

The Warrior Beat

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Yearbook Orders Due

Friday, December 4

Grandparents Day

Wednesday, December 9

Mid-Quarter Grades Distributed

Friday, December 11

Christmas Chapel Concert

Wednesday, December 23 - 10:00 am

Christmas Break

Thursday, December 24 -

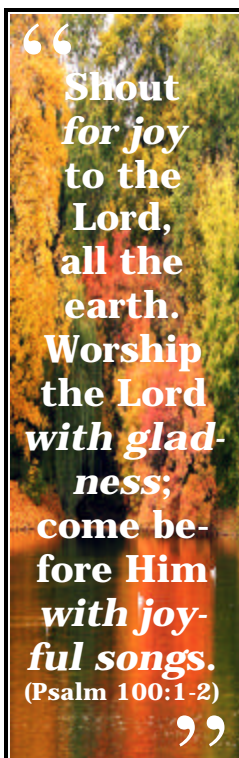
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***Romans 11:36 For from Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things.
To Him be the glory forever! Amen.***

Principal's Desk



Dear Parents, Alumni, and Friends,

“Shout *for joy* to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord *with gladness*; come before Him *with joyful songs*.” (Psalm 100:1-2) Last week in chapel, we looked at these verses as a reminder that all of God’s commands tell us something about what He is like. He forbids lying because He is a God of truth. He forbids adultery because He is a faithful God. He commands JOYFUL worship because He is a JOYFUL God. An essential part of what makes the gospel GOOD news is that the God it reveals is infinitely joyful. No one would want to spend eternity with an unhappy God. God is an infinitely glorious and infinitely joyful God. We looked through scripture to see God’s joy in creation (Gen. 1 – good, very good; Prov. 8:27,30-31; Job 38:4-7; Ps. 104:31). We saw that God especially finds joy in His Son. John Piper says, “Creation is an expression of the overflow of that life and joy that the Father and the Son have in each other.”

God, in His grace, has made us to be able to enter into HIS JOY. Just as the persons of the Trinity find joy in each other, so God has made us to find joy outside ourselves. We long for our students to find JOY IN GOD. Those who seek joy in themselves or their circumstances will always be disappointed. (Jer. 2:13). Our joy must be found in a God who is a good, faithful Creator and tender Shepherd of His people. A new song we have learned in chapel this year

which the students enjoy singing commands us to “strengthen yourself in the joy of the Lord – let your heart dance.” Another song we sing often says, “Let me seek one prize, one great reward, one hope I treasure most, to hear the Father say “My child well done. Come enter into all the joy found in my Son.” Pray with us for students who more and more find their strength in the joy of the Lord!

God has been so good to us through this first quarter. Students have made great progress, and it was a wonderful soccer season as well. Note the honor rolls listed inside the newsletter and the special congratulations to the soccer teams. Do keep in touch with teachers regarding any concerns you have. (Thanks for the almost perfect attendance at the K-6 parent-teacher conferences!) PLAN test results for the sophomores were sent home last week, and PSAT results for the juniors should arrive in the next few weeks. Please call the office if you have any questions about these test results. **Mid-Quarter Reports** for grades 7-12 for the second quarter will be sent home on December 11. Please remember to ask your student for these reports and call the office if you do not receive them or if you have any questions.

Yearbook orders are due by December 4. An order form was in last month’s newsletter. Please contact the office if you don’t have a form and would like to order a yearbook.

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Honor Rolls

DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL (Averages of 97-100)

12th Grade

Esther Ilgenfritz Josiah Strawser
Samuel Jablonski

11th Grade

Kendra Dressler Katelyn King
Lindsey Furman Cody Ross
David Ilgenfritz Emily Wolff

8th Grade

Jordan Carr Clara Grandy

7th Grade

Troy Harris, Jr. Jordan Hunt

HONOR ROLL (Averages of 93-96)

12th Grade

Audrey Bingaman Amanda Ermert
Cody Conklin Bryan Gessner

11th Grade

Sherrell DelValle Chelsea Stutsman
Emma Jablonski Asa Thayer
Joseph Scanzillo Elise Wolff
Leah Steinhart

10th Grade

Brooke Conklin Diana Haas
Shelby Derr Timothy Ulrich

9th Grade

Emily Bailor Taylor Stutsman
Zachary Buffington Alyssa Wesner
Marlena Kimmey

8th Grade

Bethany Conklin Michael Mahoney
Alexis Daku-Treas Zachary Newbury
Jedidiah Ilgenfritz Eric Reigle
Ryan King Hannah Renno

7th Grade

David Crago Elizabeth Krewatch
Emma Donmoyer Kyle Schoeppner
Madison Ferster Nathaniel York
Larissa Hummel

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As winter approaches and sickness becomes more frequent, please remember that all medications to be taken during school hours must have a specific form filed with the school office. This form is located in the back of your school handbook, and additional copies are available from the office. Please complete these forms for over-the-counter medications, and have your doctor complete them for prescription medications. As we have done in the past, any school closings or delays will be announced on WKOK Sunbury, 1070 AM, 107.3 FM; WGRC Lewisburg, 91.3 FM; WPGM Danville, 96.7 FM; WNEP Wilkes-Barre, Ch.16 TV; WBRE-TV; and WYOU-TV. If there should be a school closing on the day of a parent-teacher meeting or a basketball game or practice, please assume that these activities are also canceled and will be rescheduled for another time.

We are looking forward to **Grandparents' Day** on **December 9**. If you are a grandparent of a student in grades K-6, we would love to have you join us. The students in grades 4-12 will be singing a short **Christmas Concert** for our Chapel Service on **Wednesday, December 23, at 10:00 a.m.** All parents and friends are invited to attend. The 7-12 students will also present a concert at Nottingham Nursing Center that afternoon, but there is not space for visitors, so we encourage you to come to the Christmas Chapel at NCS instead.

Do continue to pray for God's blessing upon this ministry, and do "enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues *through all generations!*" (Psalm 100:4-5).

By His Grace,
Pastor John Rees

Grandparents Day

We are excitedly preparing to welcome the Grandparents and Great-grandparents of our K-6 students to the school on Wednesday, December 9, from 9 to 11:20 am. As we are instructed in Leviticus 19:32, "Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. . ." We look forward to this opportunity to honor them.

We have special activities planned, commencing with brunch, which will be served starting at 9, and closing with an open classroom time, which will end at 11:20 am. All of the Grandparents and Great-grandparents of K-6 students should have received their invitations. If you know of anyone who should have received an invitation but didn't, please contact the office with their information so that we can reach out to them directly.

Classroom Corner

On Friday, October 2, our class went to R.B. Winter State Park to study aquatic insects. Our instructor, Mrs. Beirly, helped us catch insects in the creek. Later, we observed our collections: a backswimmer, whirligig beetle, caddis worm, mayfly nymph, stonefly larva, water scorpion, crayfish, salamanders, and minnows. After lunch, we made pipe cleaner and bead dragonflies. Our class had a very, very good time.

By Fourth Graders,
*Abbey Lytle &
Delaney Solomon*



At R.B. Winter State Park, sixth grade learned about raptors and skullduggery. We learned that raptors are birds of prey, and skullduggery is just another name for investigating God's creativity in skulls and identifying the animals. As you can see, we learned a lot and had fun doing it!



By Sixth Graders,
*MaKayla Ferster &
Gabriela Grandy*

Parent Reminders

Transportation

If you would like your child to ride home on another student's district vehicle, please be sure to check with the bus driver ahead of time to find out the district's policy. Most bus drivers will not allow a child that is not on their list to board the bus without prior provisions having been made.

Illnesses, Absences, and Homework

Please do not send your child to school if he/she has symptoms of illness. Check the NCS Handbook for guidelines.

Absence and tardy excuses must be handed in within 3 days of a student's return to school in order to be considered excused.

When contacting the school for homework for your sick child, please try to call (or contact us online) before 9:00. It is so much more efficient for the office and easier for the teacher to get the request early in the day.

Phone Calls

We would like to keep students making phone calls to a minimum. Many students ask to call home to find out if they are allowed to go to a friend's house, etc. These kinds of "social arrangements" should be made from home since most calls from school are long distance and cost the school money.

Christmas Chapel Concert

Parents, grandparents, friends, and neighbors are invited to join us on
Wednesday, December 23, at 10:00 a.m.
 for a short Christmas Concert in the Augustine Refectory of the school.
 You may enter the building through the upper doors on Fifth Street.



Fundraising

INTRODUCING THE "BINGA woMAN" FAMILY COOKBOOK!

Through a generous donation from the Martha and Max Bingaman Family, we have available in the school office, a brand new cookbook of favorite recipes from the Bingaman Family. All proceeds from each \$10 cookbook sold go directly to NCS! Get one today for yourself or to use as Christmas gifts!



Hoss's Community Night

Thank you to everyone who came out to support NCS on Tuesday, November 3, at Community Night at Hoss's. Through your participation in this easy fundraiser, we received a check in the amount of \$596.95. It was a very enjoyable evening for all, and it was also encouraging to see many new NCS families there!



Colonial Candlecrafters Candle Sale

A total of 373 candles were sold returning a profit of \$2054.55 to NCS. Third grader Madeline Clark was high seller with 17 sold and sixth grader Jacob Underkoffler was second with 15 sold. Thank you all for your efforts!

Kim Buffington

Restaurant & Retail Gift Card Reminder

The next R & R Gift Card orders must be in the office by **Monday, December 7 & 14** for Christmas delivery. Cards will be available for pickup in the office the following week. Thank you for your ongoing purchases through this valuable fundraising opportunity!

GoodShop.com

SHOPPING ONLINE?
 BE SURE TO

Are you gearing up for Christmas shopping? Planning on doing some of that shopping online? If you are, there's a great way to do your shopping and donate to NCS at the same time! How? Using **GoodShop.com** is a great way to donate a percentage of your online purchases to NCS, at no extra cost to you!

Did you know that there is a new way to use **GoodShop**? By installing the **GoodShop.com toolbar** from <http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/northumberland-christian-school>, you just go the merchant's site, do your shopping, checkout, and that's it. When you checkout, the donation happens automatically! You install the toolbar one time, and you never have to think about it again. **This is the perfect option for those of us who would like to have these companies donate a percentage of our purchase to NCS, yet forget to use GoodShop.**

Of course, if you prefer not to use the toolbar, you can still use the other method which just takes a few extra seconds of your time every time you make a purchase.

1. Start out your online shopping by going to **GoodShop.com**.
2. On their site, in the "Who do you support?" field, you'll need to specify that you want to support "**Northumberland Christian School (Northumberland, PA)**."
3. Then from their site, you'll click through the links to go to over 1,000 affiliated online merchants of your choice.
4. Proceed with your usual online shopping and at checkout, a percentage of your total purchase amount will automatically get donated to NCS!

More detailed instructions are available on the fundraisers' page (under the "News & Events" Menu) of the NCS website.



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Events & Prayer Calendar

December		1 Away - Emmanuel Baptist g, B, G, V <i>Jack Garvin</i>	2 <i>Isaac Hummel</i>	3 <i>Jerusha Ilgenfritz</i>	4 Yearbook Orders Due <i>Aaron Knauss</i>	5 (Basketball codes: g - JV girls; G - Girls Varsity; b - Jr. High boys; B - JV boys; V - Boys Varsity) <i>Leah Knight</i>
6 <i>Priscilla Krewatch</i>	7 R & R Orders Due Home - Grace Prep G, V <i>Kayal Kumar</i>	8 Away - NCA G, V <i>Benjamin Nelson</i>	9 Grandparents Day 9-11:20 <i>Joshua Richey</i>	10 <i>Megan Schoeppner</i>	11 Mid-Quarters Sent Home Away - Belleville V Tip-Off Tourn. <i>Jadyn Snyder</i>	12 Away - Belleville V Tip-Off Tourn. Away - MMI Prep g, G <i>Lucas Bailor</i>
13 <i>Madeline Clark</i>	14 R & R Orders Due Away - Wspt. Christian G (cars) <i>Emily Crago</i>	15 Away - Watson-town B (7:30) Home - Susq. House B (5:00) V (7:00) <i>Kristen Derr</i>	16 <i>Justin Ermert</i>	17 <i>Mason Fisher</i>	18 Home - SCA g, b, G, V <i>Kennedi Frye</i>	19 <i>Emma Heid</i>
20 <i>Gwyneth Hudson</i>	21 <i>Derek Mathews</i>	22 Away - Belleville g, B, G, V <i>Cameron Moore</i>	23 Christmas Chapel <i>Luke O'Brien</i>	24 No School <i>Derek Schoeppner</i>	25 No School Christmas Day! <i>Amanda Severn</i>	26 <i>Caroline Strouse</i>
27 <i>Jessica Strouse</i>	28 No School Away - Huntington G <i>Peggy Ulmer</i>	29 No School <i>Collin York</i>	30 No School <i>Joshua Zerbe</i>	31 No School <i>Collin Delsite</i>	2009	