

Northshore Christian Academy

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Dear Northshore Christian Academy Families,

I hope you are having a great summer! We are diligently preparing for your children! Our halls are polished, our classrooms are scrubbed, carpets are cleaned, technology tools are updated, books are purchased, teachers are preparing, and many join hands in prayer for the school year! We pray that God causes supernatural growth and transformation of your children in character, wisdom, academics, friendship and spiritual maturity!

We have much to be thankful for:

- Children who overflow with great potential.
- Parents who want the best Christian education for their children.
- Dedicated teachers who prayerfully and passionately pour their lives into teaching.
- Prayerful church leaders who are committed to supporting, guiding and sacrificing for a school that will honor God.

NCA considers it a tremendous privilege and responsibility to nurture and instruct your child for the 2011-2012 school year. Important information referred to in this letter is attached and also located on our webpage for easy access.

2011-2012 Theme

“But you are chosen...that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.” 1 Peter 2:9

School Hours and Arrival/Dismissal Routines

Pre-Kindergarten (AM)	8:35am - 11:35am
Pre-Kindergarten (PM)	12:35pm - 3:35pm
Half-Day Kindergarten	8:45am - 11:45pm
Full Day Kindergarten- 1 st Grade	8:45am – 3:05pm
2 nd -5th Grades	8:45am - 3:15pm
6 th - 8 th Grades	8:30am - 3:25pm
Extended Care - Morning	7:00am - 8:00am
Extended Care- Afternoon	3:30pm - 6:00pm

Arrival Drop Off remains the same. Students are dropped off at the back (north) side of the school building. School staff will be available to open car doors and assist children into the building or across the crosswalk to the Pavilion. Students report to the grade level waiting locations for teacher’s to meet their class.

- **Elementary students (K-5):**
 - **7:00-8:00-** Sign into before school care in the lunchroom.
 - **8:00-8:40-** Kindergarten – 4th grade wait in the gym. 5th graders wait in the lunchroom.
- **Middle School students, (Grades 6th, 7th, and 8th):**

- **7:00-8:00-** Sign into before school care in the lunchroom
- **8:00- 8:30-** Students will walk (new cross walk) to the Pavilion and wait in the commons area.

Dismissal Pick Up for KF- 1st, 3:05- 3:25pm, 2nd-5th Grade, 3:15 - 3:30pm, 6th – 8th Grade, 3:25-3:40pm.

We have shifted Kindergarten and 2nd grade to new dismissal locations and you will learn more in the August mailing and at orientation. Just remember that the first two weeks of school take longer to dismiss our precious children. After two weeks, pick up is completed by 3:30pm, so consider arriving on campus at 3:25pm for pick-up when lines are shorter. If the lines are long, consider parking until 3:25 before getting into the line or walk to the dismissal line. Drive carefully! Have patience!

August Dates and Notes

Email Information: **August 11-18 Emails** will include teacher welcome letter, dismissal pick-up and after school pick-up forms, beverage order form, Auction Class Project and uniform information.

Uniform Exchange: **August 11, Thursday from 3-6pm.** Meet in the foyer to buy and sell your used uniforms. New Uniforms can be ordered and tried on for size from the Orca representative.

Uniform Information: To get the latest uniform requirements, please view all 2011-2012 NCA Uniform requirements at the following website: [2011-2012 NCA Uniform Information](#). **The most significant additions** to the uniform requirements can be found on the website. They include clarification of skirt or dress length of 3 inches above the knee or longer and a new PE shirt color option.

There is a two week grace period for Uniforms in September if your uniform order is delayed. Just let your child's teacher know.

Supply Lists: These lists are attached as part of this email. Teachers request these supplies so that our students have the necessary tools to participate in all learning activities. We appreciate your diligence in purchasing your child's school supplies. We do offer an on-line supply kit order option for your convenience. Go to our website, order from Innisbrook and orders placed **after June 30** will be shipped to your home address. If you placed an order with Innisbrook by June 30, your kit will be shipped to the Academy.

Carpool Information: Are you looking to organize a carpool with other NCA families from your community? We have many families who desire to carpool and live north, south and east of the school. We can help you. Come to the school office or the front desk and fill out a "carpool request form." We will email everyone in your zip code on your behalf indicating your desire to form a carpool.

Health Department Requirements: Medication Authorization and Medical Emergency Plans: If your child needs to take prescription or non-prescription medication during school hours or has allergies/medical conditions, please obtain these forms from the front desk, school office or from the website. We must have a signed authorization from their physician. We are unable to dispense ANY medications, for legal reasons, without this form.

Our school nurse will send you an email in August, regarding booster shots and immunization requirements.

September Dates and Notes

Student and Parent Orientation Day: Tuesday, September 6th. Don't miss these important meetings. See details and times listed below.

1st Day of School: Wednesday, September 7th (No Chapel on the first Wednesday of school- regular uniform).

1st Day of School: Parents are welcome to drop off or walk in students on the first day of school. Specialist Teachers will be at their arrival duty stations in the back arrival loop. Also, morning care is open at 7:00am.

Normally, all students wait in the gym or lunchrooms for their teacher to greet them and escort them to class by 8:35. Parking may be congested on the first day. Additional parking is located in the gravel (near soccer field).

1st Day of School - Parent Coffee Reception and School Announcements: On the 1st morning of school, **September 7th**, please come to our parent reception from 9:00am-10:00am in the auditorium. Meet the Vice-Principals, teacher specialists (PE, Music, Computers, Spanish, Library), school counselor, and the Athletic Department. The PTF (Parent Teacher Fellowship) team will introduce ways to get involved. You will hear about the new programs at NCA. This is an informal time to visit with other NCA parents and meet our new parents. Coffee, muffins and fruit will be provided to welcome you back to school!

1st – 8th Grade New Student Luncheon: **Friday, September 9, 12:00pm:** All 1st through 8th grade students who are new to NCA are invited to a pizza lunch with the Principals, School Counselor, Mrs. Christian and Student Council.

Picture Day: Mark your calendar for school pictures. We have contracted with a new company this year.

- 4th – 8th grade: September 21st
- Early Learning Center- 3rd grade: September 22

Donuts with Dad: Dads or special friend is invited for a morning treat and classroom visit on September 30th.

K-8 Father and Daughter Dance Night: September 30th. Mark your calendar for this memorable event!

Volunteer Opportunities

Join the Fun! Be a part of the school community! Contact your classroom teacher, Denise Christian or Holly Leach if you are interested in helping out. We will point you in the right direction and get you started.

- **Classroom and Library Volunteers:** Consider signing up 1x a week or month to help out!
- **Mom's in Touch:** Join the Thursday morning prayer group that meets from 8:45-9:15.
- **Room Parents** needed for every classroom. Duties include 3 things: welcome new families, coordinate 3-5 class parties, and coordinate teacher appreciation on her/his birthday. Training and support given.
- **Auction Volunteers and Art Project Coordinators** needed for every classroom. The project is completed by the students in the classroom. PTF project leader will help you with a plan and supplies.
- **PTF Italian Soda Coordinator:** Afterschool Italian Soda sales (called Thrilling Thursdays) occur in April and May. Coordinate volunteers, set up and sales to students and families.
- **Solid Ground Espresso Stand Leader:** Lead the volunteer team and stand, Monday-Friday on school days from 8:00-9:15. Strong volunteer core and organized systems in place. Annual stipend of \$2500.
- **Event Helpers in September:** Help with Picture Day, Donuts with Dad, Dad/Daughter Dance Night.
- **Middle School Volunteers:** Safety Patrol/Crosswalk guard, science lab experiment help, retreat help.

Just as important as our program development is the development of your child's character, faith and academic agility. We have prepared an environment where amazing things can happen in the personal lives of our students. This year, your children will reach for the stars as they are challenged to grow academically, spiritually, socially and physically.

Trusting in our Lord and Savior,



Holly Leach, Principal

MANDATORY PARENT AND STUDENT ORIENTATION MEETINGS: Tuesday, September 6, 2011

Orientation meetings are for both parents and students

Orientations are planned for Tuesday, September 6th. Please be prompt so you don't miss out on important information presented by your classroom teacher. Maps will be given out at the reception desk to assist you in locating your child's classroom. Each teacher will provide a 45-minute information session filled with important details of classroom and school routines, and procedures. Lockers will be assigned. **Bring your school supplies** if you purchased them on your own. If you purchased an **Innisbrook School Supply kit** on the internet before June 30, it will be delivered to the classroom. If you purchased a kit after June 30, it will be mailed to your home address.

11:00 am, Morning Pre-Kindergarten. Pre-K students will be taken outside for recess after classroom tour.

1:00 pm, Afternoon Pre-Kindergarten. Pre-K students will be taken outside for recess after classroom tour.

2:00 pm, Half and Full Day Kindergarten: Formal presentation starts promptly in the classrooms. K students will be taken outside for recess after class tour.

3:00 pm, 1st through 5th Grade Orientation: two sessions provided to accommodate families who have two children in 1st – 5th (formal presentation starts promptly).

4:00 pm, 1st through 5th Grade Orientation: Second session starts promptly at 4:00pm.

4:00-4:30 pm, 6th, 7th, 8th Grade Orientation held in the **auditorium** for general announcements and introductions. The following will be discussed: Pavilion Protocols, Middle School FAQ sheet and the Retreat. Meet Grade Level Teams, Spanish Department, Computer Department, Music Department, PE and Athletic Department, and Middle School Principal

4:30- 5:15 pm, 6-8 grades will split up for more detailed orientation and information:

6th grade Orientation will continue in the auditorium before being dismissed to the homeroom and locker assignments. Learn about first quarter academics, events and schedules. Students will receive their schedules, information about the retreat and obtain their lockers.

7th Grade Orientation will move to A-2 room for further information about the school year. All students will receive their schedules, information about the retreat and obtain their lockers.

8th Grade Orientation will move to the PAC room for further information about the school year, graduation activities, 8th grade classes and details. All students will receive their schedules, information about the retreat and obtain their lockers.