

Re-enrollment Meeting

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**Tuesday,
February 3**

The re-enrollment kickoff meeting will be held on **February 3** in the elementary gym. There are two meeting times that you can choose from: **4:00 pm OR 6:30 pm**. Each 30-minute group meeting will begin with opening comments that will overview the plans for the 2009-2010 school year and conclude with the opportunity to pick up your enrollment packet.

At the conclusion of each meeting, families are invited to complete and submit their re-enrollment forms. Here is a checklist of items you will want to bring:

- Emergency contact numbers -- A notary signature is NOT required
- Social Security number for incoming 9th grade students
- Voided check for direct payment form
- Enrollment fee of \$150 per student

See you there!

The Faith Factor

by Julie Elliott, parent and volunteer

"Mom, why do all Christian schools have struggles?" Good question – especially coming from a 14 year old, and one which has crossed my mind and my lips on the way to God's ears many times.

As we look forward to re-enrollment, our school is once again faced with changes. We should be the poster child for the old adage; "The only thing that stays the same is change." Whether you have been with the school a short time or are a veteran observer, no doubt you have noticed that we have had little "status quo" lately.

I'm not sure if Sam's question was rhetorical or not, but the more I thought about it the more I realized there is one common theme to any answer I might present, and that theme is growth.

God's in the business of growing people. He expects ministries, missions and families who are formed in His name to **continually** look more like his son Jesus. Growth requires change, and change is not something most of us embrace.

The board and administration have been stretched by very important decisions on a number of levels. Those decisions cause us to lean more on God and remind us of His wonderful power and provision. With any Christian organization, the faith factor is a key component in setting the course for the future. There is no simple 1-2-3 plan but instead a humble reliance on God's leading for every single answer.

In "Stepping Up," Beth Moore talks about Psalm 126. In that Psalm, the writer is recalling the glorious return of the exiles and then asks "And now, God, do it again." We've seen God work in amazing ways in and through this school, and I am not afraid to ask "Do it again, God." The result may be the definitive answer to my son's question. God allows us to face struggles so that He can receive the glory as we work through them under His perfect leadership. I believe this school is going to impact many generations to come, and yes, I do dream of a day when things might come a little easier for us. However, I wouldn't trade the lessons of faith and the growing love for my Savior that I've acquired on this journey.

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. *Philippians 4:6-7*

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Child Care Provided for Re-enrollment Meeting

We have arranged for limited childcare during the meetings for a donation. Please let Sheryl Harner know how many children from your family will need that service by calling 816-516-0387 (Sheryl's cell phone). Proceeds will go toward the upcoming Dare 2 Share event.

Do you know a teenager who might want to participate in Dare2Share this year? Northland Christian students will travel to Lincoln, NE on Feb. 19-20 and we have extra tickets available! Contact Sheryl Harner for details.

Here's a snapshot of what Dare2Share is about. Find more details on [their website](#).

"We at Dare 2 Share Ministries are fully convinced that the answer (to keeping students active in their faith after high school) lies in raising the bar spiritually for teenagers, calling them to make a difference by taking Jesus Christ and the Great Commission seriously."

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Finances – they can bring out the best in us and the worst in us. Often times, when money is tight, we find out what we are really made of – don't we? Henry Blackaby says that when we face a difficult challenge "God and the world can tell from your response what you really believe about God."

Our school receives its income from just a few main sources: tuition income, fees and miscellaneous items and contributions. Our projected contributions income for 08-09 school year is \$370,000 – just over 21% of our total budget needs. To-date, we have raised approximately 1/4 of our contribution income. The remaining balance we need to raise is \$270,000. We can easily achieve this through upcoming events and activities if we have the combined effort of all families, staff, and students of NCES.

We are at a crossroads that will tell the world what we really believe – about our faith, Christian education, and personal responsibility. We are being challenged to respond to a tough situation. What will be your response -- sit back and do nothing, complain and demand a different course of action, or **ask, "How can I help now?"**

The fundraising events we have planned for spring and summer can be extremely successful if we have your involvement. The financial needs of our school will be met if we each give 100% to the effort. Will **you** participate in the events we have planned?

Here are the upcoming opportunities. Please commit to taking a lead in at least one activity and participate in them all! Come ready to sign up at the enrollment meeting.

Serve-a-thon:

- Quickly approaching is our annual Serve-a-thon. Students receive pledges and sponsorships for a grade-specific service project.
- We need **everyone** to prepare a list of 12 names and addresses of business associates, relatives, neighbors, friends from church, or others that you know. In a couple of weeks, you will be receiving a packet of serve-a-thon letters to address and return to the school. These fliers will be sent to the potential sponsors of your child for the upcoming NCES Serve-a-thon.
- Complete details will be coming soon. Get your names and addresses ready!

Golf Tournament

- Put together a team of four golfers for the 2nd annual NCES golf tournament OR find someone who will put together a team of four golfers
- Event date: Saturday, May 9! The tournament will be a shotgun morning start at Claycrest in Liberty, with a **scramble** format. Early Registration is \$90/player
- If you own a business, become a sponsor of the golf tournament (contact Kayla)

Summer Day Camp

- Assist in advertising Northland Christian's Summer Day Camp to your church and in your neighborhood. This camp will run for 8 weeks during the summer. It is designed for children who have completed kindergarten through the 6th grade
- Enroll your children in summer camp!

Church Partner Program

- You, as a parent in our school community, are the liaison to your church for our school – we need you to volunteer to deliver information to your church leadership on how they can support Kingdom Education in the Northland.
- Contact Kayla and let her know that you are willing to help us develop a partnership with your church.

Other ways to support Northland Christian

Business Programs

- We have two great business programs available – the business partner program and the MBG program
- Provide a minimum of 5 names of businesses who might have an interest in becoming a Business Sponsor for our school.
- Consider joining Kayla on visits to businesses.
- Provide names of business owners you know in the Northland who take credit/debit cards – we will contact them regarding the MBG Program that gives up to 50% of all processing fees back to our school!

McTeacher's Night

- February 24 is McTeacher's night (from 4-8 PM at 1-29 & Barry Road). Thanks again Jim & Debbie Wagyl!
- We need 100% participation – a percent of all profits that evening are donated to NCES.
- Plan to attend!

Cash Contribution

- Don't forget – you can simply make a cash donation. Ask God to guide you in your giving to NCES. Contributions can be sent to NCES, PO Box 20152, Kansas City, MO 64195 Attn: Kayla, Contributions are tax deductible.
- Other ways to give include: Gifts of Property, Real Estate, Appreciated Securities, Personal Property that can be resold, Estate Gifts, Memorial & Honorary Gifts, Matching Gifts, Planned Gifts (Life Insurance, Annuities).

Contact Us

Listed below are e-mail addresses for contacting NCES principals and board members. *In most cases, the principals are the primary contact for staff concerns or input.*

If you have a question or comment specifically for a board member, however, please feel free to contact them.

Richard Rice, principal (7th-12th):
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Mission Statement

NCES partners with families and churches to provide a Christ-centered, discipleship-based school with academic excellence and a Biblical worldview, equipping students to serve and influence our world for Christ.

FOCUS ON YOUR QUESTIONS

What can we expect for class sizes next year?

For the past several years, our elementary school has offered two classes for most grades. While this provides a better student/teacher ratio, it is no longer financially possible to have such small classes. Several factors contribute to establishing class size including grade level, staffing, classroom space and number of enrollment applications. Parents are understandably interested in the numbers of students per class. The general ranges for next year are: Kindergarten – 20; 1st & 2nd Grades – 20-23; 3rd – 6th Grades – 26-29

Is there any possibility additional classrooms will be added?

When a specific grade has a full class – a waiting list will be started. If enough additional enrollments are received to meet minimum requirements and there is space available, we will consider the opening of additional classrooms.

What contact will elementary and high school students have?

Bringing all students on one campus will provide an exciting atmosphere for next year and will bring many new questions. The goal for the facility is to design areas by grade level to provide the optimum social, educational and classroom configuration. High school, junior high and elementary will each be considered to have their own unique needs. Lunch periods, chapel and other activities will be separated by age groups, and there will not be regular interaction between older and younger students. Even restroom space will not be shared. We are, however, looking forward to special all school events – chapels, pep rallies etc. – where our student body can come together.

What is the current financial condition of the school and what about the budget for next year?

As with most people and businesses, times and budgets are tight. This is no exception for our school. However, with that said, we believe that with successful fundraising efforts this spring, we will finish this year with little or no budget shortfall. The changes we have made in the school's 09-10 budget, will work to increase the financial stability of our school and allow fundraising to address needs outside of daily operations.

Will class offerings in the high school provide necessary courses to meet graduation requirements?

Our high school students will have all the current class offerings except Chinese. Mr. Rice evaluates student needs and available classes and makes recommendations to the board for curriculum changes/enhancements as the high school continues to grow.

What is the schedule and process for kindergarten enrollment and when will open enrollment begin?

Existing families who wish to enroll students in kindergarten may pick up packets on Feb. 9 and need to submit applications by Feb. 17. Open enrollment for new families at all levels will begin on Feb. 18.

With everyone on one campus, will the dress code change?

Dress code is one of many operating policies that will be reviewed as we plan for next year but no decision has been made at this time regarding specific guidelines.

Coming Up

Feb. 3
Re-enrollment Meeting
Gym-4pm or 6:30 pm

Feb. 4
Mid-Quarter

Feb. 13
Valentine Parties, 2 pm

Feb. 16
President's Day –
No School

Feb. 17
Re-Enrollment Packets
Due

Feb. 18
Open Enrollment Begins

Feb. 24
McTeacher's Night

Email Us

If you have questions prior to the re-enrollment meeting, please email [Kayla Elliott](mailto:Kayla.Elliott@northlandchristianed.com) so we can make sure they are addressed at the meeting.

Tuition Questions?

Kristen Cox
(816)584-2409
accounting@northlandchristianed.com

MORE QUESTIONS

What if I can't come to the meeting?

You can pick up your packet in the elementary office before dismissal on Feb. 4. All packets remaining after that time will be mailed.

What about families with divorced parents?

The packet available at the meeting will have contact information for the primary family. Other parents need to contact the school office to ensure that all information is correct or for any specific questions. In cases where multiple parties are paying tuition, all direct payment information must be submitted with the paperwork for the re-enrollment application to be considered complete.

How do I turn in the paperwork?

You may turn the packet in at the meeting on Feb. 3 or to either school office. If you have students at both locations, we request that you submit your paperwork **at the elementary**. Packets should be handed directly to Terrie Applewhite, Laura Courtney, Kayla Elliott or to one of the principals. Please do not leave packets on desks or hand to teachers. Packets will be considered complete with all paperwork (except for Family Reference) and payment. Incomplete packets will not be accepted.

What about book fee and other fees?

The book fee for the first student is due by June 15. Book fees for additional students may be included with tuition. Parking passes, athletic fees and any other additional payments will be outlined and due at the start of the school year.



Save the Date

Start planning your team for the 2nd annual NCES golf tournament, Saturday, May 9! The tournament will be a shot gun morning start at Claycrest in Liberty, with a scramble format. Come prepared to have loads of fun and play a little golf too.

***Early Bird Registration is \$90/player.
Registration after April 24 is \$100/player.***

Get your teams formed now, so you are not scrambling to make a team after the early bird registration (no pun intended) Watch for more information regarding, details, sponsorship opportunities, and for the registration forms.

Thank You

"My family and I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all of you at NCES who have prayed for us, provided meals, cards, and words of encouragement during my recent surgery. We are deeply grateful to be a part of a school system that lives out the ministry of Jesus through our actions and attitudes. We have been blessed by the caring and the community that we share in our pursuit of Christian education. Thank you SO much!"

~Mrs. Cline and family