

K Tuesday KNIGHT NEWS

Northside Christian Academy *December 15, 2009*

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Upcoming events

December

- 15 Exams Begin-Periods 7 & 3
- 16 Exams-Periods 2 & 5
- 17 Exams-Periods 6 & 4
- 18 Casual Day
- 18 Exam-Period 1
- 18 Christmas Chapel 9:45 a.m.
- 18 Christmas Party
- 18 School Dismisses at 11:45 a.m. for Christmas Break
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 New Year's Eve

January

- 1 New Year's Day
- 4 Teacher Work Day
- 5 Students Return to School
- 8 Small Group Meetings -Theme:"Goals for 2nd Semester and Serving God"

Middle School News

Upcoming Athletic Events

Jan 5th – **Black Out Knight** – vs Hickory Grove. Students will be able to purchase black T-shirts for \$5.00. There will be a Pep rally from 2:00 to 2:30 for the entire school.

Jan 7th and Jan 29th – **Home Wrestling Matches** – If you haven't been to a wrestling match, you need to come. We have a great team and they are a lot of fun to watch.

Jan 8th – **Elementary Knight** – To celebrate the youth in our school and to create excitement within our elementary for school spirit

Jan 22nd – **Breast Cancer Awareness Knight**. Please invite those that have been affected by cancer that we can be an encouragement to them as a school.

February 9th – **Military Appreciation Knight**. One of our own, Ken Lewis, will be coming home and what a great way

to say thank you to all our servicemen and women for their service to us and our country.

February 12 – **Senior Knight** We will honor our graduating Basketball Players, Wrestlers and Cheerleaders for their contribution to our school.

Times for all events are on the school website www.ncaknights.com on the athletic page.

Class Christmas Parties

The middle school class Christmas parties will be on Friday, December 18th. The classes decided to collect \$2.00 from each student to use to buy all the food for the Christmas party. The menu will include pizza, soft drinks, and other delicious food. Please encourage your young person to give the money to the class sponsor (eighth grade -Mrs. Etheridge, seventh grade -Mrs. Williams, and sixth grade-Mrs. Stastny). If you are interested in being a parent

volunteer at the Christmas party please contact:

Eighth Grade

Mrs. Etheridge

setheridge@ncaknights.com

Seventh Grade

Mrs. Williams

bwilliams@ncaknights.com

Sixth Grade

Mrs. Stastny

cstastny@ncaknights.com

The parent volunteers will help set up and serve the food.

T.V. Contract

The middle school students have an opportunity to sign an agreement to give up TV for one week (7 days). This agreement is from Friday, December 11th through Thursday, December 17th. The students who make this sacrifice will be awarded five points on each of their exams. The main purpose of this contract is not to help them study for their exam (though that is one purpose), but it is to teach them character. We have emphasized char-

2 Corinthians 5:17

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

acter education this year in middle school. Thomas Lickona in his book, *Educating for Character: How Our Schools Can Teach Respect and Responsibility*, has much to say about how TV has had an influence on shaping our values. He says, "In the average American family, the TV set is on seven hours and five minutes a day. The typical elementary schooler watches 32 hours a week." We want to take away this influence and demonstrate to our students they can go without TV for a week. Last year there were fifty-six students who met the goal. That was about 60% of our middle school student body. We have already given each student the form. Please encourage your young person to agree with this contract. The contract should be signed by the student and parent then returned on Friday, December 18th. Please understand the contract only applies to the dates listed.

Spelling Bee

This year's Spelling Bee for grades 5 – 8 was held on December 8th in the Middle School English classroom. Congratulations to Francis Sio (5th grade), Cameron Seger (5th grade), Mary Kate Stanfield (6th grade), Andrew Kakaley (6th grade), Jarell Dortch (7th grade), Dalton Sherwood (7th grade), Cayla Peterson (8th grade), Jamal Stroud (8th grade), C.J. Brighton (8th grade), and Kameron Marlow (8th grade) for qualifying in a "classroom spelling bee" to represent their grade level in the NCA spelling bee. After several tense, competitive rounds in which students correctly spelled such words as *velocity*, *significant*, *immature*, and *denominator*, sixth-grader Mary Kate Stanfield spelled the word *apprentice* to win the bee! Congratulations to all who participated in the Spelling Bee, and Good Luck to Mary Kate Stanfield as she moves on to represent NCA in the Charlotte Observer

1st Semester Exam Schedule December 15-18

Tuesday, Dec 15	Period 7 Period 3	8:00-9:30 10:00-11:30
Wednesday, Dec 16	Period 2 Period 5	8:00-9:30 10:00-11:30
Thursday, Dec 17	Period 6 Period 4	8:00-9:30 10:00-11:30
Friday, Dec 18	Period 1 Chapel	8:00-9:30 9:45-10:45

Notes:

1. Students are to remain in their class the entire examination period. Students may study for other exams when they are finished.
2. A student who has a class that does not have an exam does not need to report to that class, unless he is at school.
3. All exams must be completed by 3:00 p.m., December 18th.
4. All students staying on campus after the 11:30 exam should report to the room listed in the daily news. There will be no after school care on Dec 18th.
5. Bible classes, PE classes, middle school elective classes and senior high fine arts classes will not have exams.
6. **Students owing fines will not be permitted in class after Dec. 14th.**
7. **No one may be exempt from 1st Semester Exams.**
8. **The 8th period Pre-Algebra 7 Adv will take their exam during the Period 3 exam time (Tuesday, December 15 from 10:00-11:30).**

******Friday, December 18th will be a casual day for students.**

Regional Spelling Bee on March 15!

Baby Jesus Offering

An annual tradition at Northside Christian Academy is the receiving of the Baby Jesus Offering at our school-wide Christmas chapel. On Friday, December 18th beginning at 9:45 a.m., students in kindergarten through twelfth grade will meet for a combined Christmas chapel service. A part of the chapel includes students coming forward to give a gift for a specific project. This year, we have selected Coach Josh Zabloski, a former NCA teacher. Last year he taught elementary PE. Coach Z is a sports missionary. Christmas is all about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Luke chapters 1-2 describe the events leading up to and including the miraculous birth of Jesus. God the Father gave

his only son, Jesus, to be the redeemer of our lost and dying world. Jesus would become the sacrifice for the sins of the world. He willingly gave his life so that we might have life eternal. When we as Christians celebrate Christmas, we are remembering the greatest gift ever given to mankind.

Christmas should be a time to demonstrate the love of Christ to those in our community. Many of those students that Coach Z works with have never heard the true meaning of why we celebrate Christmas. They have never heard the Christmas story and have never experienced the love of Christ. In the US and other countries there are untold numbers of underprivileged children who know nothing of Jesus and the fact that He loves and cares for them.

<u>Upcoming Athletic Events</u>				
Date	Time	Team	Opponent	Location
12/21/2009	TBA	Varsity Wrestling @	King of the Mat (N. Davidson HS)	Away
12/22/2009	TBA	Varsity Wrestling @	King of the Mat (N. Davidson HS)	Away
1/1/2010	TBA	Varsity Boys Basketball @	Asheville Christian	Away
1/1/2010	TBA	Varsity Girls Basketball @	Asheville Christian	Away
1/2/2010	TBA	Varsity Boys Basketball @	Asheville Christian	Away
1/2/2010	TBA	Varsity Girls Basketball @	Asheville Christian	Away
1/2/2010	TBA	Varsity Wrestling @	Dudley HS	Away
1/5/2010	4:00 PM	MS Girls Basketball vs	Hickory Grove	Away
1/5/2010	4:30 PM	JV Boys Basketball vs	Hickory Grove	Home
1/5/2010	5:15 PM	MS Boys Basketball vs	Hickory Grove	Away
1/5/2010	4:00 PM	MS Cheerleading @	Hickory Grove	Away
1/5/2010	6:00 PM	Varsity Girls Basketball vs	Hickory Grove	Home
1/5/2010	7:30 PM	Varsity Boys Basketball vs	Hickory Grove	Home

GO KNIGHTS!!!!!!

Faith

Visualizing what God intends to do in a given situation and acting in harmony with it.

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

Hebrews 11:1

Northside Christian Academy has a strong desire to teach our students that it is better to give than to receive. We want to teach students to give to others when they will receive nothing in return. We want our students to understand that there are many less fortunate people in our world community who do not understand the love of Christ. We desire that our students will learn to share the love of Christ with others by giving of themselves and their own personal “resources.” This is why we intentionally receive a “Baby Jesus Offering” every year. The concept being taught through this experience is just as important as any other learning that takes place on our campus.

We are asking our students to bring a love offering that we can present to Coach Z to support his ministry. Money should be placed in an envelope or wrapped in a package to present during chapel on December 18th. We would love for all children to know that God loves them. It is our hope that sharing a gift on behalf of Northside Christian Academy will help Coach Z to reach boys and girls for Christ!

Parent-Teacher Conference

The following article is taken from an NAESP publication. They make some excellent points and give some great suggestions. NCA always welcome Parent-Teacher Conferences. I trust you will be able to use many of the following suggestions.

It doesn't matter if you're the student, the teacher, or the parent, parent-teacher conferences are bound to cause some anxiety. Yet these one-on-one meetings are priceless opportunities for families to get a better understanding of their children. By preparing well for your meetings with teachers and following up with both your children and their teachers afterward, you can strengthen your children's school success.

Before the Conference:

Listen. Any time you hear your child talking about something he or she is doing really well in or is having trouble with – either with schoolwork or with classmates - make a note of it. When it's time for the conference with the teacher, you'll have a ready-made list of things to discuss.

Ask. When it's time to schedule the conference with the teacher, sit down with your child and ask him what you should discuss with the teacher. Encourage your children to open up and tell you what it's like for them in the classroom. Do they feel like they're falling behind academically? Or are they bored because they understand the material that the rest of the class is struggling with? Are there any troubling issues with any of their classmates? One thing that's guaranteed to get your children to open up is asking them what they think their teacher is going to tell you about them.

Bring notes and papers. Write down questions you want to address with the teacher. Bring copies of any assignments you have questions about. Think ahead of time how to be tactful and kind in wording concerns you have about the teacher or the class.

During the Conference:

Be on time. Schools tightly schedule parent-teacher conferences because there's only so much time available and dozens of families to see. Show up at least a few minutes early, so you know you'll be set to begin when it's your turn.

Hire a babysitter. It's important to make sure that the time you have with the teacher is as productive as possible. Having other children in the room is distracting. Either hire a babysitter or trade off with another parent so that your children don't tag along.

Take notes. In addition to presenting the questions and concerns you brought to the meeting, make sure to take notes about what the teacher is telling you about your child. Be sure to address these important areas: strengths, weaknesses, and social skills.

Keep emotions out of it. It is always difficult to hear that your “angel” or “young Einstein” isn't exactly the person you thought he was in the classroom. Keep your cool and bear in mind that the teacher is offering constructive criticism.

After the Conference:

Talk to your child. Sit down with your child and tell him what you and the teacher discussed. Emphasize the positive things the teacher said. Remember that it's important for your child to feel positive about learning, the teacher, and the school.

Follow up. If there were important issues that need to be dealt with such as finding a tutor or getting counseling for your child, make sure to follow up in writing with the teacher soon after the conference. Specify exactly what you discussed with the teacher, what steps will be taken, what your responsibilities and the school's responsibilities will be, and what the timetable is for action.

Remember the principal. If, after the meeting with your child's teacher, you still feel like you have serious issues that weren't adequately addressed, set up a time to talk to the principal to see what other options are available.

Follow through. Once you know what you can do at home to help your child succeed in school, make sure to actually do it. It's understandable that finding the time might be difficult, but remember – your child needs you!

Heaven Knows ...

We love your Child ...