



September 29, 2022

Dear Parents,

This Friday our nation is having a holiday supporting Truth and Reconciliation. As a school we discussed this at our Wednesday chapel. I had written a few thoughts surrounding it for the staff and thought I would share them with parents in this letter.

“As I thought about this important holiday for Truth and Reconciliation, I realized that God actually instituted the original Truth and Reconciliation mandate. Jesus was the Truth sacrificed for us so that we can be reconciled to the Father. And then further, we were then commissioned with the ministry of reconciliation. In light of this, Christians should be on the forefront of working towards reconciliation with First Nations.

But the question is, what does this look like? In Isaiah 66:12, “The LORD says, “I will bring you lasting prosperity; the wealth of the nations will flow to you like a river that never goes dry.” What is the wealth that the nations bring into New Jerusalem? Culture!

The goal of Residential Schools was to eradicate the culture of the First Nations People¹. As ministers of Reconciliation, let’s celebrate the culture: language, food, customs, clothing, etc. of the First Nations. By removing the barriers of misunderstanding and ignorance we can help facilitate reconciliation. At the same time, there is a difference between understanding a culture and accepting all aspects of a culture. We live in a fallen world and one part of the world that Satan has corrupted is culture. Culture was never meant to oppose or contradict God’s word. We can understand someone’s culture while not endorsing or condoning all aspects; just as we can accept all people but not all actions.

While there is much that we can learn and celebrate from other cultures, we must also remember that God describes complete reconciliation as becoming Christ like and being reconciled to Him. This happens when we hear the truth of God—it is the absolute. (Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God—Romans 10:17).”

May God guide you as you have opportunity to discuss reconciliation on Friday with your children. Remember, speak the truth but do it in love (Eph 4:15).

What's Been Happening...

I happened upon the Grade 3/4 class learning Flag Football in PE and captured these fun pictures of Hannah and Avery.



On my way to the portable to see the Grade 9 students I also saw the Kindergarten-Grade1 students preparing for a P.E. activity.



Chapel awards were given out by teachers at our All School Chapel on Wednesday.



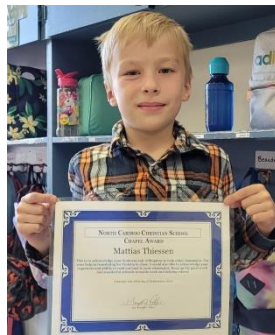
These awards (for those that are new to NCCS) are teacher recognized awards that are given to a few students from each class during the monthly All School Chapel. These often reflect growth in learning, attitudes, and character.

It was exciting to publicly celebrate student achievement. Here are the students that were honoured for September.

K-1



Grade 2



Grade 3-4



Grade 5-6



Grade 7



Grade 8



Grade 9





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