

July 27, 2023

Hello NCHS Parents and Students,

We are excited for another school year to start. "Wake Up" is this year's spiritual theme selected by our leadership students. Ephesians 5:15-16 will be our primary verse to come back to throughout the school year,

"Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

Last year we launched student-led small groups as part of our spiritual formation initiatives. The small groups allowed students to grow as followers of Jesus, building deeper peer relationships, and to be intentional about student-to-student discipleship. We look forward to another year of building and shaping our small groups.

Staff Updates: Molly Hanley is our full-time Science teacher who will be joining our faculty. She has a Master of Education in Instruction and Curriculum, STEM Leadership Program and a Bachelor's Degree in Science Education and STEM Teaching from Central Washington University. Ms. Hanley most recently taught High School Science for Elevate K-12. She loves God and is eager to jump in the classroom and help our students have a passion for the world God has created. Michele Augur is also joining the NCHS faculty as a part-time Science teacher. She has a Master of Science degree and is an adjunct instructor at Bastyr University. Mrs. Augur is committed to honoring Christ in her life and work and enjoys equipping students to pursue life-long learning, dive deep into foundational truths, make connections between topics, and develop leadership skills and autonomy in their educational experience. We warmly welcome both Ms. Hanley and Mrs. Augur to our NCHS team.

Freshman Meet-and-Greet: On August 23rd at 12pm in the NCHS gym we are having a Freshman Meet-and-Greet. Freshman will meet staff, learn some great tips on how to be a successful high school student, be issued a locker, and best of all—free lunch!

Speech and Debate: We are looking forward to starting a Speech and Debate team this school year! We are now members of the Logos Forensic Association (LFA). We do realize that it may take some time to build our team, but if we have enough student participation, we will compete against other Christian schools in the region. More information will be given after school starts regarding when the season begins and ends and the dates/times of practice.

NCHS Calendars: We have added an [Athletics Calendar](#) to our website which will show all games and athletic oriented events so parents can find all athletic activities in one place. We still have our [NCHS Calendar](#) which also shows all school oriented activities going on.

We will see you at our **Back-to-School BBQ** on August 31st from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. This will be a time to visit with teachers, see classrooms, and eat a hot dog.

Our staff and faculty are planning and preparing for a wonderful school year. **Find more back-to-school information at ncslacey.org/back2school2023**

Enjoy the rest of your summer and Go Wolverines!

Josh Snyder
NCHS Principal