



BLESSING BLAST

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Phil. 4:13

February 15, 2019

This Week:

-NO SCHOOL

Feb. 18th

-Boys Basketball State

Tue Feb 19th

-Society Potluck

Feb. 25th @6:00pm

-MAPS Testing

Feb. 25th-Mar. 22nd

-Student of the Month

Feb. 28th

Coming Up:

-K-12 Open House

Mar 7th @ 4-7pm

-ACSI Speech Meet

March 1st

A couple of days ago I had the privilege of speaking at a monthly meeting of the Oregon City Chamber of Commerce. Their theme this month was "Emerging Leaders," and there were several young business and community leaders present. Because of my rather lengthy background as a teacher and administrator in both public and private schools, they wanted to hear my perspective on the differences and benefits of both.

Now understand, I'm not shy when it comes to public speaking, especially if there's an opportunity to promote our school. But with civic organizations, especially in this day and age, I try to be careful. Of course, I never speak in front of any group without first asking the Lord for His wisdom and guidance. So far, He's never let me down and has always provided just the right words.

This Chamber group was relatively small, approximately 10-12 people, and all were at some level of middle management. Each introduced themselves and shared briefly their educational background. To my surprise, two had actually attended private Christian schools when they were younger. The others were products of public schools; of which they were in strong support.

My presentation began with a brief review of my own background and how I got into education. They were particularly interested in why I became a principal in a small private Christian school, especially after being retired from a long and successful career in public schools. Most, of course, were cognizant of the growing spiritual divide in our society, but had little understanding of how this has impacted Christian students and parents. As someone who had worked "both sides of the track," they were receptive to my open and honest thoughts.

When I completed my initial presentation, hands shot up across the room. Probably the most significant question was the one God had prepared me for: Why would a parent, even one of a particular faith, pay thousands of dollars to send their child to a small private Christian school, when they could attend a larger, cheaper, and more modern public school with multiple program offerings and other amenities?

I have to admit, a subtle (and hopefully, unnoticed) smile crossed my face as I paused briefly to gather my thoughts. It was like being at the plate in a baseball game and having the pitcher lob a slow, straight pitch right across the plate.

I began by talking about small class sizes, award winning music and sports programs, and our many outstanding, highly qualified teachers who viewed their jobs as a mission and not just work. I described a college preparatory and biblically-based instructional program, and how we strive to train students to serve Christ daily. I talked about our wonderful, Godly students and emphasized the discipleship nature of our school, and how parents and staff were as one, spiritually. I finished by saying that our children are loved-on, nurtured and valued from the time they arrive in their classrooms each morning until they leave at the end of the day. I talked about my own child and how he has grown, both spiritually and academically. For 20-minutes I rattled on and on, hoping to paint a picture that would leave a positive and permanent impression.

At the end, the response was better than expected. They were interested and appreciative. A couple even asked about tuition and how parents could find out more about enrolling their children. The group leader finally asked how they could help us promote our school. I talked about our Open House and promised to send them our flyer.

God truly opens doors when you least expect it. All we need to do is ask and He will make way our path. On this day, I was thankful for an opportunity to spread the good news about a small Christian school in Oregon City with a heart for children. I know God will take care of the rest.

Historic East Coast Trip Coming June 2019

Would you like to have a taste of American History and visit Boston and sites of the American Revolution, or New York City and the Statue of Liberty, or perhaps Philadelphia and Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution were written. How about Washington D.C., with stops at the White House, Lincoln Memorial, and Arlington National Cemetery? All of this is possible this June 2019 for any NCCS students in grades 7-10. Come join us for an upfront taste of American history!

For information regarding the itinerary or registration, please go to www.efexploreamerica.com/2110726pb by February 24th. You may also contact Mrs. Hardy, group leader, at Rebekah_hardy@ncchristianschool.com.



Spread the Word – NCCS Open House – March 7th

NCCS will host its first ever K-12 Open House on Thursday, March 7th, between 4:00-7:00 p.m. We're excited to spend time showcasing our Christ-centered learning environment to as many prospective new families as possible. It will be an opportunity for them to meet with teachers and students, learn about our campus and its many activities, and hear about our college preparatory and biblically based curriculum.

Although this event is also open to our current NCCS families, we are particularly interested in attracting new Christian families who might be interested in attending our wonderful school. Please talk to your Christian neighbors and members of your local church, and invite them to come find out more about what makes North Clackamas one of the top 20 private schools in the state of Oregon. More information can be found on our NCCS website.

Re-Enrollment Period Begins Soon

Re-enrollment for next fall will open on **Monday, February 25th at 6:00 p.m.**, the night of the "Spring Society Potluck" (see below). Our Office Manager and Business Manager will be available to help with tuition and payment questions, as well as the re-enrollment process. We want to help make this process as easy and seamless as possible for all families! If your children are re-enrolled between **February 25th and March 22nd you will receive a 25% discount on the Registration Fee. That's a savings of over \$30!**

Financial Aid 2019-20

Those returning families interested in applying for Financial Aid for the 2019-20 school year, may do so in conjunction with the Re-enrollment process. Once you have completed re-enrollment for your child (ren), and a payment plan is in place, you may apply for financial aid if you wish through FACTS. The application process is open to all returning families from 2/25/19 through 4/19/19. Then all awards decisions will be made and communicated back to families by 5/1/19. If you have any questions or need assistance with the process, please reach out to our Business Manager, Emily Clark.

Society Meeting/Fellowship Night Potluck – February 25th

The Parent-Teacher Fellowship is introducing a new Fellowship Night Potluck as part of our regular spring Society Meeting. A delicious potluck dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the gymnasium, followed by a brief, but important Society meeting, which will include new information on tuition, the re-enrollment process, and what's new at NCCS for next fall. All NCCS parents are encouraged to attend.

For the potluck, families are asked to bring the following food items based on their last name:

A-M Main Dish N-S Side Dish or Salad T-Z Dessert or Fruit

Lost and Found

We have several lost jackets, shoes, books and other personal items hanging out in our lost and found shelf near the snack machines. They're lonely and looking to go home with the correct person. If your child is missing anything (or maybe even if you're not), please stop by and check it out.

Student Tardy Reminder!

Elementary parents...this is for you!

If you are running late in the mornings and bring your child to school after 8:15 a.m., please stop by the front office to check them in. We have had a lot of children coming in after 8:15 a.m. without parents signing them in, and this presents a safety concern. To this end, we want to partner with you to guarantee safety of your children. If you have questions, please call the front office at 503-655-5964. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed – Scholastic Book Fair/Grandparents Day

It's that time of year again! The annual Spring Book Fair will take place during the week of March 11-15, followed by Grandparents Day on March 15th. Your volunteer help with one or more of the following events during this week would be greatly appreciated:

Wish List Day, March 11th from 8:15 to 10:35 a.m.

Come help our younger students write out their Book Fair wish lists!

Grandparents Day, March 15th

Come help assist grandparents as they shop the book fair!

If you're interested and feel like blessing our Library, please contact our librarian, Ann Davis, at (503) 956-2778 or email ann_davis@ncchristianschool.com

Spring Parent Conferences – March 22nd

This year's Spring Parent Conferences will be one day only – **Friday, March 22nd, between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.** Because teachers are extremely busy before or after this date, we ask that parents schedule their children's conferences on this date, rather than before or after. If you are unable to meet on this date due to family illness or an unavoidable conflict in your calendar, please let us know.

Auction Tickets On Sale

Families can now purchase tickets for the annual Spring Auction, which will take place at NCCS on Saturday, May 4th, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30 each, with a \$5 ticket discount if purchased before March 22nd. Purchase a table of 10 for \$250 or become a Sponsor.

Take a look at <http://ncchristianschool.com/events/nccs-auction>

Varsity Boys' Earn Trip to State Basketball Playoffs

The varsity boys' basketball team needed a big 4th quarter to fend off cross-town rival Grand View Baptist in the 3rd place game at the Valley 10 District Tournament on Thursday. That big quarter came courtesy of Jake Van Lieu's 9 points, along with 5 from Braden Young and 4 from Luke Nelson. The Saints pulled out a 45-38 win to advance to the first round of the OSA state playoffs.

Our team will play Tuesday, on the road, against the team that finishes 2nd in the Big Sky Conference Tournament tomorrow. We will get more specific information out to parents when we know who and where our team will be playing.

Mission Statement

"North Clackamas Christian School **partners** with Christian parents in providing our students with a biblically-based education that **pursues excellence** in spiritual, academic, artistic, & athletic programs, training them **to serve Christ** daily."