

NORTHSHORE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY EARLY LEARNING CENTER

October-November Newsletter

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.."
Ecclesiastes 3:1

Our hope as we move into Fall is that your children are settling into their classrooms and new routines.

We are blessed to work with each family and pray for God to touch hearts in the coming months.

If there's anyway we can be praying for you - please let us know.

Just a reminder that we don't celebrate or acknowledge Halloween at Northshore Christian. We do not have parties that week nor do we allow costumes on or before October 31st. This would include clothing that depicts witches, ghosts, jack-o-lanterns, skeletons, etc. Thanks for your support and understanding.



Donuts with Dad!

Inviting all Dads

What: Krispy Kreme donuts with your children

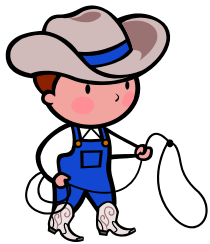
When: October 15!

Toddlers, Preschool, and Pre-K Grade: 8:45am-9:05am

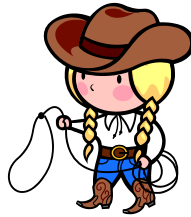
Where: Your Child's Classroom

Why: To have a great time with your children!

Fall



WESTERN THEME DRESS DAY
Friday, October 15
Students and staff can dress in western attire today.



Picture Re-take Day
Wednesday, October 27th.

Recycle for Rewards!

At Northshore, we want our children to learn the importance of recycling for a better environment while helping the school earn books, PE and playground equipment, music instruments, and much more!


Here are some things you can do at home as a family.

Just send in the items in a grocery or Ziploc bag to school with your child, and we will do the rest. Don't forget to put your child's name and teacher's name on the Ziploc and we will make sure you get it back for reuse.

Check out our display boards located just outside of the office that show a visual of what can be turned in.


Visit our website www.northshorechristianschools.org for more information and a list of items.

Clip with the kids, and have fun!!

NCA Staff Birthdays for November.

Shanine Drummen Nov. 16
Veronica Gilles Nov. 17
Sarah DuCette Nov. 20




You can earn toys that directly benefit your child and their classroom!

It's easy to find your Gifts to Grow codes!

Inside each package of Pampers **diapers or training pants** you'll find a small white label with your Gifts to Grow code.

Wipes have codes printed directly onto the packaging. The location of the label or code depends on the type of product or package.

The 15-digit Gifts to Grow code is printed on a small, white label, approximately two inches by one inch in size. Follow these simple steps to find your code and redeem it for points!

For more information visit the Pampers website www.pampers.com

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Parenting Tip!



Honor Defined in Practical Terms

Children need to know what Godly character looks like in practical terms. We love the character quality of honor, not just because God commands it, but also because it has so much rich meaning for parents and children. It can give direction in many of the frustrating moments we experience in family life. In fact, every form of selfishness has an honor-based solution.

We say honor is...

Treating people as special,
Doing more than what's expected,
And having a good attitude.

Use our honor definition or make up your own. The point is that honor changes people. It changes the way that parents relate to their children, the way children relate to each other, and the way children relate to their parents. We all need it.

You can use the concept of honor in correction or when things are going well. You can use it when you teach your children about money, time, and other resources, and you can teach it when conflict comes around. One of the best ways to teach it is on special occasions when someone wins a contest or earns a certificate. You may show honor by giving that person a fancy place at the table or by decorating his or her bedroom door.

Honor is fun. It's like oil in a machine. It gets work done with less friction and less heat. Every family needs honor. It's great when things are going well and essential when family relationships are strained. You can work on honor whether your kids are preschoolers or teens. It will change the way your family relates.

This parenting tip comes from the book, [Say Goodbye to Whining, Complaining, and Bad Attitudes in You and Your Kids](#), by Dr. Scott Turansky and Joanne Miller, RN, BSN.

A peek at our Pre-K Handwriting Curriculum:

For our handwriting program we are delighted to use **Handwriting Without Tears** (HWT) - an exciting, research-based program that provides excellent handwriting instruction for our Pre-K students.

Developed in 1977 by Jan Olsen, occupational therapist, HWT teaches handwriting skills using methods that are based on the developmental abilities of young children and use a variety of multi-sensory teaching strategies. We use music, movement, wood piece manipulatives, play dough, chalk and slate boards, building, and coloring to develop letter recognition and formation. Five minutes of instruction and five to ten minutes of practice each day allows students to enjoy the process and to begin to enjoy writing!

We teach recognition of both upper- and lowercase letters, but Pre-K students are taught to write only capitals. Capital letters are all the same size, all start at the top, and share the same placement positions on paper. They are also formed with only 4 strokes (big line, little line, big curve, little curve). By the end of the Pre-K year you're your child will have received a firm foundation in letters and sounds. Lower case letters are far more difficult to form correctly so we reserve that writing instruction for the Kindergarten year.

For more information about Handwriting Without Tears, visit their website at www.hwtears.com.

Developing Fine Motor Skills:

Developing excellent handwriting requires more than developmentally appropriate instruction and practice. It requires increasing fine motor strength and skill. Here are some suggestions from an occupational therapist to help develop your child's fine motor skills ...

Chalk and chalkboard are great fun and offer more kinesthetic feedback than paper or dry erase boards. If the chalkboard can be hung on the wall instead of laying flat on a desk or table, it will exercise an even greater number of hand muscles. Use small, broken pieces of chalk to encourage the tripod grasp.

Remember Lite Brites? They are still available and placing the small bulbs in holes (using patterns that come with it to create a picture) really helps develop a tripod grasp and hand strength.

Cutting is great fun (but be sure to supervise so your child doesn't surprise you with a new haircut!) What to cut? Plastic straws, play dough, index cards, magazine pictures, etc. Make it fun!

Put pennies in a tub full of rice and have your child use tongs to retrieve the pennies. If you let them put what they retrieve into a piggy bank then you exercise those little muscles again and your child is more highly motivated to continue the exercise!

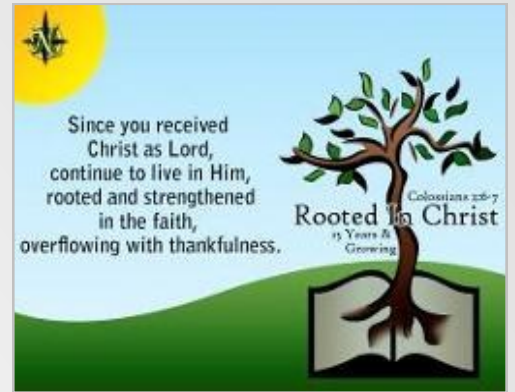
Match up metal nuts and bolts and screw them together for fun fine motor work!

Don't tell your child that it's work - just make fun memories and reap the rewards in small motor skills!



Northshore Christian Academy's Parent Teacher Fellowship Auction is...

Saturday, November 13 ~ 5:00pm
Downtown Everett Holiday Inn



WE NEED AUCTION ITEMS!

Only 4 weeks until the procurement/donation deadline! Procurement/Donation forms and letters were placed in your child's Thursday folder today and are also attached to this email. (They were given to all Middle School students). Forms are available to email from our web page at:

<http://www.northshorechristianschools.org/auction.php>.

Questions? Contact Lisa Boscacci at boscacci4@hotmail.com or 425.322.2371 or ncauction@northshorechristian.org.

ITEMS NEEDED:

Airfare Miles or Companion Fares * Pacific Northwest Ballet Tickets * Theatre Tickets * Sporting Event Tickets/Memorabilia * Hotels * Resorts * Time Shares/Cabins/Condos * Ski/Golf/Fishing/Hunting Trips * Boating Trips

To see items currently donated go to: <http://www.northshorechristianschools.org/auction.php>.

NO TIME TO PROCURE ITEMS?

Consider donating cash. We encourage each family to procure or donate \$200 worth of items for our students. If your employer has a matching charitable contribution program, our Classroom Expansion Project (outfitting three classrooms plus a high-tech Science lab) qualifies! If you donate \$200 and your employer matches, our students receive \$400. It's a Win Win! Contact your employer's human resources department to see if your employer matches charitable contributions. We are a registered 501(c)(3) tax exempt not-for-profit organization. (Tax ID: 91-1515354).

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to all of you who have already volunteered. We still need help with data entry, filing, phone calls, picking-up donations, "fluffing" baskets, help the day before the auction moving items to the Holiday Inn, setting up the day of the auction, during the auction, and clean-up afterward. Call 425.322.2371 and an auction team member will call you back or email:

ncauction@northshorechristian.org.

WE NEED SPONSORS AND ADVERTISERS FOR THE AUCTION CATALOG!

Be a Gold or Silver Sponsor. This is a great way to purchase your auction tickets, promote your business and support our students. Advertisers have a choice of full, half-page or business card advertisements. Tables seat 10. Invite co-workers, friends and family, fill the table up and have a fun evening that benefits our students! To print Sponsor or Advertiser forms go to:

<http://www.northshorechristianschools.org/auction.php>.

CLASS PROJECTS DIRECTLY BENEFIT STUDENTS: You won't want to miss out on our "NCA Art Walk" at the auction. Thank you for teaming together to make these projects unique keepsakes. All class project proceeds go directly back to the classrooms for enhancements that benefit NCA students.

WHAT IS OUR GOAL?

The Academy is constructing a new building which will provide four new Middle School classrooms, including a new science lab, bathrooms and lunchroom commons. The architect is finalizing the plans; we will share them with you as soon as they are completed.

The Fund-an-Item goal is to equip these classrooms with furniture, Promethean Boards, digital projectors, computers, plumbing and fixtures, as well as equipping the high-tech state-of-the art Science Lab. Our goal is \$40,000!

Our combined targeted goal for total auction proceeds is \$140,000 to cover our Classroom Build-out Project and our general operating fund needs noted above.

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