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AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN EDUCATION @ NCA

In last month's newsletter, I listed the distinctive qualities of NCA as follows:

- authentic Christian education
- proven achievement results
- accredited
- affordable
- safe and nurturing environment
- qualified and effective teachers
- individual attention
- family counseling and support

In this newsletter, I'd like to elaborate on NCA's "authentic Christian education." So, what is Christian education, and what makes NCA's Christian education authentic?

First of all, Christian education isn't something that non-Christians can provide. Only those who have experienced the saving grace of God and living daily as disciples of Jesus Christ can provide Christian education to students. NCA's teachers and administrators have all expressed their commitment to follow Christ, and they are focused on providing solid Christian experience and education to students.

Second, Christian education allows all learners to find their *purpose* and

meaning in the grand scheme of things. Why are we here in the first place? What is the meaning of life? What is my life's goal or purpose? What must I do to bless and enrich the lives of others? These are the overarching questions that young and old alike must address, but most schools do not engage in answering these questions. However, all adults at NCA are here to share their experiences and expertise with students so that the youth can get a better sense of direction and purpose.

Third, Christian education focuses on excellence and achievement. I do not believe that Christian education should be limited to singing hymns, praying, or learning only about the Bible. Of course, that's part of learning, but Christian educators and schools must lead the way in academic excellence. We need to raise Christian young men and women who are on fire for God and also able to lead and serve others through knowledge, skills, and wisdom. "Educating, equipping, and enabling the Christian leaders," NCA's

motto, requires attaining high achievement results. Mediocrity has no place in Christian education, especially not at NCA.

Fourth, Christian education is about nurturing each child, the "image bearer" of God. That's why every child is valued, respected, and honored at NCA. That is precisely why teachers and administrators at NCA "pour" themselves into the lives students. Knowing that every student will blossom into a godly person who will love the Lord, serve the world, and leave behind a legacy of faith and love, we will continue to nurture the young learners.

Authentic Christian education at NCA is all about developing the whole person. As we focus on each child's physical, relational, cognitive, and emotional growth, we are confident that they will actualize the God-given potential to impact the world. We don't do this alone--we trust and depend on God to do this *through* us.

I hope NCA's commitment to authentic Christian education is what you are looking for. As an NCA parent myself, I'm thankful that my children are receiving authentic Christian education at NCA. I hope you agree with me.



BOYS VOLLEYBALL SEASON

Calendar

Items

March 2017

Opponent	Date	Time	Home/Away	Address
New Roads	2/28	4:00 PM	Home*	1240 West Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90019
New Roads	3/8	3:15 PM	Away	1835 Stoner Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90025
AGBU Pasadena	3/10	4:00 PM	Away	2495 E Mountain St., Pasadena, CA 91104
Ambassador	3/14	6:30 PM	Home	615 Shatto Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90005
Pilibos	3/16	4:00 PM	Away	1615 N Alexandria Blvd., LA, CA 90027
Pacific Hills	3/22	6:30 PM	Home	615 Shatto Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90005
St. Monica	3/27	6:30 PM	Home	615 Shatto Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90005
AGBU Canoga Park	3/30	4:00 PM	Away	6844 Oakdate Ave., Canoga Park, CA 91306
Le Lycee	4/4	6:00 PM	Away	10309 National Blvd., LA, CA 90034
Delphi	4/6	6:30 PM	Home	615 Shatto Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90005
St. Monica	4/11	4:00 PM	Away	855 N Orange Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91103
Pacific Lutheran	4/25	3:30 PM	Away	540 Maple Ave., Torrance, CA 90503
Ambassador	4/26	3:30 PM	Away	540 Maple Ave, Torrance, 90503
Delphi	5/1	3:30 PM	Away	9901 Dronfield Ave., Sun Valley, CA 91352
Pacific Hills	5/3	3:15 PM	Away	7600 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036

NCA Boys Volleyball season is here. The boys will be coached by Ms. Klein once again. Please show your support for the team by showing up to games and cheering for them!

- K-3 PTA Meeting (3/2)
- K & 1st Grade Disneyland Trip (3/6)
- Non-Korean Family PTA Meeting (3/9)
- SAT Exam (3/11)
- 9-11th Grade Parent Meeting (3/16)
- Boys Volleyball Games (See left)
- Various "Class" Trips in March (TBA)

Introducing.....

MR. CEZAR LUCHIAN



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M.A., Mathematics, University
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Hello everyone! My name is Cezar Luchian and I have the privilege of teaching Math to the middle schoolers here at the NCA. I was born in Romania, where I grew up during the last decades of the Communist regime. From very early on, my two passions were studying Math and playing soccer. However, an injury at the age of 21 cut my playing career short, and I ended up focusing on my academic pursuits alone.

While studying Mathematics at the University of Bucharest, one of my closest friends introduced me to the study of Bible prophecies and I soon became very interested in the philosophical foundations of the Christian faith. A few months later I was baptized in Christ. In the aftermath of the fall of the Iron Curtain, and after completing my MA in Mathematics (Statistical Analysis), I came to the United States to further my studies of theology. After earning a master degree in

Systematic Theology from Andrews University, I moved to Florida where I taught for several colleges and schools. For over a decade I taught either Mathematics or Theology, or various interdisciplinary courses that involved both.

I have recently relocated to the LA area where my son is looking to attend one of the local universities. So far Southern California has been very good to us; we thoroughly enjoy the change of pace and scenery. We love scouting the beaches in the area, and we're on a hunt for the best sushi restaurants around... I considered myself very blessed to teach a NCA. After spending more than

a decade in a College setting, teaching middle schoolers is a breath of fresh air, an experience I'm looking forward to every week.



