



**Nebraska
Christian**

SCHOOLS

Building Lives For Eternity

Advance

God is doing exciting things here at NC as we make an impact around the globe. We invite you to be a part of this movement in providing the next generation with a Christ-centered education. Together, we can equip students with a Biblical worldview that helps to foster a love relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.



Superintendent's Welcome

Tim Hekrdle, Superintendent

It is an exciting time! From multiple campus improvements and additions, to new staff and families, there has been a lot happening over these last couple of months. If I am honest, it has been an overwhelming, but blessed summer. Staff, faculty, and volunteers embarked upon some major projects this summer. Much of that work was on the physical plant of campus and much of that has been spurred on by increasing enrollment. Examples include new classroom spaces, relocating staff and students, updating and improving our standard operating procedures. All of these are pain points, but they are growing pains that are helping to carry out the mission and vision of our school.

Like most good work that is done in the world, mistakes have certainly been a part of the learning process. We are learning along the way and like a home remodel project, even with a handful of mistakes, doing the work ourselves has made for a much more economical pathway to complete the work on all three of our projects: a new greenhouse; restoration of the Ad. Building, and the final steps in completing this phase on the gymnasium.

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The Lord continues to bless our school with godly faculty, staff, and families that are actively seeking a relationship with Christ. Ministry requires sacrifice of time and energy, while also operating with a deficit in budgetary power. But we also understand that we are living out the privilege of serving our Lord and Savior through the ministry of Nebraska Christian Schools.

We hope that you will join us in praying that all of our students comprehend the gift of salvation and feel compelled to become active servants living out their faith.

Workday



The annual All-School Workday came together with great success! July 29 and 30 were days full of hustle, bustle, and plenty of hard work. The grounds were mowed and freshened up, trees were trimmed, rooms were cleaned, and bleachers were painted among countless other tasks.

A large thank you to all who came to participate in each of those workdays, and also thanks to the staff that keep the grounds looking beautiful all year long.



New Faculty

With the start of a new school year, there are exciting changes happening at Nebraska Christian! One of the changes is the elementary building where staff additions and reassignments were made to, once again, accommodate the growing enrollment. The secondary English department also welcomes a new teacher. NC is blessed to welcome new faculty in an effort to continue “equipping students with a biblical worldview.”



Melissa Edson

Melissa served as a para for her first year at NC. This Fall, for the 2022-2023 school year, she will be serving as the fifth grade teacher. Melissa is excited for the new “test” and is looking forward to building strong relationships with her students throughout the next year.



Rachel Chiles

Rachel was born and raised in Indianapolis, Indiana. She claims to be a true city girl, but has developed a love for the small town country life. She is married to Clint (17 years) and they have three children: Caitlin (11th grade), David (8th grade), and Cora (2nd grade). Rachel has a Bachelor’s degree in Children’s Ministries from Baptist Bible College and Masters degree in Teaching Secondary English Education. This upcoming school year at Nebraska Christian, she is most looking forward to investing in the students’ lives by building intentional relationships with them and by encouraging and guiding them through their daily walks with Christ.



Alison James

Alison grew up in Hastings and graduated with an elementary education degree from the University of Northwestern St. Paul, in 2015. After graduating, she moved to Albania where she taught 3rd grade at GDQ International Christian School. Having sensed God’s direction to return to Nebraska, she is excited to be serving at Nebraska Christian and to impact the kingdom through Christian education centered around the gospel.



Jody Heuermann, NCS Foundation, Executive Director

Who doesn't love the extra daylight this time of year? With this surplus of rays, minus the occasional day of blistering heat slowing efforts, the building crews around campus are hard at work pushing various facility improvement projects forward.

The efforts are bearing results in the Ad Building with its interior completely opened-up with tuck pointed brick and limestone work complete. Currently, fire suppression system installation on the garden and main levels and a forthcoming garden to third-floor custom-designed staircase installation are the last significant steps before finish-work such as drywalling, drop ceiling, and carpeting may commence.

With the volleyball team beginning pre-season conditioning, the athletes will step foot onto a crisp re-finished court in the gymnasium. Specifically, the hardwood is now equipped with a fresh eagle logo, brand new lines, and a re-finishing that will amplify sneakers squeaking during dreaded rounds of lines. Beyond the court, the new addition in the Gym Building will be open just in time for the advent of the new school year. This includes the completed fire suppression system, the utility room that houses it, an additional storage room, family bathroom, and a hallway connecting the new restrooms to the locker room hallway. The openness, freshness, and additional space await guests this fall.

With this Gym Building addition concluding, **the sole focus is now the new kitchen and dining hall.** Worn and weathered, these facilities have served countless meals and been the host for so many meaningful interactions, but the time is here, and the need is very real for a complete overhaul. With that said, would you consider giving of your financial resources to take the next step in Phase 2A of the Next 50 Years Capital Campaign. It will help equip our amazing staff with a new kitchen and provide our students with a renewed space for dining and community building? As of now, **the current need is approximately \$1.5 million.** I ask you to consider your potential role in this crucial endeavor.

Donations can be made out to the NCS Foundation and sent to:

NCS Foundation
P.O. Box 222
Central City, NE 68826

Thanks to the Lord's provision, long summer days, and an abundance of effort by so many, we rejoice in the progress made over the summer months and await the new school year with anticipation! If you feel called, we ask you to partner with us financially and, most importantly, in prayer. I hope you all enjoy the remaining summer rays and can't wait to see what the Lord has in store for this fall.

Budget Corner



Tom Dockweiler, Business Manager

We just started classes today. The school year has officially begun! The fiscal year is already one month old. At the end of our first month, with 11 months to go, we had already received \$52,470 towards the budgeted gift income of about \$800,000. That is significantly ahead of last year's pace. Thank you so much for all you do to support Nebraska Christian Schools!

Please continue to pray that we would fulfill our mission and that we and our students would view the world the way the Bible views the world. If we do that we will be able to stand on Truth.

Until next time, may God bless you and yours.

Giving Link: <https://nebraskachristian.org/support-nc/donate-now/>



Upcoming Dates

August 10

- First Day of School

September 1

- Girls Volleyball @ Home - 5:00pm

September 2

- Boys Football vs. Heartland @ Home - 7:00pm

September 6

- Picture Day

October 7

- Homecoming

October 14

- Grandparents Day

Core Value Highlights

OUR VISION

We aspire to equip students with a **Biblical Worldview** that **empowers** them to stand on **Truth**.

OUR MISSION

We assist the family and church by providing a **Christ-centered** education and encouraging a **love relationship** with the **Lord Jesus Christ**.

OUR CORE VALUES

-  **S**ervice Minded
-  **E**xalting Christ
-  **R**elationally Focused
-  **V**ibrant Disposition
-  **I**nnovative Practices
-  **C**ollaborative Approach
-  **E**xcellence



At Nebraska Christian, there are a set of values that staff and students strive to exemplify each and every day. These values are arranged as an acrostic poem and posted in every classroom on campus, and moving forward The Advance will look to highlight one of these attributes through the telling of it being lived out by a member of the NC Family. With this in mind, please feel free to share your stories of how you see the vision, mission, or core values being lived out by emailing Rachel Blair at rblair@nebraskachristian.org. Thank you in advance for being a part of telling the ongoing story at Nebraska Christian and stay tuned for the stories of the NC family being the hands and feet of Jesus in Nebraska, the United States, and possibly the world!



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