

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 4, 18, 25

Preschool Parent/Teacher Conf.

Wednesday, March 9
Thursday, March 10

Raise the Region

Wednesday, March 9
Thursday, March 10

No School

Friday, March 11
Wednesday, April 13 (EM3)
Thursday, April 14 (EM4)
Friday-Monday, April 15-18

End of the Third Quarter

Friday, March 25

Gift Card Special Orders Due

Monday, March 28

Spring Picture Day

Tuesday, March 29

Preschool Applications Due & Financial Aid Applications Due

Thursday, March 31

Open House

Thursday, April 7

3rd Quarter Report Cards Dist.

Thursday, April 7

Warrior Walk

Tuesday, April 19
(Rain dates April 20, 21)

Spring Program

Friday, April 29

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2nd Quarter Honor Roll

DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL

(Averages of 97-100)

12th Grade

Isaiah Clark Molly Deppen Emily Garvin Wesley Lloyd
Allison Miller Emma Mitchell Karis Mitchell
Kendra Schoeppner Anna Ulmer Emma Ulmer

11th Grade

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

10th Grade

Samuel Garvin Landon Hostetter Samantha Hudson
Ian Owens Aleksander Phillips Kara Wilhelm

9th Grade

Aubrie Hostetter Joshua Schmitt Grace Spaide

8th Grade

Ethan Bennett Michael Cantine Olivia Heise
Stephen Ilgenfritz Ingrid McElroy Annalyn Mitchell
Justin Nolt Evalin Owens Ava Phillips Evelyn Wilhelm

7th Grade

Grace Cantine Benjamin Friscia Jackson Gabrielsen
Sarah Heitzman Zion Hostetter Karina Melton
Cole Putrow Nadia Reason Lauryn Ross

HONOR ROLL

(Averages of 93-96)

12th Grade

Zander Beaver Joshua Lamey Grace Lenahan

11th Grade

Caitlyn Gray Liberty Kersey Cole Knauss
Henry McElroy Luke Snyder

10th Grade

Eden Daku-Treas Micah Moyer Savannah Yount

9th Grade

Conner Bennett Jackson Conner
Jackson Mento Sophia Yount

8th Grade

Noah Conner Cameron Derr Lauren Heimbach
Carrie King Julia Lamey Owen Rees
Keegan Yoder

7th Grade

Madison Anderson Victoria Brudnicki Maxwell Garvin
Lydia Gray Madison Mack Tabitha Reitz
Jackson Shaffer Davida Steele

SAVE THE DATE—NCS 50th Year Celebration

Save the Date for the **NCS 50th Year Celebration**. This will be coming up on Saturday, May 21. Details are coming soon, but we hope you will join us for this exciting day as we celebrate the Lord's goodness to NCS over the last 50 years!

Development News

THANK YOU to all of you who supported NCS in 2021 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: Fund The NCS Annual Fund supplements tuition in covering the cost of educating students at NCS. As the Lord allows us to reach our goal, we are able to avoid large increases in tuition prices. The level of contributions as of February 1, 2022, 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:	\$144,251
Remaining Deficit: <i>(needed by May 31, 2022)</i>	\$105,749

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 2022

Our 2022 Warrior Walk will be held on **Tuesday, April 19**. The students are sponsored to walk a course outside the school for an hour during the school day. This year, the money raised through the event will help to provide recess equipment, building and educational improvements, and funding for 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 \$65,000 last year! Through the generous donations of sponsors 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 have any questions about the Warrior Walk, contact Ashley Shaffer at 570-837-9875 or ashaffer@norrychristian.net.

Ashley Shaffer '02
Warrior Walk Coordinator



Raise the Region

On Wednesday, March 9, at 6:00 PM through 11:59 PM on Thursday, March 10, 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 \$85,000! In addition to the gifts given by donors, NCS received over \$13,000 in stretch funds from Blaise Alexander and other event sponsors!

Raise the Region 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.

The First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania (FCFP) is excited to announce Raise the Region 2022, an event to help the communities of Columbia, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, and Union counties support local nonprofit



Bingaman & Son Lumber, Inc./Messiah University Scholarship

Chris and Heidi Bingaman have established an endowed scholarship for any Northumberland Christian School student who would like to attend Messiah University.

Messiah University is a nationally ranked, private Christian university located in central Pennsylvania, just 12 miles from Harrisburg. Messiah University has a student body of over 3,000 undergraduate and graduate students with over 80 academic programs. The mission of Messiah University is to educate men and women toward maturity of intellect, character, and Christian faith in preparation for lives of service, leadership and reconciliation in church and society. For more information on Messiah University, check out www.messiah.edu.

Any student who would be interested in attending Messiah University and would like to apply for this scholarship, please contact Kim Bennett at kbennett@norrychristian.net or contact Kim at the main office of Northumberland Christian School for an application.



Events & Prayer Calendar

March 2022		1 <i>Nicholas Bisaccia</i>	2 <i>Michael Cantine</i>	3 <i>Noah Conner</i>	4 Kinder. Testing <i>Cameron Derr</i>	5 <i>Lauren Heimbach</i>
6 <i>Olivia Heise</i>	7 <i>Stephen Ilgenfritz</i>	8 <i>Carrie King</i>	9 Preschool PT Conf. NO Preschool) RAISE THE REGION 6 PM <i>Julia Lamey</i>	10 Preschool PT Conf. NO Preschool) RAISE THE REGION 11:59 PM <i>Ingrid McElroy</i>	11 No School <i>Micah Minnier</i>	12 <i>Annalyn Mitchell</i>
13 <i>Justin Nolt</i>	14 <i>Evalin Owens</i>	15 <i>Ava Phillips</i>	16 <i>Owen Rees</i>	17 <i>Waylon Shaffer</i>	18 Kinder. Testing <i>Evelyn Wilhelm</i>	19 <i>Keegan Yoder</i>
20 <i>Braxton Beaver</i>	21 <i>Conner Bennett</i>	22 <i>Jackson Blansfield</i>	23 <i>Jackson Conner</i>	24 <i>Benjamin Crane</i>	25 Kinder. Testing End of 3rd Qtr. <i>Emelin Gardiner</i>	26 <i>James Geise</i>
27 <i>Carissa Gibson</i>	28 Gift Card Orders Due <i>Jonathan Gray</i>	29 Spring Pic. Day <i>Aubrie Hostetter</i>	30 <i>Dillon Mack</i>	31 Financial Aid Forms Due Online <i>Jackson Mento</i>		

March Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
All meals are free through the 2021-2022 school year		Chicken Nuggets French Fries Cooked Carrots Fruit	Calzone Caliblend w/cheese Fruit Fruit Icee	Stromboli Romaine Salad Tater Tots Fruit	Ham & Cheese on Pretzel Bun Emoji Fries Fruit	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Salad Bar, PBJ and Hotdog Meals Offered Daily	Egg Sausage or Ham Muffin Sandwich Hash Browns Juice Fruit	Cheeseburger Curly Fries Carrots Fruit	French Bread Pizza Garbanzo Salad Green Beans Fruit Fruit Icee	Chicken Broccoli Stir Fry Breadstick Salad Fruit	NO SCHOOL	BREAKFAST MENU Mon – French Toast Stix, Tues/Thurs - Pizza
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
All Meals Include All Sides Fresh Carrots Available Daily	Beef Nachos Refried Beans Corn Fruit	Chicken Nuggets Scalloped Potatoes Peas Fruit	Tony's Pizza Broccoli w/cheese Fruit Fruit Icee	Chili Baked Potato Corn Bread Fruit	Ham/Turkey Hoagies Veggies and Dip Chips Fruit	Wed & Fri – Cook's Choice (Pending available items)
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
All Meals Include Milk otherwise \$.50 Extra Entrees \$1.00	Breaded Deli Chicken Wrap Mixed Veggies Waffle Fries Fruit	Toasted Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Green Beans Fruit	Stuffed Crust Pizza Caliblend w/cheese Fruit Fruit Icee	Meatball Hoagie Romaine Salad Peas Fruit	Tuna Salad Sandwich Baked Beans Curly Fries Fruit	
27	28	29	30	31		
Staff Meals Breakfast \$1.90 Lunch \$3.90	Walking Taco Black Beans Corn Fruit	Chicken Nuggets French Fries Cooked Carrots Fruit	Calzone Broccoli w/cheese Fruit Fruit Icee	Chick Fillet Sand. Waffle Fries Roasted Veggies Fruit		

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