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Hello NCHS Parents and Students,

I am delighted to be able to serve as the incoming principal at Northwest Christian High School. After listening to students and teachers, as well as, collecting feedback from the parent survey, I have been reflecting on three broad focus areas for this school year: spiritual life, relationships, and communication. We will have a successful year when we possess a vibrant **spiritual life** with Jesus at the head, healthy and humble **relationships**, and clear, timely, and relevant **communication**.

This year's spiritual theme is "**Love God, Love Others**" which comes from the words of Jesus when he was asked which commandment is deemed the greatest. Jesus responds, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and Prophets hang on these commandments'" (Matt. 22:36-40). It is here in these two simple commands that our commitment to Jesus Christ begins and ends: love God and love others. It may take some of us a lifetime to really grasp *why* we ought to love God and love others. What compels us? It is God's faithfulness that leads us to love Him with every part of our being. He initiated his love towards us (1 John 4:19) even while we were opposed to Him (Rom. 5:8).

Loving God and loving others is not a passive experience. I pray that this upcoming school year will be one in which our students take visible action in receiving God's love, as well as, offering love to Him in return. I encourage students and parents to reflect on this topic as we approach the beginning of the school year.

This year, we want to make sure to communicate clear, timely, and relevant information to you as parents and students. We have created a School Calendar that is located on our website specifically for students and parents to get up-to-date information. We will also be publishing a "Wolverine Weekly" newsletter every Monday so that you are informed and engaged in all things NCHS!

We have additional important updates to share with you regarding spirit wear, yearbooks, and much more at <https://ncslacey.org/nchs-summer-mailing/>. I am looking forward to meeting each of you!

See you soon,

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