



Nampa Christian Schools

Superintendent's Newsletter



Matthew 13:31-32

Church-Family-School Partnership

My pastor has recently been sharing from a series of sermons on praise and worship. One of the common themes he has shared is from Exodus 20 where he has encouraged us to be cautious about 'mistaking the sacred for the common.' Stated another way, he has encouraged me to not take sacred experiences for granted. You know what has gone through my mind in this series of sermons is that I believe we have a sacred relationship with you as NCS families and this sacred relationship is enriched by the many churches represented at NCS (over 100 churches are represented by the student body). NCS is a stronger institution because of the Church-Family-School partnership we have together. I was reminded of this in the devotional *A Long Obedience in*



Eric Forseth
NCS Superintendent

the Same Direction, by Eugene Petersen. In the chapter on worship, Eugene Petersen talks about what is sacred about going to the "House of God" in Psalm 122. Earlier in the book, he mentions that our strength comes from the Lord and not from the mountains. Then in this chapter, we are called to worship together because "worship nurtures our need to be in relationship with God." Then, we are instructed in the middle of Psalm 122, "Give thanks to the Name of God." Petersen comments about this in a way I've never heard by saying, "we can act ourselves into a new way of feeling much quicker than we can feel ourselves into a new way of acting." Through the act of worship and giving thanks, as illustrated in this Psalm, we develop and nurture a deeper relationship with God and with each other. We are grateful for

the many churches and families that are represented in the partnership with NCS. As you ponder your church connection, I'd encourage you as a friend and Christian to worship with your Christian friends because "worship does not satisfy our hunger for God—it whets our appetite." Regardless of where you choose to attend church in the area, I count it a sacred trust that you, your family and your church are partnering with us in the raising of your children. I give thanks in the Name of God to each church and to each of you for partnering with us in this sacred venture of Christian education. Thanks for walking together with us.

Sincerely in Christ,

Eric A. Forseth
NCS Superintendent

Did you know??

- We have two National Merit finalists at NCHS this year—Tyler Christianson and Muriel Shannon.
- NCHS Alum Lorenna Ellis is serving at Brown University as a chapter director for Campus Crusade for Christ.
- NCHS Junior Gabriella VanEs is a talented freelance painter that has done numerous "western style" portraits.

NCS Board Minutes Available

The minutes from the monthly Board of Trustees meetings are available for your viewing on our website. You can access last month's minutes with this link: [NCS Trustees' Minutes](#)



NCHS Key Club members (pictured at left) participated in Rake Up Nampa on Saturday, November 7. For more photos from this event, see the Key Club album on our [NCS Facebook page](#).



Nampa
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2011-12
verses of the
year

The kingdom of
God is like a
mustard seed.
Though it is
small, it can be
planted and
grow into a
strong tree and
the birds will
perch in it.
Matt. 13:31-32

Be humble,
gentle, patient,
bearing with one
another in love...
Ephesians 4:2



Beloved NCS Teacher, Jackie Neeley

Jackie Neeley, longtime Nampa resident, went to be with Jesus, on Friday, October 28, 2011. She was 83.

A visitation was held at the Alsip & Persons Funeral Chapel on Monday evening, Oct. 31, 2011. Memories and condolences may be sent to www.alsipfuneralchapel.com.

A memorial service to honor and celebrate Jackie's life was held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1, at Crossroads Community Church. There was a private interment at the Melba Cemetery.

Jackie was born in Caldwell, ID., on October 29, 1927. She was the daughter of Jack and Nelle Morris and was raised in Canyon County. She attended the Bennett Community School, Nampa and Melba schools, and then graduated from Melba High.

After graduating from high school, at the age of 16, she taught at Guffey, a one room schoolhouse, down on the Snake River. She always loved children, and teaching was her calling. For the next few years, she taught intermittently at Fairfield and in various other districts while working toward her teaching degree. She attended Boise Junior College, Albion Normal School, and graduated with her four-year teaching degree from Lewis-Clark State College. Jackie was very active in sororities and clubs, and she was also a Boise State Junior College cheerleader. At the age of 60, she earned her Masters Degree in Education from Northwest Nazarene College. Education was always important to Jackie, a lifelong learner.

When Jackie was teaching in Fairfield, she met a handsome farmer, Burke Neeley, who was the love of her life for over 60 years. They were married on Dec. 24, 1950, and moved to Bend where Jackie had her first official teaching job. After that year, they moved back to Camas Prairie where Burke farmed, and they started raising their four children. Jackie loved the prairie and farm life and often helped on the farm as needed. She was involved in the community and made many lifetime friends. It was here that she accepted Jesus as her personal Savior, changing the course of her life.

Our mom taught school in Wendell, Idaho, for two years in the early 60's. In 1961, Burke and Jackie moved their family to Nampa where Burke farmed and Jackie taught. She taught for a number of years at Lakeview Elementary School and for many years at Nampa Christian Junior High and High School, from which she retired. She was a tough, but loving teacher and gave her students a strong foundation in English and in reading. She believed in excellence and in the success of ALL of her students. Many times this met going above and beyond the call of duty to do whatever it took to support each one. Jackie was the Alumni Director at Nampa Christian for years and loved making contact with past students.

Jackie was an active member of Calvary Baptist Church and later, Crossroads Community Church. She loved her Lord and had a personal relationship with Him. She was active in Bible studies, prayer meetings, teaching Vacation Bible School and Sunday school, and truly loved serving.

Jackie was an involved mother who made many willing sacrifices for her children. She was creative and fun and always worked to make family get-togethers special. She not only hauled her own kids around in the back of the station wagon, but there was always room for a few more. Becoming a grandma and a great grandma brought Jackie much joy and she played such an important part in their lives. She loved people and entertaining and was quick to invite friends, family, and even strangers over for a meal.

After retiring, Jackie and Burke moved to Goldcrest where they were active in the community for as long as they were able. Mom loved the social part of the community - special events/dinners, water aerobics, and gardening. Our mother was a people person. She loved building relationships and close friendships. Her heart was big and there was always room for one more person to include. She was faithful, loyal, and giving. Even through her journey with Alzheimer's she kept her sweet spirit.

Jackie is survived by her children: Pam Tate of McMinnville, OR, Becky Neeley, Chad Neeley, and Marian (Thom) Holzschuh, all of Nampa; two granddaughters, Sarri (Joel) Gibson and Berkley Holzschuh; and four great grandchildren, Madeline, Garrett, Carter, and Rebeka Gibson. She is also survived by her sister, Charlotte Skyles and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Burke, in April 2011, and by her parents, her brothers, Dick, Bob, and Pat Morris, and by her sisters, Alice Marie Elliott and Della Jane Taylor.

To honor our mother, and in lieu of flowers, we request that donations be made to the Nampa Christian High Scholarship Fund, 11920 W. Flamingo Ave., Nampa, ID 83651 or to [Alzheimer's Association](http://www.alzheimers.org), in care of Alsip & Persons Funeral Chapel, 404 10th Ave. So. - Nampa, ID 83651

The family so appreciates the tender care and love that was shown to our Mom at the end of her life by the staff at Marquis Friendship House and United Hospice in Boise. We are forever grateful.

NCS Alumni Spotlight

NCHS Alum Siegersma Earns Honor

Michael Siegersma of Carroll College (Montana) was named NAIA Defensive Player of the Week after his standout performance Saturday, October 15th against Rocky Mountain College.

Siegersma, a Nampa Christian alum ('09), forced two fumbles and re-

turned an interception for a touchdown in No. 3 Carroll's 30-7 victory over Rocky Mountain (Montana).

The 6-foot-1, 195 pound sophomore defensive back also returned an interception 70 yards for a score and finished with seven tackles (six solo) and one tackle-for-loss.



Mr. Kevin Rex, Middle/High School Principal

The ole adage "Time flies when you're having fun," seems to really fit at Nampa Christian High School these days. Time certainly has flown. After a really warm fall, we have suddenly fallen into winter conditions. However, in the school, things are still exciting and the days are full of activities. The Great Race was won by the Seniors; The ASB had MORP (girls ask guys out) in October. The theme was sports teams and was a lot of fun. All three fall sports qualified for state competition. The Cross Country team sent both the boys and girls squads to Eagle Island for the State meet. The girls placed 6th and the guys 7th. Volleyball won the league

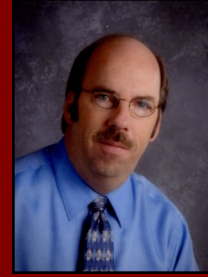
and district titles, and went to state as a favorite to win. Unfortunately, after experiencing a couple of hard fought losses, ended up in 6th place. The boy's football team also won the league title in football. They went through league with no losses. In the opening round of playoffs, NCHS dominated Orofino, winning by more than 50 points. However, in the round of 8, the team faced long time rival New Plymouth. After controlling their opponents in the first 2 1/2 quarters, the momentum shifted, resulting in Nampa Christian losing in the playoffs. Even though the team lost, they still ended the season 8-2.

Classes are in full swing, the choirs have blessed us with a fall concert and a very well done talent show.

The chapels have been excellent, with the seniors and juniors already sponsoring one each. The Cultivate mentor groups are also meeting once a month. Cultivate groups are mentor groups that have a number of students with an adult mentor. These groups get together and discuss relevant issues that students face today. Key Club just finished their community service project helping "Rake up Nampa." The girl's basketball team is in full swing. The girls will fill two very competitive teams. The boys start basketball very soon. It is anticipated that there will be over 30 guys trying out for the 3 teams.

There are great things going on here. We appreciate your support. Come be a part of the activities.

Kevin Rex & Marc Harris



Mr. Zach Dwello, Middle School Vice Principal

I am excited to say that we have successfully made it through the 1st quarter of our school year! I could not have asked for a better start to the school year. God has given Nampa Christian Middle School two great classes with a lot of talent!

I am happy to inform you that our girls' volleyball teams had one of the best years that Nampa Christian has had in a long time. The 7th graders had a winning record and the 8th graders went through

the season unscathed and won the league tournament! Our boys' football team also had a great season. The 7th graders did not have many complete games, but when they played, they were always competitive. The 8th graders only lost two games, and the rest of the games they won by a large margin. I can't wait to see the talent these student athletes bring to the basketball court in the coming weeks. Not only are these students athletic, but they are also very intelligent! We have 30 students who made the honor roll (3.5-3.9 GPA) and 22

students in the Timothy Club (4.0 GPA). Next time you visit the middle school wing, look for these students' names on the bulletin board. We are excited to recognize their hard work in the classroom! Thank you for helping us get off to such a great start! I am looking forward to another fantastic quarter here at the middle school, and with your continued support, we can make it happen!

Nothing Less!
Mr. Dwello



Mrs. Julie Vermillion, Elementary Principal

Dear Nampa Christian Families, We have had some busy weeks! Our Jog-A-Thon was very successful! Thanks to Sandy Skogsberg and families who helped and participated. It was good to get out and walk/run with the students! :)

know I did!! A BIG THANK YOU goes to Melanie Barr who put it all together. The countless hours you put in is very much appreciated! We had many parents volunteer with their time as well. Nampa Christian Elementary is so Blessed to have such wonderful, supportive families.

May God bless each of you as we enter into this Thanksgiving season. There is much compassion and understanding that is gained when we've experienced God's grace firsthand within our own families.

Blessings,
Mrs. Vermillion



I hope you had fun shopping at the Scholastic Book Fair. I

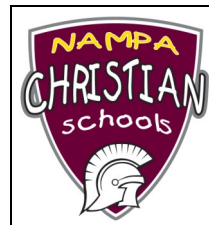
Mrs. Shannon Asselin, ECC Director

We just participated in the 1st annual jog-a-thon for the Early Childhood Center. Thanks to all the parents who were able to help. It was so much fun to have you with us. The kids did a fantastic job,

each of them running at least a mile. (36 miles total).

Our themes for November are Thanksgiving and Communication. Our Bible verse is Philippians 4:19, "My God shall supply all your needs."

Mrs. Shannon Asselin



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Mission Statement

Nampa Christian Schools is a non-denominational, biblically based, learning community that partners with Christian families to develop a Christian worldview, promote academic excellence, and prepare students (PreK-12) for a lifetime of faithfulness to Christ.

www.NampaChristianSchools.com



Fall & Winter Sports

Check our website and Edline and watch our Facebook page for information about times and locations of upcoming games/matches/races for our fall and winter high school and middle school teams. Come help us fill the bleachers with maroon and gold as we cheer on these young athletes.



Upcoming Events at Nampa Christian Schools:



- Dec. 13: Pre-K Christmas Celebration
- Dec. 16: 1/2 day, K-12
- Dec. 19: Christmas Break begins

- Nov. 14 Middle School Music Program
- Nov. 23-25: Thanksgiving Break (no school)
- Dec. 5: High School Christmas Program
- Dec. 12: K-6th grade Christmas program



NCS Family Spotlight

Lindley Family

Mom, recharged "Coach K," is back in charge for the Crusaders. "I really enjoyed my time off and felt like it gave me an opportunity to fall back in love with coaching and get rejuvenated," said 11-year Northwest Nazarene women's basketball coach Kelli Lindley. She is back after taking a one-year hiatus. Dad, Jeremy, is an officer with the Meridian Police Department. Their son, Tanner, is in Mrs. Elliston's Kindergarten class this year. Tanner has a two year old brother named Colton.

