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Introducing Mrs. Rowley  
HS Art Teacher

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# New Covenant NEWS

## 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR IS HERE!!



Welcome to the new school year at NCA! If you're a parent, I'm sure you've been waiting for this day all summer long. I'm not sure if that sentiment is shared by the students, but the new school year is here, and I'd like to share with you all the changes that will take place this year.

First of all, we had the picture day on the first day of Fall Semester. That made the first day busier, but it was more productive. If you missed it, there will be a make-up day a few weeks later.

Second, the Annual Convocation Service has been moved to the Thursday of the first week of Fall Semester. In the past, we had our Convocation Services on the Thursday prior to the first week of school. We heard from many parents that they'd like to travel during that time, so we've listened and made the adjustment.

Third, the dismissal gathering at the end of the school day is, well, no more. As the school grows, more and more time was needed to gather together, settle down, make announcements, and dismiss students. Now, we are using video announcements in the last period of each day to share the school news, Bible verses, encouragements, etc.

Fourth, we are going back to the basics with daily cleaning of classrooms at the end of the last period. After the video

announcement is viewed, all students are expected to take a few minutes to clean up the area near them. From picking up loose papers, to wiping the white boards, to neatly arranging chairs and desks, all students are required to take "ownership" of the school.

Fifth, some classrooms have moved to different areas of the campus. For instance, Mrs. Jasmine Kim's Korean class has moved to a larger room to accommodate more students. Also, Mrs. Rowley's high school Art class will be using the former "open class" area so that students can have greater freedom to engage in projects.

Sixth, most student discipline matters will still be addressed by the Student Honor Council, but the advisors to this group are now Mr. Franklin Park and Mr. Joseph Chai.

Seventh, speaking of Mr. Joseph Chai, he has been promoted to the position of Assistant Principal. As such, he'll be in charge of the school's overall academic program, professional development of teachers and staff, and the IB program.

Whew, that's a lot of major and minor changes! NCA prides itself in continually making improvements to better serve the students and the community. If you have suggestions to make NCA a better place of learning, we welcome your ideas and input. Do participate in the upcoming Annual Parents and Home Survey to express your ideas and thoughts! We'll make NCA a better school, together. Go, Huskies!

**HAS SCIENCE  
BURIED GOD?**

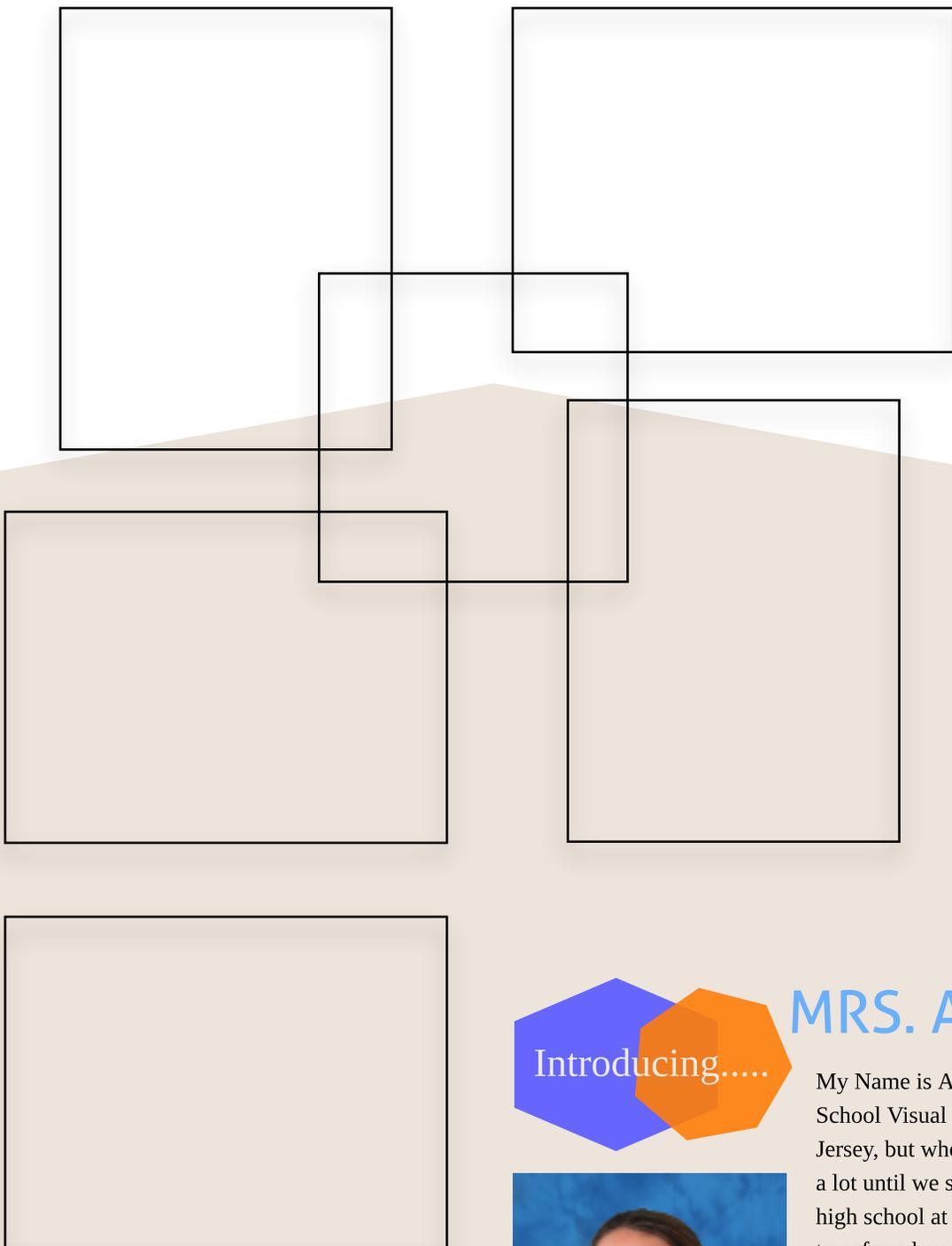
"ARE WE REALLY JUST THE RESULT OF INNUMERABLE COINCIDENCES?  
OR IS THERE A MORE REASONABLE EXPLANATION?"

**FRI, SEP 09, 7:00 PM**

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Guest Speaker: Dr. Hugh Ross (1g.innovation.ReasonableBeliefs.com). Sponsored by NEW COVENANT ACADEMY

# KOREA / HONG KONG TRIP



A group of students and teachers participated in NCA's annual trip to Korea/China (July 20 - August 1, 2016). During the excursion, the Huskies taught English for three days at Incheon Central Presbyterian Church, and then traveled to Busan as well as Hong Kong.

Check out some of the pictures, and we hope you'll be inspired to participate in next year's trip!



Mrs. Ashley Rowley  
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## MRS. ASHLEY ROWLEY

My Name is Ashley Rowley and I am the new High School Visual Arts teacher! I was born in Princeton, New Jersey, but when I was younger my family moved around a lot until we settled in Palm Desert, California. I went to high school at Palm Desert High School, until I transferred my junior year to Desert Christian Academy, a small Christian school in the area. I graduated High school in 2011 and continued on to get my BA in Visual arts at Azusa Pacific University where I met and married my wonderful husband. We now have a son, Bohdan Scott Rowley who is my sunshine! As an artist I most enjoy working in bronze, clay and wood, but I do work outside of those media as well. Outside of artwork, I enjoy swing dancing, playing sports, and games with my friends and family. I am so excited to be the High School Visual arts teacher for New Covenant Academy! I cannot wait to get to know all of you and see all the excitement and challenges this next year brings!

## Calendar

### Items

AUG. - SEPT.

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- First day of School (8/8)
- Picture Day (8/8)
- Convocation Service (8/11@7PM)
- Fall Camp @ Pinecrest (08/24-26)
- Girls Volleyball
  - @ New Harvest (8/29)
  - Ambassador @NCA (8/30)
- Labor Day (9/6: School Closed)
- Back-to-School Night (9/8)
- Dr. Hugh Ross at NCA's Apologetics Event (9/9, 7 PM)