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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.

Nebraska Christian Classical Academy Meeting Recap



On Tuesday, January 16, over fifty parents, grandparents, families, and individuals attended an informational meeting that highlighted and explained the brand-new homeschool partnership opportunity available to families in the Grand Island area. Nebraska Christian Classical Academy (NCCA) will be available for kindergarten through eighth-grade students for this upcoming 2023-24 school year. NCCA offers a hybrid learning experience, it is a collaborative education model which allows the parent to remain in control of their child's learning experience.

Students will split time between home school and in-school days, where teachers facilitate a learning pathway for parents to continue learning objectives at home.

A lot of incredibly useful information and insight was shared at this event by NC Superintendent Tim Hekrdle and Ryan Faeh. If you were not able to attend this informational meeting and want to learn more, follow this [link](#) to watch a recording of the event. We also have the link for the [presentation slideshow](#) a [FAQ sheet](#), along with an all-new [NCCA Facebook page](#) where all information and events concerning NCCA will be posted. Please, give it a like and share!

If you or someone you know would be interested in learning more about NCCA or have any other questions about this exciting opportunity for our NC mission field to grow, please reach out to Nebraska Christian Schools at any time by calling (308) 946-3836 or send an email to office@nebraskachristian.org.



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December Service Awards

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,



and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Mark 10:45

Monthly awards go to secondary students who exemplify our NC Core Values: Service-Minded; Exalting Christ; Relationally Focused; Vibrant Disposition; Innovative Practices; Collaborative Approach; and Excellence. Students are nominated by their teachers. January’s core value was “Vibrant Disposition”, students

whom our faculty and staff agreed to have displayed relationally focused qualities. These students include Micaiah Wheeler, Isabelle Brumbaugh, Volynn Wall, Abby Young, Kylie Merchant, and Amanda Carlson.

Micaiah Wheeler

Micaiah demonstrates kindness to everyone around him. He greets students and staff, in the halls and in class. He is helpful, and willing to serve in all sorts of capacities, and his vibrant disposition is as one who is a friend to all.

Isabelle Brumbaugh

Izzi shines in a way that shows Christ in everything she does. She embodies vibrancy in her demeanor. Even when faced with difficulties or trials, Izzi perseveres and models the love of Christ.

Volynn Wall

Volynn is a young woman of substance. She is very kind and brilliantly humble. Volynn is helpful with classmates and takes the time to explain things. She has quietly infectious humor, radiates Christ's kindness, and represents Christ indeed.

Abby Young

Abby is a positive vibrant presence and a friend to all. She works hard and is quick to assist peers and to come alongside others. She exercises integrity, is spiritually grounded, and is purposeful in demonstrating kindness.

Kylie Merchant

Kylie shows excitement and enthusiasm about the things of God. She does not complain and manages to integrate enthusiasm about the Word into all subjects, tying everything to Christ.

Amanda Carlson

Amanda displays a joyful spirit and continuously has a smile. She is an encouraging and upbeat person to be around. Grounded in her faith, she filters decisions through Christ and seeks to honor Him in everything.

Congratulations students! Thank you for what you do and for being solid examples of moral character and spiritual strength for your peers.

Twelve Students Participate in UNK Honor Band & Choral Clinic

On January 30, twelve students were selected to participate in the University of Nebraska at Kearney’s annual Honor Band and Choral Clinic. This event is one that Nebraska Christian has had the opportunity to participate in for over two decades. This year, 558 high school music students, ranging in age from sophomores to seniors, from ninety-two different schools across the state of Nebraska participated in the event. Mike Flynn, the music director for Nebraska Christian, stated, “This is an excellent opportunity for our students to participate in large ensemble groups with some of the other talented musicians in our state and make beautiful music together.”

This event takes all year to plan and prepare for. Each of the representatives from every school has to audition for their parts in the production. For the choral participants, this is done by recording themselves singing two scales and a select few lines from America the Beautiful. The audition process was similar for the band participants, in which they had to play a total of three

chromatic repeats, and two short pieces. These audition recordings were created in the fall of 2022 and were sent to the conductors at UNK for evaluation.

With an event of this caliber, nerves would certainly be prevalent for many, if not all, participants. Several of the NC students who attended this year's event participated for the first time, including sophomore Alyssa Springer. Before participating in the UNK Honor Choir event, Alyssa stated she was most looking forward to "knowing that as I go into this, with a joyful shout to the Lord, I know that I am not alone."

But for others, this was not their first rodeo. Senior Sophie Swanson, an Honor Choir member, was one of the repeat attendees. "I'm really happy I went last year because now I know what to expect and I don't have to be nervous." Sophie most looked forward to making new connections with other participants and enjoying her time with her fellow Eagles. Another returning participant, senior Rachel Rathjen who was also an Honor Choir member, stated that during her first year, she was happy to have had the opportunity to participate in the event with other classmates, and said "It was fun to (have the opportunity to) meet new people and learn different skills for music."

According to many of the NC participants, one of the greatest perks of this event is the opportunity to perform with other high school and college students from all across the state and the country, who share the same passion for music. This is an excellent opportunity for students to get out of their comfort zone, meet new people, and perform to the best of their God-given abilities. Congratulations to all twelve students; we are honored for you to be our Nebraska Christian representatives.



What's Happening in the Classrooms?

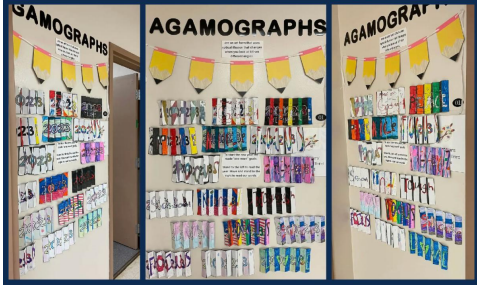
The students and teachers at NC have been busy this semester creating fun projects and preparing for exciting events! Although the weather did not cooperate initially, with two consecutive snow days, students are now finally returning to a normal schedule. Winter MAPS testing has concluded, and now, activity competitions and homework keep many students busy.

The teachers strive to teach from a biblical worldview and honor the Lord in the process. From kindergarten through senior high, here is a sneak peek of what is happening in some of the classrooms.

Mrs. Hixson's kindergarten class finished learning all of the letters of the alphabet! In addition, the students are getting ready for Valentine's Day, which is also the 100th day of school.



Ms. Myers' second and third-grade classes began their semester with an agamograph craft. Currently, they are reading through their new novels, which they will read throughout the next two months. The second-grade class is reading *Because of Winn Dixie*, and the third-grade class is reading *James and the Giant Peach*.



Ms. Schreiber's sixth-grade class is gearing up for the elementary musical, set to take place on Friday, March 3rd. The students have been busy learning lines, rehearsing songs, and working with props. Ms. Schreiber and her students are all very excited about the show! Along with the musical, her students have been hard at work practicing their writing, vocabulary, English review, and reading comprehension.



Since the return to campus after Christmas break, the weekly chapel sermons have covered the book of Mark. It has been noted that several members of the sophomore class have been encouraged by the sermons and have been challenged to live differently.

Mrs. Chiles' seventh-grade class has had a fun start to the semester by reading *Treasure Island*. However, to add a little excitement prior to starting the book, students were given eyepatches to wear. They also researched and created their own pirate names to use in class during the reading. Sail on, seventh grade!

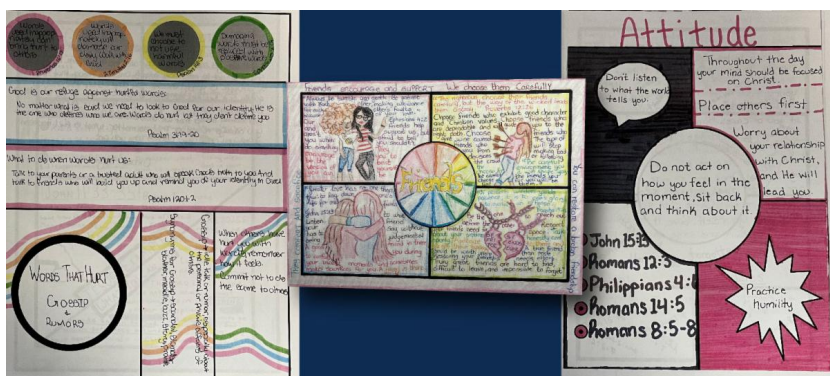


Mrs. Flynn's classes have been busy already this semester. The freshman Physical Science class created Rube Goldberg machines, which accomplished tasks such as lighting a candle, feeding a fish, untying a shoe, popping popcorn, and even making fresh-squeezed lemonade!

The students of the fifth-period Botany class have also been busy planting aquaponic and hydroponic systems. Led by Mrs. Flynn, students Will Twogood, Zach Huenfeld, Micah Green, and Justin Mayberry built vertical hydroponics systems for the greenhouse. At the same time, Claire Pipher, Amanda Carlson, Marlie Mundt, and Kaylee Powell designed an aquaponics system in the classroom!



Mrs. Sanborn’s Women of Vision class, which is comprised of junior and senior girls, has been learning the value of leaving behind a legacy for their peers after graduation. Each girl in the class has created a page full of advice, words of wisdom, and encouraging passages from the Word which deal with subjects such as peer pressure, spiritual growth, and friendships—among other topics. The pages were compiled into a booklet and given to all of the sixth and eighth-grade girls as they prepare to move into their new roles as junior high and high school students. The transition into junior high and high school can be an intimidating one for most students, especially for girls. The hope is that with the amount of care, effort, and wise words put in by the Women of Vision students, the transition will be much more manageable!



Mr. Sanborn’s Digital Media class has progressively improved their talents over the past year and the students continue to move ahead this semester. These students had the opportunity to utilize their skills by assisting NC with spreading the word about Giving Tuesday last year. Class Intercom (a company whose mission is to “provide schools with the tools and support they need to use, model, and teach social media in impactful and authentic ways”), along with the dedication of Mr. Sanborn, helped grow the class into the up-and-coming media powerhouse that it is today. Check out the story by following this [link](#) or scanning the QR code.

Mr. Falk has been encouraged to see growth in the spirituality of his students this semester. “I truly believe that NC is striving to be faithful to the gospel and wanting to challenge our students to be servant leaders and to love each other.” He went on to say “My prayer is that our students will continue to grow closer to the Lord and will be well prepared to handle a challenging world with courage and truth.”

Goldenrod Conference Basketball Success!

The 2023 Goldenrod Conference Basketball Tournament took place in mid-January, and both our boys and girls teams performed remarkably well! The Lady Eagles finished the tournament as Runner-Up and the Boys won the Conference Title.

The first-round games for both the boys and the girls teams proved to be rather easy wins with the girls besting Heartland Lutheran 79-19, and the boys taking out St. Edward in a 64-37 victory. The second round proved to be closer in competition with the Lady Eagles winning over Fullerton 43-34, and the boys winning in a close match of 45-42 against Riverside.

In the championship game, both Eagle teams went up against Humphrey St. Francis. The start of the girl's game was neck and neck and then slowly faded in the favor of the Flyers. With the unpopular ability of the Flyers to drain the game clock, and NC getting into early foul trouble, St. Francis was able to take the game with a final score of 52-38, which placed the Lady Eagles as Runner-Up in the competition. Throughout the game, the Eagles were able to transition between three different defenses and eventually ended up working together better as a team. The coaches and the rest of Eagle Nation are incredibly proud of these girls.

For the boy's game, the victory was credited to the fact that they could maintain and control the pace of the game. When the paint was shut down by the Flyer's defense, the Eagles were able to quickly turn to their outside game. Throughout the competition, the level of poise and control from the Eagles in comparison to the previous matchup between these two teams was evident. During their first competition in December, NC lost by 17 points, but the coaches and team were able to refocus their energy in order to turn the tides this time. This win was a goal that the boys were hoping to accomplish this season, and thanks to a lot of hard work and dedication, it paid off. The boys ended up winning with a final score of 69-56.

The boy's Conference Championship win was the second in school history and the first in nearly twenty years. NC Alum and Boys Assistant Coach Drew Schreiber ('04) had the unique experience of being a part of both teams. During the 2004 competition, NC faced the Greeley/Wolbach Titans who were rated second in the state in D-1 at the time. The Eagles marched to victory with a final score of 59-48. That game proved to be one of the most memorable wins of their season. This time, Coach Schreiber had the opportunity to watch his son, senior Riley Schreiber, along with the rest of the varsity Eagles basketball team achieve the same goal he had during the 2003-2004 season.

Congratulations to both of our Eagle basketball teams! We are so proud of all you have accomplished so far this season!



Budget Corner

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

January 2023
\$17,377.44

Monthly
Giving
Goal
\$65,750

Start of
Fiscal Year

Current
\$189,066.14

Annual
Giving
Goal
\$800,000

Memorial Gifts

For: Truman Bauer
From: Harold & Dorothy Cook

For: Suzanne Brunken
From: Harold & Dorothy Cook

For: Dennis Johansen
From: Harold & Dorothy Cook

For: Cindy McHargue
From: Harold & Dorothy Cook
Don & Peggy Johnson

For: Patricia Prochaska
From: Mary Reisinger

For: Glenn Sawyer
From: Harold & Dorothy Cook

For: Richard Wischmeier
From: Ken & Judy Taylor
David & Ruth Ferris
Harold & Dorothy Cook
Duane & Connie Lienemann
Dorothy Glad
Bob & Susan Ritta

Upcoming Dates

February 10
• Varsity Wrestling Districts @ Thayer Central

February 11
• Robotics @ Columbus High School

February 13
• Varsity Girls Basketball Subdistricts

February 17
• Boys Basketball vs. Omaha Christian Acad.

February 28
• Preschool Preview and Kindergarten Roundup! Preschool Preview will be from 8:00 - 9:00 am, and Kindergarten Roundup will be from 8:00 - 10:00 am. During this time, students will have the opportunity to spend time in the classrooms. Parents will also meet with the teachers and Superintendent Mr. Hekrdle, tour the school, and enjoy refreshments.

February 18
• Speech @ Aquinas Catholic

February 20
• Varsity Boys Basketball Subdistricts

February 22
• Conference Speech @ Spalding Academy

February 25
• Robotics @ Omaha North High School

Alumni News

If you or someone you know is an NC Alum and has exciting news that you would like shared with the Nebraska Christian community, let us know! From wedding announcements, baby announcements, a new change in career or job, mission work, etc, let your NC family know!

You can email Rachel, NC's Communication Specialist, at rblair@nebraskachristian.org and your news will be published in the next Advance. We can't wait to hear from you!

Core Value Highlights

At Nebraska Christian, there are a set of

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



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!

