

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.

Service Minded

Celebrating the October S.E.R.V.I.C.E. Award Recipients

The S.E.R.V.I.C.E. Awards are an example of the core values that Nebraska Christian holds dear. These values—Service Minded, Exalting Christ, Relationally Focused, Vibrant Disposition, Innovative Practices, Collaborative Approach, and Excellence—serve as the foundation for building a community that not only nurtures academic growth but also fosters character development. The recipients of the October S.E.R.V.I.C.E. Awards have shown the profound impact of selfless service in upholding these values.

In a world that often emphasizes self-advancement and personal gain, the essence of true service remains a guiding light for humanity. This October, Nebraska Christian recognized students Rachel Hale, Joshua Green, Everett Hunnicutt, Alexis Perry, Haddie Rankin, Wut Panyasakorn, Tae Tae Poongkumarn, and Win Thongnoum, all of whom embodied the spirit of service-mindedness, following the example set by the Son of Man himself, as stated in Mark 10:45: "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." The recipients of the October S.E.R.V.I.C.E. Awards have gone above and beyond to serve their community, peers, and fellow students.

Rachel Hale has left a mark on the NC community with her tireless dedication to organizing and coordinating service projects. Her commitment to Mission Heart has been nothing short of inspiring, as she has played a pivotal role in blessing countless lives by mobilizing groups to pack healthcare kits. Rachel's selfless efforts showcase her deep commitment to service, reflecting the core values of Nebraska Christian.

The quartet of Joshua Green, Everett Hunnicutt, Alexis Perry, and Haddie Rankin stands as a shining example to the power of enthusiasm and positivity. These four students consistently go the extra mile to jump in and make themselves available whenever a need arises. Their dedication and genuine desire to make new students feel welcome have created an atmosphere of inclusion and warmth within the NC community.

Wut Panyasakorn's unwavering commitment to service shines brightly as he consistently finds himself at the forefront of volunteering opportunities. His presence at every possible athletic

event, where he encourages and supports his dorm brothers, demonstrates the genuine spirit of service that Nebraska Christian holds dear.

Tae Tae Poongkumarn embodies compassion and empathy in every sense. His quick response to volunteering on campus and in the dorm has not gone unnoticed. Recently, Tae Tae's act of kindness stood out when he noticed a fellow student wasn't feeling well and offered to take on their chores. His selfless actions are a testament to the caring community that Nebraska Christian represents.

Win Thongnouv quietly goes about doing good deeds without needing to be asked. His unsung acts of service within the dorm have not gone unnoticed by his NC family. Win's willingness to jump in and lend a hand whenever needed embodies the very essence of service.

As we progress through the school year, these students will help inspire and motivate their peers to follow in their footsteps, epitomizing the spirit of Service that lies at the heart of Nebraska Christian's mission. Congratulations to these outstanding individuals—may their commitment to service continue to light the path for others in their journeys of selfless giving and compassion.



From left to right: Rachel, Everett, Haddie, Wut, Tae Tae, Win (not pictured: Joshua Green, Alexis Perry)

Celebrating Grandparents Day

A Day of Fun, Fellowship, and Faith



On Friday, October 29th, Nebraska Christian opened its doors to welcome a very special group of guests—grandparents. Grandparents Day, an annual tradition at NC, is a day to honor and celebrate the cherished bond between grandparents and their beloved grandchildren. This year's event was one for the books. An excellent turnout and an abundance of fun and meaningful activities, left a lasting impression on all who attended.

Nebraska Christian's Special Event Coordinator, Mrs. Brandi Flynn, was delighted with the success of the day. She shared her enthusiasm, saying, "There were more numbers this year, elementary is growing! We did more group events this year, like memory games and bingo. The theme for the day was 'Following Jesus Changes the Game' (Psalm 25:4), and we even gave board games away as prizes. It was heartwarming to see the joy on the faces of the grandparents and students as they participated in crafts, visited classrooms, and enjoyed delicious snacks. Mr. Smith did an outstanding job as the event MC, and we are so thankful for the wonderful turnout."

The gymnasium was transformed into a delightful board game-themed wonderland, setting the stage for a day of shared joy and laughter. Grandparents and students had a fantastic time playing games and spending quality time together, all while honoring God and each other. The event was divided into two separate groups. The morning session catered to the younger elementary students, while the afternoon session was dedicated to the older elementary students.

Each session commenced with a heartfelt word of prayer and a short devotion, setting the tone for a day filled with faith and love. As the day unfolded, fun games, creative crafts, and plenty of quality time allowed students to proudly introduce their grandparents to their classrooms, teachers, friends, and the school they hold dear.

Grandparents Day at Nebraska Christian was more than just a gathering; it was a day of celebration, togetherness, and the strengthening of family bonds. The event's success would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of Mrs. Brandi Flynn, Mr. Smith, the dedicated NC kitchen staff, and the elementary teachers, all of whom played a vital role in creating an unforgettable experience. As we look back on this special day, we are reminded of the importance of family, faith, and the joy of spending time with loved ones. Glory be to God for blessing us with such a beautiful and heartwarming Grandparents Day.



Elementary Field Trip to the Scarecrow Patch

A Day of Fun and Fall Delights



On Thursday, October 19, the young students of Nebraska Christian embarked on a memorable adventure to the Scarecrow Patch, marking a delightful chapter in their school year. The day was filled with excitement as they explored the pumpkin patch, played with their classmates, and reveled in the joys of the fall season.

Amidst the vibrant tapestry of autumn, the students enjoyed an array of activities that truly captured the spirit of the season. Gathered around a campfire, they relished the warmth of friendship and indulged in the sweet pleasure of s'mores. Laughter filled the air as they took wagon rides around the grounds and a hay-rack ride through the picturesque pumpkin patch, each student carefully selecting the perfect pumpkin to take home.

Parents, teachers, and chaperones joined in the adventure, creating a wonderful atmosphere of togetherness. The trip was not just a day of entertainment but also an opportunity for all to appreciate the beauty of God's creation in the great outdoors.

The Scarecrow Patch field trip was a day filled with unforgettable moments, laughter, and shared experiences that will be cherished by all who attended. As we recall basking in the glory of the midwestern fall, we want to thank the teachers and chaperones who helped to make this day

possible. Their dedication ensured that the students had a day of pure joy and adventure, reminding us all of the simple pleasures and natural beauty that this season brings.



Harmonious Evening at NC's Fall Concert

On Monday, October 16th, Nebraska Christian Schools was filled with the sounds of music and joy as the annual Fall Concert graced the stage. The evening was a true celebration of talent and faith, where students from all grades came together to share their musical gifts with a captive audience.

The concert featured two remarkable bands—the 5th- & 6th-grade concert band and the 7th–12th-grade concert band. Their delightful tunes, including classics like "The Washington Post March," "A Song of Hope," and "First Blues," echoed through the auditorium, creating a symphony that warmed the hearts of all in attendance.

The elementary classes added their own touch of sweetness to the evening, serenading the audience with songs like "I'm Going to Live So God Can Use Me." Their lovely voices carried a message of hope and faith that touched everyone's soul.

The junior high and high school choir stepped into the limelight with stirring renditions of songs like "Antiphonal Kyrie," "Holy, Holy, Holy," and "Open the Eyes of my Heart Lord." Their performances were a testament to the dedication and hard work they put into their craft, filling the gymnasium with the spirit of worship.

Behind this enchanting evening was the talented and devoted Music Director, Mr. Mike Flynn. His guidance and leadership were instrumental in bringing out the best in the students and creating an atmosphere of musical excellence and spiritual devotion.

The Fall Concert was not only a showcase of talent but also a display of worship and unity for all parents, families, and community members who gathered to share in this beautiful experience. As the music resounded through the hearts and souls of those in attendance, it was a reminder of the power of music to inspire, uplift, and bring people together in harmony. Thank you to all the students and teachers, and especially to Mr. Mike Flynn, for making this evening a beautiful memory for everyone.



Celebrating a Remarkable Season

Nebraska Christian Cross Country 2023



As the 2023 Cross Country season draws to a close, the Nebraska Christian team has so much to celebrate and be proud of. It was a year marked not only by impressive race results but also by the strong sense of unity and family that Coach Dan Sanborn has continued to help instill in the athletes. Under the guidance of Coach Sanborn, the emphasis was placed on operating as a family and prioritizing personal growth over mere achievements.

Individual race results, in the eyes of the team, were seen as markers of their progress throughout the season. They served as a way to ensure they maintained an "upward trajectory," which was one of their fundamental goals. This philosophy allowed the athletes to focus on continuous improvement and celebrate the journey as much as the destination.

The season offered numerous opportunities for celebration, both as a team and for the individuals who make up this close-knit family. By the season's end, they were just one place away from securing a clean sweep at the conference meet. They claimed victory in the varsity boys and varsity girls categories, dominated the junior high girls category, and finished as runners-up in the junior high boys division.

At the district level, the girls' team took the title with five runners finishing in the top 15, earning individual and team spots in the state meet. The boys' team was equally impressive as they secured the district runner-up position, guaranteeing them a place in the state tournament.

At the state level, the Eagles endured a grueling day of competition, with the girls' team finishing 6th and the boys finishing 9th. In addition to team success, Jacob and Hannah Swanson made their

mark by placing fourth in their respective divisions.

However, the season was about more than just podium finishes. It was a year of personal and spiritual growth for all athletes, where they learned the value of dedication, hard work, and honoring God in every aspect of their journey. As the team bids farewell to three seniors, Hannah Swanson, Grace Musgrave, and Max Ye, they do so with gratitude for the culture these seniors have helped create and maintain—a culture that will endure for years to come.

As the 2023 Cross Country season comes to a close, the Nebraska Christian team is not only looking back on their accomplishments but is also looking forward to the future. Coach Sanborn and the entire coaching staff are excited to see how the Lord will continue to use these dedicated athletes in the years and seasons ahead. It was a season filled with progress, unity, and spiritual growth—a testament to the power of sports in shaping not just athletes but also strong and resilient individuals. Congratulations to the Nebraska Christian Cross Country team on a successful and inspiring season.



Honoring a Legacy of Inspiration
Scott Johnson's Impact on NC Cross Country



On October 5th, at the Conference Cross Country Meet, a remarkable and heartfelt tribute unfolded, celebrating the legacy of Coach Scott Johnson, a figure who has left an indelible mark on the Nebraska Christian Cross Country program. Coach Johnson has been a driving force in the cross country world at NC for numerous years, touching the lives of countless student-athletes, and inspiring teams, coaches, and individuals far and wide within the conference.

This year, due to health issues, Coach Johnson was unable to actively coach the cross country team. However, his presence was still very much a part of the excitement and spirit of the cross country season. At the conference meet, the collective respect, admiration, and gratitude for his incredible impact culminated in a heartfelt tribute to this beloved coach.

During the tribute, Coach Johnson received a framed photo, signed by Eagle student-athletes, coaches, and other athletes from across the conference. The words said during this ceremony spoke volumes about the influence and character of this remarkable individual.

Eagles Head Coach Dan Sanborn paid a touching tribute, emphasizing the deep inspiration Coach Johnson has been to the Nebraska Christian community and beyond. He stated, "Scott is such an inspiration to the folks here at NC and obviously beyond. Cross country is a special sport where character, self-sacrifice, and empathy are necessary components for each individual's success. Scott exemplified this in every facet of how he built this program, but more importantly, in how he lives his life."

Others echoed similar sentiments, highlighting Coach Johnson's kindness, his unwavering commitment to shining brightly even in the face of adversity and consistently donning that "brilliant smile," and his consistent prioritization of others before self. Words such as "humility," "character," and "courage" were used to describe the legacy he leaves behind. One individual noted, "A great coach's legacy lasts forever."

A particularly poignant acknowledgment was made regarding Coach Johnson's impact on the sport of cross country in the state and his role in guiding and mentoring countless coaches, both new and experienced. It was recognized that he had made a difference in more ways than he would ever fully comprehend. The tributes summed up the profound gratitude and admiration for Coach Johnson's contributions, emphasizing the evident love he holds for the Lord, which has shone through in all aspects of his life. His influence will continue to be felt, not only in the sport of cross country but in the countless lives he has touched along the way.

As Coach Scott Johnson is honored and celebrated, Nebraska Christian Cross Country pays tribute to a true exemplar of character, selflessness, and devotion to both the sport and the lives he has impacted. Coach Johnson's legacy will remain forever etched in the hearts of those who have had the privilege of knowing him. Thank you, Scott!



NC Varsity Volleyball Soars to Victory! **Goldenrod Conference Champions and Beyond**



In the world of high school sports, few moments are as thrilling as witnessing a team's journey to championship glory. For the Nebraska Christian Varsity Volleyball team, the month of October brought a series of victories and unforgettable moments that will be cherished for years to come.

Their incredible run began at the Goldenrod Conference Tournament, where the Eagle girls proved their mettle and emerged as champions. The tournament in

Burwell showcased their exceptional talent and teamwork, leading to a well-deserved victory. In the semifinal match, Nebraska Christian secured a triumphant win against Burwell with a score of 25-22, 25-14, and 25-21. The momentum continued into the championship game, where they outplayed Central Valley with a score of 25-16, 25-19, and 25-22. This victory crowned them as the Goldenrod Conference Champions, a title they earned through their dedication, skill, and sportsmanship.

Their journey didn't stop at the conference championship. The Eagle girls went on to participate in the D1-4 Sub-District play, which was hosted at Nebraska Christian this year. The two-day event was an intense display of competition, where the Eagles faced formidable opponents. They began their quest with a victory on Monday, October 23rd, defeating Heartland in three sets. The true climax of this journey was the final Sub-District game on Tuesday with an epic battle against Shelby-Rising City. The match lasted four sets, with Nebraska Christian ultimately emerging victorious with a score of 3-1.

This hard-fought win was a testament to the team's skill and determination, as well as the excellent coaching by Head Coach Amy Schreiber. The athletes displayed grace and sportsmanship throughout, making their school and community proud. The 2023-24 Eagles Volleyball season officially came to an end on Saturday, October 28th as they went on the road and took on Sumner-

Eddyville-Miller in the District Final matchup. It was a hard-fought game, ending in a 0-3 loss, but the girls left it all on the court.

The Nebraska Christian Varsity Volleyball team's journey has carried the same intensity as in prior years and has been nothing short of inspirational. The girls' dedication to the sport, their unwavering teamwork, and their commitment to excellence and bringing all glory to God have made them true champions. The Nebraska Christian community joins in celebrating their remarkable achievements and eagerly looks forward to more successes in the years to come.



Junior High Scholastic Contest Success

Tuesday, October 10th, marked a day of triumph and achievement for the junior high students of Nebraska Christian. With twenty-one eager participants in tow, the young Eagles showcased their exceptional skills and dedication at the Scholastic Contest held in Spalding. Their hard work paid off in a big way, with seven of the Nebraska Christian students earning well-deserved medals.

The highlight of the day was the outstanding performance of the junior high quiz bowl team, consisting of Ava Merchant, Adeline Hunnicutt, and Katie Sidak. The trio demonstrated their knowledge and teamwork brilliantly, finishing as runners-up in the competition. Their exceptional grasp of various subjects and quick thinking was nothing short of impressive.

In addition to the quiz bowl success, several individual students also shone brightly at the competition. Noah Faeh claimed the top spot in 8th-grade History, showcasing his knowledge and dedication. Annalise Kitt's prowess extended to multiple subjects, as she secured a third-place finish in 8th-grade Math and a remarkable first-place finish in 8th-grade Health. McKinley Mankin demonstrated her strength in 7th-grade English by finishing third, and Kali Birnie's exceptional skills earned her first place in 8th-grade Math.

Every student who participated in the Scholastic Contest performed exceptionally well, reflecting their dedication, hard work, and love for learning. Their accomplishments speak to their commitment to academic excellence and their school's values. Beyond their personal achievements, the students collectively brought glory to God through their efforts. Nebraska Christian takes pride in nurturing not only academic talents but also the values of humility, dedication, and faith in the hearts of their students. The successful day at the Scholastic Contest exemplifies the school's mission to shape well-rounded individuals who make a positive impact on the world.

The entire NC community is immensely proud of these young Eagles for their remarkable accomplishments. As they continue to excel academically and grow as individuals, they serve as a source of inspiration to their peers and a testament to the values and education fostered at the school. Congratulations to all the participants, and may their journey of success continue to shine bright.



Jesus is Sweeter than Candy **A Sweet Evening at the Trunk-or-Treat Event**

As the sun dipped below the horizon on the brisk evening of Sunday, October 29th, the Nebraska Christian Eagles came together for a spooktacular event, spreading joy and cheer to the Central City community. The occasion was none other than the Merrick County Chamber of Commerce Annual Trunk-or-Treat event, a beloved tradition that draws families from near and far to celebrate together and enjoy some sweet treats.

This year, the Eagles made a tremendous impact by participating in the event held at the fairgrounds. The star of the show was the dedicated team of Student Ambassadors who took the initiative to ensure that everyone left with a bag full of sweet treats. Over 575 candy packets and an impressive 12 gallons of warm apple cider were generously distributed to the attendees, ensuring that no one left the event empty-handed.

The theme chosen for this year's trunk display was both heartwarming and uplifting: "The Love of Jesus is Sweeter than Candy." It displayed the essence of Nebraska Christian's mission to not only provide quality education but also to instill values of love, compassion, and faith in the hearts of its students. The driving force behind the success of this event was none other than Mrs. Brandi Flynn, who expertly led the charge in decorating the trunk display and orchestrating the stuffing of the candy bags. Her dedication and passion in making this event memorable were evident in every detail, and she played a pivotal role in displaying the love of Jesus to the local community.

Participating in the Trunk-or-Treat event was not only an opportunity to spread joy but also a chance to make a meaningful impact in an outreach to the city of Central City. It was a wonderful way for Nebraska Christian to connect with its community, sharing the warmth and spirit of the season with everyone who attended. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all who participated, especially the Student Ambassadors, for their enthusiasm and dedication to making this event a success. The Merrick County Chamber of Commerce Annual Trunk-or-Treat event was a true testament to the Nebraska Christian Eagles' commitment to serving and spreading the love of Jesus beyond the classroom and into the hearts of their community.



Alexis Perry, Kaley Krug, and Haddie Rankin pose by the NC trunk.



NC Digital Media Students Excel at Class Intercom's Content Generation Workshop

In the ever-evolving world of digital media, equipping students with skills and knowledge to be responsible and creative content creators is of paramount importance. Nebraska Christian Digital Media students, along with their teacher Mr. Dan Sanborn, recently had the remarkable opportunity to participate in the annual Content Generation Workshop (CGW), hosted by Class Intercom, on October 18th in Lincoln. It was a transformative event focused on digital citizenship and content creation like no other.

The CGW is a unique platform that fosters a sense of community and collaboration among student content creators from across the nation. It delves into a wide array of topics, including engagement, visual branding, video production, and copywriting, providing invaluable insights into the ever-changing landscape of social media and digital content.

This workshop is more than just an opportunity to sharpen digital media skills; it's a touchpoint for instilling digital responsibility and citizenship in today's content creators. The aim is to encourage students to harness the power of social media for positive and productive use, making it a force for good in learning environments worldwide.

Six Nebraska Christian students, namely Mallory Paul, Abby Young, Grace Musgrave, Lily Macken, Ah-Rim Lee, and Micah Perdew, seized the opportunity to attend the CGW event. The day was filled with engaging and informative sessions where they had the privilege of hearing from accomplished speakers who shared their wisdom on various subjects—from storytelling to community building—and the significance of digital citizenship.

These sessions not only expanded the horizons of the Digital Media class but also equipped students with the necessary tools to create high-quality content that can benefit their

school and connect with the broader community. Ah-Rim, along with many of her classmates, stated that there were many takeaways from the event. She was most impressed with the segment which covered how to conduct an interview. The real-world knowledge gained in these sessions was an invaluable asset for students eager to apply their digital media skills in practical scenarios.

One of the highlights of the event was the "quick-hit" challenges that pushed students to put their creativity and digital skills to the test. These challenges not only provided students with a platform to showcase their abilities but also gave them the opportunity to witness the impressive work of their peers from other schools.

The Content Generation Workshop, offered by Class Intercom, is more than just an event; it's a transformative learning experience that bridges the gap between social media skills and real-world applications. Nebraska Christian Digital Media students, who participated in this workshop, are now better equipped to navigate the digital landscape and create content that not only informs and entertains but also upholds the principles of digital responsibility and citizenship. They have proven that the digital world can indeed be a force for good, making a positive impact on learning environments and communities around the world.

Highlights in the Classrooms



Our elementary classes had the opportunity to meet with their Chapel buddies to practice their reading skills. Older students are paired with our younger students, who they read to. They then have the younger students practice their reading as well. This is an opportunity all of our students look forward to.



The 5th-grade class got a chance to plant basil with our secondary Botany teacher, Mrs. Flynn and her Botany class earlier this year. They recently checked on their plants and were amazed with the progress! Green thumbs in the works!



The 7th-grade Art Class studied Asian art earlier this year, and our student Sunny from China took time to teach Andy how to do Chinese handwriting during class. It is so fun to see the students interact and help one another learn in class.



On Monday, October 30, Botany students had the opportunity to harvest the fruits of their labors. Their school-grown lemons were ripe and ready to be turned into delightful, fresh-squeezed lemonade!



Budget Corner

Tom Dockweiler - Business Manager



Welcome to November. We have completed the first third of our fiscal year. We do not have the first third of what we anticipate we will need to meet our gift income budget for this fiscal year. That statement in and of itself is not remarkable. Our biggest gift income months have regularly been November-December (end-of-year giving) and March-April (auction), so if we did have one-third of our gift income already, I would consider us to be way ahead of schedule. What is surprising about the gift income numbers through October is how much lower they are when compared with last year. We are off 43% overall and 66% in the month of October. For sure, we will be analyzing the data to see if we can pinpoint the reason for that drop. Sometimes it is just the timing of one or more large

donations. But what will be more important for us and what I will encourage you to do with us is to ask God to do his will in, through, and with what looks to be a shortfall in gift income. Of course, for God this is not a shortfall, it is exactly what he knew we would have at this point.

We know that we have a mission here at Nebraska Christian Schools. Our mission is to assist the family and church in providing a Christ-centered education and encouraging a love relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe God gave us that mission, and so we trust him to support that mission. Pray that whatever God's will is in the midst of our current financial situation, we would be open to it and prove to be willing partners with God to carry it out. Thanks for your part in the prayer and financial support that God provides to enable us to fulfill the mission that he gave us.

Scan the code or click the button below to give to our **General Giving Fund** and give where it's needed most!



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October 2023:
\$8,930.44

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

For: Wilmadeen Kugler Cramer
From: Mrs. Donald Wilson
Roger & Joann Hattan
Alan & Doretta Rowse
Jerald & Marian McClenahan
Priscilla Williams
Ron & Carol Kremer
Richard & Donna Porter
Roger & Joy Leaders
Dale & Ruthie Dankert
Wayne & Linda Green
Bill & Penny Root

For: Terry Samuelson
From: Tod & Gayle Franci

For: Becky Ritta
From: Philip & Sharon Ottun

For: Alice Sheets
From: Harold & Dorothy Cook

For: Lela Frantz
From: Harold & Dorothy Cook

Upcoming Dates

November 11

- Indoor Soccer @ GI Fieldhouse

November 13

- NO SCHOOL

November 14

- JH Wrestling @ GICC

November 15

- Chapel
- JH Quiz Bowl @ Seward Civic Center

November 17

- International Students Day

November 21

- JH Wrestling @ Kenesaw

November 22

- HALF DAY

November 23

- NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
- Thanksgiving Day

December 1

- Varsity Girls Basketball @ St. Edward
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December

- Varsity Boys Wrestling @ Harvard

December 4

- JH Girls Basketball @ Palmer
- JH Boys Wrestling @ Central City Middle School

December 6

- 10:00 START

December 7

- 10:00 START

December 8

- NO SCHOOL
- FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS

December 9

- Robotics @ Columbus Lakeview
- Varsity Boys Wrestling Invite @ Osceola

November 24

- NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

November 27

- NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
- JH Girls Basketball vs. High Plains @ Home
- Varsity Girls Basketball Scrimmage @ Central City

November 29

- Chapel

November 30

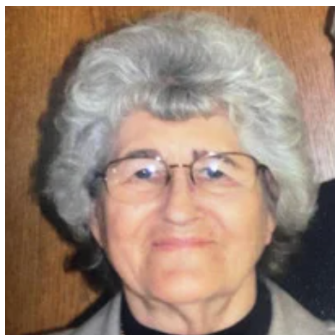
- JV Girls Basketball vs. Twin River @ Home
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- Indoor Soccer @ GI Fieldhouse
- JV Girls Basketball @ Heartland Lutheran
- JV Boys Basketball @ Heartland Lutheran
- Varsity Girls Basketball @ Heartland Lutheran
- Varsity Boys Basketball @ Heartland Lutheran

December 12

- JH Boys Wrestling @ GICC
- JV Girls Basketball vs. High Plains @ Home
- JV Boys Basketball vs. High Plains @ Home
- Varsity Girls Basketball vs. High Plains @ Home
- Varsity Boys Basketball vs. High Plains @ Home

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

In Memory**Alice M. Sheets**

Alice Marie Cowan Sheets, 89, passed away on October 19, 2023 at the Nebraska Veteran's Home in Kearney. Funeral services will be on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 11:00 a.m at Community Bible Church with Rev. Dale Janzen and Gil Larsen officiating. Visitation will be held on Thursday from 10 – 11 a.m. at the church. Interment will be held at the Omaha National Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later time. Condolences may be sent to the family

at www.soltwagnerfuneral.com.

Alice was born to William and Nelle (Cushman) Cowan on August 18, 1934, delivered by her grandmother Lula Cushman, a midwife in Blair, NE. She started school in Baton Rouge, LA, and attended school in Tennessee, North Carolina, and New Mexico before graduation from high school in Blair in 1953.

She married LeRoy Sheets December 22, 1953. They lived in Clarkson, TN while her husband was in the army before returning to Fremont, NE where they had 4 children. In 1959, they moved to Grand Island where they added one more child, and then in 1966 to Central City. Alice worked for JM McDonald's department store for 9 ½ years in Central City. She owned Mode O Day ladies clothing store in Aurora for 4 years. Alice was a cook at Nebraska Christian High School for 7 years. Alice also volunteered at the Central City Senior Center for several years.

She was an active member of the Community Bible Church, teaching Sunday school and helping with Awana, hosting many missionaries for dinners. She was a published writer of several articles in national and local publications.

Alice is survived by her husband of almost 70 years, LeRoy; her five children, Clay (Barbara) Sheets of Blair, Elder (Judy) Sheets of Stromsburg, Peggy Ellingson of Kearney, Jonica (Ken) Wampler of

Palmer, and Jo Weiss of Kearney, her grandchildren; Carrie Sheets, Heather (Ryan) Lambert, Jamie (Rachel) Rapp, Elizabeth Sheets, Chuck Sheets, Mark (Sherri Lilientahl) Sheets, Clint (Melissa) Ellingson, Brett Ellingson, Jeremiah (Brittany) Ellingson, Eve (Jeremy) Essary, Jon (Macy) Wampler, Brad Weiss, Cassi Weiss, Lacy (Andelson) Tocong, Anna (Tanner) Tillman, and 31 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren; her sister-in-law; Leota Cowan of Blair, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents; William and Nelle Cowan, and her sisters and their husbands; Peggy (Neil) Reed and Bonnie (Marvin) Johnson; brother, Bill Cowan; and son-in-law, Galen Ellingson.

Alumni



Fun Flashback! The Senior Class of 1999.

“It has been said that life is like a roller coaster; none know this better than the Senior class of 1999. With life’s many unexpected twists and turns, the senior class has learned to become totally reliant on their Savior. As the roller coaster ride has continued throughout high school, there have been fun times as well as trying times, but through the rejoicing and the grieving, the Senior class has grown closer together and gained friendships that will last a life-time.”

“One word has often been used to describe the Seniors of 1999: different. Not only do they have distinction as the largest class in the school, but they are also known for their abilities. As each one continues their journey alone, they will all go many different ways in life, and they will discover that a new ride has just begun. But, above all else, they will carry the love of Jesus wherever they go and will be remembered for just that—their love for Jesus.”

-The Reflector 1999, Volume 40, *Above All Else...*

The Class of 1999 includes from top to bottom and left to right: Kara Dabill, Jessica Zaruba, Mike Coleman, Shellie Creutzberg, Karla Wall, Susanna Weiss, Jeremy Poeffel, Justin Denning, Dori VanAsperen, Jessica Sallans, Becky Ritta, Adair Ballagh, Melody Johnson, Rebekah Anson, Leslie Thiessen, Mike Shaffer, John Patrick, Andrea Krug, Beth Anderson, Mandy Stelk, Becky Holmstedt, Kiel Anderson, Joya Stretch, Sheree Goertzen, Laura Recknor, Christal Wilmont, Taichi Yoshinari, Josh Schreiber, Cara Jensen, Tiffany Chase, Lana Daniels, Dan Buller, Philip Musgrave, Jeremy Senkbile, Kyle Kinney, Amber Fagan, Russ Francl, Jeremy Janzen. Not pictured: Erin Osler, Stuart Hostetler, R.C. Snider.

If you or someone you know is a graduate of Nebraska Christian Schools and is interested in joining the tight-knit alumni community, find our group on Facebook to keep in touch with your former classmates.

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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

Nebraska Christian Schools

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!

