



December 16, 2022

Dear Parents,

I have done my best in the race,
I have run the full distance,
and I have kept the faith.
(2 Timothy 4:7 GNT)

This is not only my last letter to you as your Principal, but it is also the ending of a 26 year (or is it 27? I can't quite remember) career as an educator. Stepping down and ending something happens all the time in the world. Every one of us will end something at some time. The real focus is not the fact of the ending but rather the manner in which you end. So often in Scripture I find people who began well but ended poorly: Saul, Asa, and Hezekiah, for example. As I step down, my prayer is that I have fulfilled Paul's boast and have ended well. But that, of course, is simply my own personal story.

My challenge to each of you, in whatever place you may find yourself, is that you are able to end well when the time comes. Complacency does not look good on a Christian.

As we enter into Christmas, let's remember that Christ told us to be like Him . . . and He finished strong! (1 John 2:6)

As my last act as your Principal, on behalf of all the staff at NCCS, let me wish each and every one of you a very merry and blessed Christmas.



What's Been Happening...

Here are just a few pictures of our amazing Christmas concert. One of the whole school singing and a couple of the K-1 class nativity which captures the essence of our concert: Jesus!



Here's a *Glance* at some upcoming Dates:

- January**
- 3** First Day back at school
- 9, 12, 13** Downhill Skiing @ Troll (Grades 4-12)

God bless,
Bruce Birch