



BLESSING BLAST

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:6-7)

May 24, 2019

This Week:

6th Grade Outdoor School

-May 28-31

Board Meeting

-May 28th @ 5:30 p.m.

Society Meeting

-May 28th @ 7 p.m.

Senior Chapel

-May 29th

Senior Send Off

-May 29th @ 2:30 p.m.

Europe Trip Meeting

-May 30th @ 7 p.m.

Coming Up:

PS Last Days

-June 3rd & 4th

Secondary Finals

-June 4-6th

Kindergarten Last Day

-June 5th

Last Day Students

-June 7th

Elementary Awards Chapel

-June 5 @ 8:25 a.m.

Elementary Field Day

-June 6 @ 8:30-12

Earlier this morning, while driving my son and I to school, I began thinking about the wonderful assembly our staff and students put on for me yesterday in recognition of my impending retirement from NCCS. To say the least, I was overwhelmed. Even this morning, my heart was still filled with emotion as I thought about the hundreds of students surrounding me at center court and singing "I love you Lord." It was the most incredible feeling I've had in years.

I chuckled to myself, however, as my mind drifted back to a morning four years earlier. I was having coffee with a close friend and former public school colleague. He and I retired together from the same public school district some years earlier and we would occasionally get together just to "shoot the breeze." That morning, however, I had informed him of my decision to come out of retirement and be the new principal at a small Christian school in Oregon City. Needless to say, he was not as supportive as I had hoped.

"Tutty," he said as he almost spit out a mouthful of coffee. "Are you insane?!"

I sat quietly, smiling, as my friend tried to gather his thoughts while wiping coffee from his chin.

"You've been in the good life for months...and now you're tossing it in? You've not only failed retirement, but now you're jumping right back into the frying pan. What's up with that? Are you tired of taking naps?"

Of course, he had just informed me minutes earlier that he and his wife would soon be leaving on a two-week vacation to Hawaii, followed by a month-long tour of Italy and Greece.

That memorable coffee meeting now resonated in my mind as I thought about leaving NCCS. Had I really jumped back into "the frying pan" these past four-and-a-half years? Pulling up to a stoplight, I dismissed the thought immediately, knowing that God had clearly called me to serve Him and wanted me to come to this school.

As a public school administrator, my job had usually been fraught with all kinds of trials and hassles. If it wasn't angry parents storming my office about late buses, or a union representative complaining about a contract issue, it was some kids lighting a trash can on fire in the boy's restroom, or high schoolers smoking behind the football stadium. I knew, of course, that none of these activities would likely be happening at NCCS when I took the job, but I also knew there would still be challenges. My assurance, however, was knowing that God would be there by my side to give me guidance and provide solutions.

As our car neared the entrance to NCCS, I quickly prayed and thanked God for His wonderful grace and wisdom over these past four-and-a-half years. I had made mistakes, for sure, but only when I'd forgotten to seek His guidance first. This was a lesson I would continue to learn throughout the remainder of my life.

Pulling into my parking spot, I immediately shouted a spontaneous "Thank you Lord!" while pumping my fist in the air. In the rear view mirror I could see my ten-year-old son looking back at me in a surprised but amused manner, his eyebrows raised in mock horror.

"Daaad...what are you doing?"

"Nothing, son," I said with a reassuring smile, hoping to convince him that his retiring father was not going insane. "I'm just thanking God for putting me back in the "frying pan."

NCCS Track Runners Succeed at State Meet



This year's OSAA Track and Field Championship was held at Western Oregon University in Monmouth. Our two state meet representatives from NCCS were Breanna Steele and Ian Watt, both running in the open 400 meter.

Breanna capped her season with five PRs in five races, running the Friday prelim in 64.02 seconds. Though the time did not get her into the finals, it would have placed her on the podium if she had run in the finals.

"I am so thankful for the constant obstacles I'm thrown and for the opportunity to grow in God," said Breanna after her effort. "It was deeper than I could have imagined."

Ian has been chasing the 400-meter school record all season long, ending just short of that goal. His coach indicates that it is well within reach during his Senior season next year. Finishing fourth in the prelims, Ian ran an excellent tactical race in the finals, placing third overall and beating an individual he has been chasing all season.

Ian was encouraged by the number of folks who came to cheer and encourage. "It was a really fun experience and I appreciate the people that came to watch," he said. "They made the day even more memorable."

School Calendar – 2019-2020

Although our school calendar for 2019-2020 is still under construction, there are several key dates already in place. They are as follows:

- Sept. 3 – First Day for Students (Day "O") & Coffee Kick-Off
- November 25-29 – Fall Conferences & Thanksgiving Break
- December 23-January 6 – Christmas Break
- March 23-27 – Spring Break
- June 5 – Last Day for Students

Library Books Due

All library books are due in 7 DAYS (May 31st). Books returned on time will have no fines! If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Davis, our librarian, at ann_davis@ncchristianschool.com.

Society Meeting – May 28th @ 7:00 PM

Our Spring Society Meeting is coming up on Tuesday, **May 28th @ 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium**. Mr. Tutty will be sharing some of the school's more significant successes this past school year. He will also hopefully be introducing the new administrator, as well as other recently hired new staff. You won't want to miss this final Society meeting of the year.

Summer Office Hours @ NCCS

Beginning on Monday, June 10th, our Summer office hours at NCCS will be Monday through Thursday, from 10 am- 2 pm. The office will be closed on all Fridays and July 1-12. We are also still looking for an interim office manager! Please contact McKenzie Falotico for more information.
mckenzie_falotico@ncchristianschool.com


Summer Sports Camp Sign-Up Open!

There are several different sports camps offered at North Clackamas Christian School during the summer months! Our goal is to provide young people with an opportunity to improve their fundamentals and teamwork while having fun and getting exercise in a Christ-honoring environment.

- ◆ We use our camps as an opportunity to teach skills, not to monitor scrimmaging.
- ◆ All camps will be led by our varsity coaches with help from assistant coaches.

Sign-up forms are available in the office and also attached as a PDF to this Blessing Blast.

Please contact coach Nelson at 503-333-9875 or sports@ncchristianschool.com with any questions.



North Clackamas Christian School 2019 Summer Sports Camps

Grades listed are the grades your student will enter in the fall. Camps are open to the public.

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Camp	Grades	Dates	Cost
Youth Basketball	2-4	June 17-21	\$50
Boys Basketball	5-8	June 17-21	\$60
Girls Basketball	5-8	June 17-21	\$60
Tennis	2-4	June 24-27	\$30
Tennis	5-8	June 24-27	\$35
Soccer	1-4	Aug 13-16	\$30
Soccer	5-8	Aug 13-16	\$35
Girls Volleyball	5-8	Aug 13-16	\$40
Girls Volleyball	9-12	Aug 13-16	\$40

TENNIS CAMP
June 24-27 (Mon-Thur)
Grades 2-4 8:45-10:00 \$30
Grades 5-8 10:00-11:30 \$35
For boys and girls looking to try a fun new sport or just get out of the house a bit in the summer.
*If you don't have a racket, one will be provided.
*You must sign up in advance at NCCS.

BASKETBALL CAMPS

YOUTH CAMP
For both boys and girls
June 17-21 (Mon-Fri)
Grades 2-4 9:00-11:00 \$50

BOYS' CAMP
June 17-21 (Mon-Fri)
Grades 5-8 11:30-2:00 \$60

GIRLS' CAMP
June 17-21 (Mon-Fri)
Grades 5-8 2:30-5:00 \$60

VOLLEYBALL CAMPS

August 13-16 (Tue-Fri)
Grades 5-8 8:45-10:45 \$40
Grades 9-12 11:00-1:00 \$40

SOCCER CAMPS

August 13-16 (Tue-Fri)
Grades 1-4 8:00-9:15 \$30
Grades 5-8 9:30-11:00 \$35

REGISTRATION FORM
Return this form and the \$ due to NCCS or bring it with you to the first day of camp.

Check # _____ Total Due _____
I hereby register my son(s)/daughter(s) in sports camp at North Clackamas Christian School and release NCCS and it's employees, from any and all liability that may arise out of my child's participation in camp. I acknowledge that I am responsible for any and all medical expenses due to my child's illness and/or injuries.

Please make checks payable to:
North Clackamas Christian School

Parent/Guardian (Please Print) _____

Emergency Phone # _____

Signature of parent/legal guardian _____ Date _____

Name of Camper 1 _____ Grade _____

Name of Camper 2 _____ Grade _____

Senior Send-Off – May 29th

Each year NCCS does a "Senior Send-Off" where students and parents are invited to cheer on and encourage our senior students as they prepare to graduate and leave NCCS for the last time. All parents are invited to attend this wonderful event, which takes place in the gymnasium, beginning at 2:25 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29th. Following is the schedule of events and their times:

2:25 Elementary classes, staff, and parents come to gym and line the perimeter of the basketball court; seniors will run in through the doors and high five people standing around the perimeter of the basketball court.

2:30 Senior Send-Off
Seniors run through the gym for high fives
Juniors form tunnel as seniors come through (like basketball season)
Senior parents circle around center court with their child's bucket to hand off when seniors get to the middle
Seniors end up in center of gym and form a circle
Everyone else forms a circle around them and all sing "I Love You Lord"
Pray over the seniors (designated junior opener/closers)
Elementary goes out to carpool, while the rest of the secondary students go to 7th period

Student Travel Program – Europe

As you may have heard, our high school social studies teacher, Mrs. Drake, will not be at NCCS next year as a classroom teacher. She will, however, continue coordinating and leading our international travel program and the opportunity for students to learn abroad. This means NCCS students will have another opportunity to travel to Europe through Education First (EF) Tours in March of 2021. This trip will include Spain, France and Italy, with visits to Assisi, Florence, Pisa, French Riviera, Provence, Barcelona and Madrid.

To learn more about this Europe travel program, please come to our meeting on **Thursday, May 30th at 7:00 p.m. in Room 211**. It is requested that you RSVP to Mrs. Drake at allison_drake@ncchristianschool.com no later than Tuesday, May 28th, so that she can have a meeting room set up and ready for the correct number of people.

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."