



September 23, 2022

Dear Parents,

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness" **Genesis 1:26-27**

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be conformed to the image of His Son* **Romans 8:29-30**

It has been picture week. In the past we have had just one day but with the growth of the school we had to schedule 2 days. As a parent, I love the school pictures of my children for they capture their image at a moment in time. What I have noticed as my children grew is that picture by picture I could see my child grow—often displaying characteristics of myself and my wife. (Isn't God's creation of DNA amazing!) Yet, even if we disregard the physical traits, often we notice our children becoming like us in their character.

This is what these verses are referring to. Spiritually, we are to become like our Heavenly Father in our character and actions. How does this happen? Believe it or not, part of the transformation comes as we spend time with our Father in Heaven (just as our children become like us through spending time with us).

One of the purposes of NCCS is to instill lessons with truths from God and help facilitate students to "conform to the image" of Jesus. Indicating some of the dividends your financial tuition investment in NCCS produces.

## What's Been Happening...

One of the "behind the scenes" requirements of schools is that we are inspected by the Ministry of Education to show that we are providing quality education, meeting all the curriculum requirements, and providing a safe place for children to learn. These inspections occur every couple of years and this year is one of them. So this week the Business Administrator, Office Staff, and the Principal have been collecting data and creating reports to be prepared for this upcoming inspection. We had proven that NCCS is a top notch educational institution in the last one and we anticipate the same glowing report this year.

Swimming has begun for Grades 3-6. This is a fun and practical course for students and is part of their P.E. curriculum. Teachers appreciate that you ensure your children come with towels and swimsuits as it makes these days run much smoother. FYI, the swimming program at the Rec Center has changed from Red Cross Levels to Swim for Life Levels.

We have been invited to a Cross Country Track Meet for Grades 4-7 in Williams Lake on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October. We have some great distance runners at NCCS. Many of the

Intermediate students ran 10-20 laps during our Terry Fox Run. It would be a great experience for our students to participate in this. However, to do so, we do need a few volunteer drivers. Please contact the school if you are able to help out. (Remember, this is a great opportunity to fulfill Volunteer hours as well.)

Julie Giesbrecht is working with the Grade 9 Students to operate a cafeteria or concession on Mondays—beginning this Monday. Further details and a menu with prices is being emailed to all parents. Be sure to check it out.

Lastly, your School Board has a special message to all parents and supporters of NCCS.

Hello NCCS Families,

As many of you know, we have been trying to secure a new/new-to-us bus for the last two years. Both of our current buses regularly have mechanical issues, are undersized/under-powered, and are simply not reliable.

We have prayed and searched for an appropriate replacement, but have not been able to find anything in our very modest price range. We are back in a position where we might have to buy a retired school bus and make do for another 2-3 years.

We are asking the school body to come alongside us this week and pray that God opens a door to another option, or fills us with peace regarding a decommissioned school bus. We believe in prayer and that God responds in big ways. Please keep NCCS and our bus situation in your prayers this week.

Thank you and God Bless,

The NCCS Board





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

**September**

**30** National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School)

**October**

**4** Cross Country Running Meet for Grade 3-7

**6-7** Pro D (no school)

**10** Thanksgiving Holiday

**13, 20, 27** Swimming Grades 3-6

**21** Student Led Conference (K-1, G 3/4)

or

Parent-Teacher Meeting (G2, G 5-9)

**27** NCCS Annual General Meeting (6:30)

**November**

**3, 10, 17, 24** Swimming Grades 3-6

**10** Remembrance Day Assembly (10:30-11:30)

**11** Remembrance Day Holiday (no school)

**25** NI Day (no school)

Until next week,  
God bless,  
Bruce Birch