



Dr. Song Column
 What Makes NCA Unique?



Winter Camp @ The Oaks
 Feb. 1-3, 2017



Introducing Mr. Austin Tannous
 NCA's MS Music Teacher

New Covenant NEWS

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NCA had its Spring Open House on January 26, 2017, and about 20 prospective families came to learn more about the school. Those families asked as to what makes NCA unique or different from other private schools. In this month's newsletter, I'd like to share with you what I told those parents.

First, NCA is a Christian school where God is honored and Christ is exalted. It's sad but true that some schools with Christian names or history are no longer bona fide Christian schools. NCA was founded as a Christian school in 1999, and it is committed to providing solid Christian education to its students.

Second, NCA is a school where student achievement is celebrated and academic growth is proven. NCA's Terra-Nova results are in the top 7-9% in the nation, and the SAT (1350+) and ACT (33) results are much, much higher than that of other schools.

Third, NCA's teachers are highly effective, qualified, and caring individuals. Teachers at NCA are more than just instructors--they are mentors, leaders, advisors, and counselors.

Fourth, NCA is a small community

that feels like family. NCA is truly a "village" that raises children together. Parents, teachers, and other adults are committed to blessing and loving all students.

Fifth, NCA is affordable. Compared to other private schools, NCA's tuition is literally a small fraction. Yet, NCA produces results that are significantly



better than more expensive schools. That's because NCA is committed to making Christian education affordable. Generous financial aid and scholarships are granted to more than 25% of families each year.

Sixth, NCA is focused on developing 21st century critical thinkers. It is no longer acceptable to just teach facts and information. Given that our children will

be seeking jobs in the future that do not exist today, NCA is committed to developing critical thinkers who will be ready to handle challenging tasks through innovation and ingenuity.

Seventh, NCA utilizes technology effectively. The entire campus has wi-fi access to the Internet, and students in Grades 6-12 use Pearson's LMS (Learning Management System). Younger students use iPads and Chromebooks for learning and assessment, and the IB students use Manglebac to balance their workload. In sum, NCA is effectively utilizing technology to make learning more engaging and manageable.

Eighth, NCA supports parents and families through PTA meetings, individual conferences, parenting tips and ideas shared through the NCA App, and family counseling. Strengthening and supporting families is an important part of NCA's ministry.

Finally, NCA is a growing school. From offering more sports, to art programs, to music programs, and various clubs each year, NCA is always looking for additional ways to enrich student learning and experience.

I have a lot more to say, but I'm running out of space! I hope you, too, can see how special NCA is! Go, Huskies!

NCA WINTER CAMP @ THE OAKS



Winter Camp once again took place at The Oaks Christian Conference Center in Lake Hughes, from Feb. 1 through 3. Continuing from last Fall Camp, this camp was centered around the theme, Back to the Basics 2. Dr. Jason Song spoke at the camp on the Non-Negotiables of Christianity, continuing his recent chapel messages. (You can listen to it again in our app!) Mr. Samuel Song and Mr. Jonah Kang addressed the same topic to students in Grades 2 through 5. Our students, teachers, and staff returned safely, re-energized by the good food, great company, and awesome presence of God.

Calendar

Items

February 2017



- President's Day - No School (2/20)
- Boys Basketball
 - @ Aveson (2/6)
 - @ Acaciawood (2/9)
- Boy's Volleyball
 - New Roads @ NCA (2/28)
 - @ Delphi (3/2)
 - @ New Roads (3/8)
 - @ AGBU Pasadena (3/10)
 - Ambassador @ NCA (3/14)
 - @ Pilibos (3/16)
 - Pacific Hills @ NCA (3/22)
 - St. Monica Academy @ NCA (3/27)



MR. AUSTIN TANNOUS



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My name is Austin Tannous and I am the newly arrived Music Teacher for 4-8 grade students. I am originally from the Philadelphia area. I went to college in the Boston area and got a degree in Music (Piano) and History. In college I met my wife, who was also a music major--I have a fond memory of accompanying her singing on the piano my sophomore year, little did I know this was only the beginning of our teamwork... After college, we both spent 5 more years in the Boston area as I gathered experience teaching history and music at a number of schools.

After a long period of discernment and prayer, my wife and I decided to moved to Pasadena this past summer so that I could start a Master of Divinity degree from Fuller Theological Seminary. We've been adjusting

and settling into the rhythms life in California and are excited to build a new community here on the west coast.

I am blessed to have this opportunity to study and continue to teach. Having been at NCA for about a month, I can say that it's been wonderful to get to know the students. They are tremendous and keep my musical knowledge sharp. I would appreciate the prayers as I continue to discern how to present God's creativity through studying music!

