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# **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.

# **Elementary Highlights**

Nebraska Christian Schools elementary has been busy this year. Students have completed their fall MAPs tests, which tests them in math, reading, and language.

MAPs testing is defined as "the most trusted and innovative assessment for measuring achievement and growth in K–12 math, reading, language usage, and science. It provides teachers with accurate, actionable evidence to help inform instructional strategies regardless of how far students are above or below grade level. It also connects to the largest set of instructional content providers, giving educators flexibility in curriculum choices." - NWEA.org

This fall, all elementary classes had the opportunity to take a field trip to Nebraska's Largest Classroom. There, students experienced many different circumstances, events, and occurrences that take place daily on a typical farm. They watched a dairy cow get milked, saw a sow give birth, had the opportunity to learn how food goes from the farm to our table, and how wool is spun. They also had fun pretending to shop in a grocery store, petting animals at the petting zoo, observing BMX tricks, and interacting with STEM-focused activities, and were able to ride in and explore both real and simulated combines.

It was a fun and great learning experience for all!





Amy Merchant, 1st Grade

The first-grade class has been learning all sorts of things.

In math, students have been learning about plus zero math facts, place value, greater than and less than, and counting by ones, fives, and tens to one hundred.

In phonics and English they have been learning about plural & singular nouns, action verbs and what makes a good sentence.

In Bible, the students have been learning about the characteristics and the nature of God.

Hannah Meyers, 2nd & 3rd Grade

The second-grade and third-grade classes recently took a field trip to a local apple orchard. While there, the students learned the "Three P's of the Orchard," which are pruning, picking, and preparation. The students even got a chance to snack on some of the apples as well!





Alison James, 4th Grade

In fourth grade we have been using the writing process to write a personal narrative. The students got to choose their topics and went to work carefully crafting their pieces. Their end results demonstrated their wonderful writing abilities!



The fifth-grade class recently had a fascinating lesson and studied the parts of the eye. The students participated in a fun experiment which showed them how the picture on your retina is actually upside down but your brain turns it right-side up.



They also discovered how eyeglasses can create a clear picture if you do not naturally have 20/20 vision.



Amy Schreiber, 6th Grade

The sixth-grade students got the opportunity to participate in the 5th Annual Merrick County Ag Showcase—it was so much fun! Our class, along with other sixth graders from around the county, took part in this fun-filled day of hands-on learning, and enjoyed exposure to all that our great state has to offer in the world of agriculture.

A huge thank you to the UNL Extension office, along with the sponsors of this event for all of the swag bag items, lunch, t-shirts, and big thanks also for all of the expert training that happened.







# **Honors Writing Showcase**



Dr. Etherton, Secondary English, German

Pool Days in the Bradshaw Backyard Isabelle Brumbaugh, 10th Grade

With summers came rehashing.
Rehashing of memories,
And especially swimming.
Ava was my partner in crime
As we braved the frigid waters together.
There was never a doubt,
When the pool was up and the hose was out,
My sister and I were going to have a good time
In that Bradshaw backyard.

Timid about the cold I would soon embrace, I warily stepped over the side of the pool.

Once used to the water,
Ava decided-It was race time!
We backed up to the edge of our property,
And at our mom's command,
We were off to the races to be the first one in.
I ran as hard as I could,
Huffing and puffing all the way,
Until...SCREECH!
I stopped right at the pool's edge.
Giggles and laughter arose in abundance,
And I couldn't help but wonder, "Why?"
I had made it "to" the pool first, Hadn't I?

Summer is like a time capsule, It holds our fondest memories. But this one I will never forget, Because it has the people I love most and a chuckle to go with.

Growing up around the water is all I've ever known. Whenever I think of it I am reminded of home. It holds a special place in my heart, And is something that will never depart. It's where I first learned to ski. And then how to skin a knee. Where I learned to take chances, And make up funny dances, Where I learned to dive right in, Because the water is always a win. And this all comes back. To a much earlier track. To the place I first touched water, And learned how to be a daughter. It all comes back to that backyard, Holding the memories in which I will never discard.

# October S.E.R.V.I.C.E Award Recipients

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. October's core value is being "Service Minded." Students who our faculty have agreed have "service-minded" qualities are Hope Seip, Kadeya Sanborn, Devin Wall, Terry Sebek, and Maryah Wheeler.

### Kadeya Sanborn

Kadeya Sanborn has exemplified a heart of service in assisting with the upkeep of our school lawn, football field, and flower beds. She is willing to work hard, pays attention to details, and follows instructions. She has been a blessing to the building and grounds department throughout the season.

#### **Devin Wall**

Knowing that the blade on the art room paper cutter needed sharpening, Devin Wall brought a tool from home and sharpened it without being asked.

#### Hope Seip

Hope Seip has taken time on the weekend to work with and serve a younger student to help them develop and improve their volleyball skills.

# Terry Sebek

Terry Sebek has stayed after games to pick up the gym or football field without being asked. Terry is always the last out of the visiting locker rooms and off of the bus, picking up after his teammates. He helped paint the field goal post this summer and even got up at 6:00 am on a Saturday to finish the project. He is always asking if he can help in any way.

#### Maryah Wheeler

Whether at school, home, or a friend's house, Maryah Wheeler is always offering to help and is happy to do so! Maryah can often be seen helping her teammates—recently she held a heating pad on an injured teammate's back so that they wouldn't have to.

Congratulations students, and thank you for all that you do!



# Yearbook Snap

Yearbook Snap is a new program created by our Walsworth Yearbook company. It allows teachers, parents, and students to directly submit to our yearbook website photos that have been taken throughout the school year at NC or during any school activities.

You take great photos every day. Send us your best photos for consideration in the Nebraska Christian yearbook!



# **Foundation Update**

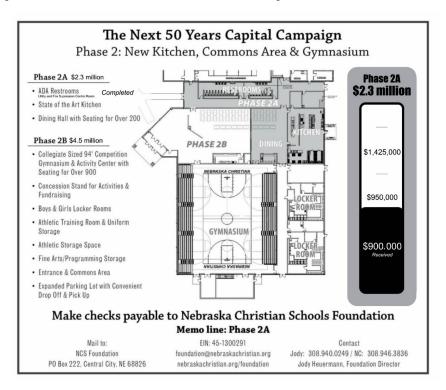


Jody Heuermann, Foundation Director

I cherish this time of year as the days grow shorter, football games grow cooler, and as we witness nature's last great crescendo through the changing foliage; Nebraska Christian's campus is in no short supply of foliage to marvel at this season. However, the leaves aren't the only changes happening around campus today and in the future.

Many of you are familiar with the progress in the Ad Building. While there have been a few unforeseeable delays, our crews continue to move the ball toward the goal line. Current work on the interior includes sealing the brick and insulating the interior walls. I look forward, with great anticipation, to the administrative staff and students returning to our campus centerpiece.

While the Lord ensures the changing of the leaves, I know He will provide the funding to facilitate the necessary change in our kitchen and dining hall. As part of Phase 2A of the Next 50 Years Capital Campaign, most resources and efforts will center on a new dining room and kitchen facility. Not only when the temperatures dip this season, but seven days a week, for nearly three meals a day from August to May, our students gather for food and fellowship. After years of continuous use, the facilities are certainly in the fall of their longevity. The current need to revitalize this space is \$1.5 million. I ask you to consider prayerfully partnering with us in this endeavor. The need is urgent and significant to equip our fantastic kitchen staff with modern/dependable facilities and our students with a new space to dine and connect!



If you feel called, we ask you to partner with us financially and, most importantly, in prayer. As the leaves start to fall, I hope you all will have a few slow moments to enjoy God's created wonder this season!

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

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

## **Budget Corner**

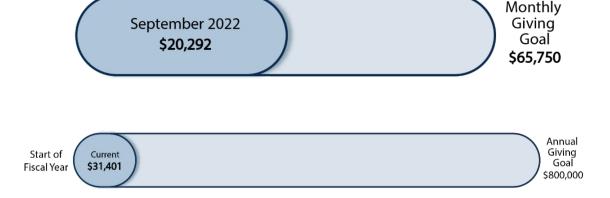


Tom Dockweiler, Business Manager

We have completed the first quarter of our fiscal year. It hardly seems possible to me that the school year is also nearly at the end of the first quarter. God continues to provide. As of September 30, 2022. General Fund Gift Income totaled \$51,693.23. That is just a little bit short of where we were at the end of the first quarter last year. Not to worry, we have a big God. Thanks for continuing to pray for us.

Until next time, may God bless you and yours.

Giving Link: <a href="https://nebraskachristian.org/support-nc/donate-now/">https://nebraskachristian.org/support-nc/donate-now/</a>



# Ruben Ruybalid & Rebecca Jeanne "Becky" Ritta Memorial

September proved to be a month of great loss for our NC family.

Long-time coach and teacher at Nebraska Christian Schools, Ruben Ruybalid passed Tuesday, September 6, 2022. Ruben dedicated 22 years to NC, and his teaching career spanned from Colorado to Nebraska to New Mexico. He was also a Missionary Representative for the Rio Grande Bible Institute. His faith was important to him and he worked to spread the Christian gospel when he could.



An excerpt from an article written by CJ Ruybalid (Ruben's grandson) on NC's Blog from January 8, 2015:

Ruben Ruybalid, along with his wife Carol, first came to Nebraska Christian in 1960. From 1960 to 1969, he coached every sport at NC. "Back then, we didn't have football," Ruybalid explained in an interview. "Baseball and softball were in the fall, volleyball and basketball were in the winter, and track was in the spring. Basketball practice was in the afternoon, but since all of the students lived in the dorm, volleyball practice took place after supper." In 1969, he stopped coaching everything except NC's new football team and the track team.

During the 1961-1962 school year, the Ruybalids stepped in as dorm parents for the boys' dorm. "Every night the teachers' families would take turns making dinner for the dorm students," Ruybalid noted. "Every time it was our turn, they would all ask for the same thing: enchiladas and sopaipillas." After the school year came to an end, the Ruybalids moved into the basement of the Ad building for a month before moving out.

In 1972, Ruben and Carol moved to Colorado. They returned to Nebraska in 1975, and he resumed teaching at NC. Upon his return, Mr. Ruybalid taught both Spanish and social studies, but did notcoach. Instead, he took on the role of the school's athletic director. Ruybalid continued to teach at NC until 1985, giving him a total of 22 years' worth of interaction with the school.

"I have such fond memories of Mr. Ruybalid as a coach and Spanish teacher at Nebraska Christian High School during my years there (1962-1966). He was a kind and caring person..." - Mary Helen Barrett

His obituary can be found by clicking the link here: <a href="https://www.soltwagnerfuneral.com/obituaries/Ruben-Ruybalid/#!/Obituary">https://www.soltwagnerfuneral.com/obituaries/Ruben-Ruybalid/#!/Obituary</a>

Becky Ritta, a 1999 alumna and employee of Nebraska Christian for nearly two decades, recently passed away after a two-year battle with leukemia. Though she quit working at NC in 2020, many of the things she did still benefit the staff, students, and families here today. *The Advance* is an example of one of the things Becky loved doing that still benefits us. She maintained the newsletter format familiar for many years and had the vision to move it to an online, email format. Although she wasn't able to complete that transition before she left, that and many other things in NC's communications are a result of her hard work and vision for a unified, consistent, and clear message from the school.



Those of us who knew Becky mourn with her family in her loss, but also look forward with hopeful anticipation to that Great Morning when He shall come without a warning, and we hear that trumpet sound...

Stephani Francl, one of Becky's coworkers, wrote the following in memory of the many hats that Becky quietly wore behind the scenes over her years at NC:

For nearly two decades, there was behind the scenes A voice behind the voice of many of NC's routines. Student speeches improved with her coaching, Her billing office work kept parents knowing Just what their obligation would be To keep their beloved children at NC.

She read tests to students who needed support;
She read endless drafts of articles, long or short.
Teaching writing to students for her was a breeze,
Though by June the yearbook brought her to her knees.
A faithful deadline follower, she kept many projects in order
And reminded staff and students alike of these every quarter.

In the yearbook, speech, billing, and front office, *The Advance*, photography, and school pictures she was flawless. Or if there was a proofreading error to be found, It was likely because Becky was not around When the article, paper, or book went to print, Because in correcting she was vigilant.

She worked under 4 different superintendents, Doing their bidding as a faithful attendant. And when it came to be graduation time, She knew what, when, and how to put the seniors in line. She helped students set schedules and change their classes, And signed many, many student hall passes.

She was one of a team, part of a whole, Not one to stand out, step forward, or try to control. Though she had stepped out of her position at NC her behind-the-scenes legacy Continues on at NC like so many others who've worked here Who gave part of themselves to make NC top tier.

Her obituary can be found by clicking the link here:

https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/theindependent/name/rebecca-ritta-obituary?id=36449569







We are so thankful for the service and dedication shown by these two individuals over the years. They will be very greatly missed by their NC family.

#### **Memorial Gifts**

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#### New Athletics Informational Platform - rSchool

# THE NC ATHLETICS SCHEDULE PLATFORM HAS BEEN UPDATED!

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR CAN NOW BE FOUND ON rSCHOOL

rSchool is the new platform for all NC athletic schedules

Google Calendar athletic schedules will no longer be active

Scan the QR code to go to our new site

Choose the option to "Get Mobile App" or go to the Google Play store or

Apple App store to download

On the site, subscribe to get text alerts when there is a scheduling change, cancellation, etc.





If you still have yet to sign up for automatic notifications on scheduled events from rSchool, the time is now! We now have a step-by-step tutorial video available on Nebraska Christian Schools' YouTube channel. Follow this link to watch the video and sign up today!

rSchool: <a href="https://www.goldenrodconference.org/public/genie/966/school/20/">https://www.goldenrodconference.org/public/genie/966/school/20/</a>

YouTube instructional video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RX FWV8FgaI

# A Healthy Body Makes Learning Easier

School Year Tips for Helping Your Child Prepare to Learn! Kim Stuhmer, RN

The first day back to school is memorable for students, whether it's their senior year or their first day ever. However, it is always challenging to get back into the swing of things these first few months. So many pieces go into creating the right environment to promote proper learning. Teaching a child involves the input of many people, not the least the creation of a working relationship between teachers and families. Then there is the child,—they have to be ready to learn. What sets up a child for success to learn? To prepare a body to learn, one's basic needs have to be met. Since we expect teachers at school to teach our kids, as parents we owe it to teachers to help our kids be ready to learn. Being healthy is one of the most critical steps to allow the learning process to occur. Nutrition, adequate sleep, hygiene, and even "down time" are part of the process.

Proper nutrition needs vary from student to student. Different age groups have different needs. Calcium is critical for a growing child, no matter the age group. We only have until the age of twenty-five to gain as much calcium as we can. After twenty-five years of age, our bones can no longer uptake the calcium and we are left with what we have. Good calcium sources are milk, eggs, cheese, fortified OJ, and even oatmeal. Fiber is not necessarily something we think of when we think of giving our kids proper meals. Fiber has been shown to protect the heart from heart disease later on in life. It is also essential in preventing constipation, which is not fun no matter what age you are. Sneaky sources of fiber are peas, apples, whole grains, and leafy greens. Protein is the ultimate building block in the brain's ability to take information in and store it. Meat, eggs, cheese, beans, and leafy greens are just some obvious choices for protein sources. Muscles develop using primarily protein. Muscles are not just for athletes. They also help us swallow our food and breathe.

Sleep—the thing no kid thinks they need and the thing many adults crave. Coming up with and maintaining a good routine for bedtime will physically and psychologically ready a body for sleep. Try keeping the same time and same routine every night. An example would be starting at 8 PM with showers/ baths, brushing teeth, potty time, story time, and finally sleepy time. The following graph from healthychildren.org illustrates the number of hours that a child needs for sleep. Kids who get enough sleep are ready to wake up and learn. Getting the proper amount of sleep also enables the immune system to function properly.



Down time seems to be a luxury these days. Allowing a child to be "bored" and thus generate creativity engages the brain in a way that is relaxed. We adults would call this de-stressing. Just unplugging, and especially spending time outside seems to reset the brain and enable one to recover from the stresses experienced in our world today. Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still and know I am God." We all can benefit from retreating from strife for a bit each day and letting Him guide us as He sees fit.

Proper hygiene is definitely not on a six-year-old boy's mind. Children in general would likely rather not stop to wash their hands after catching a sneeze. A good habit is to teach the use of a "cough pocket," which is simply the crook of the arm. What may not be a germ to you can be someone else's sick day. Hand washing before, during, and after school is the best way to get clean. The friction of scrubbing is what reduces the most germs off of your skin. Singing "Jesus Loves

Me" or the ABC's ensures the proper scrubbing time. Hand sanitizer can be a potential poison to kids. Keep a close eye and limit sanitizer use in young kids. The skin readily absorbs the product. Keep in mind that most hand sanitizers are at least 60% alcohol. In addition, getting that in the eyes is painful. As of September 2020, the Poison Control had seen an increase in calls related to hand sanitizer use.

All these pieces, when fitted together, provide the child with the best opportunity to learn. We always want our kids to be successful and God gave us the responsibility to give them the best start possible. Our teachers will be able to do their jobs more easily when they aren't dealing with a sleepy child. Your child's classmates will also enjoy their happy friend. Have a great and happy fall!

Calories needed by age group  Sourced from the American Academy of Pediatrics at healthychildren.org		
Children 4-8 years	Children 9-13 years	Children 14-18 years
1200 - 1400 calories per day	Girls: 1400-1600 calories per day	Girls: 1800 calories per day
	Boys: 1600 - 2000 calories per day	Boys: 2000 - 2400 calories per day

# **Upcoming Dates**

#### October 13

- Conference Volleyball Tournament
- District Cross Country at Hastings

#### October 14

- Grandparents Day
- End of 1st Quarter
- Football vs. Arcadia-Loup City Parents Night

#### October 15

• Conference Volleyball Tournament

#### October 17

- Fall Concert
- Picture Retakes

#### October 20

• Varsity Football State Playoffs

#### October 21

• State Cross Country at Kearney

#### October 24-25

Volleyball Subdistricts

#### October 27

Parent-Teacher Conferences

#### November 1

• Tickets go on Sale for NC's Festival of Lessons and Carols

# **Core Value Highlights**



At Nebraska Christian, there is 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 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 our 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!