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In the Spotlight

We Have Been Blessed!

We say thank you this month to three individuals who have impacted our school and have made a difference in the lives of so many young people: **Kathy Russell, LaRene McHugh** and **Jeff Baird**. Kathy taught math at the junior high level for 13 years and LaRene taught junior high students at LCA for 20 years. The staff recently hosted a farewell reception in their honor. We thank God for the investment both Kathy and LaRene have made in our school and our families. They leave an eternal legacy from their time at LCA.

Jeff Baird is pastoring a church in Springfield, MO and will be stepping down from the board. Jeff has served as a teacher, principal and board member within the school system. He was an original founder of Northland Christian High School. We pray God's blessing on Jeff, Heather and their boys as they serve the Lord in this new role.

You may send notes of encouragement to them at:

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Kansas City, MO 64155

Kathy Russell
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Kansas City, MO 64155

Jeff Baird – not yet available – will be published at a later time

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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This year, NCES dads are going to have many opportunities for service and fellowship through our new **Blazer DADs** program! Danny McCubbin, elementary principal, will coordinate the group along with Jeff Geyer.

To start the year, Danny is asking all interested dads to sign up either on the web site or through the office. He will schedule a meeting date and contact those who have expressed an interest. At the first meeting, dads will give input on projects, format and meeting times.

“We see this as a great way to help connect fathers with the school,” Danny says. “I see all kinds of possibilities of how God can use this group to minister to our students and help in practical ways.”

Focus on Spiritual Growth

Prayer Requests

- **School startup**
Details to be finalized, for good communication between administration, staff and families
- **Secondary campus**
Working arrangements with other tenants, for smooth transition and guidance in final details
- **KoAm students and host families**
Peaceful adjustment for families here and in Korea
- **Athletic program**
Direction and patience as conference affiliation, team configurations change and as new sports are starting; for coaches and athletic directors

Praises

- **Kevin and Corly Kallin** welcomed their son, Cole Alexander, into the world on August 5. Kevin teaches Bible at the secondary campus
- **Christian school** – for the blessing of having a Christian alternative to educate our children in God's ways
- **Business visits** – for positive reception and new relationships
- **Administrative staff** – for their talents and efforts especially in preparing for the start of school
- **Volunteers** – for parents and students stepping up to help prepare facilities and investing in our school

Team NCES 2008-2009 - Staff Listing

Terrie	Applewhite	Administrative Assistant (s)
Cherie	Bonar	2nd Grade
Jim	Borden	Science; Athletic Director (s)
Melissa	Boyles	3rd Grade
Kate	Brady	Communication arts – part time (s)
Mimi	Castilleja	Spanish; Foods for Life (s)
Sadie	Clement	Communication Arts; Yearbook; Girls Varsity Volleyball (s)
Debbie	Cline	Kindergarten
Amy	Cockrill	6th Grade
Laura	Courtney	Administrative Assistant
Dean	Davis	3rd Grade
Cathy	Davis	Art (e/s)
Kayla	Elliott	Development Director
Dawn	Fountain	5th Grade
Kerry	Hahn	Administrative Assistant
Andrea	Hall	Preschool
Sheryl	Harner	Nurse
Joanne	Hartzler	Kindergarten
Kevin	Kallin	Bible (s)
Linda	Lowry	NILD
Terri	Martin	Library
Amy	McCubbin	6th Grade
Danny	McCubbin	Elementary Principal
Dione	Miller	2nd Grade
Michael	Miller	Science; PE; Girls & Boys Varsity Soccer Coach (s)
Andrea	Nichols	1st Grade
Peggy	Pollock	4th Grade
Nathan	Reeves	Orchestra (e/s); Vocal Music; Worship Team; Computer App. (s)
Richard	Rice	Secondary Principal (s)
Ben	Schirmer	Social Studies (s)
Angela	Siegel	Math (s)
Helen	Spencer	4th Grade
Maryann	Spiess	Vocal Music
Brandy	Tanner	PE & Athletic Director
Diana	Wolf	5th Grade

* (s) designates secondary; * (e/s) designates both campuses

Upcoming Events:

Registration
August 15

Teacher In Service
August 18-20

Homeschool Orientation
August 19

School Begins
August 21
Full Day (grades 1-12)
* Kindergarten ½ day

August 22 – Kindergarten
½ day

Preschool Orientation
August 22

Preschool Begins
(½ days)
August 25

Homeschool Begins
August 26

Labor Day Holiday
September 1

Elementary Open House
September 4

Secondary Open House
September 11

Secondary Fall Event
September 19

MEET THE NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Development Update

Want to know how easy it is to help fund our school?

Recently a staff member gave Kayla Elliott the name of a potential business partner. Kayla contacted the business and set up an initial visit. The next week she stopped in for a follow up, and the business owner wanted to sign up to support Northland Christian! Please remember this new opportunity to help us meet our needs. You can make a difference by sharing contacts with Kayla –

kaylae@northlandchristianed.com

Watch for details next month about Annual Fund event on October 3 along with an overview about the role of the development department.

Tuition Questions?

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Jim Borden will be teaching high school science and serving as athletic director. Jim and his wife, Misty, have three children. A graduate of Mid-America Nazarene University, Jim holds a BA degree in biology.

After college, Jim spent 12 years in the financial world with American Century Investments and JPMorgan. For the past two years he has taught high school science at Englewood Christian Academy.

Jim says he enjoys working with kids in an environment where he can speak openly about Christ and pray. “My dad taught in public schools for the majority of his 30-plus years in education and was able to really show “Christ” to his students through prayer and reading the Word to his students,” Jim says.

“Over time I saw how this freedom became more restricted, to the point where he was forbidden to pray or read the Bible at all. He still has relationships with students he taught 30 years ago, and that speaks volumes to me,” he says. “I have only taught for two years and already my students mean the world to me. It seems the Christian school environment offers the best opportunity to build lifelong relationships and affect lives of kids the way my dad did!”

Kate Brady will be teaching 8th grade communication arts and 11th and 12th grade British and American literature. Kate and her husband, Mark, have one daughter. She has a bachelor’s degree in secondary education from Northwest Missouri State University.

Kate and Mark have moved 15 times in 19 years (Thanks to the US Army!) She has taught 9th grade thru 12th grade English/ Honors English as well as middle school speech and drama and college level writing and composition.

Kate says she is involved in Christian education because the need for students to know the love of God and his plan for salvation was never more evident to her than when she was teaching in the public schools.

“After years of being unable to openly share my faith with my students, I am thrilled to have the opportunity to instruct and inspire servants for Christ,” Kate says. “I am excited to bring my love of literature and writing to students and provide them opportunities to explore those things that bring glory to God in a challenging and safe atmosphere.”

Sadie Clement will be teaching communication arts at the secondary and coaching volleyball for the 2008-2009 school year. Sadie and her husband Aaron have two children.

Sadie graduated from Park University with a degree in communication arts and a minor in journalism and she has five years of undergraduate work in English education.

An active volunteer at a Christian group home for pregnant teen girls, Sadie has a heart for at-risk youth. She enjoys praying with the girls, taking them to church, and teaching Bible classes.

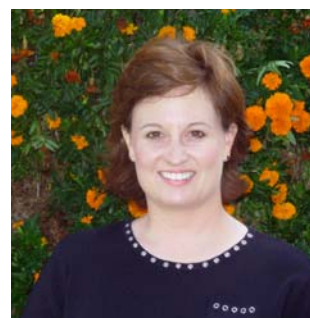
One of Sadie’s goals is to start a Publications Club and school paper managed by students.

Sadie and Aaron attended both public and Christian schools. “We feel strongly that continuing a Christian education through high school is so important, because the high school years are the most important in securing our children’s spiritual futures as they head out to college,” Sadie says. “I am so excited to be a part of the student’s lives as they prepare for college and adulthood.”

Michael Miller teaching physical education and science (7-8th grades) and coaching boys and girls varsity soccer. Mike is single and holds a bachelor of science in secondary education from Calvary Bible College.

Northland Christian is Michael’s first job since his graduation from college. He has ministered in his home church every summer at Bible camp and through Bible schools, nursing homes and music ministry.

“I am involved in Christian education because this is where God has called me,” Michael says. “I look forward to the freedom of teaching with a Biblical worldview and building relationships with my students.” [No photo available]



Around Campus

Preschool

Preschoolers will be moving to the former junior high building. The move offers them more space and a convenient and safer drop off and pick up arrangement.

New Computers

NCES has received several donated computers. The computers were used to upgrade the elementary computer lab and replace staff computers.

Science Equipment

New student science tables have been added for elementary science. The addition of these desks as well as other science equipment will enhance our science department. We've also added new library shelving and other fixtures.

Prayer Emphasis

Prayer will be a special emphasis throughout the school this year, according to Danny McCubbin. Students, staff and families will have more opportunities to pray together. Danny is also dividing elementary chapel into preK – 3rd grade and 4th – 6th grade and plans to coordinate messages so they build on key themes. Chapel services begin the week of Aug. 25, and parents are welcome to attend. Chapel schedules are:

Secondary:

Tuesdays at 8 am

Preschool – 3rd Grade:

Mondays 8:30 – 9 am

4th – 6th Grade:

Mondays 9:05 – 9:45 am

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Nathan Reeves will serve as at the secondary level as choir director, computer applications teacher, praise band/chapel coordinator and orchestra teacher (grades 5-12). He is married to the Maggie Hewitt, a former LCA student.

Nathan has a BME in music education from the University of Kansas and holds a K-12 band/orchestra/choir/general music Kansas teaching license. In addition, Nathan is working toward a Master's in Church Music from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Nathan has eight years of work in various music ministry positions and is currently the part time minister of music at First Baptist Church of Grain Valley. He is a teacher in Christian Youth Theater and has served as musical director/conductor for five CYT productions.

Nathan's formal music pedagogy training was geared to be used in a public school system. After completing that certification, however, he became frustrated with the non-Christian focus and even bias that public school music programs represented. So while teaching with various Christian organizations on an occasional basis, he was able to pursue church music interests as well, which only heightened his love and enjoyment for the teaching and use of music in worship.

"What excites me now about this upcoming school year is that, unlike past public school environments, I can speak openly here about the creator and founder of music, and how he's enabled us to make music honoring to Him," Nathan says. "Northland Christian is a breath of fresh air, and I can't wait to see what God has in store for us during the 2008-2009 school year!"



Ben Schirmer will be teaching social studies at the secondary level. A native of the Kansas City area, Ben has two younger brothers. His mother is a first grade teacher and his father is a pastor at Gashland Presbyterian.

Ben graduated magna cum laude with a history degree and minor in religious studies from the University of Missouri. Students need to be prepared that Mr. Schirmer loves being a Tiger fan. Go Tigers!!!

Ben has always been involved in church activities. In high school, he was active in Young Life, and later became involved in Campus Crusade for Christ in college. He has traveled on missions trips to Mexico, Jamaica and Guatemala. Ben has worked with various youth organizations including Kanakuk Kamps.

Ben says he is involved in Christian education because he believes young people need to see the Christian life modeled for them. "This is the crucial age where students determine the road to follow," he says. "I hope I can assist them in choosing the right one. I'm excited to share my passion for history with the students and look forward to becoming part of the Northland Christian community."

Angela Siegel will be teaching math at the secondary campus. She and her husband, Matt, have three children.

Angela has a BA in Mathematics from William Jewell College. Until two years ago, Angela was a stay-at-home mom. She went back to work teaching math at Northern Hills and NCHS.

This summer, Angela started teaching a young adult Sunday school class. She says she really enjoys serving and is definitely learning in the process of teaching!

Angela says her first experience with Christian education came two years ago. "It was such a blessing to teach math to a group of students who love Jesus," she says. "Never before had I been able to share how God magnificently reveals himself through mathematics. I look forward to sharing new ideas and concepts this year, too."



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.