

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.

New Student Orientation, Ice Cream Social, and All School Open House

The start of a new school year is always an exciting time. At Nebraska Christian Schools (NC) on August 14th, the excitement was palpable as students, families, and staff gathered for a memorable day of orientation, fellowship, and preparation for the upcoming academic journey.

New Student Orientation: A Guide to Success

The day began with New Student Orientation, a crucial event for those entering preschool, kindergarten, 7th grade, or 9th grade, as well as all newcomers. The administration and staff warmly welcomed these students and families, providing a comprehensive overview of what their daily lives at NC would entail. It was a time to ease the transition of students, whether they were embarking on their very first school experience, stepping into middle school or high school, or simply embracing the unique educational approach at Nebraska Christian.

A highlight of the orientation was the insightful talk delivered by NC Senior Student Ambassador Caitlin Chiles. Interviewed by Mr. Smith, Chiles shared her experiences and shed light on the exciting opportunities that await students at NC. Her words resonated with both students and parents, offering a glimpse into the vibrant life of the school and encouraging active involvement.

Following the informative session, new students and families were treated to a delicious lunch prepared by the talented kitchen staff. Energized and eager, they then embarked on a journey to explore their classrooms, meet their teachers, and familiarize themselves with their schedules. The high school building unveiled a stunning accent wall, courtesy of NC's Development Specialist, Brandi Flynn. This captivating wall, adorned with vivid images, provided a visual representation of the vibrant life that awaited students within the school's walls.



Sweet Connections at the Ice Cream Social

After the classroom explorations, a sweet delight awaited everyone on the green—an all-school ice cream social. Students, families, current NC members, friends, and staff gathered to indulge in a variety of ice cream flavors while engaging in warm conversations and forging connections. It was a moment of fellowship and bonding, setting the tone for the strong sense of community that defines Nebraska Christian Schools.



All School Open House: A Unified Vision

The day concluded with the All School Open House, held in the gymnasium. Mr. Hekrdle, Mr. Smith, and other faculty members addressed the assembly, presenting updates to the student handbook, introducing new parking and drop-off procedures, and discussing other pertinent matters. The open house fostered unity and collaboration between students, parents, and staff, as they collectively looked forward to the promise of the upcoming year.

The event was a resounding success, marked by fellowship, excitement, and a shared anticipation of the incredible opportunities that lay ahead. As the day concluded, the prevailing sentiment was one of gratitude for the sense of belonging, purpose, and Christian values that Nebraska Christian Schools continues to offer its students and their families.

In the words of Mr. Hekrdle, "It's a great day to be a follower of Christ." Indeed, the events of August 14 reaffirmed that Nebraska Christian Schools remains a place where faith, education, and community converge to create an exceptional learning experience.



A Night of Laughter, Competition, and Community: Family Fun Night 2023



Families and students of all ages came together for an unforgettable evening of fun and camaraderie at the Family Fun Night, a great event organized by the Parent-Teacher Fellowship (PTF) at Nebraska Christian. The event was a resounding success, offering a variety of activities, games, and friendly competitions that left everyone with smiles on their faces.

The event, held on August 18, was a testament to the spirit of togetherness that the school community embodies. The campus was buzzing with excitement as families gathered for an evening that promised good old-fashioned entertainment. With an array of games, delicious food, and interactive activities, the atmosphere was electric and filled with laughter.

The action-packed evening featured a range of activities that catered to diverse interests. For the sports enthusiasts, a cross country run, a volleyball scrimmage, and a public football practice showcasing this year's varsity Eagle competitors added an element of friendly rivalry. Students showcased their athletic prowess and team spirit as they ran, played, and gave their all in each event.

One of the highlights of the evening was the tasty hot dog and hamburger meal prepared and served by the senior class. Beyond satisfying taste buds, this initiative also aimed to raise funds for their senior trip, scheduled for later this academic year. The sense of responsibility and community involvement exhibited by the senior class was truly commendable.

From the youngest attendees to the young-at-heart, there was something for everyone. A fishing game delighted the little ones, while water basketball and a bounce house obstacle course provided thrills for older kids. Undoubtedly stealing the show was the ever-popular dunk tank station, where participants eagerly lined up to dunk familiar faces from the school community,

including the Front Office Lead, Mrs. Schwarz; fifth-grade teacher, Mrs. Edson; Principal Smith, and high school teacher Mrs. Swanson. The resulting cheers and laughter echoed the sense of unity and shared enjoyment.

Students were treated to snow cones and twist balloons courtesy of Happy D Clown and the HAPPY team, which added an extra layer of whimsy to the festivities. The colorful treats and intricate balloon designs added an extra touch of magic to an already enchanting evening.

The success of the event would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the NC PTF team. Their meticulous planning and tireless efforts in organizing the Family Fun Night were evident in every aspect of the event. Also, thank you to all who volunteered to help make this evening a success. As the night drew to a close, attendees could not help but feel a sense of gratitude and excitement for the school year ahead.

The Family Fun Night served as an inspiring start to the 2023-24 school year, showcasing the power of community, collaboration, fellowship, and shared experiences. As the event concluded, attendees left with fond memories, strengthened bonds, and a renewed enthusiasm for the journey that lies ahead. The PTF's dedication to fostering a sense of belonging and unity was vividly demonstrated, setting the tone for an academic year filled with promise and potential.



Elementary Students Explore the State Fair



Nebraska Christian Elementary students embarked on an exciting educational adventure as they visited the annual Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island on August 25th. The day was filled with laughter, learning, and unforgettable experiences for both students and chaperones.

Under the clear August sky, the students had a unique opportunity to explore the vibrant world of agriculture, animals, and entertainment that the state fair had to offer. The field trip provided an

immersive experience for the students to learn about Nebraska's rich agricultural heritage and engage with various exhibits and activities.

One of the highlights of the trip was the chance for the students to interact with animals up close and personal. From feeding farm animals to learning about livestock care, the young learners gained valuable insights into the important role that agriculture plays in the state's economy. The excitement and wonder on their faces as they fed the animals reflected the joy of discovery and learning.

The diverse range of exhibits at the fair offered a feast for curious minds. The students were exposed to a variety of educational displays, from technological advancements in farming to the intricacies of rural craftsmanship. The fair served as a living classroom, where students could explore and ask questions, enhancing their understanding of the world around them.

Adding an element of fun to the educational journey, the students enjoyed playing in the foam blaster, a recreational activity that provided a refreshing break from the summer heat. Their laughter echoed through the fairgrounds, underscoring the joyous spirit of the day.

Despite the sweltering heat, the enthusiasm of the students and the chaperones remained unwavering. This field trip not only expanded the students' knowledge but also allowed them to represent Nebraska Christian Schools within the wider community. By actively participating in the fair, the students embodied the values of curiosity, learning, and community engagement that the school aims to instill in its students.

The event was a testament to the dedication of the educators and organizers who put in the effort to ensure a seamless and enriching experience for the students. As the day came to an end, the tired yet content faces of the students showcased the fulfillment that comes from embracing new experiences and soaking in the richness of the world around them.

The Nebraska Christian Elementary students' visit to the Nebraska State Fair will undoubtedly be a cherished memory for years to come. The field trip not only offered a break from the routine but also reinforced the importance of hands-on learning and community involvement. As these young minds return to their classrooms, they carry with them the lessons learned and memories made on this exceptional journey.



Adopt-A-Sunday Pig Roast Kickoff

On Sunday, August 27th, Nebraska Christian Schools welcomed students and NC families to a heartwarming Adopt-A-Sunday kickoff and Pig Roast event. The event marked the beginning of the annual Adopt-A-Sunday campaign for the 2023-24 school year, where NC families embrace international students for a day of togetherness, faith, and fellowship.

The event was hosted on the school grounds and drew an impressive turnout, creating an atmosphere of camaraderie and excitement. Families, students, and staff gathered to partake in the festivities, fostering a spirit of unity and cross-cultural connection.

One of the highlights of the day was the "rock, paper, scissors, split" game, which brought both students and parents together in a lighthearted competition. Laughter and cheers echoed as participants engaged in the friendly contest, showcasing the vibrant sense of community that Nebraska Christian Schools has come to be known for.

Adding to the festivities was a sumptuous feast of roast pig, a treat enjoyed by all in attendance. The aroma of the roast pig wafted through the air, enhancing the festive atmosphere and providing a delicious culinary experience for everyone present.

The event served as a delightful prelude to the NC Adopt-A-Sunday tradition, fostering connections between Nebraska Christian families and international students. It provided an opportunity for them to interact and build relationships in a relaxed and enjoyable environment, setting the stage for the meaningful experiences that the tradition promises to deliver.

As the day came to a close, the sense of excitement was palpable. The Nebraska Christian Schools community eagerly anticipates the full unfolding of the Adopt-A-Sunday campaign, eager to see the positive impact of these newfound connections on the lives of both families and international students once again.

With hearts full of hope and anticipation, Nebraska Christian Schools looks forward to witnessing the ways in which these relationships will grow and flourish, underlining the school's commitment to nurturing a global community based on faith, fellowship, and friendship.



Foundation



Jody Heuermann
Foundation Executive Director

On behalf of the Nebraska Christian Schools Foundation Board, welcome back to our students, staff, and faculty. Each new school year comes with a unique buzz around campus as the NC community anticipates all the Lord has in store for the coming year.

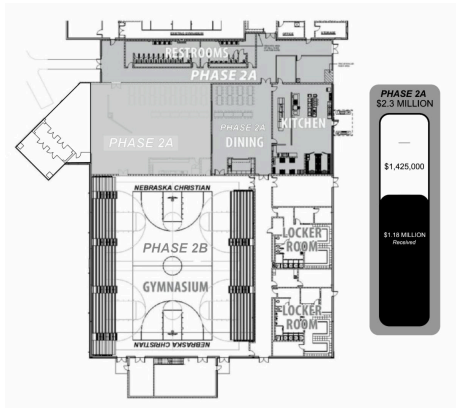
To add to the back-to-school buzz, I am thrilled that staff and administration will move back into the Administration Building this fall. As I write, crews are applying the final touches on the restoration and remodeling of the garden level and first floor. This modern, functional facility will bless our students, staff, and all who grace our campus.

A special thank you to everyone who gave their time, talent, and financial support. I want to acknowledge the campus executive team's collective courage to take on this project and the endurance to conclude it. The administration building "Old Main" served as a symbol and anchor for our community for the first 50 years, and that will now continue for the next 50.

While we can't wait to give thanks for this milestone, as all good infomercials say, "But wait, there's more!" More opportunities to improve Nebraska Christian's infrastructure for the next 50 years! Not just more, but *all* efforts will now be directed at The Next 50 Years Capital Campaign - Phase 2A, New Kitchen and Dining Hall. This endeavor is of the utmost importance, for as our

student body continues to grow year after year, it is increasingly important to update our facilities as the current kitchen and dining hall are hitting maximum capacity, and nearing the end of their lifespan. Of the approximately \$2.3M needed, the Foundation, by your generous support, has received \$1,179,000 so far. It's a big number, but our God is bigger. I ask that you prayerfully consider how you may contribute to this project financially, physically, and most importantly, through prayer.

The new school year buzz has certainly not worn off yet, and His faithfulness never will—blessings to you all in the year ahead.



Budget Corner

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!

August 2023:
\$15,466.62

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: Sharon Baker
From: Dorothy Glad

For: Wilmadeen Kugler Cramer
From: Harold & Dorothy Cook
Kerry & Janice Stuhmer
Merl & Edna Ross
Pleasant View Bible Church
Midwest Dermatology - Omaha
Carla Mundt

For: Wilmadeen Kugler Cramer
From: Carla Mundt

For: Mildred Root
From: Ken & Judy Taylor
Jerry & Linda Beck
Dorothy Glad
David & Ruth Ferris
Kerry & Janice Stuhmer
Harold & Dorothy Cook

Upcoming Dates

September 11

- 10:00 Start
- JH Volleyball @ Fullerton
- JH Football @ Fullerton
- JV Volleyball @ Fullerton

September 13

- Chapel with Jon Hawkins
- JH Volleyball @ Home

September 14

- JH Cross Country @ Valley View Country Club
- Varsity Cross Country @ Valley View
- Varsity Volleyball Triangular @ Burwell

September 15

- Varsity Football @ Home

September 16

- Varsity Volleyball @ Central City High

September 18

- No School
- JH Football @ Palmer
- JH Volleyball @ Palmer

September 25

- No School
- Varsity Cross Country @ Kearney
- JH Football @ Central Valley
- JV Volleyball @ Central Valley
- JV Football @ Central Valley

September 26

- JV Volleyball @ Lincoln Christian
- Varsity Volleyball @ Lincoln Christian

September 27

- Chapel with Dan Woods

September 28

- JH Cross Country @ Branched Oak SRA
- Varsity Cross Country @ Branched Oak SRA
- Varsity Volleyball @ Heartland Lutheran

September 29

- Grandparents Day
- Varsity Football @ Home

October 2

- 10:00 Start

- JV Football @ Palmer
- JV Volleyball @ Palmer

September 19

- JH Cross Country @ TBA
- Varsity Cross Country @ TBA

September 20

- Chapel with Andy Falk

September 21

- Varsity Volleyball @ Pope John Central Cath.

September 22

- Varsity Football @ Pleasanton

September 23

- Varsity Volleyball @ Ansley

- JH Volleyball @ Riverside
- JH Football @ Riverside
- JV Football @ Riverside

October 3

- JV Volleyball @ Fullerton
- Varsity Volleyball @ Fullerton

October 4

- Picture Retakes
- Quiz Bowl @ Seward Civic Center

October 5

- JH Cross Country @ Steepleview Golf Course
- Varsity Cross Country @ Steepleview
- Varsity Volleyball @ Osceola

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

Alumni News

In a remarkable achievement, **Reghan Flynn ('23)**, has been honored with the coveted title of Central City Republican-Nonpareil's Female Athlete of the Year. Throughout her high school journey, Reghan showcased exceptional dedication and prowess across multiple sports, including track, volleyball, and basketball. Her remarkable achievements and unwavering commitment to excellence have rightfully earned her this esteemed recognition. Congratulations, Reghan, on your outstanding accomplishments and a well-deserved accolade.

Reghan Flynn named 2023 R-N Female Athlete of the Year

Nebraska Christian's outstanding multi-sport athlete, Reghan Flynn, has been named the 2023 Republican-Nonpareil Female Athlete of the Year. Flynn, a key player in volleyball, basketball, and track for the Lady Eagles, played a pivotal role in driving her teams to the state tournament, a feat she describes as "a big honor."

Flynn's athletic journey is as much a story of talent as it is of tenacity. "My parents started us from a very young age playing sports, but I never touched a basketball or volleyball until my seventh-grade year," Flynn shared in an interview with R-N's publisher, Ryan Dettman. Despite facing physical challenges and periods of burnout, Flynn's passion for sports, especially volleyball, was unwavering.

She said, "Really what kept me going was my teammates and my coaches." Overcoming illness in her junior year, Flynn faced missed games and an unexpected break from track due to excruciating shin pain. Yet, through determination and physical therapy, she returned with renewed vigor for her senior year. But she sees her future differently, "I will try my absolute hardest senior year. And then after that, I am done."

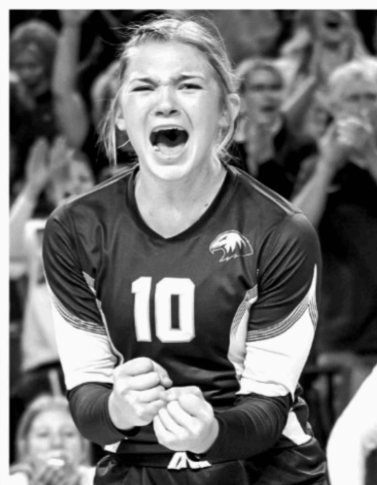
In the realm of inspiration, Flynn expressed deep admiration for Molly Griess, a Nebraska Christian alumna, "She was somebody I always looked up to... I wanted to accomplish what she accomplished." Additionally, Flynn attributes her perseverance and drive to her parents, particularly highlighting her mother's hardworking nature.

In reflecting upon her senior year, Flynn admitted to feeling tremendous pressure to match or surpass the success of the previous year. Her coaches played an essential role in reminding her of the true purpose of the game, emphasizing enjoyment and the glorification of God.

As Flynn transitions to her next chapter, focusing on work and studies, she is confident in the potential of the Lady Eagles, "I think they will do great things this year, and next year, and for years to come."

Nebraska Christian's athletic prowess has left a lasting legacy, with Flynn's achievements paving the way. When asked how she would like to be remembered, Flynn's humility shone through, "I'd want people to look at me as [someone] hardworking but also just somebody who shows the love of Christ through the games."

Reghan Flynn's athletic journey serves as a testament to dedication, resilience, and faith, setting an inspiring example for aspiring athletes and the community at large.



All Glory to God

Reghan Flynn battled through some hard times off the court, but on it, she was electric. Flynn played a pivotal role in helping the Lady Eagles soar to new heights being able to hoist hardware in all three sports that she competed in. She completes her career as our Female Athlete of the Year.

During the Merrick County Fair held in Central City, Nebraska in August, **Marlie Mundt ('23)**, emerged as a true standout. Her exceptional talents shined as she secured impressive victories across various events and competitions, including an extraordinary Grand Champion title in Hunter



Hack, SR Trail, Hunter Under Saddle, and Hunt Seat Equitation. Marlie Mundt's remarkable success at the fair is a testament to her dedication and skill.



Laura (Carlson '19) Wilson continues to make waves with her agricultural-based online presence. She highlights and allows people from across the nation and around the world to take a look inside the world of Nebraska agriculture. Watch the story from KSNB [here](#) or scan the code.



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](#) or scan the code below to our Google Form, fill it out, and you're all done! We'll spread the word.

We look forward to hearing from you!

In Memory

In the month of August, the Nebraska Christian family experienced a profound loss as it bid farewell to two remarkable women, Mildred J. Root (August 2) and Wilmadeen J. Cramer (August 18). These two extraordinary individuals left an indelible mark on the Nebraska Christian community during their time here. Their enduring legacies are a testament to their unwavering commitment to faith, family, service, and love. As we reflect on the lives of Mildred and Wilmadeen, we remember the profound impact they had on our community and the enduring inspiration they left behind.

Wilmadeen J. Cramer

September 26, 1932 - August 18, 2023



Wilmadeen Joyce Yenne Kugler Cramer, 90, of Bartlett, Nebraska, was welcomed into heaven on August 18, 2023. She was greeted in eternal life by her husband and father of her children, the late Wyvern D. Kugler, who preceded her in death. Wilmadeen is survived by her four children and their spouses, Peggy Remus (Jerry), Mickee Neely (Mike), Kevin John Kugler (Gwen), and Patricia Ratliff (Gregg), 13 grandchildren and many great and great-great-grandchildren.

Wilmadeen was born on September 26, 1932, at her grandparents' home in Smith County, Kansas during the dust storms of the 1930s. She was delivered by a doctor who made house calls by way of horse and buggy. Her family moved to Wheeler County, Nebraska, when she was 2 years old. Her childhood centered around school and working the hay fields with her family. Wilmadeen graduated from high school at age 16, the year of the Blizzard of 1949. The summer after her graduation she matriculated at Kearney State Teachers College (now the University of Nebraska – Kearney), where she eventually earned certificates, Bachelor's, and Master's degrees in Education.

Wilmadeen and Wyvern were married on December 23, 1950, in Smith Center, Kansas. Wyvern was drafted into the army and was stationed in Virginia in 1951. Wilmadeen followed him to Virginia and lived with another enlisted soldier's wife, with whom she worked at a life insurance company. When Wyvern was deployed to Germany, Wilmadeen moved back to Kansas to teach until Wyvern returned from his time in the service.

Wilmadeen and Wyvern lived on and operated a ranch outside of Bartlett, Nebraska, where their four children were born. Wilmadeen taught in Wheeler Central Schools for 18 years, including time at Ericson Grade School. Wilmadeen and Wyvern were one of the founding families of Nebraska Christian Schools, where all four of their children attended high school. Wilmadeen later taught at Nebraska Christian Grade School for 10 years.

Wyvern was killed in a tractor accident in 1977. Following his death, Wilmadeen leased out the farm and ranch. She eventually remarried in 1984 and lived with her second husband, Henry Cramer, in Aurora, Nebraska until his death in 2016, at which point she moved to Omaha to be closer to her children and grandchildren.

Wilmadeen was an artist of traditional crafts of the European pioneers who settled the Great Plains in the 19th and early 20th Centuries, including china painting, calligraphy, quilting, knitting, tatting, and other textile arts. She produced hundreds of pieces of painted china and scores of quilts and blankets throughout her life. In pursuit of sharing her crafts with others, Wilmadeen volunteered at museums dedicated to settlers and pioneers, giving demonstrations on wool spinning using traditional wheels and looms.

Wilmadeen was a beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, a respected teacher, and a devout Christian. She supported her church and missionaries and devoted herself to learning all she could about her Lord Jesus. Her prayer was that all of her family and friends would know Jesus and eventually meet her in heaven.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the schools where Wilmadeen taught, c/o Wheeler County Community Foundation Fund, PO Box 36, Bartlett, NE 68022; or Nebraska Christian Schools, 1847 Inskip Ave., Central City, NE 68826.

Mildred J. Root

July 13, 1930 - August 2, 2023



Mildred J. Root, 93, of Central City, died Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at Merrick Medical Center in Central City.

Mildred was born on July 13, 1930, in rural Beatrice to Lyle and Florence Forsyth, the fourth of their eight daughters. She was united in marriage to Eldon L. Root on March 10, 1949, at the Church of the Brethren near Holmesville. They farmed the family farm near Holmesville until 1987 when they moved to Central City.

Survivors include children: Margaret (Angel) Espada of Aibonito, PR; Marlene (Dale) Frimodt of Omaha; Fred (Marilyn) Root of Holmesville; William (Penny) Root of Scotia; Jonathan (Diane) Root of Central City; nine grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. Also four sisters, Lucille Steele of Beatrice, Pauline Grosbach of Enders, June (Ed) Switzer of McPherson, KS, and Rosanna (LaVane) Johnson of Eagle.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eldon Root, her parents, and three sisters, Lois Sharp, Marjorie Forsyth, and Kathryn Oltman.

Memorials are suggested to Nebraska Christian Schools or Heartland Evangelical Free Church.

The passing of Mildred J. Root and Wilmadeen J. Cramer marked a somber moment for the Nebraska Christian family. These two incredible women, whose lives were defined by their dedication to faith and service, have left an indelible imprint on our hearts. Their presence, kindness, and unwavering commitment to God's work will be greatly missed. As we mourn their passing, we also celebrate the profound impact they had on our community, knowing that their legacies will continue to inspire and guide us in our own journeys. In honoring the memories of Mildred and Wilmadeen, we are reminded of the enduring power of faith, love, and the bonds of the Nebraska Christian family.

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

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








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**

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!



[View as Webpage](#)