



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...*



Skate Night, for 5th - 8th graders, will be held this Tuesday November 10th, 6:30PM-8:30PM at the Skate Deck. Skate Deck is located at 9700 19th Ave SE, in Everett.



Veterans Day Chapel has been scheduled for all 3rd - 8th graders, at 2:15PM on November 4th. All parents are welcome to attend!



The Soccer Banquet will be held Thursday, November 12th at 6:30PM in the lunchroom and the PAC.



Parent Tips:

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To help me compare and contrast ideas.

List items to be compared.

Identify similarities & differences.

Draw a graphic representation of the relationship.

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- Make a list of the ideas to be compared.
- Write each of these ideas at the top of a column.
- For example, if you were comparing the three freshwater ecosystems for your science class, you would have three columns: one for rivers and streams, another for ponds and lakes, and another for wetlands.

Rivers & Streams	Ponds & Lakes	Wetlands

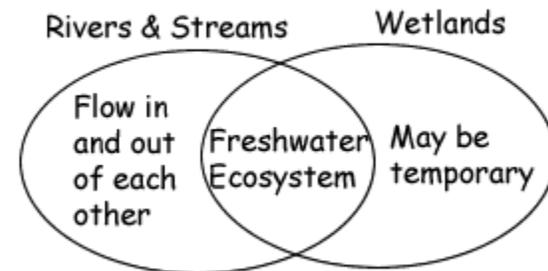
Identify similarities and differences.

- Use a systematic approach to identify factors for comparing each of the items. These factors should be based on your readings and lecture notes.
- Write one factor on each line. Then, go across the columns and ask yourself if this factor applies to the item in a particular column. If it does, put a check in the column. If it does not, leave the column blank.
- Analyze the columns. If there is a check going across all the columns, then this factor is a shared similarity of all the items. If there is a check going across some of the columns, then the factor is shared by those items listed at the top of the columns. Those items without checks do not share the factor listed at the top. Likewise, if items do not have checks, then they share the similarity.
- After you have constructed the listings, verbally describe the similarities and differences among the items to yourself.
- For the example of the rivers and streams, ponds and lakes, and wetlands, they all are similar on the first factor which is freshwater ecosystem. The second factor (they flow in and out of each other), applies to rivers and streams and ponds and lakes, but not to wetlands so rivers and streams and ponds and lakes are similar on this factor, but wetlands differ. The third factor (may be temporary) applies only to wetlands so rivers and streams and ponds and lakes are similar on this factor, but wetlands differ.

	Rivers & Streams	Ponds & Lakes	Wetlands
1. Freshwater ecosystem	✓	✓	✓
2. They flow in and out of each other	✓	✓	
3. May be temporary			✓

Draw a graphic representation of the relationship.

- If you are comparing two items, draw a Venn diagram with two partially overlapping circles. Write the similarities of the two items in the overlapping part of the circles and write the differences in the parts of the circle that do not overlap.
- Color coding when writing similarities and differences may also be helpful. You may want to write factors that are similar in one color and factors that differ in another.





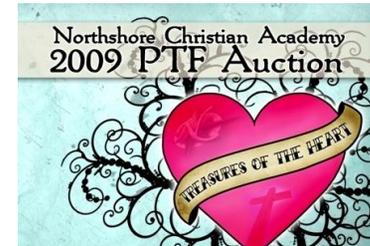
Scripture of the Week:

"I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that men will revere Him."
Ecclesiastes 3:14



News and Updates:

- Our Student-led, Parent/Teacher Conferences are fast upon us. Homeroom teachers will be contacting you with proposed conference times.
- No School November 6th, End-of-the-Quarter Teacher Workday.
- 2009 PTF Auction at the Everett Events Center on Saturday, November 7th! First Silent Auction begins at 5:00PM. Live Auction begins at 7:15PM.
- Basketball Registration material have been sent by email. If you have not received your copy, please let me know at mthornton@northshorechristian.org.



Student Success Spotlight:

At chapel this week, the Drama Class presented a timely and humorous skit about friendship and what it means to be a godly friend. Thanks to all of the students who helped us peel away what the world tells us about friendship and helped us focus on God's requirements!



Teacher Success Spotlight:

No one puts in more hours and more heart for our students than Mrs. Long. We all appreciate the love she has for all of us at NCA!





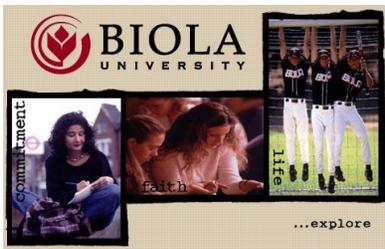
High School Update:

(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.)

Check out this website for PowerPoints about registering at SHS:
<http://shs.sno.wednet.edu/>



University Notes:



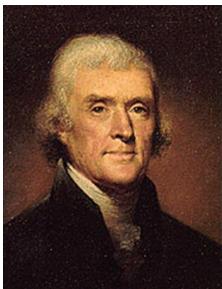
Looking on the West Coast for a quality, Christian education? Check out BIOLA! A special program at BIOLA is the Torrey Honors Institute. "Modeled on the Oxbridge tutorial system, Torrey is designed to hone students' critical thinking skills by exposing them to classical texts and using discussion as the primary mode of instruction." For more on Torrey see <http://www.biola.edu/academics/torrey/>. BIOLA's seminary, Talbot School of Theology, is also located on the main campus.

Quotes for the Week:

“One man with courage makes a majority. “

[Andrew Jackson](#)

7th President of the United States (1767 - 1845)



“Do not bite at the bait of pleasure till you know there is no hook beneath it.”

[Thomas Jefferson](#)

3rd president of US (1743 - 1826)



Just for Fun!

THE SMELL OF HAND SANITIZER WAFING THROUGH THE AIR, THE WAY THE CANDLE REFLECTED OFF BOB'S BIOHAZARD SUIT VISOR... PERHAPS IT WAS HER RECENT HINI VACCINATION MESSING WITH HER MIND, BUT JANE WAS BEING SWEEP AWAY...

BABY BLUES

BY RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT

