



## The Middle School at Northshore Christian Academy: *partnering with parents in the pursuit of a superior Christian education!*

### Middle School Monday

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### Mission:

*To inspire young people to be  
devoted followers of Christ  
while preparing them for  
academic success in high  
school, college and beyond...*



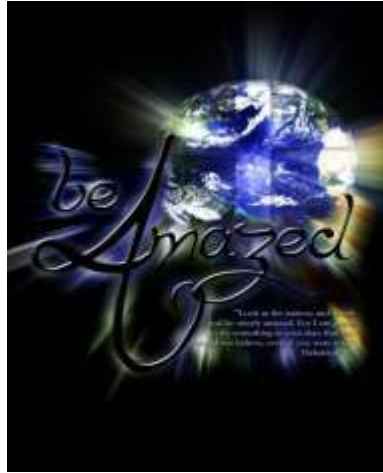
### Parent Tips:

*"We want our kids to have good things in life. But lavishing them with too many good things is like letting children gorge on candy — in the long run, it hurts their health, hinders their appetite for wholesome things and leads to a hunger for risky, harmful ones. Just as we limit sweets in our children's diets, we also need to set healthy limits in other areas. We can do this by creating appropriate stages and boundaries."*

So writes Jeanette Gardner Littleton in her January, 2008 article for Focus on the Family magazine, entitled, *Growing Up Too Fast*. To see the full text of the article for helpful ideas on setting healthy boundaries for our children, please click:

[http://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/protecting\\_your\\_family/combating\\_cultural\\_influences/growing\\_up\\_too\\_fast.aspx](http://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/protecting_your_family/combating_cultural_influences/growing_up_too_fast.aspx)

## Selected Special Events for 2010:



- This Wednesday is **Food Packing Day** for the *Be Amazed* mission trip to The Dominican Republic. Volunteers are welcome! Please contact Mrs. Walla for more information at ewalla@northshorechristian.org.  
Dress Code for Food Packing Day: Because the students will be packing food on February 24<sup>th</sup>, they do not need to dress in Chapel uniforms, i.e. vests, ties, etc., but they do need to wear their regular uniform or NCA Spirit Wear. (This is NOT a "free dress" day. Dress code guidelines apply.)
- **ACSI Speech Meet** at Grace Academy - Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.
- **ACSI Math Olympics** at NCA - Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **Track registration** for 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders is due, March 15<sup>th</sup>. More information coming in a special edition of Gator Sports News this week!
- *Seussical*, this year's middle school musical, will be performed March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. You can be assured that Horton will hear a Who!



- **Snohomish County Scholastic Chess Tournament:** All students (K-8<sup>th</sup>) are invited to participate in the upcoming chess tournament that will be hosted by NCA on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, (9:00AM - 2:00PM) in the lunchroom.
- *On April 28<sup>th</sup>, we will offer a parent meeting to explore the new sexual integrity program to be used with our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders this year.* Published by the Legacy Institute, *Relationships with Integrity* replaces the SHARE program and focuses on God's design for the whole person. More information to follow. Stay tuned!

RELATIONSHIPS  
WITH INTEGRITY



## Scripture of the Week:

*<sup>1</sup>One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God, <sup>2</sup>he saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.*

*<sup>4</sup>When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "**Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.**"*

*<sup>5</sup>Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."*

*<sup>6</sup>When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. <sup>7</sup>So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.*

*<sup>8</sup>When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup>For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, <sup>10</sup>and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.*

*Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men." <sup>11</sup>So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him." Luke 5: 1-11 NIV*

Sometimes, we must go through deep water to fulfill God's work in us. The shore (of the familiar) may be comfortable, but that might not be where the fish are biting! (Thanks, Pastor Ken)



## Student Success Spotlight:

Recently, one of our students had surgery and many of her classmates took time to pray for her the day of the procedure. At NCA, students know that they are loved by staff and students alike. When young people internalize the devotion to Christ they see modeled by their parents and teachers, it is evidence of God's faithfulness to His people. We praise Him for allowing us to take part in His efforts to raise a new generation of disciples!



## Teacher Success Spotlight:

Our staff is making great strides in preparing for the Association of Christian Schools International accreditation visit, April 11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>. From curriculum mapping and compiling evidentiary documents, to attending and contributing to numerous team meetings, they are striving to encapsulate and present all that NCA does and holds dear. Going above and beyond - that is an everyday occurrence for our dedicated teachers!



## High School Update:

*(In this section each week, we hope to provide information regarding local high schools chosen by our families as the next step in their teen's education.)*

"KHS LIVE is proud to present a *Night of Improv* at its annual Dessert Theatre on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in Schirmer Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 each (dessert is included in the price) and the proceeds will benefit the KHS

LIVE mission trip to Fresno, California where the students will minister to the poor and disenfranchised of the area through relationships, drama camp and meals for over 80 children each day during Spring Break. If you'd like to see NCA Alumni - Zac Turner, Elizabeth Guidry, Michael McGivers and Nick Greenlee (along with 8 of their closest drama buddies) on stage again to raise money for their mission trip, just send me an email. It's high school improv...you never know what will happen, but we would be happy to place your ticket order." -Debbie Greenlee



Kamiak High School is preparing for the 2010-2011 school year registration. Here are some important dates for students planning to attend KHS.

- March 22<sup>nd</sup>: Incoming freshmen presentation in the Performing Arts Center, 8:30AM or 10:30AM, Families are welcome to come to either meeting.
- March 24<sup>th</sup>: Freshmen Parent Night, 6:00PM in the Commons for the "Club Fair" and 6:30PM in the gym for the program.



**University Notes:** "Did you know that 90 percent of prospective students who visit Multnomah University (in Portland, OR) decide to enroll? Something about the environment here makes people want to stick around. Maybe it's the friendly people and spiritual vitality on campus, or maybe it's the countless attractions of the great Northwest. Whatever the reason, we would love to have you visit this place we happily call home." - <http://www.multnomah.edu/Visitor/Visitor.asp>

## Quotes for the Week:

"Be silent as to services you have rendered, but speak of favors you have received."

**Seneca**

*Roman dramatist, philosopher, & politician (5 BC - 65 AD)*

"Books are not made for furniture, but there is nothing else that so beautifully furnishes a house."

**Henry Ward Beecher**

*US abolitionist & clergyman (1813 - 1887)*



Just for Fun!

**BABY BLUES**

**BY RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT**

