



**From the Desk of Superintendent, Eric Forseth**  
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### **Notes from the Superintendent**

I recently went to chapel at the middle school and Marty Tadman did an outstanding job speaking at this chapel.



He talked about three impact areas in our life. He emphasized the importance of being adventuresome in our faith (reaching out to others and doing things for others when you are hesitant), preparing ahead of time for life's opportunities and lastly, he mentioned about making good decisions. Hearing this good counsel from Marty Tadman reminded me that the way we make a difference in these three areas of life is to seek God's guidance. Psalm 92:5 illustrates this, "Lord, you have done such great things! How deep are your thoughts"! As we find ourselves in one of the toughest economic times in decades, I'd encourage you to step out of your comfort zone and ask God for His deep thoughts on how you can reach out to others this Christmas season and into the New Year. NCS is such a great community and we have many reasons to celebrate His faithfulness. Even though you may be feeling some hesitancy, seek the Lord's guidance on how you can impact at least one other family at NCS. May this Christmas season and New Year be an adventure in faith that is filled with God's depth for you and your family.



### **Family Spotlight**

**Augsburger Family:** Bill Augsburger, NCS class of '79, is the Chief of Police for the City of Nampa. Bill and his wife Melody have two children currently attending NCS. Daniel and Elias are twins and present members of our NCHS freshman class. Their older sister, Chelsea, graduated from NCS with the class of 2008.

### **Elementary News**

The Elementary Christmas Program is fast approaching! Monday night, December 14<sup>th</sup> at Nampa's First Church of the Nazarene the program will begin at **6:45pm**. Homemade baked goods will also be available for purchase in the foyer. The proceeds from this PTF sponsored sale will go toward new computers in the Orchard Campus Technology Lab.



Recently KTVB, The Idaho Statesman and the Idaho Press Tribune had amazing coverage on an NCS student. Riley Meiser was highlighted for the contest she won for growing a 30+ pound cabbage. Long story shortened--she received a \$1,000 educational savings bond for this venture. Congratulations Riley and special thanks to Mrs. Janet Michaelson, her 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, who encouraged her to consider this venture.

### **Middle School News**

Faith Families are groups comprised of a blend of elementary and middle school students under the direction of Rachel VanDyken, our school counselor. Each year, Faith Families follow a missions theme. The project that Faith Families worked together on this year was the Christmas Shoebox drive. Students in elementary and middle school brought in donations to fill over 60 boxes for needy children in the Nampa School District. Marcus LeBaron, father of Levi LeBaron—new NCS PK student, spoke at the Faith Families chapel and collected the boxes for distribution. Each Faith Family group chose items to go into their boxes and then prayed for the child who would receive each box.

The Leadership Council, under the direction of Amy Vitek, sponsored a toiletry drive to benefit World Relief Mission of Idaho. These toiletries will be given to refugee families who are arriving to the US for the first time. Most of these families arrive with only the clothes on their backs. The drive collected over 100 items, including, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, and deodorant.

### **High School News**

The Nampa Christian High School Key Club won a blue ribbon for placing first at the Festival of Trees and also won a ribbon for "Best Theme Award" because of the chosen patriotic country theme "In God We Trust."



Nampa Christian parent Sue Buuck gathered decorations, organized the tree theme and enlisted several key club members to help prepare ornaments for the tree. Key Club members Sam Antosh and McKenzie Buuck decorated the tree with oversized stars, ornaments prepared by all Key Club members with quotes from American history and related Bible verses, as well as photos of servicemen. The Festival of Trees dinner and auction was coordinated by Amy Gill, parent of NCHS freshman Nick Gill. At this auction, the NCHS Key Club tree sold for \$450. Proceeds from the auction benefit Meals on Wheels.

The High School Christmas Concert will be Wednesday evening, December 16 at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on the corner of Linden and Farmway Roads in Caldwell. The concert will begin at 7:00pm.

### **Farewell to Mr. Muhr & Coach Haverfield**

Mr. Eric Muhr will be moving to Newberg, Oregon at the semester. God has called him into Youth Ministry, specifically at the Newberg Friends Church. We will be sad to see him go, but will keep him in our prayers as he follows this new calling. Mrs. Rhea VanderWoude will be fulfilling the majority of his teaching duties during second semester.

Nampa Christian Football Coach Randy Haverfield resigned at the end of the football season this year. We want to wish him well in his architectural business and thank him for the many years of service he has coached at Nampa Christian Schools. If you have suggestions for a prospective football coach, please forward any ideas to Tina Pelkey, NCHS Athletic Director.

### **Winter Sports Updates**

Nampa Christian High School's Varsity Basketball Lady Trojans rallied to force overtime and edge visiting Payette on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The team improved their record to 4-1. Coach Sue Collins shared, "Jeana's free throws turned us around. We put on a press, and the whole team pulled together." The Lady Trojans will be at home again on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> facing Northstar.



Both the Boys' and Girls' High School Basketball Schedules can be found on our website [NampaChristianSchools.com](http://NampaChristianSchools.com) under "Sports Updates" or just click on the following links: [NCHS Boys' Basketball](#) or [NCHS Girls' Basketball](#).

Middle School Girls' Basketball is alive and well! The 7th grade girls just finished a great season with Laura Heritage as coach: 5-3 (A) and 8-0 (B). The 8th grade girls, coached by Kyle Berkson, finished the regular season with an exciting record of 7-1. We are anticipating their continued success in the upcoming tournaments this week and future high school seasons.

*God's blessings to you and your family in the upcoming Christmas Holiday and New Year.*

