

The **Warrior Beat**

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

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NO SCHOOL

Monday, January 18

Report Cards Distributed

Wednesday, January 20

K-6 Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thursday, January 21, 12-8:30 pm

EMERGENCY MAKE-UP DAY

Friday, February 12

NO SCHOOL

Monday, February 15

Mid-Quarter Grade Reports

Friday, February 19

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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

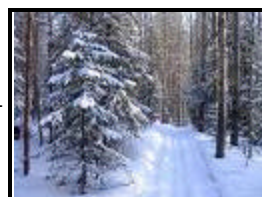
Dear Parents, Alumni, and Friends,

December at NCS ended with many blessings from the Lord and many opportunities to minister to others. We were especially encouraged by the many who joined us for Grandparents' Day and for the Christmas Concert. January has brought with it all the activity of the end of the second quarter and a busy basketball season, which is going very well. It is good to begin a year with a confidence in our sovereign God who delights to bless His people.

That confidence in God is the most important thing in life and the heart of Christian education. Deuteronomy 6 reminds us of the importance of raising our children in an environment where they are surrounded by constant reminders of God and encouragements to love and trust Him. This week in chapel we focused on Romans 1:16-17 – THE RIGHTEOUS WILL LIVE BY FAITH. That's what it means to be a Christian. That's what we want for our children. That's what we want for ourselves as we face a new year. Our confidence must be in Him, in the righteousness which He provides through His Son Jesus Christ. Faith is not a one-time act; it is looking to God each day and putting our trust in Him. It is a daily turning our eyes away from ourselves and having our whole perspective on life shaped by the awesome God whom we love and serve. Pray with us for students, families, and staff who live by faith day by day!

This is also the time of year in the NCS office when we need to begin thinking about the next school year! We have set the dates for testing students for next year's kindergarten class. **Anyone with a possible kindergartener for next year should call the office to schedule an appointment for Monday, March 8 or 15, or Friday, March 5 or 12. Anyone with possible preschoolers for next year should call the office for an application form and submit it by the end of March.**

Report cards will be sent home with all students on Wednesday, January 20. This will give you an opportunity to look over the report cards and grade reports before you talk with teachers. **K-6 Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, January 21. Reminders of your appointment times are included with this newsletter.** Please do not bring children along to these conferences. There will be no conferences for junior and senior high school parents; but, as always, we do encourage these parents to phone your student's teachers concerning any questions or concerns you may have. Their phone numbers are listed in your NCS Supplement, or you may call the school office to contact them or set up an appointment with them.



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Gideon Group

Since Northumberland Christian School first opened its doors in 1972, we have faced the annual challenge of making up the difference between tuition revenues and education costs. While the percentage of education costs covered by tuition has remained steady, at around 80%, the actual dollar amount has increased substantially over the years. This fiscal year (7/1/2009-6/30/2010) we face a \$200,000 deficit, of which, through the faithful support of God's people, we have made up \$116,245. This means that we need to cover the remaining \$83,755 by the end of June.

To address this annual deficit, *The Gideon Group* was officially introduced to the NCS "family" in February of 2008. *The Gideon Group* comprises individuals who support the ministry of NCS, recognize the insufficiency of tuition revenues in meeting education costs, and demonstrate their passion to overcome this deficit by their annual financial commitment. These individuals commit to contributing a minimum of \$300 annually, which may be given in as little as \$25 monthly increments.

We are excited to announce a new subset to *The Gideon Group*: *The Student Gideon Group*. This group is designed as a means for students (high school and college) who desire to use a portion of the resources the Lord has entrusted to them to support the ministry of NCS. The giving requirements have been substantially lowered to make membership feasible for students. The minimum commitment for membership is \$60 annually, which may be given in as little as \$5 monthly increments.

If you are not already a part of *The Gideon Group*, please prayerfully consider how you may be able to partner with us in bridging the annual gap between tuition revenue and education costs.

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Once again, some scholarship assistance will be available for the 2010-11 school year. All families who are new this year or families who applied for financial aid last year will receive a copy of the **E.I.T.C. Student Aid Form** along with your child's report card next week. If you do not receive one and would like to apply for financial aid, please call the office for us to send you a form. The forms and instructions are also available online at the school website. We strongly encourage all who meet the income guidelines to apply for this tuition assistance. The applications must be submitted to PSAS by **March 31**. If you have any questions about our scholarship program, please call me.

Thank you all for your continual prayers, support, and encouragement. We cannot begin to do what God has called us to do at NCS without His help, and He often sends that help through you, His people. May He continue to work in and through us all for His glory and for the eternal good of these precious students.

By His Grace,
Pastor John Rees

FBLA Regionals

The Region 23 Conference of the Future Business Leaders of America took place on December 11, 2009, at Bloomsburg University. Students from 11 schools participated in the competition including Danville, Line Mountain, Midd-West, Selinsgrove, Shikellamy, and Northumberland Christian School. Students competed in 40 different categories, and winners were announced for the first five places in each category.

Of the 21 students who participated this year, the following students from Northumberland Christian School will advance to the competition at the State FBLA Convention in Hershey on April 12-14:

Cody Conklin	first place	Network Design (Team Event)
Samuel Jablonski	first place	Network Design (Team Event)
Josiah Strawser	first place	Network Design (Team Event)
David Ilgenfritz	first place	Business Calculations
Esther Ilgenfritz	first place	Accounting II
Emily Wolff	first place	Business Procedures
Cody Ross	second place	Business Communications
Kendra Dressler	third place	Business Communications
Leah Steinhart	third place	Business Procedures
Tim Urich	third place	Intr. to Business Communications

Courtney Solomon '95, FBLA chapter advisor and accounting teacher, was pleased with how well the students performed in NCS's eighth year of competition. Congratulations to all of our students for doing such a great job!



BECOME A YEARBOOK PHOTOGRAPHER!

You can now eShare photos of field trips, sporting events, school activities, or shots of you and your friends that otherwise might be missed by our staff photographers. Upload photos directly to our website at www.hjeshare.com by entering the NCS school code 3020182.

The NCS yearbook advisers will have access to your photos for potential use in the 2010 yearbook. The more you eShare, the better our coverage can be!

For more information, contact Miss Joie Rees '98 at joierees@norrychristian.net.

Junior/Senior Class Trip

It may seem a little early to be thinking about Spring class trips, but we want to get as much advance notice out to anyone possibly interested in going along on this year's Junior/Senior Class Trip.

WHEN: Monday, May 31 (6 am departure) - Wednesday, June 2 (9 pm return)

WHERE: BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

WHAT: Preliminary plans include a whale watch, Freedom Trail with numerous historic stops, Blue Man Group, Fenway Park tour, and a seafood dinner at a local restaurant.

COST: We are trying to keep the cost around \$200 per person.

There will be at least 20 extra seats on the bus available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Jeffrey Breed, Jr., at jmbreed@norrychristian.net with any questions.

Emergency Make-Up Days



Emergency make-up days will be used in this order: 2/12, 3/19, 3/22, 5/10, and 6/4. Keep updated on all weather-related delays and closings at www.norrychristian.net as well as local radio stations: WKOK Sunbury, 1070 AM, 107.3 FM; WGRC Lewisburg, 91.3 FM; WPGM Danville, 96.7 FM; and TV stations WNEP, WBRE, and WYOU.



Fundraising

GIANT A+ REWARDS PROGRAM

Carol Gessner, coordinator for this ongoing fundraiser, reports that as of December we've raised \$2,963.48. This continues to be one of the easiest ways you can support NCS through your grocery purchases.



DID YOU KNOW?



You can use Weis and Giant grocery gift cards at the store gas pumps, too! How many times do you fill your tank in a week? Even if it's just once a week, using a gift card continues to support NCS. It's just a simple matter of stopping in the office and picking up your cards today!

GROCERY AND R&R CARDS

Glenn Haas, coordinator, would like to encourage everyone to please continue to get your grocery and R & R card orders in by the last Monday of each month. There are limited supplies of Giant, Weis, WalMart, Dunkin Donuts, Hoss's, Burger King, Wendy's, Applebee's, Bath & Body Works, Panera Bread, and Red Lobster cards available in the office. For all other cards, orders need to be in by the last Monday of the month. To receive tuition credit, \$200 must be spent within a calendar month.



Cheryl Delsite, coordinator, reports that \$500 in BoxTops have been sent in for reimbursement so far this school year. The next shipment will be sent in February. Please call 286-2919 if you have any questions.

From time to time, you may receive coupons from Weis and Giant. Please submit the whole coupon so that NCS receives the credit for the coupon. Please remember, the box tops have expiration dates on them. Please only submit current box tops. Thank you for your support!

PIZZA SALE COMING IN MARCH!

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Wednesday, March 3- Start of pizza sale.

Wednesday, March 17 - End of pizza sale. All order forms, with payment to **Kimberly Buffington**, should be in the school office.

Wednesday, March 31 - Pick up orders at the school between 3 & 5. Please park on Orange Street and enter at the double doors on 5th Street.



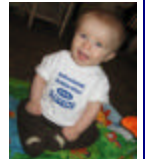
SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, March 2, 2009, is our Spring NCS Community Night. Cards will be available soon. Stop by the office to pick cards up for you, your friends, and neighbors.

Alumni Babies

ATTENTION

Alumni of NCS
with
children born in
2009



We will again be featuring our alumni babies in a future edition of the **Warrior Beat**.

If you are an alumnus and had a child or children born in 2009, we would like to give your child a FREE NCS T-SHIRT of their very own to keep! Please call/e-mail to request a T-shirt ASAP.

INSTRUCTIONS:

E-mail **Doug Wesner** at dwesner@norrychristian.net, with the size of t-shirt needed.

[infant sizes: 0-6, 6-12,
12-18, 18-24, 2T, 3T]

Please include your **address** for mailing and **phone number** in case we need to contact you. After you receive your shirt, take a picture of your child wearing the provided T-shirt and e-mail the picture to me. I will respond to your e-mail to verify I received your information. If you do not get a response, please call the school at 570-473-9786 to make sure I received it.

All pictures must be e-mailed to me no later than Friday, February 5th. Thanks!



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Events & Prayer Calendar

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(Basketball codes: g - JV girls; G - Girls Varsity; b - Jr. High boys; B - JV boys; V - Boys Varsity)	1 <i>HannahJoy Stroup</i>	2 Home - SCA g, b, G, V <i>Calista Ulmer</i>	3 <i>Morgan Delsite</i>	4 Home - Williamsport Home School g, b, G, V <i>MaKayla Ferster</i>	5 Home - MCS b, G, V (SAN) <i>Gabriela Grandy</i>	6 <i>Hugh Hayner</i>
7 <i>Ephraim Ilgenfritz</i>	8 Home - BCS g, b, G, V <i>Kyli Mahaffey</i>	9 Away - Triboro G, V <i>David Mahoney</i>	10 <i>Liam O'Brien</i>	11 <i>William Reid, V</i>	12 School IS IN Session Away - JMS g, b, G, V <i>Tanner Rodarmel</i>	13 <i>Shawn Salsman</i>
14 <i>Melita Stutsman</i>	15 No School Away - Grier School, G <i>Jacob Ulmer</i>	16 <i>Jacob Underkoffler</i>	17 <i>Faith Wolfe</i>	18 Away - ACAA Tour- namment <i>Shannon Bloom</i>	19 Mid-Quarters Sent Home Away - ACAA Tournament <i>David Crago</i>	20 Away - ACAA Tour- namment <i>Emma Donmoyer</i>
21/ 28 <i>Gabrielle Edwards</i>	22 R & R Orders Due <i>Alison Ermert</i>	23 <i>Madison Ferster</i>	24 <i>Brianne Folk</i>	25 <i>Troy Harris, Jr.</i>	26 <i>Larissa Hummel</i>	27 <i>Jordan Hunt</i>