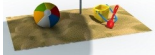


# The Warrior Beat



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

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## **SOCCER PRACTICE STARTS**

Monday, Aug. 16  
Girls 9:00-11:30 AM  
Boys 5:00-7:30 PM  
VARSITY: MON, TUES, THURS,  
& FRI  
JUNIOR HIGH: MON AND  
THURS ONLY

## **TEACHERS' MEETING**

Friday, August 13  
10:00 AM - noon

## **PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

Thursday, Aug. 19—  
AM Preschool 5:00-6:30 PM  
Thursday, Aug. 19—  
PM Preschool 6:30-8:00 PM

## **STAFF MEETING**

Monday, August 23  
9:00 AM - noon

## **ORIENTATION**

Monday, August 23  
6:15 PM (Kindergarten)  
7:00 PM (ALL K-12)

## **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Wednesday, August 25

## **GIFT CARD PROGRAM SPECIAL ORDERS DUE**

Monday, August 23

## **NO SCHOOL**

Monday, September 6

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

## Administrator's Desk

*Let us run with endurance the race marked out for us.  
Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of  
our faith. -Hebrews 12:1-2*

Dear Parents, Grandparents, Alumni, and Friends,

We praise God for the class of 2021. It has been a joy to teach each one of them. It has especially been exciting to see these young people growing in their walk with God year by year. We often can see the joy of the Lord on their faces and in their lives. They have expressed their gifts in their praise, in their study of God's Word, in their academics, in music, in athletics, in their relationships with others, and in many other areas of their lives. We pray that God will continue to work in their lives and give them grace to continue to fix their eyes on Jesus and run with perseverance the race He has marked out for them.

Mr. Sam Knisely addressed the students at commencement concerning the priority they must give to this race. He reminded them of Jesus' sobering words that "Many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first." (Matthew 19:29). How often people are tempted to spend their lives doing things of no eternal value! The writer of Hebrews reminds us to RUN with PERSEVERANCE the race of faith. It must be our TOP PRIORITY. We must FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS. He is to be valued above all things, and His grace is to be treasured!

Mr. Knisely encouraged us with the words of the apostle Paul: "As you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." (Col. 2:6) "May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance. (2 Thess. 3:5) These verses express some of the most important goals of our hearts concerning the ministry of NCS.

To continue to pursue these goals for our school, as I approach the age of 72, we have chosen a new principal who also treasures our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who shares our passion for an education that continually points young people to love and serve God, and who lives for the glory of God. As we look forward to the 2021-2022 school year, we warmly welcome Mr. Jeremiah Bennett. We are enthusiastic and grateful and blessed that Mr. Bennett has agreed to be the principal of NCS, as we start our 50th year of ministry! Many of our school family already know Mr. Bennett and his family because Mr. Bennett is our boys' varsity basketball coach, and his wife, Kim, serves as our Director of Development and Pandemic Coordinator. Mrs. Bennett and their four children, Conner, Ethan, Brooke, and Allison, have all attended NCS from kindergarten.

Mr. Bennett grew up in West Virginia, in a home that was focused on ministry. His dad was a pastor and his mom was involved in the ministry of the church and their Christian school, Rainelle Christian Academy, where Mr. Bennett attended from K-12. After high school he attended Fork Union Military Academy for one year before being recruited to play basketball for Bucknell University, where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and later his Master's Degree in K-12 Administration. During his time at Bucknell, Mr. Bennett attended Reformed Baptist Church (RBC) in Lewisburg and met his future spouse, Kimberly Conner (NCS Class of 2000). Kim and Jeremiah were married in 2004. After graduating from Bucknell, Mr. Bennett worked as a teacher for the Lewisburg School District for eleven years before working as the principal of Linntown Elementary School for the past six years. The Bennett family attends RBC in Lewisburg where Mr. Bennett serves as an elder.



As I close the last NCS newsletter that I expect to write, join with me in rejoicing in what God has done through these past 50 years. My wife Ellie and I have been so very blessed to be a part of God's work at NCS for the past 47 years. What a privilege to see how God has grown NCS into an extended family of people who are passionate to provide a God-centered education that stimulates in the students a passion for excellence, service, and worship. Through these years the Lord has provided over 1750 students, 452 of whom are now alumni, 100 different staff members, and an army of grandparents, parents, and friends who have supported the ministry of NCS so generously, especially with their faithful prayers!

During the next school year, I hope to continue teaching high school Bible and seventh grade New Testament Greek and working with choir, but I will transition to a new role of being the administrator of the school. I will continue to oversee the ministry of the school, but I am passing on the many responsibilities of principal to Mr. Bennett. He will give direction in all the day-to-day education of the students. We are so grateful that the Lord has provided this godly servant leader to be our new principal. To God be all the glory for the great things He has done!

By His grace and with a very thankful heart,  
Pastor Rees

**PRESCHOOL  
ORIENTATION  
OPEN HOUSE  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 19**  
AM Class 5:00—6:30 PM  
PM Class 6:30—8:00 PM  
**For Students & Parents**

**ORIENTATION  
MONDAY  
AUGUST 23**  
**6:15 PM**  
**Kindergarten & Parents**  
**7:00 PM K-12**

**FIRST DAY OF  
SCHOOL  
WEDNESDAY  
AUGUST 25**

## Commencement 2021



Back row, L to R: Meghan Hudson,\*\*\* Rebekah Hayner\*, Kaitlyn Bookwalter\*, Maxwell Anoaia, Karina Yoder\*\*\*, Megan Moyer\*\*\*, Emma Daku-Treas\*\*\* (*salutatorian*).  
Front row, L to R: Nathan Allred\*\*, Justin Miller, David King\*\*\* (*valedictorian*), Donald Rager, Joshua Groninger, Justin Ross\*\*\*

Mr. Sam Knisely gave the 2021 Commencement address

\*\*\*=*summa cum laude*, (97-100), \*\*=*magna cum laude*, (95-96), \*=*cum laude*, (93-94)

On Thursday, June 4, the number of NCS alumni increased to 452! We rejoiced in the graduation of 13 seniors, committing them to the Lord in a service of worship. It was wonderful to hear the graduates testify to the grace of God working in them through the years. Many of their remarks reflected how important Christian education had become to them. Sam Knisely provided an encouraging commencement address. Do pray for these graduates, that God will continue to work in their lives, deepen their passion for God, and use them mightily for His glory.

## Sports

### Soccer Season is Starting!



Junior High teams practice Mondays and Thursdays. High School teams practice Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. **Practice starts August 16.** The girls' practices are from 9:00-11:30 AM. The boys' practices are from 5:00-7:30 PM. **Mr. Jim Snyder and Mrs. Christine Hudson '89** will be coaching the varsity girls. The junior high girls will be coached by **Mrs. Amy Inns '05 and Mrs. Melissa Phillips '97**. **Mr. Jonathan Rees '95, Mr. Nick Bisaccia, Mr. Jimmy Boudier '97, Mr. Chris Conner '95, Mr. Hugh Hayner '13, and Mr. Donnie Rager '21** are coaching the boys' teams.

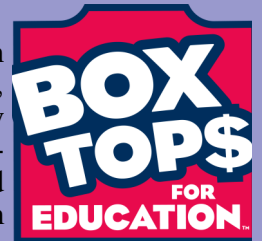
#### REMINDER

**Medical Emergency Forms MUST be returned by August 1 for those students playing soccer.**

High school players will need to get their PIAA physical form filled out prior to their first game. Students may make an appointment with their physician or **Dr. Matt McElroy** will be providing free physicals at NCS on August 12, from 6:00-8:00 PM. If you have any questions, please contact the school office at 570-473-9786, Mr. Snyder at 570-850-4615, Mrs. Inns at 570-259-3029, or Mr. Rees at 570-473-0341 or by email at [jdrees@norrychristian.net](mailto:jdrees@norrychristian.net). Please check the [www.norrychristian.net](http://www.norrychristian.net) website for the 2021 soccer schedule.

## Fundraising

Box Top Fundraising has never been easier! No more clipping, saving, and dropping off box tops. Simply download the Box Tops for Education app, choose Northumberland Christian School during set-up, then scan your receipts into the app after shopping. The app automatically searches for any box top items that were purchased and sends funds to the school. Thank you to **Cheryl Delsite** for coordinating this fundraiser for another year!



### Moms in Prayer Group

Beginning Sept. 7th  
Meet Tuesdays at 8:00 in the school lobby. Please join us in praying for the school and for our children!  
Please contact Cathy Mento for details 570-780-3415

August Menu						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>All student meals are free through the 2021-2022 school year</b>		KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.		Salad Bar, PBJ, and Hotdog Meals with sides provided daily! All Meals include All Sides Fresh Carrots available daily		ALL MEALS INCLUDE MILK; OTHERWISE 50¢
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
STAFF Price: Breakfast: \$1.85 Lunch \$3.20	STUDENT Price: Breakfast: FREE Lunch: FREE EXTRA ENTREES: \$1.00		French Bread Pizza Broccoli w/ Cheese Applesauce Fruit Icee	Baked Ziti Breadstick Salad Watermelon	Pulled Pork Tater Tots Baked Corn Apples	Hot Items Served Every Day for Breakfast!
29	30	31				
	Beef Nachos Refried Beans Corn Oranges	Toasted Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Green Beans Peaches		Breakfast is Served Every Day 7:30—7:55 AM	BREAKFAST MENU: Mon.-French Toast Stix Tues./Thurs.– Breakfast Pizza Wed.– Sausage Pancake Bites Fri.-Cinnamon Buns	

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

### Events & Prayer Calendar

1 <i>Mr. Bennett Mrs. Bennett</i>	2 <i>Mrs. Bisaccia Mrs. Blank</i>	3 <i>Mr. Cantine Pastor Cantine</i>	4 <i>Mrs. Conner Mrs. Crago</i>	5 <i>Mrs. Fox Mrs. Furman</i>	6 <i>Miss Inns Mrs. Jablonski</i>	7 <i>Miss Kerstetter Mrs. Mack</i>
8 <i>Mrs. Minnier Mrs. Mitchell</i>	9 <i>Mrs. Mowrey Mr. Powers</i>	10 <i>Miss Rees Pastor Rees</i>	11 <i>Mr. Rees Mrs. Schmitt</i>	12 <i>Mr. Snyder Mrs. Solomon</i>	13 <b>Teacher's Meeting 10:00-12:00</b> <i>Miss Thomas Mrs. Treas</i>	14 <i>Mr. Wesner Mrs. Wilhelm</i>
15 <i>Mrs. Witmer Mrs. Zwatty</i>	16 <b>Soccer Practice Starts</b> <i>Administration</i>	17 <i>Coaches</i>	18 <i>IT Staff</i>	19 <b>Preschool Orientation</b> <b>AM Class 5-6:30 PM;</b> <b>PM Class 6:30-8:00 PM</b> <i>Kitchen Staff</i>	20 <i>Maintenance Staff</i>	21 <i>Office Staff</i>
22 <i>Parents</i>	23 Staff Meeting 9:00 <b>K Orientation 6:15</b> <b>K-12 Orientation 7:00</b> <b>Gift Card Orders Due</b> <i>Teacher's Aides</i>	24 <i>Ella Conklin Vincent Coolidge</i>	25 <b>First Day of School</b> <i>Sara Faust Audrielle Feaster</i>	26 <i>Leah Fulton Stephen Geise</i>	27 <i>Brixsel Guyer Landon Hoover</i>	28 <i>Remy Kellett Jacob Knotts</i>
29 <i>Asher Martin Brighton Napp</i>	30 <i>Dresdian Perles Sawyer Sweigart</i>	31 <i>Maci Beck Orion Floyd</i>	Please check <a href="http://norrychristian.net">norrychristian.net</a> for the 2021 Soccer schedule	<i>Names in italics are reminders to pray for the staff member/ student on that day.</i>	<b>August 2021</b>	