

The **Warrior Beat**

A NEWSLETTER FOR FAMILIES, ALUMNI, AND FRIENDS OF NORTHUMBERLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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ORIENTATION

Tuesday, August 25 - 7:00 pm
New Families 6:15 - 7:00 pm

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Thursday, August 27

NO SCHOOL

Monday, September 7

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*Romans 11:36 For from Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things.
To Him be the glory forever! Amen.*

Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Alumni, and Friends,

"I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. My soul will boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together." (Psalm 34:1-3) In less than two weeks, over 200 students and staff will be singing the wonderful words of Psalm 34. One of the Puritans said, "the saints are obliged to help one another in praises as well as in prayer, albeit it comes to pass that many do crave aid of others' prayers, who call not for their help to praise." Christian education is all about boasting in the Lord and exalting His name together. Our desire is to help students see God in every area of life in order that their love for Him may grow and result in whole-hearted service of God in everything they do. Pray with us as we start another school year that God will give to students and staff and parents a passion for God that will impact every area of our lives!

The Lord has been faithful to provide for us each year a staff that is passionate about Christian education. We are thankful that all our staff from last year are returning, with one exception. **Dr. Ernie Steinhart** has been teaching Chemistry and Biology for us since 2002. He has helped our students to see the wonders of our Creator, and we are thankful for the way the Lord has used him in the lives of our students. As he has continued to recover from an injury he sustained last year, it has become clear that he needs to lighten his schedule and not teach this year. We appreciate all the sacrifices he has made through these years, squeezing NCS classes into his full schedule as a dentist. Thank you, Dr. Steinhart!

After many months of prayer and deliberation, the school board made the decision to hire a full-time Director of Development. We welcome **Mr. Joshua Knauss** to our staff. Mr. Knauss graduated from NCS in 1997 and went on to earn a BBA with an emphasis in Finance from Temple University. He has been working in the areas of sales and finance. We thank the Lord for the experience, gifts, and passion for NCS that He has given to Mr. Knauss, and we urge you to pray for him as he undertakes this position for NCS. We also want to say a huge thanks to **Mr. Doug Wesner** and **Dr. Lenny Gessner** for all their labors for these past four years as part-time Director of Development and Campaign Chair. The Lord has used them mightily, and how we praise the Lord for the new building with which He has blessed us!

We are excited to welcome all of you to the 38th year of NCS at our **Parent-Student Orientation on Tuesday, August 25, at 7:00 p.m.** We would like as many parents and students as possible to attend the meeting. Important information will be distributed for both

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Parents' Council

WHO ARE THEY?

The NCS Parents' Council is made up of parents who have children currently enrolled in the school and who have been recommended by the teachers and staff to serve in this supportive role. Currently, there are 12 parents serving on the council for a two-year term. They are **Heidi Bingaman, Jeffrey & Adrienne Breed, Patty & David Furman, Carol Gessner, Bill Hudson, Crystal King, Jared & Bethany Treas,** and **Grace & Dan Severn (chairperson)**, with **Doug Wesner** serving as the over-seeing staff member.

WHAT DO THEY DO?

The Parents' Council develops, promotes, and encourages avenues for parental involvement within the educational process of NCS and the programs the school offers. Many areas exist for parents to enrich and improve the programs available at NCS through parental leadership and support. Through the efforts of this group, the staff and parents will more efficiently partner together in attaining our mission statement goal of stimulating in students a passion for excellence in learning, service, and worship.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

One of the primary ways you can support the teachers, staff, and students is through the many volunteer opportunities available throughout the school year. Such things as publicity, running the concessions stand at Sunbury's *River Festival*, helping at the concessions stands during soccer and basketball seasons, assisting with fundraisers, planning and helping with special events like New Family Orientation, Teacher Appreciation Day, Grandparents Day, and Field Day are just some of the ways you can be of service at NCS.

Please prayerfully consider how the Lord could use you in this vital part of the ministry here at NCS and please contact Dan Severn at 286-5872. Thank you!

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parents and students. Parents will receive achievement test scores for their children going into 2nd through 9th grade. Students will receive their class schedules. There will also be ample time to talk with teachers and to visit with other students and parents.

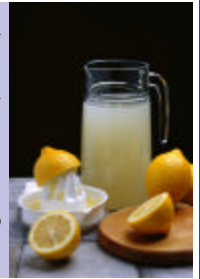
A **Health History Update** and a **Transportation Form** are enclosed for you to complete and return before or at the August 25 orientation meeting. Any parents of kindergarteners or preschoolers who have not yet turned in their child's immunization records and physical report, **MUST** do so **BEFORE** the first day of school. You must also show the original birth certificate to the office before the first day of school. This is important for us to be in compliance with state laws.

We look forward to seeing you and your children in the very near future! Do continue to uphold us in prayer. May the Lord give us a wonderful year together, and may He be glorified in all we do!

By His Grace,
Pastor John Rees

New Family Orientation

We can all relate to the anxiety the first day of school brings - even more so for those attending a new school! We would like to help relieve some of that anxiety by inviting our New Families to an informal time of fellowship and refreshments from **6:15-7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25**. This will be prior to the Orientation Meeting for all students and parents at 7:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for us to welcome our New Families to the NCS School Family and for them to meet some of the students and their parents prior to the first day.



Lunch Program

As you may remember, NCS now participates in the National School Lunch Program. Enclosed with this copy of the *Warrior Beat* is the menu for August/September and a brief letter outlining the changes in the lunch program for this school year. Enrollment forms for the Free and Reduced Price lunches for the 2009-2010 school year will be handed out at the Orientation meeting on August 25. A copy will be sent home with your child if you do not pick one up at the meeting. **Please take the time to fill out the forms and return them to the school office by September 11.** These forms must be filled out every year because incomes or family sizes may have changed over the course of a year.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The lunch program is in need of a few volunteers to help serve lunch. It would involve about 2 hours a day, from 11 am to 1 pm, and a free lunch is on us! You could help just 1 day a week or as many as you'd like. If you would like to help, just call the school at 473-9786 and ask for the kitchen. Thanks!

Bev Reich

Lunch Program Supervisor

ATTENTION NCS ALUMNI!

If you are an NCS alumnus, we would love to hear from you and find out what is happening in your life since your graduation. Also, we may choose to feature you in one of our upcoming Alumni Spotlight sections of the *Warrior Beat*. Simply email a brief paragraph and a picture to dwesner@norrychristian.net. We look forward to hearing from you!

EITC

DO YOU OWN A BUSINESS?

Pennsylvania's Educational
Improvement Tax
Credit Program **EITC**

We are in need of more EITC scholarship funds and are asking those of you that have a business or know of someone that has one to contact the school to see if the business is eligible to participate in this unique program.

This is an easy way to redirect taxes you are already paying to the state into scholarship aid for families choosing a Christian education for their children - all at no cost to you! As of last year the "pass thru" tax for s-corps is also eligible under this program.

We can supply you with the proper information and a simple one page form to complete that will really make a difference for the families of NCS. Call the school office at 473-9786 and ask for Josh Knauss or call Josh's cell number at 939-1965.

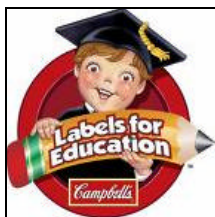
Fundraising



Just a reminder to keep collecting the **Giant BonusCard numbers** from your family and friends! The A+ Rewards program kicks off in September. You may submit your names and numbers by using the sheet distributed at Orientation, by calling the school office, or by signing up online. Anyone who shops in a PA Giant Food Store can participate as long as their BonusCard number begins with "4 8". They don't need to do or buy anything more than they typically would!

We need **YOUR HELP** to reach our ultimate goal of **2000 numbers!**

ALSO... remember that grocery gift cards to both Giant and Weis stores are available throughout the school year in the school office. We also keep Dunkin' Donuts, WalMart, Wendy's, Hoss's, and Burger King cards in stock. Stop by and pick up a few on your way to the store!



Patti Geise and *Patti Wenrich*, Campbell's Labels for Education coordinators, would like to encourage everyone to continue to clip and save their UPC codes from their Campbell's products. This easy fundraiser helps the school obtain much needed equipment and supplies. Look for the new list of eligible products and bonus labels at the Orientation meeting on August 25!



BoxTops for Education coordinator, *Cheryl Delsite* reports that we have set a goal of \$3000.00 for the 2009-2010 school year from this easy fundraiser that allows us to raise money for NCS without having to sell or buy anything. Please continue to clip and send those Box Tops in throughout the year, and let your family and friends know about this simple way to earn money for our school. Thank you!

Sports News

NCS Soccer '09

Season Passes are available for soccer season and will be sold at the gate. The passes cost \$5.00 for students and staff, \$13.00 for adults, and \$30.00 per family. They include admission to all home games. Regular "at the gate" prices are \$1.00 for students and staff, \$2.50 for adults, and \$6.00 per family. Come support the teams and enjoy the fellowship at the games!



Transportation

Drop-off Reminders:

—Please use the side of 5th Street closest to the Main Doors so students do not have to walk across 5th Street.

—If parents must come into the building, please park in the lower parking lot and obtain a pass if accompanying your student to their classroom.

Pick-up Reminders:

— Students riding buses are dismissed through the double doors on 5th Street near Orange Street.

—Parents who park in the lot or walk to pick up their children should meet them in the main lobby.

Dock Area Pickup Reminders:

—Enter from 6th Street onto Sheetz Avenue. Four lines of cars are formed facing the building. Your child(ren) will be called on walkie-talkies to come to your car. Exit via Pond Alley onto King Street.



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Events and Prayer Calendar

		1 Home-JMS <i>Mrs. Brubaker</i>	2 <i>Mrs. Ermert</i>	3 Away-NCA <i>Mrs. P. Furman</i>	4 Home-GCS <i>Mr. Geise</i>	5 Away-Line Mountain Tournament (B) <i>Mrs. Harris</i>
6 <i>Mrs. Hoffman</i>	7 No School <i>Mrs. King</i>	8 Home-Grace Prep <i>Mr. Knauss</i>	9 <i>Mrs. Knauss</i>	10 Away-Erie NCSAA Tournament (G) <i>Mrs. Lloyd</i>	11 Away-Erie NCSAA Tournament (G) <i>Mrs. Mowrey</i>	12 Away-Erie NCSAA Tournament (G) <i>Mrs. Reich</i>
13 <i>Mrs. Richey</i>	14 <i>Mr. Scanzillo</i>	15 Away-MCS <i>Mrs. Severn</i>	16 <i>Mr. Shaffer</i>	17 <i>Mrs. Ulmer</i>	18 Home-SCA <i>Mrs. Urich</i>	19 <i>Trey Bartholomew</i>
20 <i>Ava Bowen</i>	21 <i>Mason Cianflone</i>	22 Away-JMS <i>Brooke Deitrich</i>	23 <i>Mason Deitrich</i>	24 <i>Neveah Fegley</i>	25 <i>Ethan Fisher</i>	26 <i>Nathaniel Fuman</i>
27 <i>Elizabeth Geiser</i>	28 Home-CCCS <i>Samantha Hudson</i>	29 Away-BCS <i>Isabella Kadryna</i>	30 <i>Olivia Kadryna</i>	September 2009		