



BLESSING BLAST

"Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion; declare among the peoples His deeds." Psalm 9:11

February 22, 2019

This Week:

-Society Potluck

Feb. 25th @6:00pm

-MAPS Testing

Feb. 25th-Mar. 22nd

-HS Track Meeting

Feb. 26th

-Student of the Month

Feb. 28th

Coming Up:

-ACSI Speech Meet

March 1st

-K-12 Open House

Mar 7th @ 4-7pm

This past Tuesday, the NCCS Excelsior Choir competed at the Linfield Small Choir Invitational, the first of three state qualifying choir competitions in Oregon. There were several small schools represented and NCCS had their usual outstanding performance, achieving the highest average score (91.33) among the fourteen competing 1A/2A/3A schools. Their success qualified them for the OSAA state choir championships to be held on April 29th at Oregon State University.

What was interesting about *this* particular performance was not the winning score at the end, but the many emails received by Mrs. Steele on the following day. Most came from other choir directors, of course, although there was one unexpected "Two thumbs WAY UP!" from one of the music adjudicators. The email that really stood out, however, was from an NCCS parent who had brought her in-laws to watch their grandchild perform. In her comments the parent wrote:

I just have to share how moving the performance was yesterday for our family. My in-laws were able to make it to Linfield yesterday to hear the kids. Linda was in tears the entire performance (me too!) and as a music teacher was just blown away! But, the best part was my father in law's response last night as we sat talking about the day. He is not a believer and he told me yesterday that he has never experienced such an emotional and spiritual moment as he did listening to the kids perform. Ohh my heart!!! The time, energy and talent that you and Kelly pour into the hearts of our kids just radiates thru them as they perform and share their gift of song. Thank you!! So grateful that my kids have been mentored and loved by you!

Most of us who have been around NCCS a few years are not surprised by this feedback. Our music program is phenomenal, and both Mrs. Steele and Mrs. Bard, bring out the very best in their students. It's far more than just beautiful harmonies and perfect pitch. Their voices reflect the love and power of the One who dwells within them. It's a reminder that God provides this wonderful gift of music, not just to win competitions or entertain, but to provide a testimony of our faith. It's a powerful message, and one that we should all be proud to share. How much more satisfying is it to share God's love with an unbeliever than just winning music festivals.



Special Offer for NCCS Parents

In order to encourage our NCCS families to invite prospective new families to our school during our upcoming Open House, we are offering a little something special.

If you invite someone to attend our event, tell them to give us your name when they show up on March 7th. If they end up enrolling their student(s) for the 2019-2020 school year, you will receive a \$200 discount toward your own 2019-2020 tuition.

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.

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.

NCCS Awarded \$500 Grant

Congratulations to NCCS Habitat Coordinator, Mrs. B., who was instrumental in obtaining a \$500 grant from Clackamas Soil and Water this spring. The money was used to purchase plants that were planted around the new library. For more information, see Mrs. B.

DINO-MITE BOOK FAIR Coming Soon!

Please mark your calendars to visit our Book Fair and discover your child's next favorite book!

Book Fair dates: March 11th - 15th
Shopping hours: 8:00am – 4:00pm
Special activities: Parent Day on March 13 from 8:00am – 4:00pm
Grandparents Day on March 15 from 12:30pm – 2:30pm

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Happy reading!
Helpers still needed! Contact Ann Davis/Librarian at 503-956-2778.



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

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>

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."