

North Cariboo Christian School Spreading the Word

JUNE 2015



VanVugt family makes room for next generation. by Marjorie VanVugt

Jeremiah 9:23-24

Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches but let him who boasts, boast about this: that he understands and knows Me. That I am the Lord who exercises kindness, justice, and righteousness on earth. For on these I delight, declares the Lord.

We the Van Vugt family are so deeply grateful for NCCS's role in teaching our 9 children over the last 21 years! When I calculate each year per child that comes to 73 years FULL of God honoring, God blessed, well-rounded education and fun. As our last child, Scooter, has just graduated from NCCS and heads to Correlieu next year, it is our joy to have our second generation- Aspen and Melia Page- already continuing our era with NCCS.

Our family rolled into town 23 years ago and although we were home schooling at the time, we knew Quesnel with all its churches should have a Christian school that was parent run. The Bible says parents must teach their children about Him above all and although we do that at home and at church, what about school, where students spend 30 hours weekly, 38 weeks a year? So finding like-minded people, resourced and encouraged by ACSI, the provision of capable Mrs. Sargent, and Bethel's upstairs classrooms, we saw God holding our sweet little 14 pupil school in the hollow of His Hand, in 1994. And there it has been held for 21 years, as we have been joined along the way by so many teachers, families, board and committee members who have come, rolled up their sleeves rejoicing and trembling to do the important work of training our children to know, love and effectively serve the Lord Jesus.

Our family would like to thank and honor All our teachers, for they are the ones on the front lines, daily, moment by moment, causing our children to learn and give their best effort. We recognize the enormity of your job and we take off our hats to you! We want to especially mention the many years contributed by Mrs. Sargent, Mrs. Matheson (as both teacher and Business Administrator), Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Logan, Mrs. Olson, Mrs. Doerksen, Mrs. Armstrong, and Mr. Hengen, also Mrs. Evjenth, Business Administrator. For sure your labour of love is bearing fruit!

Our time in NCCS has given us so much beauty. Throughout the years seeing the student's art work displayed in their classrooms and hallways has often taken my breath away. The way the teachers have motivated the students and taught them to draw creativeness from the inside/out is marvelous. Thank-you teachers for the many beautiful drama productions, and Christmas plays. Thank-you volunteers for the hoedowns, dinner auctions, puddle dances, art shows, harvest fests and powerful prayer vigils!

The school community has been our extended family in prayer, sweat and tears; in decision making, laughter and singing; in cleaning, and in running, and in celebrating and encouraging! What a marvel it is that people from so many backgrounds could join arms and form a school! This school has grown in enrollment, maturity, purchasing of its own building. It remains secure in the palm of God's Hand and may it always rest there. We hope with you that NCCS may become a K-12 school and continually be on guard to honor and serve the Lord Jesus. For we trust that this firm foundation provided for our children and their children in turn will help us all to enjoy God and glorify Him forever!



Genti, Jesse and Robin at NCCS in 1995
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From R to L -->
Mike and Marjorie Van Vugt
Gentiana, Robin, Jesse, Amy-Claire, Sky,
Leaf, Journey, Evangeline, and Scooter



<-- Back Row L-R
Jesse, Amy-Claire, Mike, Marjorie, Robin,
Genti + Mike Page
Front Row L-R
Scooter, Journey, Evangeline (holding
Lafonda the cat) Sky, Leaf



PRAYER AND PRAISE

Please join us in prayer for Mr. Drid Elias, Bus Driver whose wife Donna-Rae joined the Lord after a very short time of being diagnosed with cancer.

STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following Student Award recipients:

WORK ETHIC:

Grade Kindergarten; Riley, Arthur, Chloey Billingsley, Cara Doerksen, Jasper Gibbs, Curtis Geisbrecht, Benjamin Jacobsohn, Braeden Moore, Melia, Page, Aaliyah Parkinson, Kaylee Pilkington, Lucas Popik, Micah Rieger, Jasreet Samra, Vanshnoor Sran, Jake Stevens

Grades 1-2; Eric Bagri, Johana Ketter, Moria Regier, Emmanuelle Rivard, Devyn Aiken, Cadence Giesbrecht, José Santos, Mark Savage, Ané Stals, Annalee Simpson, Delilah Ward, Elisabeth Wolff

Grades 3-4; Evan Arthur, Isaiah Bagri, Royley Billingsley, Emma Englund, Isaiah Harding, Rachelle Jacobsohn, Dafne Savage, Declan Giesbrecht, Uriah Harding, Matthew Martin, Connor Moore, J.T. Renner, Elias Wolff

Grades 5-6-7; Alicia Baldwin, Jesse Schotel, Grace Wolff, Paige Zieske, Sara Englund, Joshua Andres, Rose Englund, Ceilidh Eyford, Harrison Fillion, Madison Zieske

Grades 8-9; Carmen Rojas, Scott Sargent, Scooter VanVugt

Grades 10; Aisha Schmitke, Brandon Watt

HONOUR ROLL:

Grades 4; Declan Giesbrecht, Uriah Harding, Caeden Lyons, Matthew Martin, J.T. Renner, Dafne Savage

Grades 5-6-7; Alicia Baldwin, Jesse Schotel, Grace Wolff, Merial Quinn, Ceilidh Eyford, Harrison Fillion, Josh Regier, Madison Zieske

Grades 8-9; Felicia Emblau, Nathan Isaac, Caleb Wolff, Michael Horstman, Jake Isaak, Adrien Popik, Jesse Saip

Grades 10; Austin Lyons, Aisha Schmitke, Kyra Schmitke

PRINCIPAL ROLL:

Grades 4; Connor Moore, Elias Wolff

Grades 5-6-7; Paige Zieske, Sara Englund, Joshua Andres

Grades 8-9; Jade Gibbs, Carmen Rojas, Shazia Fillion, Scott Sargent, Scooter VanVugt

STUDENT OF THE TERM:Gr Kindergarten; Curtis Giesbrecht, Gr 1-2; Johana Ketter Gr 3-4; Emma Englund Gr 5-6-7; Jesse Schotel Gr 8-9; Michael Horstman

STUDENT OF THE YEAR:Gr Kindergarten; Lucas Popik, Gr 1-2; Moriah Regier Gr 3-4; Connor Moore Gr 5-6-7; Joshua Andres, Gr 8-9; Carmen Rojas, Gr 10; Aisha Schmitke

PERFECT ATTENDANCE:No eligible students

EXCELLENCE IN CREATIVITY AND THE ARTS: Adrien Popik

EXCELLENCE IN MATH&SCIENCE: Scott Sargent

EXCELLENCE IN WRITING: Jesse Saip

CITIZENSHIP: Michael Horstman



BOARD CORNER

Congratulations NCCS on another school year completed! The board is so proud of all of our student's and all of their accomplishments! To our high school students moving on, may God bless you in the God given future he has planned for you! Follow him all your days and your life will be filled with abundance!

As we look forward to our future at NCCS we are growing... if you have any time over the summer please contact the office on Wednesdays or Travis Englund as we are going to make preparations of expansion by renovating parts of the school!

Have a joyfull summer, we cannot wait to see you all in September !

Amanda Simpson, NCCS Board Chairperson

TRACK AND FIELD

On Friday, June 12th NCCS hosted its first official Track and Field competition. Students from grades three through seven competed against students from St. Ann's. Six events in each age category were held – 100m sprint, 400m/800m run, shot put, high jump, long jump, triple jump, and the day ended with team relays. We had around 80 students, staff and parents in the back field and it was a fantastic time. It was so wonderful to see the students from NCCS and St. Ann's cheering each other on and encouraging each other with high fives and smiles. The promotions committee held a concession, and grade 8/9 students helped to run the events. Students were awarded ribbons for first, second and third place in each category. Next year we hope to plan the event in time to have another school or two join us. Thank you to all who came to help, participate, and cheer us on – a fabulous day was had by all.

Mrs. Moore, Teacher

NCCS ACCEPTING 2015-2016 REGISTRATIONS

Please remember to inform your friends and families that NCCS is still accepting 2015-2016 registrations from Kindergarten to Grade 9.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings in the Matchless and Wonderful Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Having come to the end of another eventful and blessed year, allow me once again to reiterate how wonderfully blessed we are to have at our school a staff that is more than competent, who love and serve God. Our students are eager to learn and express God's love through their praise and worship. My heart also goes out to parents, friends and benefactors who go above and beyond the call of duty in their commitment to our school. Without your dedicated service to our students and to our school, NCCS simply won't exist. I wish you and your family a restful and invigorating summer.

Allow me to highlight some of the event and look ahead at some of our plans for the coming academic year:

- As in the past, we had our annual prayer vigil in the gym in January this year. The entire school community was blessed with presentations by Pastor Nate and Mrs. Angela Zieske. The focus was on what it looked like to be the light of the world in a time of increasing darkness. Very palpable that day, was God's presence in the Gym, with students, staff, parents and visitors pouring their hearts out before God.
- A community service activity that involved the grade 8 – 10 students was showing God's love by reaching out to community members during the anti-bullying campaign in town.
- Mrs Sargent and her team did not disappoint with an excellent Christmas Concert production of "The Christmas Gift".
- The Student Council has been involved in various activities at our school and God is using their gifts and talents to build and edify the student body.
- Due to the fact that none of our grade 9 students indicated that they will continue their education at NCCS, we have decided that it won't be financially viable to offer grade 10 or 11 next year and will focus on putting resources into our K-9 program.

- Once again, we've had a very successful Ready, Set, Learn program in February/March, which was presented by Janet Andres.
- In May, we'll be having Emergency Preparedness/Safety Week, with a series of emergency drills, and review safety policies and procedures with students and parents.
- The various field trips, excursions and events throughout the year make for a full, exciting and well-rounded educational experience for our students. These include ski trips, gymnastics, swimming, soccer, basketball, sports days, educational trips and house challenges.
- Our Chapels remain a cornerstone of our weekly corporate praise, worship and devotion.

Looking forward to the 2015/2016 academic year, we hope to:

- Expand our Applied Skills Program for our grade 8/9 students to include more hands-on practical experiences.
- Streamline our Student Job Board.
- Create space for a possible increase in enrolments.
- Expand our House System.
- Expand our community service outreach program.
- Before the end of this school year, appoint teachers in positions that may arise due to possible increase in enrolments.

Mr. Martin, Principal



Correction to May Awards:

Beginner (K-3) 3rd James Parkinson

Intermediate (4-7) 3rd Bethany Parkinson

Angela Zieske & Michelle Sargent, Committee Organizers

NCCS Graduating Kindergarten class of 2015

