

K Tuesday KNIGHT NEWS

Northside Christian Academy **November 3, 2009**

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Upcoming events

November

- 3 No School: Parent/Teacher Conference Day
- 4 MathFax Contest #1
- 6 Small Group Meetings -Theme: Diligence
- 12 Band at Southern Christmas Show
- 16 Junior Honor Society Induction
- 16 Progress Report #3 Sent Home
- 17 AMC 8
- 18 Winter Sports Pictures
- 24 Thanksgiving Chapel
- 25 No School
- 26 Thanksgiving; No School
- 27 No School

December

- 2 MathFax Contest #2
- 3 Geographic Bee
- 4 Small Group Meetings

Middle School News

Helicopter Parents

In their book, *Parenting with Love and Logic*, Foster Cline and Jim Fay describe the “helicopter parent”: *Some parents think love means rotating their lives around their children. They are helicopter parents. They hover over and rescue their children whenever trouble arises. They’re forever running lunches and permission slips and homework assignments to school; they’re always pulling their children out of jams; not a day goes by when they’re not protecting little Junior from something—usually from a learning experience the child needs or deserves. As soon as their children send up an SOS flare, helicopter parents, who are hovering nearby, swoop in and shield the children from teachers, playmates, and other demands that appear hostile.* Helicopter parents believe they are helping their young person, but they are actually setting them up for some major struggles as adults. Middle school is a prime time to allow your young person to

learn responsibility, promptness, organization, etc. by allowing them to fail and suffer the consequences. The old saying “it hurts me as much or more than it hurts you” is very true for parents, but parents must remember the long term lessons their child will learn from experiencing failure.

Prayer Meeting

We encourage all students that are able to come to our prayer meeting. It is every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. in Mr. Fried's room (G-203). Also, all teachers are welcome as well as any parent(s) that can stop by and pray for a few minutes each week.

Feel free to email or call in any requests you would like for us to add to our list. I will email the prayer list out each week. I trust many of you will take time to take these requests to our Lord.

Bible Study

The student-sponsored Bible Study meets every Monday

(will be changing to Tuesday) at 7:30 a.m. in Mr. Fried's room (G-203). We encourage all middle school students to attend.

Sick Policy

In the interest of every child's well-being, parents are requested to keep their child home when he/she is sick. If a child has symptoms such as elevated temperature, rash, vomiting, excessive nasal discharge or diarrhea you must keep your child home. If your child develops symptoms at school, the student will be isolated, and the parents will be notified to pick up the child as soon as possible. The student will not be allowed to return to school until he/she has been free of any symptoms for a minimum of 24 hours. Communicable illnesses include, but are not limited to:

- * Fever
- * Diarrhea
- * Pink Eye
- * Vomiting
- * Lice/Nits (hair must

2 Corinthians 5:17

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come.

be totally free of nits before a student may return to school.)

Generosity Award

Students and teachers have the opportunity to nominate students who best model the character quality that middle school students are studying each month. Several students were nominated by their classmates and teachers for the generosity award. The teachers vote for one sixth grade student, one seventh grade student, and one eighth grade student to receive the award. The teachers voted **Cayla Peterson** (8th grade), **Kenny Ballantyne** (7th grade), and **Kristen Bowers** (6th grade) as the award winners for October. Cayla, Kenny, and Kristen have shown their teachers and classmates that they are striving to be Christ-like in their life. Their teachers and classmates made the following comments about them: "they are always so nice in all they do; willing to share with other students even when inconvenient; always offers to help and participates; helps others; lends paper to others; lends pens and pencils to others; in their own quiet way helps others in need." Cayla, Kenny, and Kristen were awarded a certificate and were given a special treat at lunch. Thank you Cayla, Kenny, and Kristen for leading the way in middle school!

Diligence

The character quality the middle school is learning this month is diligence. We are using the definitions from the Institute in Basic Life Principles. The students are learning that diligence is "Visualizing each task as a special assignment from the Lord and using all my energies to accomplish it." They are also memorizing the scripture passage Colossians 3:23, "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men." All of the character qualities with their definition and verse are listed on our school website. Please encourage your young person to memorize the definition and verse. They will have an opportunity in each class to write it for a bonus on a test or quiz.

Threads of Love

On Saturday, October 24th, Ms. Webb and her small group met to make dolls for the "Threads of Love" ministry. The "Threads of Love" is a ministry that provides hand-crafted items to newborns who, due to illness or pre-maturity, are unable to go home soon after birth or to families who experience infant death due to illness, stillbirth, or miscarriage. This ministry is about healing and binding together

the hearts of parents during a time of uncertainty. Their mission is to show parents the love of Christ. Ms. Webb and her small group made 101 dolls and put a poem with each one. The students who participated in this project were: **Isaac Aiken, Kameron Marlow, Lauren Frye, Cierra Starkey, Jake Mecimore, Ryan Unger, Karigan Marlow, Michele Lyons, Alyssa Thornton, Cameron Hughes, Brendon Santos, Trevor King, Jimmy Jones, Brandon Landreth, and Timothy Webb**. Ms. Webb and Mrs. Unger also worked and supervised the students. Thank you all for being a blessing to others!

JOY Boxes

I am very happy to report that the middle school supplied 123 JOY boxes. The NCA middle school made 550 Joy boxes and processed 550 boxes for a total of 1100 boxes. Thank you to all who shared the love of Christ through this project. On Thursday, October 29, all of the middle school students, teachers, ten parents (Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Daniel, Mrs. Rothwell, Mrs. Bloodworth, Mrs. Tassy, Mrs. Skinner, Mrs. White, Mrs. Halbert, Mrs. Moore, and Mr. Miller), and one person from Master's Mission worked for about six hours in the Fine Arts Center going through the boxes and packing them to be shipped to the Ukraine. Everyone did an excellent job. I was very pleased with their hard work! Everyone enjoyed lunch at CiCi's. Thank you students, parents, and teachers for your willingness to be used by God in this service project.

Pray for the Election

Election Day is today, November 3, 2009, and there is much at stake. In many ways, the future of our nation hangs in the balance. We encourage all concerned Christians to devote themselves to focused prayer for the election and for our nation.

Report Cards

Report Cards were emailed home on Monday, November 2nd. This was our first report card of the year. Please use this report card to encourage your child to work hard and do his best!

Heaven Knows ...

We love your Child ...

Diligence

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"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men."

Colossians 3:23