

On January 31, you will receive an email with instructions on how to enroll your child(ren) for the 2018-2019 school year.

Be sure to enroll in February to ensure space for your child, new students begin enrolling on March 1.

Dear Northshore Half-Day Pre-Kindergarten – 7th Grade Families,

I deeply appreciate the partnership we share in educating your children. As we begin enrolling for the 2018-2019 school year, here are some goals and highlights of NCA.

In our partnership, we ***envision*** our students to be inspirational leaders who recognize their personal value as rooted in Christ. We ***inspire*** our students to be dynamic communicators who craft and deliver relevant messages through writing, speaking, visual art, digital media, foreign language and performing arts. We ***train*** our students to be innovative designers, utilizing math, science, history and literature, to develop solutions to new challenges using critical thinking within ethical, biblical contexts. We strive to ***equip*** them to be tenacious navigators who are goal oriented, persevering through obstacles, daring to accomplish hard things, and responding wisely to success and failure.

NCA's Firm Foundational Tenets:

We continue our commitment to provide quality Christian education for our students:

Faculty: Our faculty serves their students out of love. They have responded to the sacred "calling" from God to serve Him in this full-time ministry

Spirituality: The development of faith and character is paramount in our program.

Safety: We are a certified safe school by the Department of Homeland security and continue to take the safety and security on our campus an important priority.

Academics: Academics at Northshore are rigorous, comprehensive, and engaging. Yet we integrate developmentally appropriate practices that include hands-on learning.

Fine Arts: Music education, public speaking and stage confidence are opportunities we build into our program with opportunities for all students.

Technology and Science: We place emphasis on the STEM disciplines: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Our students benefit from state-of-the-art instruction and practice.

Firm Foundation for High School: Our graduates report that their preparation at NCA enable them to succeed in high school and college. NCA graduates excel at many private and public high schools with principals reporting high levels of leadership (including lead student government roles), fine and performing art skills, athletic ability, academic and STEM preparation. Every year our graduates are Valedictorians at public or private high schools (5 out of the past 10 years at King's High School). Another private high school reported NCA students being the best prepared within their incoming middle schools resulting in the highest 'group' GPA upon graduation.

Firm Foundation for College: We are proud of our college students who attend state universities (UW, WSU, WWU, CU) and private universities such as SPU, Whitworth, Gonzaga, Wheaton, Biola, Azusa, Stanford, Boston, and Duke to name a few. Several students are attending the US Naval Academy and US Air Force Academy. NCA students attend law school, medical school, Seminary, and advanced science programs.

NCA highlights for the present and future:

New Cascade Pavilion where all students benefit from the new lunchroom, dedicated Robotics room, music room, Spanish room, four sixth grade classrooms and before/after school care.

Expanded safety and security enhancements that include additional gates, surveillance cameras, training and other measures to add to our security program.

Expanded middle school elective opportunities and keeping favorites; more drama classes, Engineering, Spanish, German, Mandarin, Physics, Speech and Debate, Yearbook, Worship Team, Leadership, Art, and Medical Detectives.

Expanded Engineering opportunities with additional engineering units and afterschool clubs/classes including three robotics teams, NSAE classes and junior robotics.

Expanded school counselor curriculum (developmentally and biblically geared) that includes character education, safety lessons, bully prevention education, social media precautions, friendship and conflict skills.

New Math Expressions curriculum for Kindergarten-5th grades. Traditional math approach, high rigor encouraging problem solving and critical thinking using technology tools for additional reinforcement. See Mrs. Kreutner's video containing details about the year-long process of reviewing curriculum by teachers and a parent advisory committee. Link to new math curriculum video:

<http://www.northshorechristianschools.org/academics>

We look forward to continuing to partner with you in an environment where students are inspired and equipped. May God continue to bless our school community with love and support, learning and stretching, laughter and friendship, prayer and spiritual growth.

Serving Him,

Mrs. Holly Leach

Superintendent

Northshore Christian Academy