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 "Attitude is Everything"



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 Chief Academic Officer
 "Hello, My Name is..."



Parent-Teacher Conference Policy
*Follow the procedure to make
 parent-teacher conference effective*

New Covenant NEWS

ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING! (PART 1)

Students prepare for the new school year by acquiring new backpacks, writing tools, or clothes. However, I hope they can begin the new school year with a "fresh" and "positive" attitude. Why? Because attitude matters.

According to Pastor Wayne Cordeiro, of New Hope Church in Honolulu, your attitude will determine: "(1) the quality of your relationship with other people; (2) whether you can turn a problem into blessing; and (3) whether you become a victim of defeat or a student of success."

Before making judgments on others, we must think about our own attitude: What is my attitude toward problems, authority, family, friends, and money? Do I view setbacks as a

stepping-stone for growth, or do I make excuses and blame others? How do I react when odds are against me? If others were to rank or score my attitude, 1 = poor and 10 = fantastic, what would be the score?

Pastor Wayne says that good attitude is like the Hawaiian lei (a wreath of flowers presented to guests upon arrival). The beautiful fragrance can uplift others. But, a bad attitude is like the odor of trash that makes others scowl and turn their heads.

So, I hope all parents, teachers, and students of New Covenant will take the time to evaluate their attitude. This is particularly important as we start the new school year.

May we give off the wonderful fragrance of Jesus this school year and bless everyone we meet!



*Greatest Attitude is
 Gratitude!!*



SCHOOL NEWS

The biggest news at NCA in 2015-16 school year is middle school staff change. This year, we welcome four (4) new middle school teachers. They are: (1) Mrs. Narae Choe (from Australia), teaching Social Studies; (2) Mrs. Elizabeth Torres, teaching Math; (3) Mrs. Darlene Chai (formerly Liu), teaching English, and (4) Ms. Karla Kim, teaching Korean. We also have Mr. Samuel Song with us as Middle School Chaplain. We welcome the new teachers, and we wish them a great school year!



MR. JOSEPH CHAI

Welcome back to the 2015-2016 academic year! My name is Mr. Joseph Chai, and I am thrilled to introduce myself to you as the new Chief Academic Officer at NCA. I am fortunate enough to have known or encountered many of you in my five years of teaching middle school at our school, but I count myself so lucky to be able to continue

working closely with your children in this new capacity.

This is going to be a fantastic year. Together, with your partnership, we will create a year of excellence for our children as we focus on improving the quality of our school community. As you know, this is a historic time for our school as we have finally opened up the channels

of communication between parents and teachers. We firmly believe that working together toward the mutual goals of student health and success will help further our commitment to a safe, respectful, and altogether excellent school environment that puts God and His Kingdom first.

I know I speak for our teachers and staff when I say that I am so excited for this year and its boundless possibilities. Let's work together to make this an unforgettable year.

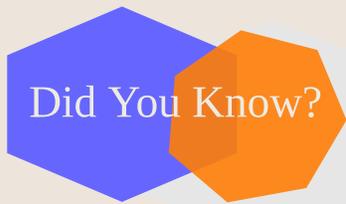
Calendar

Items

Aug. - Sept.
2015



- 8/10 First day of School
- 8/24-25 Terra Nova Testing
- 8/26-28 Fall Camp @ Pine Crest in Big Bear
- 9/3 Last Day to Register for October 3rd SAT
- 9/7 Labor Day: School is closed
- 9/10 Back-to-School Night



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE POLICY

Parents can schedule conferences with teachers at NCA. Please follow the below protocol to make sure that parent-teacher conferences are utilized effectively.

First of all, if you have school policy or calendar issues or non-instructional concerns, simply contact the following admins:

- calendar items: Mr. Michael Song (x100) and Mr. Franklin Park (x101)

- financial matters: Mr. Joseph Koo (x104)

- general academic issues:

Mr. Joseph Chai (x103)
- registration or student referrals: Mrs. Kara Kim-Song (x102)

For parent-teacher conferences:

1. before requesting a conference, be sure to have discussed the matter of your concern with your child
2. contact the teacher at least three business days in advance via email or phone call to the school office with your request for meeting
3. inform the teacher about the nature of the meeting (ex.

performance, social issues, grading policy, etc.)

4. keep in mind that your child may be requested to be at the meeting by the teacher

5. teacher office hours are usually 7:30-8:20 AM, Tuesday through Friday

6. each conference is to be no more than 30 min. in length

7. only English is used during conferences; should you need an interpreter, please ask the administration for one

8. teachers can request admins to be present in meetings

9. please keep all meetings professional and friendly

10. emails or phone calls are to be used only for simple matters such as scheduling conferences; please, do not expect lengthy explanations from teachers via email

11. frequent requests for conferences will be noted and the matter will be referred to the admins

By following the above protocol, parent-teacher conferences can be productive and effective in supporting student success at NCA.

School phone: 213.487.5437

All Teacher Email Addresses:

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