachers on the first day of school or anytime before the campout. Cheques can be made payable to NCS.

Your child will receive a permission slip and a list of supplies to bring on the first day of school. There will also be an optional parent meeting on Thursday, Sept. 1st at 7 pm. if parents feel that there are questions that still need to be answered. Thank you in advance for your support in making this event a success.

**Mr. Darren Spyksma**

#### Class Lists

Class lists will be posted at the school Friday, Sept, 2nd by 3 pm.

### **Looking for an INTERNATIONAL experience???**

We have a wonderful opportunity for you and your family by becoming a host family. Several international students will be visiting NCS this year for either a few days or a few months, and we need your help. If you have a spare room and are available to welcome a student into your family please contact Kristin Kuhn via e-mail at [home.ncs@gmail.com](mailto:home.ncs@gmail.com)

## From the Office

Welcome back to another school year! I hope you had a wonderful vacation and are ready for school routine.

As we prepare for the year ahead there are some details that need your attention.

**Report Cards:** a number of report cards were not picked up at the end of June and are available from the office. Some have books outstanding and we will need to have the resources returned or paid for.

Please complete the attached **consent/information form** and return it to the office the **FIRST** week of school. This information is very critical for updating and keeping our records accurate.

**Please advise the office of any changes in your address/phone #'s/emails or family status.** We will be producing a school directory and require this information for current records.

**Student Attendance:** We do require notice by phone or email if your student will be late or absent including the reason for their absence. PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE OFFICE BEFORE 9am. (250-754-4512, admin.ncs@shaw.ca) You may also call before school hours and leave a message. All late students MUST report to the office in Building A.

Occasionally parents send someone to pick up their child(ren) from the school who are not known to us. The protocol for this is as follows:

The parent advised the office of the name of this person

The person picking up the child(ren) reports to the office with photo ID

The office provides a release slip to give to the child(ren)'s teacher.

If this protocol is not followed **the student will not be released** without contact with a parent.

Office hours from August—Sept 23rd are 8:00 am.—4:30 pm. and from Sept. 26th until the end of June 8:00 am.—3:30 pm. (2:30 pm on Fridays).

Thank you for your attention to these details.

## 2011/12 Bus Schedule

Please note the new bus schedule is posted on the NCS website. A few changes to note:

**Times:** These have been adjusted slightly. Our students will be arriving at NCS at 8:25am as opposed to 8:15. Students will leave NCS at 3:10 or 2:10 on Fridays.

**Route Changes:** The Central bus route will now travel North along Labieux to Boban and onto Mostar.

As requested, buses will now travel along Jingle Pot Road with a **planned stop at Avonlea and Rockridge subdivisions.** Other stops may be arranged as required.

**Bus Rider Fees:** Due to the increase cost of fuel, we have found it necessary to increase the bus costs. The follow rates will be in effect for the following school year.

First rider - \$125 per month. Each additional rider is \$20 per month. If you use the bus only one way, then the cost for the first rider is \$75 per month; there are no further discounts offered for siblings riding one way.

Tickets are still available in the office for \$3.50 per ride. Bus ticket users must register as a bus passenger for safety reasons. Students riding the bus must either be regular riders or have a ticket or they will not be allowed to ride.

**Please note that bus conduct rules are in place and will be enforced.**