



**From the Desk of Superintendent, Eric Forseth**  
**May 2010**

**Notes from the Superintendent**

OUR SOURCE OF HOPE AND PURPOSE OF SERVICE-  
“Put your hope in God, for I will praise Him, my Savior and my God” Psalm 42:5. ...”Serve one another in Love” Galatians 5:13. In this newsletter you will see threads and themes of how individuals and families are serving one another in love. They are able to fulfill this purpose because their important source of hope is in perspective. Thank you for your willingness to SERVE ONE ANOTHER during this past year. Thank you for being Christ-centered as we continue to see how God is blessing Nampa Christian Schools with a community of extraordinary servants.

**Distinguished Service Awards**

At the recent Annual Family Meeting we honored Mary Ann Rhom and Gary Ackerman for their service to NCS. Mary Ann, an alumnus of NCHS, has a servant’s heart and is always willing to chip in to the needs of the school. She is a person who does her regular job and then whenever anything else needs to be done, she does it with a smile and contagious positive attitude. Examples of a few of these contributions includes coordinating the newly established Foundation events, ordering for the auction booths, running concessions, cleaning facilities after events, and filling in after normal hours for an employee that needed to be out of state for over a month. A fellow staff member shared this about her: “I have never seen her turn down an opportunity or a need to help because she is just that way, and wherever the need appears, no matter the circumstances, she does it with love and humility.”

Gary Ackerman is a friend of Nampa Christian Schools co-curricular activities. Gary has done the

scorebook for all the volleyball teams for as many years as anyone can remember. He supports teams with his resources, brings drinks on the bus for the players every game and shares encouragement with everyone who comes in contact with him. A fellow colleague shares this about Gary: “He brings a great smile, an awesome attitude and high fives everyone on and off the court.” He has also helped at extra-curricular events by running the score clock for many years—often a job nobody wants because very few people enjoy having to keep a score clock under pressure. Gary Ackerman was also a parent volunteer who has had two children graduate from Nampa Christian. Gary’s love for the students who participate is evident in the positive influence he has been for well over twenty years at the school.

**International Student Opportunities**

NCS has started a new international student relationship with churches in Korea. Chairman of the Board David Fillmore is traveling to Korea at the end of May to meet with pastors that have already visited NCS this past fall. Several of these pastors have congregations from 7,000-10,000 members. We are looking forward to see what God has in store with this new relationship.

There will be an important need for host families for our new international students in the 2010-2011 school year. This can be a tremendous opportunity for your family to learn about another part of the world by hosting a student in your home and it won’t cause a strain on your family budget because there is a monthly stipend included. Please call or email our Registrar, Tracie Johanson, at 475-1711 or [tjohanson@NampaChristianSchools.com](mailto:tjohanson@NampaChristianSchools.com) for more information about this opportunity.

**New Board Member**

Sue Buuck was elected as our newest Board member at the recent Annual Meeting. Sue is a graduate of Concordia-Wisconsin. Sue previously served as a bank branch manager in Meridian and Portland. She presently serves as a community volunteer including Nampa Christian PTF and the Lutheran church camp. Sue and her husband Tom have two children McKenzie and Tanner.

### **Choir Tour**

Nampa Christian High School's choirs and jazz combo instrumental groups earned several awards during a Heritage Festivals competition in March. Representing Nampa Christian at the Festival was the NCHS concert choir, Una Voce, the women's choir, Ars Pristina, the chamber choir, Xairo, the men's choir, Mirth, and two instrumental jazz groups, JVJC and Crie. The Xairo chamber choir won gold and also received first place in their division and a prestigious Adjudicators' Award. Out of the 27 choirs at the awards ceremony, only two were presented with this award. The instrumental groups, JVJC and Crie also received gold. The other choirs, Una Voce, Ars Pristina and Mirth, each received a silver award. Leading the choirs was Nampa Christian music director, Anna Simpson. Twenty-five schools competed in the 2010 Heritage festivals competition on the campus of Fullerton College (Fullerton, Calif.) and honored schools received their awards during a concluding ceremony at Disneyland.

### **Family Spotlight**

Kim and Mike Johnson epitomize our Church-Family-School partnership at NCS. The Johnsons are active volunteers. Both volunteer whenever possible. Kim Johnson helps out with alumni related initiatives and is playing a key role in updating our alumni data base and behind the scenes work in starting an alumni board. Kim is a dental hygienist. Mike Johnson helps out often with extra-curricular activities. He is an engineer that remodels and re-constructs bridges all over the state of Idaho. The Johnsons have two children, Zach in 9<sup>th</sup> grade and Parker in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. This family commutes from Meridian and they continue to carve out time to voluntarily serve and make a difference. Thank you Johnsons for all you are doing to make NCS a great community.

### **Elementary News**

There are some important days for the Elementary Campus as our year winds down to a close. We will be having our annual fun Field Days on May 25<sup>th</sup> (grades 3-6) and 26<sup>th</sup> (K-2). Our end of the year awards presentation assembly will be May 27<sup>th</sup> and Kindergarten graduation will be May 28<sup>th</sup>. Please

watch the weekly NCS Elementary newsletters for details so you can plan to be involved in these special events with your students.

### **Middle School News**

The middle school is wrapping up a successful year. Both seventh and eighth graders are eagerly awaiting not only summer's adventures, but also what the new year will bring.

The month of May in middle school comes with some special celebrations. The Night of the Notables is Leadership Council's culminating program where each student chooses a historical leader and dresses up like the person for the audience to question and guess his or her identity. The Timothy Dinner is another great event coming up. Students who have maintained a 4.0 GPA all year are honored at a dinner prepared by the Kitchen Cookin' Class. Then finally, on May 27<sup>th</sup>, is the Eighth Grade Celebration, a night dedicated to promoting the eighth grade to high school. We look forward to these celebrations with anticipation as each is an example of God's blessings to us!

### **High School News**



The Nampa Christian High School class of 2010 announces its graduation ceremonies on Friday, May, 28 at 7:00pm at the Brandt Center on the Campus of Northwest Nazarene University.

### **Spring Sports Update**

On April 20 at the New Plymouth Invitational Track Meet, NCHS Junior Melissa Rowher Triple Jumped 38' .05" to become the top high school female triple-jumper in the state of Idaho--not just in the 2A classification, but in all state classifications! Boys' and Girls' Track, Girls' Softball, and Boys' Baseball teams all have district events starting next week. Click [here](#) to be connected to our school website for scheduling details.

**Development Corner**

We will be in periodic communication with you in the future regarding the 50 year anniversary celebration-A million dollar matching program that was announced at the annual meeting. We are fortunate that God has blessed NCS with individuals that are sharing their time, talent and resources. We will also be initiating a Nampa Christian Alumni Board. If you know of individuals that would like to serve on this board, please contact me anytime at [EAForseth@NampaChristianSchools.com](mailto:EAForseth@NampaChristianSchools.com) .

Thank you for your willingness to serve one another at Nampa Christian Schools. May 3-8 is teacher appreciation week. We want to thank you for praying for our administrators Mrs. Crager, Mr. Rex, Mr. Harris, and Mrs. Buckendorf and all the teachers and staff that serve at Nampa Christian Schools.

Gratefully,



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