

KoAm

Northland Christian is going global this school year! We are partnering with KoAm Education Alliance to host students from Korea. More Korean students in the 4th through 8th grades want to come to our school, so it's not too late to be a host family!

KoAm provides:

- Tuition for student
- Monthly allowance for host families
- Support and direction

What a wonderful opportunity for our students to share God's love with the world! Contact Danny McCubbin for more information or visit KoAm's web site at koameduall.org.

We also need to prepare our students to see new faces in the hall this year. It's our prayer that the Korean students will feel welcomed from the first day of school!

In the Spotlight

Registration

The 2008-2009 school year will be kicked off with registration for students K-12 on Aug. 15.

Registration at the secondary level (grades 7-12) will be held from 1:30 to 4:30 pm in the gym of the East Platte building (secondary). Students may come at anytime during those hours and will receive their class schedule, parking sticker (if applicable) and the revised parent/student handbook. Students should be prepared to purchase yearbooks for 2008-2009, parking passes and sports participation fee at registration (see details on page 4).

Elementary families may pick up materials from 2 – 6:30 pm at the elementary (River) campus.

Mr. McCubbin will host "Back to School Talks" to discuss highlights of the upcoming year and to answer questions. He will have these **group sessions at 2 pm, 4 pm and 6 pm**, and parents are invited to choose a time that works best for their schedules. Parents will also have the opportunity to receive information on the lunch program, order spiritwear and pick up planners, handbooks and PE shirts.

At 7 pm there will be an **orientation for new elementary families** in the gym at River campus. Mr. McCubbin will give an overview of the handbook and will answer questions.

Please contact the office if you have questions. We look forward to seeing you at registration!

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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.

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Focus on Spiritual Growth

Moms in Touch

Make plans now to set aside one hour a week to pray for your child and school! Contact Sheryl Harner at (816) 407-9658 for details. Our goal is to have moms from each class represented and to have multiple groups meeting to accommodate schedules of all who desire to pray.

Give us eyes to see as Elisha's servant did, what You are doing in the heavenlies as we press forward in building a Christian school system in the Northland –Also give us an ability to rise above "obstacles" in the natural, as we rely on our supernatural God.

Prayer Requests

- Business visits – that Kayla's meetings with business owners will provide opportunities for partnership for God's kingdom.
- Campuses - for all the details of furniture, fixtures, classroom assignments etc. to come together smoothly.
- Other Christian schools – for God's leading as families and administration deal with declining enrollment or school closings.
- Staffing – for final openings to be filled, and praise for excellent candidates God has provided.
- Health: Feldmann family (daughter Meagan)
- Pray for future campus locations – to be where God would have us. We desire to rely on God's plan and perfect timing.

Wednesday is NCES Prayer Day

Staff members are meeting at the elementary campus to pray for the school each Wednesday morning at 8:30 am. Everyone is welcome to join in this time of encouragement and intercession.

Debbie Cline, kindergarten teacher, is a leader of the prayer group. She suggests that everyone associated with the school make Wednesdays a day to pray for NCES whether or not you can come and pray corporately. She recently shared the prayer based on 2 Kings 6: 8-23 (shown at left).

Praises

I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

Psalms 34:1

- New families – for how God is bringing new people to NCES
- Donations – for provision of desks and other furnishings being donated by other schools
- Potential of expanding our relationship with homeschool families including more students enrolled in high school courses
- Stephanie Knoche rejoining the board. Stephanie was an original Northland Christian board member. She stepped down last year to serve as kindergarten aid.

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.

Upcoming Events:

**Parent Meetings
7-8th Grade Families**
July 22 & July 24
(**choose one**)
7 – 8:30 pm
East Campus

Registration
August 15

Teacher In Service
August 18-20

**Homeschool
Orientation**
August 19

School Begins
August 21

Preschool Orientation
August 22

Preschool Begins
(1/2 days)
August 25



Calendar

Check out the updated school calendar online at northlandchristianed.com
Download a copy or view the web calendar.
Athletics calendar will be provided when schedules are finalized.

Tuition Assistance

Our motto is “we want your kids more than we want your money.” We know some families are struggling with finances which is causing them to struggle with keeping their kids at the school. Galatians 6:2 tells us to “carry each other’s burdens.” Yes, our budget is very tight but losing families at this point will make it even tighter. While we may not be able to help everyone with their entire request, we try. Please speak with one of the principals or with John Elliott before making the heart wrenching decision to withdraw due to finances.

Tuition

Just a reminder for all families enrolled in the 10 month payment schedule, withdrawals will begin on either August 2 or 16 per your selection. If you don’t remember the date you chose, please feel free to contact the business office.

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Focus on Resources

Budget Update

Current (07-08) - When the fusion occurred last summer, the board received general budget information, but had no track record on operational costs for a preschool – 12th grade system. We assumed all current liabilities, costs of operations, current enrollments, etc. Throughout the year, we have regularly evaluated and tried to determine the amount of income needed versus the actual expenses. Considering these circumstances, the year has gone well. Earlier this month it appeared we would end the budget year (July 31) with a deficit of about 5% of our total operating budget. However, with recent contributions received, that shortfall has been covered. As we’ve seen time and again, God is so faithful to provide all we need when we need it!

With one year behind us, we are looking forward to starting the new budget calendar with a fresh start and clearer understanding of our operational costs along with strategic direction for the coming year.

New budget (08-09) - The principals are working to finalize the 2008-2009 budget. To be good stewards of our resources, we will continue to find ways to cut operating costs while still enhancing the value of the education offered by the system. It is important for us to be sensitive to any extra demands we place on families due to current economic stress for many. Next year’s fundraising events will include Annual Fund (with limited auction); Serv-a-thon and Golf Tournament. Concerts may once again be part of the mix. Building business and church partnerships will also be key to recruitment and funding.

Focus on School News

Enrollment Update

In a time when many schools are sadly experiencing declining numbers, we are thankful that enrollment continues to be strong for Northland Christian. Please join us in praying that God would bring students to fill classes which have room for growth. Additional students in those classes would dramatically reduce the need for funding just to cover the operating deficit and allow us to focus fundraising efforts on facility needs and enhancements for the future. Here’s a current recap by grade:

Preschool	17	7 th Grade	21
Kindergarten	27	8 th Grade	25
1 st Grade	20	9 th Grade	14
2 nd Grade	23	10 th Grade	10
3 rd Grade	33	11 th Grade	12
4 th Grade	26	12 th Grade	11
5 th Grade	31	Total PK – 12 th	295
6 th Grade	25	<i>As of July 15, 2008</i>	

Blazer DADs

Based on a recommendation from Jeff Geyer, NCES parent, we will be instituting a program to get dads involved in school activities. DAD stands for “Devoted Active Dad” and is based on Eph. 6:4. The group will meet for devotions and fellowship and be serving regularly on both campuses. Watch for more details!

Locations

With leases signed on two locations for the coming school year, it’s already time to begin looking ahead! We are thankful to have elementary at the River campus and secondary at the East Platte facility for this year. However, we know that to accommodate the future needs of our system, we must aggressively begin long term facility planning. Would you like to be part of the process? We need people who have an interest in this area.

Contact Sandy Clements at (816) 413-0119 or by email at sandy@bobclements.com

Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

Have a question or comment? One way to provide input and submit questions is through a **feedback form on the web site**. The form is located under *Parent Link*. Here are some of the recent questions we have received from parents.

Question: *What is the dress code for next year?*

Answer: K – 6th grade will have the same basic guidelines as last year. The biggest change will be that students will be allowed to wear any solid color polo.

7th & 8th grade students will not have uniforms for the coming school year. Dress code at the secondary level has changed only slightly, with the acceptance of flip flops being the primary change. See the complete dress code on our website www.northlandchristianed.com under Parent Resources.

PE shirts will be provided for each student and blue or black shorts may be worn, along with sweat pants when appropriate (see complete details in handbook).

Blazerwear will be available soon so watch for the order form!

Question: *What are school hours?*

Answer: Secondary hours are 8 am to 3 pm. Elementary hours are 8:20 am to 3:30 pm.

An important addition is a Before School Care Program (K-6th). Parents may drop students off at the elementary as early as 7:30 am. Students arriving anytime between 7:30 and 8 am will be placed in the Before School Care Program. Students can participate in activities and will be supervised by staff. The cost for the program will be \$3 per morning for the first child, \$2 for the second child and \$1 for each additional child. An after school program for elementary students will be available as well.

Question: *Where can I find school supply lists?*

Answer: Supply lists may be found on the web site. **Please note** – 7th and 12th grade students will not need to purchase school supplies before the first day. Teachers will share with students what they will need when school begins.

Question: *What sports will be offered?*

Answer: The sports program will be going through changes in the coming year. The conference our junior high and elementary teams have been participating in has experienced the loss of several schools, particularly at the 7th & 8th grade level. Our junior high teams in some cases may be participating in the MoKan conference, which is where our high school teams have played the past two years. Each sport will be evaluated to see what the best option for participation is based on available competition. Available sports will include girls' volleyball, soccer (boys and girls), basketball (boys and girls), cheerleading and elementary track. Sports practices begin the week of Aug. 18. Everyone participating in sports will need a physical. Dr. Scott Chapman has volunteered to provide physicals. Watch for details on the date. Another change is the addition of a sports participation fee. The fee is \$50 per student (grades 7-12) for those choosing to participate in a sport. The fee is for the school year and is not charged per sport.

Question: *Will we have a lunch program and what is the cost?*

Answer: A hot lunch program will be offered at both campuses for \$2.75 per meal.

Question: *Are there any other important policy changes?*

Answer: Yes. One change this year affects cell phone use. Students are not allowed to use cell phones at anytime during school hours. For emergencies, students may use office phones. Another change is parking permits for high school drivers. The permit will be \$25, and the application process will be covered with students at registration.

Question: *Are there any plans for coordinating carpooling to save on fuel costs?*

Answer: While there are no formal plans to organize carpools, we strongly encourage families to consider sharing rides. We plan to provide ways for families to sign up if they are interested in carpooling and share those names to help families find rides.

In our next issue:

- Meet new staff members
- Back to school information
- Accreditation update
- Volunteer opportunities
- Board meeting report

Stay tuned...

NCES Communication

The purpose of *In Focus* is to keep everyone system-wide informed.

If you have any questions, please contact Kayla Elliott at: 816-464-0555 or kelliott@northlandchristianed.com

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