

The

Warrior Beat

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

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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, Grandparents, Alumni, and Friends,

At church this past Sunday I continued a series of messages on the life of the prophet Elijah. We had spent several messages on Elijah's contest with the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel. Elijah stood before 850 false prophets, and thousands of Israelites and proposed a contest of which God could send fire to burn the sacrifice. Most of you know the story. We marvel at the ability of Elijah to stand alone before all these people and make such a challenge. But we had seen that Elijah's name meant "Jehovah is God" or "Jehovah is my strength." Elijah described himself as a man who stood before God day by day – reconciled with God, fellowshiping with God, learning from God, serving God, and committed to God. That is why he could stand alone before all these people and pray for God to send fire from heaven. How important to life is a God-centered focus!

As the next chapter begins, we find Elijah terrified of one woman and running for his life. What had happened? He had temporarily forgotten who he was – Elijah! = God is my strength. How important it is for us to have a God-centered focus as we live in this world! That God-centered focus is what Christian education is all about! We want our young people throughout their lives to know that God is their strength, and that they live to fellowship with Him and serve Him.

Our young people at school have often been reminded of that same lesson from the life of David. The story of David and Goliath is a powerful illustration of what a difference it makes if we live with a God-centered focus. The first words of David recorded in the Bible are "Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?" David shows up discussing God. The soldiers mentioned nothing about Him, the brothers never spoke His name, but David takes one step onto the stage and raises the subject of the living God. No one else discusses God. David discusses no one else but God.

Why had none of the other men stood up to Goliath's challenge? Because they forgot who they were! David was not arrogant or delusional, he just knew who he was. He understood what it means to be a child of God. It was not him against this huge warrior. No, it was this puny Philistine warrior against almighty God. Now, who do you think was going to win? Will we deal with life based on what we can do on our own, or will we remember who we are as children of the King of kings and Lord of lords—the Savior who is always with us in power and grace? May God give grace to us and to our students to live our lives with a God-centered focus day by day.

It has certainly been an unusual month with all the snow days and with the need to adjust the dates of the basketball tournament. We will wait until the next newsletter to share the amazing accomplishments of our teams. We thank God they have had the opportunity to continue to play amidst all the Covid-19 restrictions. As we have announced previously, we will have an 11:30 dismissal this Thursday, February 25, and no school on Friday, February 26. We have decided that we WILL have school on WEDNESDAY, March 31, but we will still have NO SCHOOL on THURSDAY, April 1, FRIDAY, April 2, and MONDAY, April 5. We also WILL have school on FRIDAY, May 28. So the changes are that we WILL HAVE SCHOOL on March 31 and May 28. Due to COVID restrictions, we will also CANCEL this year's OPEN HOUSE/PARENT-TEACHER FELLOWSHIP on THURSDAY, APRIL 8.

Please note the important dates listed on the March calendar. Financial aid applications for next year are due by March 31. Do apply for financial help if you qualify. We do not know how much EITC funding or other funding will be available for the coming year, but we have been encouraged by God's faithful provision year by year. The RAISE THE REGION CAMPAIGN will be held on March 10-11. We praise God for His faithfulness and His overwhelming kindness to NCS! Keep praying that God will continue to work in the lives of students, parents, and staff, deepening in all of us a passion for our gracious God.

By His Grace,
Pastor Rees

Kindergarten Testing

Fridays, March 5, 19, 26

Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, March 10

Thursday, March 11

Raise the Region

Wednesday, March 10

Thursday, March 11

No School

Friday, March 12

Thursday, April 1

Friday, April 2

Monday, April 5

End of the Third Quarter

Thursday, March 25

Spring Picture Day

Tuesday, March 30

Preschool Applications Due &

Financial Aid Applications Due

Wednesday, March 31

Warrior Walk

Tuesday, April 27

(rain dates 4/28 & 4/29)

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Second Quarter Honor Rolls

DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL

(Averages of 97-100)

12th Grade

Nathan Allred Emma Daku-Treas Meghan Hudson
David King Megan Moyer Justin Ross

11th Grade

Isaiah Clark Emily Garvin Grace Lenahan Allison Miller
Emma Mitchell Karis Mitchell Kendra Schoeppner
Anna Ulmer Emma Ulmer

10th Grade

Benjamin Clark Nathaniel Furman Caitlyn Gray
Joshua King Jenika Krum Emily McCahan Lillian Rees
Lauren Reigle Caryssa Ressler Elliana Zwatty

9th Grade

Eden Daku-Treas Luke Friscia Sam Garvin
Landon Hostetter Samantha Hudson Ian Owens
Alecsander Phillips Kara Wilhelm

8th Grade

Conner Bennett Carissa Gibson Aubrie Hostetter
Jackson Mento Joshua Schmitt Grace Spaide
Sophia Yount

7th Grade

Ethan Bennett Michael Cantine Noah Conner
Lauren Heimbach Stephen Ilgenfritz
Carrie King Julia Lamey Ingrid McElroy
Annalyn Mitchell Justin Nolt Evalin Owens

HONOR ROLL

(Averages of 93-96)

12th Grade

Kaitlyn Bookwalter Rebekah Hayner
Karina Yoder

11th Grade

Zander Beaver Molly Deppen Joshua Lamey
Wesley Lloyd

10th Grade

Ian Anderson Cole Knauss Henry McElroy

9th Grade

Lucy Crago Benjamin Inns
Malachi Mitchell Micah Moyer
Savannah Yount

8th Grade

Braxton Beaver Jackson Blansfield
Jackson Conner Tyler Kitchens Sophia Reason
Landon Spade Liberty Stahl Qyn Witmer

7th Grade

Nicholas Bisaccia Olivia Heise Emma Inns
Owen Rees Keegan Yoder

Development News

THANK YOU to all of you who supported NCS in 2020 through your prayers, volunteer efforts, and financial gifts! Your partnership in each of these areas is so vital to this ministry. Financially, there are two main areas in which we are in continual need of your support.

The NCS Annual Fund

The NCS Annual Fund supplements tuition in covering the costs of educating students at NCS. The level of contributions as of February, 2021, has propelled us past the halfway mark towards meeting our NCS Annual Fund goal for this school year. Please review the following information and join us in praying that the Lord would work through His people to meet this need.

NCS Annual Fund Goal:	\$250,000
Current Level:	\$161,124
Remaining Deficit: <i>(needed by May 31, 2021)</i>	\$88,876

Scholarships/Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program

Many families rely on scholarships to be able to afford to send their children to NCS. The EITC program has been a tremendous blessing in recent years, providing several hundred thousand dollars in support to NCS families.

The EITC tax credit program allows businesses and individuals to give scholarship funds to students and receive up to a 90% tax credit from the state. Any business based in PA is eligible. Also, individuals who pay \$3,500 or more in PA taxes a year can now participate.

This program is a great way for businesses and individuals to provide a student with a life-changing scholarship and receive up to 90% of their scholarship back as a tax credit from PA.

If you know of any individuals or corporations who may be interested in helping the students at NCS through the EITC program, please contact me through the school office or at kbennett@norrychristian.net.

Kimberly Bennett '00

Director of Development

Warrior Walk 2021

Our 2020-2021 Warrior Walk will be held on **Tuesday, April 27**, for an hour during the school day. This year the money raised through this event will help provide funds for computer equipment, netting at the soccer field, upgrades to the playground, and other special projects. In Galatians 6:9&10, Paul says, *“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”*

Thank you for your participation in helping make this event a success. With your help, we raised over \$45,000 last year! Through the generous donations of sponsors like you, over the years we have been able to put in a new playground, an indoor basketball court, a new soccer field, security cameras, a new school sign, and purchase new recess equipment. If you should have any questions, feel free to contact Ashley Shaffer at 570-837-9875 or ashaffer@norrychristian.net.

Ashley Shaffer '02

Warrior Walk Coordinator



Raise the Region

On Wednesday, March 10, at 6:00 PM through 11:59 PM on Thursday, March 11, we are asking the families and friends of NCS to visit www.raisetheregion.org and support Northumberland Christian School. Your gift of any amount will be stretched by a generous contribution from the Blaise Alexander Family Dealerships. Your donation(s) can also help NCS raise additional support by qualifying us for monetary prizes given by other sponsors. All gifts are tax deductible. Last year, with your efforts, we raised over \$66,000! In addition to the gifts given by donors, NCS received over \$5,000 in stretch/matching funds from Blaise Alexander and \$12,100 in prizes!



The First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania (FCFP) is excited to announce Raise the Region 2021, an event to help the communities of Columbia, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, and Union counties support local nonprofit organizations fundraising efforts.

[Raise the Region](http://www.raisetheregion.org) is essentially a vehicle you can use to give via credit card to any part of the ministry of NCS. Your contribution to NCS will be increased over what it would have been by sending us a check directly. To designate where your donation is applied (Warrior Walk, NCS Fund, Scholarships, etc.) and to sign up for a reminder email which will give information on prizes we are targeting, please visit www.norrychristian.net, and click the Raise the Region button on the home page.

Events & Prayer Calendar

	1 <i>Ava Phillips</i>	2 <i>Owen Rees</i>	3 <i>Waylon Shaffer</i>	4 <i>Evelyn Wilhelm</i>	5 Kindergarten Testing <i>Keegan Yoder</i>	5 <i>Braxton Beaver</i>
7 <i>Conner Bennett</i>	8 <i>Jackson Blansfield</i>	9 <i>Jackson Conner</i>	10 Preschool PT Conf. (NO Preschool) RAISE THE REGION 6 PM <i>Benjamin Crane</i>	11 Preschool PT Conf. (NO Preschool) RAISE THE REGION 11:59 PM <i>James Geise</i>	12 No School <i>Carissa Gibson</i>	13 <i>Jonathan Gray</i>
14 <i>Aubrie Hostetter</i>	15 <i>Tyler Kitchens</i>	16 <i>Dillon Mack</i>	17 <i>Jackson Mento</i>	18 <i>Morgan Minnier</i>	19 Kindergarten Testing End of 3rd Qtr. <i>Owen Rager</i>	20 <i>Sophia Reason</i>
21 <i>Joshua Schmitt</i>	22 <i>Landon Spade</i>	23 <i>Grace Spaide</i>	24 <i>Liberty Stahl</i>	25 <i>Oyn Witmer</i>	26 Kindergarten Testing <i>Sophia Yount</i>	27 <i>Ava Bowen</i>
28 <i>Derek Brubaker</i>	29 Gift Card Orders Due <i>Lucy Crago</i>	30 Spring Plc. Day Financial Aid Forms Due Online <i>Eden Daku-Treas</i>	31 <i>Victoria Dowd</i>	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <h2 style="margin: 0;">March 2021</h2> </div>		

March Menu

All meals are free through the 2020-2021 school year	1 French Toast Stix Sausage Hash Browns Oranges Juice	2 Chicken Nuggets Scalloped Potatoes Pears	3 Mickey's Pizza California Blend w/cheese Apple Sauce Fruit Icee	4 Baked Ziti Breadstick Romaine Salad Strawberries w/bananas	5 Ham & Cheese Cosmo Baked Beans Chips Apples	5
7 All Meals Include all sides Fresh Carrots Daily	8 Tacos Black Beans Corn Mandarin Oranges	9 Cheeseburger French Fries Peas Peaches	10 French Bread Pizza Broccoli w/cheese Apple Sauce Fruit Icee	11 Chicken Pasta Marinara Breadstick Salad Peach Cups	12 NO SCHOOL	13
14 Staff Meals Breakfast \$1.85 Lunch \$3.20	15 Chick Fillet Waffle Fries Cooked Carrots Oranges	16 Toasted Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Green Beans Peaches	17 Tony's Pizza Garbanzo Bean Salad Peas Apple Sauce Fruit Icee	18 Chicken & Broccoli Stir Fry Romaine Salad Breadstick Mixed Fruit	19 Stromboli French Fries Veggies & Dip Pineapple	20
21 All Meals Include Milk Otherwise \$.50 Extra Entrees \$1.00	22 Beef Nachos Refried Beans Corn Mandarin Oranges	23 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Mixed Veggies Pears	24 Stuffed Crust Pizza Broccoli w/cheese Apple Sauce Fruit Icee	25 Cheeseburger Wrap Attack Chips Roasted Veggies Peach Cups	26 Pulled Pork BBQ Tater Tots Baked Corn Apples	27
28	29 Sausage or Ham Egg Muffin Hash Browns Oranges Juice	30 Popcorn Chicken Bowl Corn Mashed Potatoes Apple Sauce	31 Mickey's Pizza California Blend w/cheese Apple Sauce Fruit Icee			

Stimulating in students a passion for excellence in learning, service, and worship.