

## 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.

### Welcome to the 2023-24 School Year! Superintendent's Welcome



It's welcome back time at Nebraska Christian Schools. I gave several tours over the course of the summer and found myself telling several people, "Just wait until we have people back on campus. That is when the real magic happens." It's true! It is the people that make this place so wonderful. It is God's people serving one another as a part of the greater church that is so important. 1 John 3:16 says that we are not only to serve one another, but lay our lives down for one another. These are my kind of people. Anyway, we are thrilled to have the magic coming back in the house. There is a lot packed in to this Advance as we start the school year.

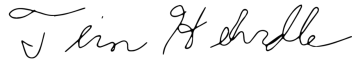
After hearing a connection with Scripture in my article, be sure to check out some of the other headlines to see how the Lord is using Nebraska Christian Schools to Advance his kingdom.

In 1 Samuel 16:7, we encounter a powerful biblical theme that resonates deeply with our mission: "But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.'" This verse speaks to the heart of our Christian walk, reminding us that God's ways are beyond our understanding and that He values the inner qualities of the heart above all else. In our daily lives, we often find ourselves faced with the pressures of societal expectations and judgments based on superficial appearances. Please pray for our students. Please pray for our adults. May we crucify our sinful ways and instead allow the Holy Spirit to penetrate our culture so that each of us may foster a love relationship with Jesus Christ. It is my belief that if the Scripture is read, the Holy Spirit will be present, and virtuous citizens of the Kingdom will follow.

Nebraska Christian has always been a community that embodies this biblical truth. Our mission is to nurture spiritual growth, foster strong relationships, and provide a supportive environment where individuals can develop their God-given gifts and talents. As we journey together in faith, we encourage one another to embrace our unique strengths and weaknesses, recognizing that God's grace is sufficient for us all.

May this edition be a source of inspiration and a reminder of the profound love our Heavenly Father has for each of His children. Let us continue to grow together in faith, shining His light in a darkening world.

For His glory,



Tim Hekrdle  
Superintendent

## Welcome NC's New Principal, Greg Smith!



Nebraska Christian Family,

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the NC family as the new K-12 Principal this academic year. My passion for Christian education took root at York College back in 2004. At 23 years old, I came “face to face” with Jesus Christ and accepted his love and grace in my life. My wife Jaclyn and I have been married for fifteen years. Jaci currently serves as the Freshmen Academy Special Education teacher at Northwest Public Schools. We met in college at York College (University) back in 2004. Our son, Leviticus (Levi), is entering 1st grade here at Nebraska Christian.

Below is a timeline of the journey that God has guided me in His service in education:

York College (University) - 2007-2015, 2018-19

Doniphan-Trumbull Public School - 2016-2018

Northwest Public Schools - 2019-2023

Nebraska Christian Schools - 2023-present

K-12 Principal

Head Wrestling Coach (JH/HS)

New Hope School (K-8 Principal) - off-site in Cairo, NE (Wednesday's)

As we begin the 2023-24 year together, I am looking forward to witnessing the many ways God works in and through our faculty, staff, students, and NC families. As the new principal here at Nebraska Christian, my desire is to learn and grow every day in Christ and in all things related to our school community. I am grateful to be a part of the Nebraska Christian family and look forward to serving Christ, the faculty, staff, and students in this role.

In closing, I want to simply praise God for all that He has done and will continue to do in the hearts and minds of His students, faculty, and staff at NC. I pray that we collectively reflect on and live according to this year's theme verses:

*“But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.’”*

*- 1 Samuel 16:7*

*“Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you.”*

*- James 4:7-8*

For His glory,

*Greg Smith*

Greg Smith  
Principal



## Welcome to the Team! NC's Staff is Growing - New Faces in 2023-24

Welcome to the Nebraska Christian Schools community for the 2023-24 school year! We are thrilled to introduce two remarkable individuals who have joined our team to contribute their talents and dedication to our mission; Justine Meyer and Kayla Lee.



First, we warmly welcome Justine Meyer, who will be taking on the role of the 3rd & 4th-grade teacher. With her passion for education and commitment to nurturing young minds, Justine brings a wealth of experience, having taught part-time over the course of the past seven years at multiple local schools including NC as a substitute teacher, that will undoubtedly enrich the learning journey of our students. Justine states "I understand that guiding children to Christ is the most important thing we adults can do, and I have both the willingness and passion to do so". Her enthusiasm for creating a positive and engaging classroom environment is sure to inspire and empower our young learners.

*"Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward." -Psalm 127:3*



Additionally, we are delighted to introduce Kayla Lee as the new Head of Kitchen. Kayla's genuine care for providing wholesome, nourishing meals perfectly aligns with our school's values. As an NC graduate, she looks forward to this opportunity and is excited to be on campus once again. "I love Nebraska Christian Schools and desire to serve the students and staff", Kayla stated, "I am so excited to be a part of this community and enjoy the fellowship". Her dedication to ensuring the well-being of our students through healthy and delicious meals will make a significant impact on our school community. "To be given this opportunity is such an honor".

*"Be sure of your call to every business you go about. Though it is the least business, be sure of your call to it; then, whatever you meet with, you may quiet your heart with this:  
I know I am where God would have me." -Jeremiah Burroughs*

As we embark on this new academic year, we eagerly anticipate the ways in which God will work through Justine and Kayla to enhance the growth, education, and well-being of our students. Their talents and passion are valuable additions to our school, and we are excited to witness the positive influence they will bring to Nebraska Christian Schools. Please join us in extending a warm

welcome to Justine and Kayla as we embrace the opportunities and blessings this school year holds.

## Corey DeAngelis Visits



Corey DeAngelis, a renowned advocate for educational freedom and school choice, visited New Life Community Church in Grand Island with the noble purpose of disseminating crucial information about LB753, the Scholarship Act. The event garnered significant attention from parents, educators, and policymakers, as DeAngelis' expertise and passion for empowering families through educational options were well-known.

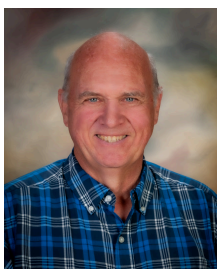
During his visit, DeAngelis delivered an inspiring and informative presentation, emphasizing the importance of school choice in transforming the educational landscape. He eloquently highlighted the benefits of LB753, which aimed to provide scholarships to low-income families, enabling them to access alternative schooling options that best suit their children's unique needs and interests. DeAngelis' evidence-based approach and wealth of knowledge resonated with the audience, offering a clear perspective on the positive impact school choice can have on academic outcomes and student success.

The event left a lasting impression, fostering meaningful discussions among attendees and sparking a renewed commitment to advocating for educational freedom in the community. Corey DeAngelis' dedication to empowering families through school choice initiatives like LB753 served as a catalyst for positive change, inspiring local leaders to explore new avenues for enhancing educational opportunities and providing a brighter future for their children.

Please support the historical movement for school choice across the state of Nebraska. To learn more and listen the recorded event, click [here](#).



## Budget Corner



**Tom Dockweiler**  
Business Manager

As we close the chapter on another remarkable fiscal year, we find ourselves overwhelmed with gratitude for the unwavering support and commitment that you, our cherished community, have shown to Nebraska Christian Schools. The culmination of our Fiscal Year-End Giving campaign in July marked a profound testament to your generosity and devotion.

This year has been one of incredible accomplishments and growth, all made possible by your steadfast partnership. We proudly celebrated the graduation of 30 exceptional young individuals in May who have emerged as well-rounded, academically sound, spiritually grounded, and morally upright individuals ready to tackle the challenges that lie ahead. This triumph is a direct result of the dedication of our remarkable faculty and staff, as well as your continued investment in our mission.

As we forge ahead, the landscape of Nebraska Christian Schools continues to evolve. The blessing of increased enrollment at our primary campus and the establishment of the Nebraska Christian Classical Academy (NCCA), a new homeschool collaborative, will see us nurturing over 300 students in the 2023-24 school year. We are humbled to be part of the transformative journey for these students and families, all powered by the strength of a Christ-centered education. Your enduring support is the cornerstone that empowers us to fulfill our purpose and leave an indelible mark on these young souls' lives.

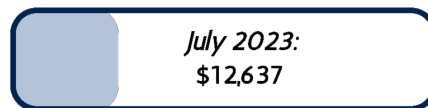
We remain steadfast in our belief that the Lord provides faithful partners who share our vision. Together, we live out our sacred mission – to guide families and churches in delivering a Christ-centered education that nurtures an intimate love relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we embark on the journey of the new school year, we invite you to consider prayerfully how you can continue to support Nebraska Christian Schools. Your one-time contribution or commitment to become an Educating Eagles monthly supporter could propel us into the new fiscal year on a positive note and launch us confidently into the upcoming year. Your support, whether through heartfelt prayers, generous financial contributions, or dedicated volunteering, has etched an immeasurable impact on our students' lives. May the Lord pour out His abundant blessings upon you for your steadfast faithfulness.



[Give Now](#)

Scan the code or click the button above to give to our [General Giving Fund](#) and give where it's needed most!



*Monthly Goal:*  
**\$65,750**

We do not have an approved 2023-24 budget at this time, but we anticipate a similar public support need to the \$800k + that was required this last year.



*Start of the  
Fiscal Year*



*Annual Giving  
Goal:  
\$Approx. 800k*

## Memorial Gifts

If you would like to give to NC in honor of a loved one, please do so by clicking the button or scanning the code above in the Budget Corner.

## Upcoming Dates

### August 14

- New Student Orientation
- All School Ice Cream Social
- All Student Open House

### August 15

- First Day of School!

### August 18

- PTF Family Fun Night!

### August 22

- Varsity Volleyball Scrimmage @ Home

### August 23

- Chapel with Eric Zanger

### August 24

- JH Cross Country @ Away
- Varsity Cross Country @ Away
- JV Volleyball @ Home
- Varsity Volleyball @ Home

### August 25

- Varsity Football @ Home

### August 26

- Varsity Volleyball Invitational @ Away

### August 28

### August 29

- Varsity Volleyball Triangular @ Home

### August 30

- Picture Day
- Chapel with Aaron Smith

### August 31

- Varsity Volleyball Double Tri @ Away

### September 1

- JH Cross Country @ Away
- Varsity Cross Country @ Away
- Varsity Football @ Away

### September 5

- JH Cross Country @ Away
- Varsity Cross Country @ Away

### September 6

- Chapel with Aaron Smith

### September 7

- JV Volleyball Dual @ Home
- Varsity

### September 8

- Homecoming
- Varsity Football @ Home

- JH Football @ Home

Please check the [NC Calendars on our website](#) for all official event times!

## Alumni News

Are you a graduate of NC, or do you know someone who is? Do you have news that you want to share with the rest of the NC family, either on social media or in the Advance? If so, it's easy to get the word out! Follow [this link](#) to our Google Form, fill it out, and you're all done! We'll spread the word.









We look forward to hearing from you!

Stay connected, be a part of the legacy, and stay informed on the latest updates and events. Join the **Nebraska Christian Schools Alumni Facebook page** today and become a part of this incredible network by clicking [here](#) or scanning the QR code. Go Eagles!



Scan the code above to join our Facebook Group!

## Core Value Highlights

OUR VISION	OUR CORE VALUES
We aspire to equip students with a <b>Biblical Worldview</b> that <b>empowers</b> them to stand on <b>Truth</b> .	 <b>S</b> ervice Minded
	 <b>E</b> xalting Christ
	 <b>R</b> elationally Focused
	 <b>V</b> ibrant Disposition
	 <b>I</b> nnovative Practices
	 <b>C</b> ollaborative Approach
	 <b>E</b> 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](mailto: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!