



NCS
Handbook
Supplement

2023-2024

NCS MISSION STATEMENT

***Northumberland Christian School
was founded in 1972***

***to provide a God-centered education
that stimulates in the student
a passion for excellence
in learning, service, and worship.***

NCS DISTINCTIVES

NCS is committed to...

- **a God-centered approach to education.** We embrace a Biblical world and life view and seek to teach students to think about all of life based on the truth which God has revealed.
- **discipleship as an essential part of the Christian life.** We teach Jesus Christ as Lord and seek to lift the vision of each student to bow to His authority in every aspect of life.
- **worship as central to all of life.** We teach students that the most important thing in life is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever. Music is used extensively in worship and to fix God's Word in our hearts and minds.
- **a broad education that embraces ideas and truths as well as skills.** We offer courses in history, science, literature, languages, and the arts in order to develop students of character who think deeply about life.
- **pursuing excellence in acquiring skills for continued learning and service in God's world.** We challenge students to develop math, science, language and computer skills that equip them to be used by God in the world in which they live.

We seek to stimulate students to develop their God-given abilities to the fullest for the glory of God.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Northumberland Christian School is a ministry of the First Regular Baptist Church of Northumberland, Pennsylvania. The following is a brief statement of our faith:

1. We believe the whole Bible to be the verbally inspired and infallible Word of God, the only sufficient rule of faith and practice.
2. We believe that the chief end of man is to glorify and enjoy his Creator, Who exists in three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – and these three persons are one God.
3. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man, vicariously placed Himself under the law and became obedient even unto the death of the cross, fulfilling the law for His people and atoning for their sin. He thereby purchased His church that they should be a holy people. He arose from the dead and ascended into heaven, where He continues to minister to His people as their prophet, priest and king.
4. We believe that man is by nature dead in sin and must be born again by the Holy Spirit. Salvation is by grace through faith. Saving faith is the embracing of Christ as Lord and Savior, turning from sin to serve the living God, and this faith is the gift of God.
5. We believe that Christ will come again, that all men will be bodily resurrected, and that Christ will judge all men. Those that have not obeyed the gospel shall be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord, while those who by grace have obeyed the gospel shall inherit the kingdom prepared for them from the foundation of the world and shall ever be with the Lord. Until the day of His appearing, it is incumbent upon us to live in all purity as strangers and pilgrims in this world, holding forth the Word of life, that others may be brought to a saving knowledge of our God.
6. We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as either male or female, and that these two distinct, complementary sexes together reflect the image and nature of God (Gen. 1:26-27). We believe that God created marriage to be exclusively the union of one man and one woman, and that intimate sexual activity is to occur exclusively within that union (Gen. 2:18-25; 1 Cor. 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb. 13:4).
7. We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. (Ps. 139)
8. The statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the final source of all that we believe. For purposes of our faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, we hold to the London Baptist Confession of 1689 as the fullest expression of our faith, and the elder board of First Regular Baptist Church of Northumberland is our final interpretive authority on the Bible's application.

NCS Student Responsibilities (taken from NCS Handbook, p.11-16)
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God is an awesome God who has created us to proclaim His glory and to find our greatest joy in a relationship with Him. His people are those who have come to know Him, love Him, and serve Him. By the help of His Spirit, we long to see more and more of the glory of Christ and to grow in our love of God, so that we will continually be transformed into His likeness.

The commands of God's Word reveal to us the character of God, so that obedience to His Word results in our reflecting the image of God, whom we love. A mark of a true Christian is that he loves God and keeps His commandments. Unbelievers resent authority and want to be their own boss, because they do not trust and love God. Our desire for students is not only that they would obey the authority that God has placed over them, but that they would delight to do so, because they have come to delight in God and trust in Him. We pray for students to develop a passion for excellence in learning, worship, and service, by growing in a joyful relationship with God through Christ.

The following standards and responsibilities have been established for the good of the student body and the school. Students should seek to reflect the glory of God by being kind to everyone and showing proper respect for people and property. We pray that students' attitudes and actions will flow from a heart that wants to honor God in every situation.

RESPONSIBILITIES IN GENERAL

Show respect for God and His Word. Participate in worship, devotions, and classroom activities.

Come to class prepared to learn. Students may not use personal cell phones, tablets, headphones or other electronic devices between 7:30 a.m. and 2:55 p.m. All electronic devices must be turned off and kept in the student's locker. If a student is seen using his/her phone during the school day, the student will subsequently be required to turn in the cell phone at the office upon arrival each day for the remainder of the year. Cell phones may only be used from the office with the permission of the office staff. Juniors and seniors are allowed to use their cell phones if they are out of the building for junior-senior lunch on Thursdays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:35 p.m.

Behave in a manner that helps other students pay attention and learn.

Keep your textbooks covered with a cover that does not stick to the book surface.

Students may, with teacher permission, eat a snack, including candy or mints, in the classroom, provided all wrappers are properly disposed of and not left behind.

Students may bring a water bottle to class if they do not abuse this privilege.

Gum, breath mints or candy are permitted with teacher permission and provided they clean up all containers/wrappers properly.

Students may not have in their possession any medication. This includes pain reliever and cough drops. If medication must be taken during the school day, the appropriate form must be completed. The medicine will be administered by the school nurse or another designated person.

Honesty and integrity are important qualities for every student to learn. Students found cheating on any assignment or test will receive a zero on that assignment or test. Any student who allows a student to copy his work will also receive a zero on the assignment or test.

RESPONSIBILITIES UPON ARRIVAL

Come inside as soon as you arrive and stay in. If you arrive late, report first to the office. Tardiness caused by sickness, medical appointments, or emergencies will be excused. Emergencies are urgent situations that are not foreseeable. Excuses such as overslept, got caught in traffic, had to stop for gas, could not find a parking space, or needed to finish an

assignment clearly arise from foreseeable situations and will be considered unexcused.

If you must leave early, secure an early dismissal pass from the office.

RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE CLASSROOM

Make every effort to glorify God by working hard to learn all you can and to develop your abilities to enable you to serve Him better. Be responsible to complete all your work well and in a timely manner. Late work will be penalized.

You are responsible to supply your OWN pencils, pens and paper; do not ask the teacher or other students for supplies. Bring them from home or buy them in the office.

You are to take your OWN notes and may NOT copy the notes from another student. The copier is not to be used for copying student notes except with teacher permission.

Be neat; take care of the building; keep lockers neat, gym bags must be in or on top of your locker, do not sit on or put feet on tables; do not lean back or to the side in chairs.

If you need to go to the office, go first to your ASSIGNED CLASS and ask the teacher of that class for permission to go to the office.

If you are sick, tell your TEACHER, and the teacher will send you to the office with a pass to call your parents.

During fire drills, no one is to talk except the teacher; the last person out of the room should close the door. Walk in single file; know the primary and secondary exits for each of your rooms.

Seek to have attitudes that will please the Lord. Don't complain! If you have a problem, talk to your teacher or to the Principal. Be an encouragement and positive influence on those around you.

RESPONSIBILITIES AT LUNCH

PRAY on your own before eating—NO FOOD ANYWHERE ELSE ANYTIME—NO WALKING AROUND WHILE EATING. Juniors and seniors may go out for lunch on Thursdays from 11:45-12:35. Students may not use cars during this time. Cell phones may be used. Any students who return late will forfeit their open lunch privilege for the following week.

RESPONSIBILITIES AT DISMISSAL

The 2:55 bell is a clean-up bell, not a dismissal bell. Your teacher will tell you when you may go to your locker. Dismissal should be in an orderly fashion and single file. 7-12 students may exit at 3:00 from the gym doors or the main door.

K-6 students who ride school district transportation will wait in the chapel area and a teacher will call when your bus arrives. Students who are picked up by parents or private transportation will wait in the third and fourth grade room. You will be called by a staff member when your ride comes to pick you up in Sheetz Alley.

7-12 students who wait outside for their ride should be a good testimony while waiting for the bus. No making or throwing snowballs or ice balls at any time before, during, or after school. Stay away from the street before your bus arrives. Do not step off the curb until the bus comes to a complete stop.

All classrooms are off limits after school hours. Playground or gym equipment is not to be used before or after school; it is ONLY for use during school hours at the appointed times.

Students may NOT play or run in the parking lot after school.

The lobby phone may not be used except after school for sports. Toll calls must be made with a calling card or collect.

Students may not use the office phone without permission.

DRESS CODE

Our dress should always be modest and appropriate to the situation. We must be sensitive to the cultural customs of the society around us, but we must also recognize the need for guidelines concerning dress and that the way we dress makes a statement about us. These are the standards of dress for Northumberland Christian School. Students are expected to respect the dress code and rectify their appearance as quickly as possible when it is determined that the dress code has been violated. Not respecting the dress code will be considered disobedience and handled according to the discipline procedure.

Students must always be neat and modest. No clothing with holes or tears that show skin, belts hanging below the waist, inappropriately sized clothing, or other sloppy dress will be permitted.

Boys may not wear earrings

Students may not wear jewelry in pierced body parts other than ears for females. Tattoos are not allowed.

Students may not wear immodest or suggestive clothing—clothing that is too short, low-cut, or too tight, clothing which exposes the midriff or underwear, or clothing which suggests behavior contrary to Biblical principles.

Students may not wear shorts to class. (The one exception being that students do not have to change out of shorts after Gym class once they have them on) Girls may wear split skirts, skorts, or culottes, only if they are clearly full enough not to be considered shorts. Capri pants must be well below the knee. Students may not wear sleeveless shirts or cut-out shirts. All students must wear non-marking sneakers for gym or indoor recess.

Students may not wear clothing representing rock groups, celebrities, or offensive philosophies. Halloween, gothic, and macabre themes are also to be avoided.

ATTENDANCE

The school day begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. for all grades. Doors open at 7:30 a.m., and students should be out of the building by 3:15 p.m. A written excuse by a parent or guardian must be presented to the teacher when a student returns to school after an absence. Excuses must be presented within 3 days of the student's return or the absence will be

considered unexcused. If an absence is foreseeable, a note should be sent in advance. Absences other than sickness and emergency will be excused only if arrangements are made in advance with the principal. Students who choose to participate in athletics are responsible to arrive at school at 8:00 a.m., even if they have arrived home late the night before from an away game. Tiredness is no excuse for tardiness or absence. Doctor, dental, and other such appointments are to be after school whenever possible. Students with more than three unexcused absences or more than five unexcused tardies are subject to consequences as a result of violating attendance requirements. These consequences could include, reporting to the principal and parents, a truancy meeting, or, in extreme cases, reporting to Children and Youth services or the local district magistrate. From time to time parents may wish to take their children along on a family trip. Because of the importance of school attendance and the relationship between attendance and academic performance, we encourage families to take trips when school is not in session. If these trips must occur while school is in session the following guidelines must be followed:

1. Excuses for the trip must be approved by the building principal in advance of the trip.
2. The student's attendance and academic progress must be satisfactory.
3. The student is responsible to make-up all school work missed during the trip. The parent should request from teachers any work that can be completed in advance of the trip or during the trip when possible. Any other work will need to be completed when the student returns.

(Absences for unapproved trips will be considered unexcused.)

DISCIPLINE

Most behavior problems are dealt with by a conference with the teacher or principal and an appropriate loss of privileges within the school day. Elementary students may lose recess time, and secondary students may be given a writing assignment or may lose computer privileges. Issues of discipline are handled on a case by case basis, in communication with parents beginning with classroom teachers and progressing to the principal as needed. Discipline consequences are based on the seriousness of the infraction, but always with the good of the student and his/her growth in mind. Repeated offenses or more serious infractions may result in an in-school suspension at the discretion of the principal.

We are thankful that the Lord has blessed us with cooperative students through the many years of NCS, and the need for more serious disciplinary action has been rare. However, students may be suspended from school or expelled if the administration deems such action to be necessary. Leaving the school without permission, flagrant disobedience, the use and/or possession of tobacco, alcohol or drugs, the use of matches or lighters, open or aggressive sexual behavior or language, physical violence such as punching, hitting, or fighting, the possession of knives or weapons of any kind, or any behavior which the administration judges to be a serious detrimental influence to the student body or the ministry of the school will not be tolerated.

TECHNOLOGY USE AND ABUSE AT SCHOOL AND AT HOME

The development of new technology in recent years has brought great advantages and opportunities to our society and to our children, but it has also brought many potential dangers. Probably most parents know some of the dangers of the Internet, but we may be oblivious to other dangers and often find ourselves less “computer savvy” than our children. If you do not monitor your children's Internet usage, we would strongly recommend that you do so. Some type of Internet filter is almost a must. (There are several free filters available for home use.) Placing your PC in a common room with the screen generally visible and establishing reasonable use and time limits can help ensure a positive Internet experience. It is important to be alert to the possible dangers.

As a school we certainly take precautions to protect the students from the dangers of the Internet. We are careful to both filter and monitor their Internet access. We also seek to educate students and warn them of temptations. The easy access to pornography on the Internet is a great concern. I address this issue repeatedly with the high school students. We warn students about the danger of sharing personal information in e-mails and on Internet sites which are not secure. Identity theft and credit card fraud are rampant. Sites which share personal information are extremely dangerous. Many sexual predators gain access into people's lives through the Internet. They pretend to be another young person, draw someone into a relationship on the Internet, and eventually get the information they need to perpetrate their evil intentions. Our children need to be warned continually of the folly of sharing personal information on websites which others can access. They also need warnings about the terrible danger of entering into relationships with strangers on the Internet through websites or chat-rooms.

We have seen at school and have heard from many parents that children are willing to be much more daring in things they will say in an email instead of face-to-face (especially to friends of the opposite sex). Other parents have mentioned how the cell phones they have given their children have created issues in terms of whom children were talking to, what they were saying, and at what times of the night they were saying it.

We hesitate to say negative things about our students as we would all rather hear the positive things about how God is working in their lives. However, our students are not perfect kids, they are not all Christians, and even the ones who truly are saved are still struggling with sin. It should not be a surprise that our students have issues with email, texting, and the Internet. The unkindness and inappropriate communication via e-mail and texting is not only a school issue, but a home issue as well. In trying to get to the bottom of some unkindness between some elementary students, some of these young children have shared with staff the inappropriate things they have e-mailed from home to other students or received in text messages. They do this “when their parents are not around.”

Because we take seriously the role we have in protecting our students, the school's policy on internet activity is:

If a student purposefully tries to get around the web filter,

1) the student will be taken out of whatever computer class they are in, and they will fail the course. A grade of 60% for that course will be entered on their permanent high school transcript.

2) the student will not be allowed in the computer labs for any purpose for the remainder of the school year.

3) during their former computer periods, the student will be moved to the back of another class and will be given additional reading assignments. A minimum of two additional book reports will be required per quarter, which may not be typed at school. They may be typed at home or be handwritten. Each satisfactory book report will raise their grade one point from 60% up to a 69% maximum.

We strongly encourage you to be actively involved with your children's use of technology, and to develop good communication with your children about all these matters. We need your prayers for wisdom and grace as we seek to train up this generation to live godly lives in a very technological world. We also pray for you parents, that God will give you wisdom and grace as well. Please feel free to contact us at any time with any questions you may have about these matters, or any concerns of which we should be made aware.

CELL PHONES

Cell phones are a great asset to have in case of an emergency and to keep in touch with parents about after school sports arrangements, etc. Unfortunately, the privilege can be abused. In order to permit NCS students to bring cell phones to school, the following guidelines must be followed. Please read over the list carefully with your child, complete a separate cell phone registration form for each child, sign it, and send just the bottom portion back to school.

- Students may not use personal cell phones, tablets, headphones or other electronic devices between 7:30 a.m. and 2:55 p.m without staff permission. All electronic devices must be turned off and kept in the student's locker.
- Cell phones may only be used from the office with the permission of the office staff. Cell phones and other electronic devices may not be taken to gym classes.
- If a student is found using the phone without permission, he or she will be required to turn the phone in at the office upon arrival each day for the remainder of the year.
- Juniors and seniors are allowed to use their cell phones when they are out of the building for junior-senior lunch.
- The Office staff, upon direction from the Principal, may periodically call the registered cell phones to aid in verifying that the cell phone guidelines are being followed.
- A parent must notify the school in writing if the student's cell phone number changes or if he or she will no longer be bringing a cell phone to school.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Not only do the Scriptures teach that a child must be trained according to the Word of God in every area, but they also teach that the training of a child in the totality of what that child is, is the responsibility of the parent. Therefore, it is vitally important that every parent be actively involved in his child's schooling. Parents should attend the elementary parent-teacher conferences and other parent meetings. Parents should also be aware of their child's day-to-day progress, so that they can properly encourage the child, praise him for his successes, help him in his weak areas (e.g. drill spelling words, encourage neatness, review memory work, etc.), and be alert to any problems that arise. It is essential that parents be consistently supportive of the school. Therefore, if there are ever any problems, questions, or suggestions about school policy, student progress or assignments, matters of discipline, or any other matter, the teacher or principal should be promptly contacted. We are never too busy to hear from parents, because we believe that good communication between parents and staff is vital if we are to minister to the specific needs of each child.

Test folders for 1-5 are sent home regularly by the classroom teacher. Parents should look at the tests, sign the papers and return the folder promptly. Mid-quarter progress reports are sent home for 6-12 grade major subjects on the dates indicated on the school calendar. Parents are encouraged to contact teachers with any questions or concerns about their child's progress.

Parents of 6-12 grade students, as well as the students themselves, may also check their grades online at any time by going to the school website, www.norrychristian.net, and clicking the link on the homepage for the "Parent / Student Portal." Your log-in information is included with this packet.

- A blank grade in the grading system, means that the assignment has not yet been graded.
- A "0" grade means the assignment was due but has not been turned in.
- Teachers will attempt to enter a "0" for any late assignment within one day of the assignment due date.
- Teachers will attempt to grade most assignments within a week of the due date.
- In general, every day an assignment is late, a minimum penalty of one letter grade will be applied.

- Any satisfactorily completed assignment over one week late will be given some credit, with a maximum grade of 50%.
- Students will be on Academic Probation (AP) if:
 - they have assignments over a week late. Students are responsible themselves to know what assignments are due and overdue. It is not the teacher's responsibility to hound a student to turn in work.
 - they have an overall cumulative average below a 78 (checked weekly on Friday, starting with the 3rd week of school).
 - they have a cumulative average below a 70 in any class (checked weekly on Friday, starting with the 3rd week of school).
- When students are notified that they have met one of the qualifications for AP, they will have one day of grace to attempt to rectify the situation.
- Students on AP may not participate in extra-curricular activities such as sports, FBLA, or Jr-Sr. lunch.

Field trips are planned at various times during the school year to enhance the educational program and the cost is billed to your school account. Parents are asked by classroom teachers to help chaperone these trips. Because these trips are a part of the educational program, all students are expected to participate unless there is a definite schedule conflict or extenuating circumstances.

Parents often help as chaperones on field trip. The state now requires child abuse clearances and criminal history checks for people who work with children. The requirements for volunteers are less than those for employees, but they are still essential. We are no longer allowed to have parents chaperoning field trips, helping in the classroom, helping with sports, or any other activities that involve direct contact with students unless the volunteer submits to us the necessary clearances. The accompanying packet of material you are receiving contains information regarding how to acquire these clearances. If you have any question, please contact Lori Heimbach at the office. Parents who chaperone field trips may not bring along their younger children who are not a part of the class which is on the field trip.

The support of parents is essential to the maintaining of the safety of our students. Our security policy requires that all parents and visitors to the school must first report to the office. If they need to go elsewhere in the building, they will be given a pass. This is important, so that students can be assured that any adult in the halls who is not a staff member will be wearing a visitor pass. While many staff and students would recognize many parents, it is not possible to expect all of them to recognize all parents. All students need to know that anyone who is without a pass and not a staff member is to be reported to their teacher immediately.

Parents receive monthly newsletters and can also find much helpful information and school news on the school's website at www.norrychristian.net. The school may also be contacted by e-mail at ncs@norrychristian.net.

Another essential part of parental involvement is that of prayer. Please pray regularly for the total ministry of our school, for apart from Him we can do nothing. We also encourage you to pray with your children about their school life and their individual needs. This will help to teach them to depend upon God in every area.

MOMS-IN-PRAYER INTERNATIONAL

All mothers are welcome to attend the weekly Moms-in-Prayer group which begins on August 30. They gather at the school on Tuesdays at 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. to pray for our school and our children. For more information, call or text Cathy Mento at (570) 780-3415. The international organization has a website at www.momsinprayer.org.

NCS PARENTS' COUNCIL

The NCS Parents' Council is a group of parents who co-ordinate the various support activities which are essential to the health of the school. Through the efforts of this group the staff and parents will more efficiently partner together in attaining our goal of developing in each student a passion for excellence in learning, service, and worship.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

School closings and delays or early dismissals are posted on our school website at www.norrychristian.net. If you would like to receive a text to inform you of these changes, send a text message to 81010 with the message [@ncsal2](https://t.me/ncsal2). If you would like to receive messages via email, send an email to ncsal@mail.remind.com. You can also sign up by going to <http://remind.com/join/ncsal>

ACADEMICS

The basic curriculum used in each of the grades is described in the school handbook, which is supplied to all prospective and new students. Additional copies are available in the school office. Classes K through sixth grades are self-contained with one main teacher for each grade. Beginning in seventh grade, students travel from room to room throughout the day with different teachers for their various classes. For some classes they are with all the students in their grade, but some classes are divided differently, not necessarily on the basis of ability or achievement. On the other hand, the eighth-grade students are divided into two different math classes. Considering Math 7 grades, Math IOWA scores, and the student's personal participation in class, 8th grade students are placed into either Algebra 1 or Algebra ½ as would best fit their mathematical needs.

All high school students this year take the following credits:

- 1.00 Biblical Literature IV (Old Testament Survey I)
- 1.00 Social Studies – US Government
- 1.00 Science – Biology 9-10, Physics 11-12, Anatomy 11-12
- 1.00 Math – Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Advanced Math 1, Advanced Math 2, AP Calculus, Consumer Math
- 1.00 Spanish 2 or another full credit elective (see below)
- 0.50 Literature
- 0.50 Grammar and Writing
- 0.50 Bible Fundamentals (Bible Memory year D this year)
- 0.25 Physical Education
- 0.25 Health
- 0.25 Choir
- 7.25 credits minimum

Other electives available this year include Accounting 1, Introduction to Computers/Java Programming, Yearbook (.25 credits), Spanish III, and Spanish IV.

High school students must complete a minimum of 26 credits in order to graduate. All students must complete credits in the following areas: 4 Bible, 4 English, 3 Social Studies, 3 Math, 3 Science, 2 Health and P.E., 7 Electives. A cumulative total of 6 credits is necessary to enter 10th grade, 12 credits to enter 11th grade, and 19 credits to enter 12th grade. A full credit of English must be passed each year.

Students are given percentage grades where 93-100=A, 85-92=B, 78-84=C, and 70-77=D. Any grade that is below 70 is failing, and the student is not given credit for the course. However, failing grades are included in computing the yearly and cumulative averages of the student. In determining averages, all grades are weighted on the basis of the number of credits which the course is worth. Grades are not weighted based on the difficulty of the course.

The Iowa Test of Basic Skills is given at the end of each school year in grades 1-8. All ninth graders take CogATs, all tenth and eleventh grade students take PSATs in October. Juniors and seniors are encouraged to take SATs.

Parents of 6-12 grade students, as well as the students themselves, may also check their grades online at any time by going to the school website, www.norrychristian.net, and clicking the link on the homepage for the "Parent / Student Portal." The staff will inform students of their username and password for the first time they log-in. They should then change their password.

Northumberland Christian School has graduated 482 students since 1978. 70% of our graduates have gone on to attend four-year colleges, including state universities, independent liberal arts colleges, and four-year Christian colleges; 12% of our graduates attended two-year college programs or two-year nursing schools; and 4% have entered the armed forces. We have had nine National Merit Scholars, and seventeen additional students commended by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for being in the top 5% of the nation.

ATHLETICS

Students in junior and senior high school have the opportunity to participate in athletics. N.C.S. is a member of the Allegheny Christian Athletic Association (ACAA). The ACAA is comprised of sixteen schools that are divided into two divisions. The league offers competition in soccer, basketball, and a one-time JH track meet held in May.

In soccer and basketball each team must play the other teams in its division twice during the regular season. The top three teams in each division advance to compete in the ACAA championship tournament to determine the overall league champion in that sport.

The ACAA also recognizes all-stars in soccer and basketball during the regular season. All-stars are selected during the regular season by opposing coaches (coaches are not allowed to select their own players). An MVP is also selected for the ACAA championship tournament. For more information go to the league's website at: <http://www.acaastats.com/pages/schoolsAll.php>

Students who participate in athletics are expected to keep up with their academic responsibilities. Participation in athletics does not provide an excuse for incomplete assignments or tardy arrivals at school. Students must maintain a 78 overall average and a passing grade in every subject to participate in athletics. Averages will be checked for compliance with the minimum average requirement weekly. If at any time a student has uncompleted assignments which are more than one week late, that student may not participate in any practices or games until that work is satisfactorily completed.

In recent years we have been able to expand the opportunities for younger students. In addition to Boys and Girls Varsity Soccer and Basketball, we currently offer Boys JH Soccer 5th-8th, Boys JV Soccer 7th-11th, Girls JH Soccer 6th-8th, K-3 Basketball Clinic, 4-6 Elementary Basketball, Boys and Girls JH, JV Basketball.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following is a summary of the fees for the 2023–2024 school year:

2022-2023 Tuition	Grades 7-12	Grades 1-6	Kindergarten
First child from family	\$5,820 (485x12)	\$5,520 (460x12)	\$3,660 (305x12)
Second child from family	\$5,040 (420x12)	\$4,740 (395x12)	\$3,240 (270x12)
Third child from family	\$4,260 (355x12)	\$3,960 (330x12)	\$2,820 (235x12)
Fourth child or more	\$0	\$0	\$0

2022-2023 Preschool Tuition		
Days per week	Yearly Tuition	12 Monthly Payments
3	\$1,800	\$150

Tuition payments are due by the 15th of each month, beginning June 15 and ending May 15. Parents who pay the yearly tuition in full by July 15th will receive a 2% discount.

- A non-refundable one-time registration fee of \$50 is charged for new students.
- A curriculum fee of \$150 per student is charged for all students in K-12. The curriculum fee is billed in three installments, with \$50 per student being due on June 15, July 15 and August 15.
- Parents are charged a \$100.00 Athletic Fee per sport for a 7-12 grade student who participates in soccer and/or basketball. Elementary grades are \$25 per sport. The athletic fees are used to purchase athletic equipment and uniforms, and to cover traveling expenses. Uniforms must be returned to the coach or Athletic Director one week after the last game. A weekly late fee will be charged for uniforms which are not promptly returned to the school. There is no fee for participating in the track meet. An elementary basketball program follows the varsity season.
- The school is also dependent upon contributions of families and friends to meet its operating expenses.

Pay Taxes OR Give a Scholarship... What Would You Rather do?

No one enjoys taxes. If you pay \$3,500 or more in PA state taxes, now you can divert up to 90% and provide a student with a life changing scholarship. In other words, if you make a \$3,500 contribution through this program, NCS will receive \$3,500 in scholarship funds and it will only cost you \$350.

HOW IT WORKS

- Education Tax Credits- The EITC tax credit program has long been available to PA businesses. **Now, NCS has credits available for individuals to participate in the program as well.**
- Legal and Tested- Millions of dollars are claimed in these credits every year and the PA Department of Revenue has approved the arrangement.

If you are interested in more information about participating in this program, or know someone who might be interested in participating, please contact Kim Bennett, Director of Development at kbennett@norrychristian.net



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2023-2024

School Hours:
1-12 grades: MTWRF 8:00-3:00
Kindergarten: TWR 8:00-3:00
AM Preschool: TWR 8:30-11:00
PM Preschool: TWR 12:15-2:45

August '23 7 days						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	O	22	F	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

September '23 20 days						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	X	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	M	30

October '23 21 days						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	X	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

November '23 19 days						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	R	PTC	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	V	X	X	25
26	X	28	29	30		

December '23 15 days						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	M	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	X	23
24	X	X	X	X	X	30

NCS will announce any school closings or delays due to weather, etc., on our web site: www.nccrvcchristian.net, as well as:
WKOK Sunbury, 1070 AM;
WGRC Lewisburg, 91.3 FM;
WPGM Danville, 96.7 FM; &
WNEP Wilkes-Barre, Channel 16 TV
REMIND for text alerts: text 81010 with @ncsal in the message to sign up.

Aug 21	Orientation for Parents & Students- 7 PM
Aug 23	First Day of School
Sep 4	No School
Oct 20	No School
Oct 26	End of First Quarter
Nov 9	Half Day
Nov 9	K-5 Parent Teacher Conferences
Nov 10	Half Day
Nov 22	Virtual Half Day
Nov 23-27	No School
Dec 22-Jan 2	No School
Jan 12	End of Second Quarter
Jan 15	No School
Feb 2	No School
Feb 16-19	No School
Mar 8	#2 Emergency Make-up Day or No School
Mar 21	OH=Open House/Parent Teacher Fellowship
Mar 22	End of Third Quarter
Mar 28	Virtual Half Day
Mar 29	No School
Apr 1	#3 Emergency Make-up Day or No School
Apr 2	#1 Emergency Make-up Day or No School
Apr 26	SP=Spring Program
Apr 29	#4 Emergency Make-up Day or No School
May 27	No School
May 30	Half Day
May 30	C=Commencement- 7PM
May 31	End of Fourth Quarter
May 31	Half Day & Last Day

January '24 20 days						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
31	X	X	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	X	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	R	27
28	29	30	31			

February '24 18 days						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
				1	X	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	X	17
18	X	20	21	22	M	24
25	26	27	28	29		

March '24 19 days						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	E2	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	OH	22	23
24	25	26	27	V	X	30

April '24 19 days						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
31	E3	E1	3	4	R	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	SP	27
28	E4	30				

May '24 22 days						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	M	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	X	28	29	C	R	

M=Mid-quarter reports distributed (6-12 grades):
9/29, 12/8, 2/23, 5/3
R=Report cards distributed (K-12 grades):
11/8, 1/26, 4/5, 5/31