

BLESSING BLAST

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven...so will My word be which goes forth from my mouth." Isaiah 55:10-11

February 8, 2019

This Week:

-Board Meeting

Feb. 11th @ 6:30 pm

-Parent's Night Out

Feb 13th @ 5-8:30 pm

-NO SCHOOL

Feb. 15th & 18th

-ACSI Creative Writing Festival

Feb. 15th

Coming Up:

-Society Potluck

Feb. 25th @6:00pm

-MAPS Testing

Feb. 25th-Mar. 22nd

-ACSI Speech Meet

March 1st

After looking at the latest weather report this morning, it looks like we may have more snow coming this weekend and next week. Although we all appreciate and love an occasional snow in Oregon, a surprise day off can often present child care issues for many parents. For this reason, we will always do our best to make the call regarding a school closure due to inclement no later than 6:00 a.m. If you do not see the Flash Alert come through your device by that time, you can assume that NCCS will be in session as normal.

For more information on how to sign up for Flash Alert, please see the article entitled "Inclement Weather Update" below. It will walk you through the step-by-step process for receiving all school closure information on your phone or computer. And don't forget to scroll down to find out about other important school announcements and information.

Have a safe weekend and stay warm. We hope to see your children on Monday, unless our weather has another agenda.

Re-Enrollment Period @ NCCS

Re-enrollment for next fall will open the night of our Society Potluck, which is Monday, February 25th at 6:00 p.m. Our Office Manager and Business Manager will be available that night to help with tuition and payment questions, as well as the reenrollment process. We want to help make this process as easy and seamless as possible for you!

As in years past, we are offering a 10% discount in tuition for families who re-enroll between February 25^{th} and Friday March 22^{nd} . The Office Manager and Business Manager will also be available all day during Parent/Teacher conferences on March 22^{nd} to help with anyone who may need it.

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 per each, with a \$5 ticket discount if purchased before March 22nd. Purchase a table of 10 for \$250 or become a Sponsor.

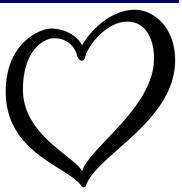
Take a look at http://nccsrocks.com/events/nccs-auction

Parent Conferences Coming Soon

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

Parent's Night Out

Our Valentine Special is here! Want a night out? Need someone to watch your kids? NCCS is offering a "Parents Night Out" on **February 13th**, **from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at NCCS**. Several hard-working and responsible adults and high school students will watch your children for a date night or just time to relax. Kids must be in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade (7th and 8th graders will be accepted if accompanied by a younger sibling). Activities will include crafts, sports, and a movie (either Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs or Incredibles 2). Cost is \$10 per child, or \$8 per child if three or more. All proceeds will be donated to our NCCS students attending the NOE Missions Trip in June 2019.



NCCS Open House-SAVE THE DATE!

NCCS will be hosting their first ever K-12 Open House on Thursday, March 7th, between 4:00-7:00 PM. We're excited to spend time showcasing our Christ-centered learning environment. It will be an opportunity to meet and talk with teachers and students, as well as hear about our college preparatory and biblically based curriculum.

This event will be open to current, as well as perspective NCCS parents, so please join us as we discuss next steps for your child, meet teachers, and find out more about what makes North Clackamas Christian one of the top 20 private schools in the entire state of Oregon.

Grandparent's Day-SAVE THE DATE!

It is that time of year again – GRANDPARENTS DAY! Please save the date of March 15th for the celebration of those people we love so much. Along with the celebration of Grandparents Day comes our Scholastic Book Fair, which will be March 11-15. Ann Davis, our librarian, is looking for volunteers for Wish List Day, which will be Monday, March 11th from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Come join the fun, and hang out with our wonderful kids in the new library building.

Society Meeting & Fellowship Night Potluck – February 25th

The Parent-Teacher Fellowship is introducing a new Fellowship Night as part of our Society meeting and will be hosting a potluck dinner starting at 6:00 p.m. in the gymnasium.

Val-O-Grams Deadline Soon

The last day to order Val-o-Grams is Monday, February 11th in the office. Items for purchase are roses, balloons, candy necklaces, chocolates, songs, and written notes. This will be a fun day and a time to celebrate with someone special.

One Page Calendar Attached

For your convenience, a recently updated one-page calendar has been attached to this *Blessing Blast*. We will continue to attach updated calendars and notify you of any changes in future *Blessing Blasts*. You will be able to tell the most recent version of this calendar by the date at the bottom. Thank you for your flexibility and understanding!

Inclement Weather Update



In the event of a possible school closure due to inclement weather, NCCS uses "Flash Alert," an Internet-based system, for delivering bad weather or other emergency closure notices to the media. This system provides the school's message to all radio and TV outlets in the Portland metropolitan area.

You may self-register with FlashAlert without personal cost, which will allow you to receive up to five (5) home or office email and/or cell phone text messages for emergency information.

To register with FlashAlert:

- 1. Go to www.flashalert.net
- 2. In the left hand frame select "Subscribe to receive news from participating organizations."
- 3. Enter your primary address twice. Enter cell phone numbers as continuous strings of numerals without any dots or hyphens, i.e. 5036555961
- 4. On the next screen under "Add an Organization"
 - Choose Portland/Vancouver/Salem Region, then
 - Select "Private & Charter Schools-Portland Area, and then
 - Select North Clackamas Christian School.
 - Click on "Subscribe."
- Below this you may enter up to four (4) more addresses to receive e-mail or text messages. Remember; enter cell phone numbers as continuous strings of numerals without any dots or hyphens.

When you are done entering addresses to receive messages click "Click to send test message." Then click "Log out" at upper left.

All email addresses and cell phone numbers registered with FlashAlert will remain confidential and will not be released to any person or organization. Once a year you will receive an email notification at your primary address, asking if you wish to continue your FlashAlert subscription.

Please be aware that with the proliferation of spam and the resulting spam filters it is impossible for FlashAlert to guarantee message delivery since different spam filters block different kinds of messages. After adding another address or changing an address to receive FlashAlert messages you should have a test message sent to verify if FlashAlert messages will still pass through your email and cell phone spam filters.

When listening to or reading school closure announcements, keep in mind that "North Clackamas" is **not** our school, but a public school district. Look for "NCCS" or "North Clackamas <u>Christian</u> School." Generally, but not always, NCCS follows the lead of Oregon City School District when deciding to close school.

When NCCS closes for bad weather it is closed for the entire day and all scheduled activities for students, including after school events (practices, concerts, plays, games, etc.) are cancelled. We will do our best to reschedule cancelled events.

Hoop-a-Thon Packet Deadline!

Coach Nelson has done it again and our annual Hoop-a-Thon was an AWESOME success! We had many students partnering with one another, encouraging one another, and cheering on their friends. A good time was had by all! You should receive a card with final Jog-a-Thon results either tonight or Monday.

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."