



September 9, 2022

Dear Parents,

I thought I heard a loud rumbling noise Tuesday morning and at first was concerned that there was an emergency enveloping all of Quesnel . . . until I realized it was a united cry of joy from parents as their children went back to school.

What you may not have realized during your celebration is that it was reciprocated by students once they arrived at NCCS. I was blessed to see eager students ready to learn. It certainly makes our job easier.

In truth, we are actually teammates since our goal is to partner with you as we “train a child in the way they should go” knowing that what is taught a child will guide them throughout life. In this day and age, there are many voices trying to speak into your child’s life and a majority of them are not speaking truth or life giving words.

While NCCS is here to teach students the information they require (Math, Socials, English, Science, etc.) and I believe our staff does that in an exemplary manner, we are also here to instill the truths of God upon their hearts in order to raise up educated men and woman of God rather than simply intellectuals.

The difference between these is knowledge versus wisdom. The Bible tells us that some people are ever learning but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth (cf. 2 Timothy 3:7) whereas those who fear God will discover wisdom (Proverbs 9:10).

Wisdom is the ability to apply knowledge correctly in situations to achieve the correct response, action, or answer. This is complete education and it is what NCCS and its staff strive to provide.

It has been an exciting first week with the largest student population that NCCS has ever seen. So, a hearty welcome back to those families and parents that were already part of NCCS and a very sincere and joyful welcome to those of you that have just become part of the NCCS community.

We have a solid team of excellent teachers, various types of support staff, and office staff to guide, teach and support your children comprised of a core that has been here over the 3 years of my time as principal and augmented by some new staff that I am excited to have join our school.

New to NCCS are:

- Ms. Thompson (Teacher for Grade 3/4)
- Mr. Schile (TA for Grade 2 & 3/4)
- Mrs. Pankratz (SSW for Grade 5/6)
- Mrs. Braun (Office)

Along with these, we are planning on hiring a few others that will be announced in the near future.

What's Been Happening...

As students (new and returning) settled into classes and got reacquainted with classroom procedures, this first week has also included our first School Assembly, our first All-School Chapel, a Fire Drill , gradual entry of our new Kindergarten students as well as hosting our parents for Parent Orientation. It has been a busy 3½ days.



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

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- 16** School Terry Fox Run (PM)
- 19-20** School Photos
- 22** Swimming for Grades 3-6 (Also 22, 29)
- 30** National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School)

Until next week,
God bless,
Bruce Birch