



The Warrior Beat

A Newsletter for Families, Alumni, and Friends of Northumberland Christian School

Summer Edition 2011

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Soccer Practice Starts

Monday, August 8
Girls 3:00 - 5:30 pm
Boys 5:00 - 7:30 pm

Teacher Meeting

Thursday, August 18—10:00 - noon

LLWS Concession Stand

Thurs. thru Saturday, August 18—20
Monday, August 22
Friday and Saturday, August 26—27

Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 23—9:00 - noon

Orientation

Tuesday, August 23—7:00 pm

First Day of School

Thursday, August 25

No School

Monday, September 5

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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

“ We look forward to the rich opportunities ahead for one generation to commend His works to another! (Psalm 145:4) ”

Dear Parents, Grandparents, Alumni, and Friends,

Summer is flying by, and the end of the last school year sometimes seems like the distant past – but it is a joy to reflect on the faithfulness of God through the past year. The commencement service on June 2 was a great celebration of what God has done in the lives of precious students. It marked several milestones in the history of the school.

This was the second time that the commencement address was delivered by an NCS alumnus and the first time it was an NCS faculty member, **Mr. David Cantine '02**. What a blessing it has been to see SO many NCS alumni who are passionate about Christian education! This is evidenced by over 40 current NCS students who are children of NCS alumni, and 16 NCS alumni who have returned to teach at NCS! Many other alumni are also committed to Christian homeschooling or are involved in other Christian schools around the country. Another NCS alumnus, Dr. Gregory Thornbury '89, is currently the Dean of the School of Christian Studies at Union University in Tennessee, and came back to give our commencement address in 1997. We thank God for His goodness in using the ministry of NCS as one of the means of imparting to these former students a commitment to declaring the glory of God to the next generation.

Mr. Cantine's address to the Class of '11 focused upon the importance of the heart. Beginning from Samuel's words, "man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart" (1 Sam. 16:7), Mr. Cantine went on to challenge the graduates to "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life" (Prov. 4:23). He concluded with Paul's words, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men" (Col. 3:23). It has been a joy to see God at work in the hearts of this class through the years, and we do pray that He will continue to open the eyes of their hearts to know and love and serve Him more and more.

Another milestone marked by the class of '11 is a record number of academic honors. The previous record had been held by the class of '94 which graduated 7 students with academic honors, including 3 students with highest honors. This year's class had 11 students with honors, including 6 with highest honors! The academic strength of this class prompted me to begin using the Latin phrases used by most colleges and a few high schools. The standards are the same as those we have always used. Distinguished Alumni Honor Roll (cumulative averages of 97-100) will now be known as graduating *summa cum laude* [with highest honors]. Alumni Honor Roll will now be divided into *magna cum laude* [with high honors] (averages 95-96) and *cum laude* [with honors] (averages 93-94). The honors are listed inside the newsletter. **David Ilgenfritz** was our valedictorian, and

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Kendra Dressler was our salutatorian. The other four students who graduated *summa cum laude* had averages higher than the valedictorians in many of our classes. The real joy in seeing these academic honors is not so much a rejoicing in 'smart' kids, but rather in seeing a class where so many have been characterized by diligent and enthusiastic work, motivated by a desire to please the Lord.

One other "first" for this year's commencement service was the presentation of a Leadership Scholarship. An anonymous donor approached me several months ago and offered to establish a \$500 scholarship for a graduating NCS senior who showed *initiative in leadership*. The donor specified that the student must have "set a godly example, be a self-starter in activities in school and in church, and be characterized by a team spirit, unselfishness, and kindness." It was a difficult choice in this class, because several would have met these qualifications. The award was given to **Cody Ross**, who has been a strong leader at NCS in worship, academics, service, athletics, and outreach. He is headed to Liberty University to major in youth ministry, and has aspirations to perhaps be a Christian school principal some day. He has been a great blessing to NCS; but as you can tell from all I have written, the same could be said about the class of '11 as a whole. We praise God for each of them.

**ORIENTATION:
TUESDAY
AUGUST 23
7:00 PM**

Now on to the fortieth year of NCS! There will be a teachers' meeting on Thursday, August 18 from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and a full staff meeting on Tuesday, August 23, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. **There will be an Orientation for all parents and students on Tuesday evening, August 23 at 7:00 p.m.** Classes begin on **Thursday, August 25!** We look forward to the rich opportunities ahead for "one generation to commend His works to another!" (Psalm 145:4). May the Lord continue to bless your summer with special family times and refreshment from His hand.

By His Grace,
Pastor John Rees

Development News

PRAISE THE LORD! NCS FUND GOAL MET! THANK YOU!

We are pleased to announce that we reached this past year's NCS Fund goal of \$200,000! Thank you to all who supported this ministry with gifts to the NCS Fund. Your gifts enable us to keep tuition costs as low as possible, making it possible for many families to send their children to NCS.

As most of you are aware, the NCS Fund goal is the difference between tuition revenues and costs of education. We are in the process of putting together this year's budget and will keep you informed concerning the new NCS Fund goal as soon as it is determined. Please pray that the Lord would continue to provide for our financial needs and use NCS to change hearts and equip students to stand apart for His glory.

Joshua Knauss '97, Director of Development

Student Supply List

The following items are what will be needed to get the new school year off to a good start:

<u>High School</u>	<u>5th Grade</u>	<u>2nd Grade</u>
Pens, Pencils/Mechanical Pencils	4 Hi-Liters	5" x 8" Hinged Plastic Storage Box
Book Covers for Each Textbook	12 Pack Colored Pencils	Pencils
One-Subject Notebooks	Loose-Leaf Filler Paper (Not Spiral-Bound)	Erasers
Scientific Calculator (starting with Algebra II)	Pencils & Erasers	<u>1st Grade</u>
Blue Two-Pocket Portfolio (Biology)	Tissue cube	Tissue Cube
Red Two-Pocket Portfolio (Anatomy)	3" x 5" Index Cards	Pencils
Colored Pencils (Anatomy)	Brown Grocery Bag Book Cover	Art Smock
<u>7th & 8th Grades</u>	<u>4th Grade</u>	<u>Kindergarten</u>
Loose-Leaf Lined Notebook Paper	Yellow Highlighter	Tissue Cube
Two-Pocket Portfolios for Homework	Red Pen	Lunch Box
Red Pens for Correcting	Ruler	Pencils
Colored Pencils	Pencil & Erasers	Small Pillow - in Sealable Plastic Bag
Note Cards	Jumbo Book Cover	Art Smock - Old, Button-Down Shirt
Red Two-Pocket Portfolio	Box of Tissues or Disinfecting Wipes	Extra Set of Clothes - in Plastic Bag With Child's Name Clearly Marked
Yellow Two-Pocket Portfolio (Earth Science)	Optional: Crayola Markers & Colored Pencils, Scissors, Loose-Leaf Notebook Paper	Small Blanket - in Sealable Plastic Bag
<u>6th Grade</u>	<u>3rd Grade</u>	
2 Hi-Liters	Pencils & Erasers	
12 Pack Colored Pencils	Mechanical Pencils	
Loose-Leaf Filler Paper (Not Spiral-Bound)	Tissues - Full-Size Box	
Pencils & Erasers	<u>No</u> Notebooks or Folders	
5" x 8" Pocket Pouch for History Cards		
Box of Tissues		

Sports

Soccer Practice Begins Monday, August 8.

Varsity soccer practices for 7th to 12th grades will be on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. **Mr. Jonathan Rees '94** will be coaching the boys with assistance from **Mr. George Geise '94**, **Mr. Joshua Knauss '97**, and **Mr. Noah Ilgenfritz '09**. **Miss Amy Thayer '05** will be coaching the girls with help from **Mr. Doug Wesner '82** and **Miss Pam Hollenbach '94**. The girls will practice from 3:00 - 5:30 and the boys will practice from 5:00-7:30. This year we will be continuing with a boys junior high team consisting of 6th through 8th graders. If you are in 7th and 8th grades and would like to *only* play Junior High soccer, please let Mr. Rees know. Practices for the junior high team will be on Mondays and Thursdays. If you have any questions, please contact the school (473-9786), Miss Thayer (259-3029), or Mr. Rees (473-0341).



REMINDER

Emergency Form Updates sent with this month's newsletter MUST be returned before August 8 for those athletes playing soccer.

Commencement 2011

God Bless You, Graduates!



Pictured from left to right:

Katelyn King, Elise Wolff, Dominick Fiorenza, Kendra Dressler, Colin Geiger, Emily Wolff, Asa Thayer, Leah Steinhart, Cody Ross, Chelsea Stutsman, Joseph Scanzillo, Sherrell DelValle, David Ilgenfritz, Lindsey Furman, Emma Jablonski

On Thursday, June 2, the number of NCS alumni increased to 336! We rejoiced in the graduation of 15 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.

Do continue to 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.

**NO NCS GOLF CLASSIC IN 2011!
PLEASE LOOK FOR IT TO RETURN IN 2012!**

Fourth Quarter Honor Rolls

4th QUARTER DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL (AVERAGES OF 97-100)

Grade 12

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

Grade 11

Diana Haas Timothy Urich

Grade 10

Emily Bailor Taylor Stutsman

Grade 9

Riley Book Jordan Carr Clara Grandy

Grade 8

Emma Donmoyer Troy Harris, Jr. Jordan Hunt

HONOR ROLL

(AVERAGES OF 93-96)

Grade 12

Sherrell DelValle Emma Jablonski Joseph Scanzillo
Leah Steinhart Chelsea Stutsman

Grade 11

Meghan Delsite Shelby Derr

Grade 9

Alexis Daku-Treas Jedidiah Ilgenfritz Ryan King
Zachary Newbury Eric Reigle Hannah Renno

Grade 8

Madison Ferster Joshua Haas Larissa Hummel
Kyle Schoepner Grace Steinhart

Grade 7

MaKayla Ferster Hugh Hayner
Ephraim Ilgenfritz David Mahoney

Alumni Honor Rolls

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

(Cumulative Averages 97-100)

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

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

(Cumulative Averages 95-96)

Asa Thayer Elise Wolff

CUM LAUDE

(Cumulative Averages 93-94)

Emma Jablonski Chelsea Stutsman
Joseph Scanzillo



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Events & Prayer Calendar

	1 <i>Pastor Rees</i>	2 <i>Mr. Breed</i>	3 <i>Mrs. Brosius</i>	4 <i>Mrs. Cantine</i>	5 <i>Pastor Cantine</i>	6 <i>Mr. Cantine</i>
7 <i>Mrs. Fox</i>	8 Soccer Practice G—3:00 - 5:30 B—5:00 - 7:30 <i>School Board</i>	9 <i>Mrs. E. Furman</i>	10 <i>Mrs. J. Furman</i>	11 <i>Mrs. Geiger</i>	12 <i>Mrs. Gray</i>	13 <i>Mrs. Heckert</i>
14 <i>Mr. Hudson</i>	15 <i>Mrs. Hunt</i>	16 <i>Miss Inns</i>	17 <i>Mrs. Mowrey</i>	18 LLWS Concession Stand <i>Miss Rees</i>	19 LLWS Concession Stand <i>Mr. Rees</i>	20 LLWS Concession Stand <i>Mrs. Reigle</i>
21 <i>Mrs. Seitzer</i>	22 LLWS Concession Stand <i>Mrs. Solomon</i>	23 Orientation 7:00 pm <i>Mrs. Strawser</i>	24 <i>Mrs. Thayer</i>	25 First Day of School <i>Miss Thomas</i>	26 LLWS Concession Stand <i>Mrs. Treas</i>	27 LLWS Concession Stand Away—Lourdes 11 am G Away—Roseto Tourn. B <i>Mr. Wesner</i>
28 <i>Mrs. Boudier</i>	29 Away—GP G, B <i>Mr. Knauss</i>	30 Home—CCCS G, B <i>Mr. Scanzillo</i>	31 <i>Mrs. Urich</i>	August 2011		