



Northwest Christian Academy Newsletter

October 2025

Fall Blessings!

Dear Families,

As the leaves begin to turn and we enter this season of harvest, my heart is full of gratitude. I am thankful for the privilege of serving as your principal, for the joy of having my own daughters here as part of this school family, and for the community and fellowship that make this place so special. I truly, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever" (Psalm 136:1).

Did You Know?

Celebrations like Thanksgiving are not new! In the Old Testament, God's people celebrated the **Feast of Booths (Sukkot)** each fall at harvest time (Leviticus 23:33–43). Families lived in temporary shelters to remember how God provided for Israel during their wilderness journey. It was a week of joy and thanksgiving, as everyone gave thanks for the harvest and for God's faithful care. "The Lord your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so that you will be altogether joyful" (Deuteronomy 16:15).

This same spirit of contentment and thankfulness is echoed in Paul's words: "I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need" (Philippians 4:11–12). Gratitude teaches us to see God's faithfulness in both abundance and in challenge.

Faith & Science Agree

Even modern research confirms what Scripture has long taught us. A meta-analysis of over 60 studies found that practicing gratitude leads to less anxiety, lower depression, and greater joy. In other words, science is catching up to the truth of Philippians 4:6: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Gratitude isn't just polite—it's powerful.

As we move deeper into this season, may we remember God's provision in the past, celebrate His blessings in the present, and look forward with confidence in His care for the future. Thank you for walking this journey with me, with my family, and with one another. What a gift it is to share in this community of faith and learning.

Jonathan Fox
Principal

I-55 BOOK FAIR

Our school is conducting an I-55 Book Fair to motivate students to read more and to raise money to purchase books for our classrooms and library. We're excited to offer this fun experience to students and families. Please visit ncslacey.org/news for more info on volunteering opportunities.

UPCOMING DATES:

October 2025:

No School	10/3
Wolverine Fun Run Kickoff	10/6
1:55 Book Fair	10/6-10
Parent/Teacher Conferences - 12pm Dismissal	10/8-10
Spirit Day: We Are Wolverines	10/17
Wolverine Fun Run Event	10/17
Carnival	10/24

School Picture Retakes	10/27
End of Quarter 1 -12pm Dismissal	10/31

November 2025:

NCS Public Board Meeting-5:30PM	11/4
Spirit Day—Patriotic Day	11/7
Veterans Day Assembly	11/7
Veterans Day Observed—Closed	11/10-11
Thanksgiving— Campus Closed	11/26-28

NO SCHOOL-October 3

NCA is closed Friday, Oct 3 for staff professional development. Extended care is available if we have at least 8 children sign up for care. **Please register your student online at ncslacey.org/extended-care by Friday, September 26.**

FALL FUNDRAISER—WOLVERINE FUN RUN

Our Wolverine Fun Run is back! This year students will be raising funds for Classroom Instructional Technology Enhancement. Students will see improvements to the little gym and other areas around the school. **Kickoff is Monday, October 6**, and the **Wolverine Fun Run will be held on Friday, October 17** and registration is open NOW! Please watch for more information as we provide further news on how students and families can participate in this exciting event.



EXTENDED CARE OCT 8-10

School is out at Noon (12:00 PM) on conference days. If you need care between 12 and 5:30pm, please register online at ncslacey.org/extended-care. **Registration is required.**

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conference week is coming up October 8-10 and ***school gets out at 12PM***. 5th-8th grade students will be attending conferences with their parents to partner together with their teacher to refine and discuss their goals for this school year. You can register with your student's teacher(s) on Signup Genius by following the link in the Wolverine Weekly. You can also reach out to the NCA Office Staff for direct links. **No hot lunch served during conference days.**

DROP OFF & PICK UP

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we adjust to drop off and pick up routines. For the safety of the children, please remember:

- Do not park in front of the crosswalks
- Please pull forward to the loading zone or parking lot when picking up and dropping off
- PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY. Thank you!



PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Please acknowledge that you have received the Parent-Student Handbook and that you have reviewed it with your student. At least one parent for each family and every junior high student must complete the acknowledgement form. There are two separate links below. ***Please complete the acknowledgement form no later than September 27.***

Parent Acknowledgement <https://forms.gle/aornoQkQq4hCiY326>

Junior High <https://forms.gle/8spDyKDso23uwTJM7>



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We are excited to announce that our entire school will be participating in Operation Christmas Child again this year. Kickoff begins October 29. **Boxes are due November 19.** More information will be sent home on the day of kickoff.

Illness Policy

Thank you for helping us make the health and safety of our students and employees the highest priority. Remember to keep your child home if they have any of the following symptoms: fever or chills (100.4 or higher), nausea, vomiting or diarrhea.

BOYS BASKETBALL—SEASON BEGINS OCT 27

Priority Registration begins **October 3**, Open Registration begins **October 15**. Deadline for registration is **October 22** and **first practice is October 27**. **Parent meeting October 30** from 5-5:30pm. *There are no practice/games over Thanksgiving or Christmas Breaks.* For more information and to register at ncslacey.org/athletics-nca

NCA FALL CARNIVAL

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24th— 5:00pm-7:00pm

Plan on bringing your entire family. The NCA carnival is a fun filled night of carnival games and dinner. All proceeds from the carnival are given to our teachers to purchase items for their class. We need parent volunteers - please watch for more information on this exciting event and how you can help make it a success.



MOD PIZZA SPIRIT NIGHT UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who participated in our MOD Pizza Spirit Night fundraiser last month! Thanks to you we earned **\$411.19** for our teacher classroom funds!

PICTURE RETAKES

If you missed picture day or would like a retake, **retakes are on Monday, October 27**, in the morning. All students who did not previously get their picture taken, will have their portrait photo taken this day.

NNU CHOIR & ORCHESTRA VISIT

The NNU Choir & Orchestra combines the Symphony Orchestra and University Choir featuring over 100 students from a wide variety of majors across the campus. Their dynamic concerts feature music from hymn settings, contemporary Christian, gospel, classical choral/orchestral repertoire. They perform extensively throughout the region and are outstanding ambassadors for the Lord, NNU, and music. They will perform for our K-12 students in the NCHS Gym at 12:25 pm on Monday, October 6th.

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Boys Basketball Priority Registration Opens	4
5	6 Wolverine Fun Run Kickoff 8:30 NNU Concert 12:25	7	8	9	10 No School – Professional Development	11
			Parent Teacher Conference & Early Dismissal at 12:00			
			1:55 Book Fair			
12	13	14	15 Boys Basketball Open Registration Begins	16	17 Wolverine Fun Run Sprit Day – We Are Wolverines	18
19	20	21	22 Boys Basketball Registration Deadline	23	24 Fall Carnival 5-7p	25
26	27 Picture Retakes Boys Basketball Begins	28 Boys Basketball Parent Meeting	29 Operation Christmas Child Kickoff	30	31 End of Quarter 1 12:00 Dismissal	