

Newton Christian

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Story!*

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-Romans 11:36

Welcome back, NCS!

The school year is off to a great start at Newton Christian School! We have a total of 106 students in Preschool - 8th grade. Our teachers are doing great things in the classrooms that are fulfilling our mission and bringing glory to God while discovering HIS story for us.

Newton Christian's theme for this school year is "God Is In This Story". The Bible verse that goes with this theme is Romans 11:36 - "For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen" We are excited to focus on God's faithfulness as we intentionally seek how He shows himself in our story this year.

As part of our accreditation goals with Christian Schools International, we are starting the process of developing a Strategic Plan for Newton Christian School.

To help the success of this upcoming work, NCS has begun work with the Center for the Advancement of Christian Education. CACE has considerable experience with Christian schools like ours in developing plans such as this.

NCS and CACE are not strangers to each other as CACE is the developer and therefore educator of Teaching For Transformation (TFT).

This may sound familiar to you as it is the framework we use at NCS to put Biblical truth into everything we do in and outside of the classroom. All of the classroom teachers and administration have been trained in TFT by the professionals at CACE.

CACE provides Christian schools with a strategic roadmap to sustainability. They focus on five areas of strategic school leadership:

- Marketing and enrollment management
- Teaching and learning practices
- Workplace culture and climate change
- Board governance and team leadership
- Financial management

We are confident that God has gone before us with this process and we look forward to seeing His faithfulness unfold as we actively pursue His plans for us.

NCS appreciates your prayers for a great school year in which the students, staff, and school community are focusing on God being in our story.

-Principal Nicole Van Wyk

Mission:

Training to a higher academic, moral, and spiritual standard based on Biblical principles.

Teaching for Transformation

TFT... have you heard those three letters in different communications? You may be wondering "What is TFT?" TFT stands for "Teaching for Transformation". This is a framework we use at NCS to put Biblical truth into everything we do in and outside of the classroom. All of the classroom teachers and administration have been trained in TFT by the professionals at CACE.

Teaching for Transformation is a journey:

- For administrators—a leadership journey into the promise of our school's mission and vision.
- For teachers—a professional growth journey that empowers our teachers to design learning experiences that invite both them and their students to play our roles in God's story.
- For students—a learning journey into engagement that shapes their identity both as a learner and as a disciple of Jesus.
- For parents—a faith-filled journey towards your deep hope for your children.
- For the entire school community—a journey to play your part in God's loving story.

We are excited to keep sharing our TFT journey with you.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

The Lord has blessed NCS greatly! Thank you for your generosity; it has allowed us to fulfill our mission of training to a high academic, moral, and spiritual standard based on Biblical principles.

Thank you to:

- **The Way church for their donation of school supplies: Sticky notes, Boxes of tissue, disinfecting wipes, expo markers, extra clothes, socks, and more!**
- **Grace Church for their donation of backpacks.**
- **The Assembly of God church for their donation of toilet paper, hand soap, and hand wipes.**
- **Jeff and Rachael Olson for donating the new sign on our building.**
- **Andrew and Terry McKinney for donating a new cymbal to Band.**
- **Illingworth Family for donations to fulfill our Preschool wish list.**

Looking ahead:

October 18 & 20: PT Conferences
October 24: No School - professional development & strategic planning
November 4: Benefit Dinner
November 24 - 28: Thanksgiving Break
December 8: Christmas Program
April 14: Hog Roast & Auction



Family Fun Day Recap

THANK YOU! Your efforts blew us away in making the Family Fun Day Fundraiser such a success! We are so grateful to have raised funds along with building community and friendships. We had beautiful weather and so much fun with lots of laughter and conversation. The playground was full of giggles and it was super fun to see the beautiful face painting designs done by several of our upper classmen. (Mrs. Davis would be proud!)

We were happy to have so many of our NCS preschool families join in the fun!

Again, thank you for being a part of this STORY!

-Family Fun Day Committee



Benefit Dinner

The Newton Christian School Benefit Dinner is a great opportunity to raise essential funds for the school's operating budget while enjoying live music, fellowship, and a Christian speaker. Our guest speaker is Amanda Zwangzinger, author of "The Paralyzed Movement". This will be a great night to meet new families, enjoy a meal, and give as the Lord leads to NCS.

Date: Friday, Nov. 4 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: Community Heights Alliance Church

If you would like to attend, contact the office at 641-792-1924 and we'd be happy to assign you to a table!



NCS Preschool

Like our K-8 classrooms, our preschoolers have the opportunity to incorporate Biblical truths into the academic and life skills they are being introduced to. They are currently learning about the fruits of the Spirit and are focusing on how they can show the fruits to those around them, as well as beginning to write letters. Crafts, songs & dancing, playing outside, free play, dramatic play, writing, counting, praying, and building friendships are all a part of our preschool day. We currently offer 3 classes and have a total of 38 students enrolled. Our preschool classes are taught by Mrs. Elisha Biehn and Mrs. Sarah Reynolds. Please continue praying for our teachers as they teach and equip our little learners.

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District V Music Festival

The District V Fall Music Festival is coming up! Mark your calendar for the evening of Thursday, November 10. Be prepared to enjoy an evening full of musical excellence as well as developing community of our surrounding Christian schools. This event is very unique as the 5th - 8th grade students from all of these schools are already preparing for this performance. At the beginning of the school year, the music teachers from all schools start preparing our students with the same musical pieces. The bands all practice the same musical pieces as do the choirs. On November 10, all of these students will gather at Pella Christian High School during the day to practice as one large group for the first time as they prepare for that evening's concert. The public is invited to attend this concert at 7:00pm at PCHS in their gymnasium. We hope to see you there!

Prayer Requests

We are thankful for a new school year!

Continue praying for our students that this would be a year of growth in their relationships with the Lord as well as academically. Also, pray for:

- Our teachers and office staff that God would equip them to disciple their students.
- The plans we begin to evaluate and implement as a result of the CACE strategic planning process.
- Our board members and committees as they continue to follow the Lord's guidance and leading.



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