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MANAGING THE NEXT 8,760 HOURS



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Especially at the start of each new year, I thank God for the gift of time. God provides equal amount of time to everyone each day--24 hours or 1,440 minutes. No one gets more, no one gets less. God is fair. But, how each person manages that gift is up to the individual. The Psalmist prayed, "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12). That means some are better or wiser stewards of time than others.

The Bible teaches that we have finite time here on earth. No one knows for sure exactly when our time will run out, but we all know that it eventually does. Death, the finish line, is universally applicable to every living creature. So, given that we will run out of time sooner or later, and since we'll be required to stand before God to give an account, it makes sense to wisely manage time.

Now, what does it mean to manage time wisely? Well, we know what unwise time management looks like: wasting hours (or days!) playing games, binge watching, not completing tasks on time, living without purpose or goals, etc. In my opinion, typically doing anything excessively is poor time management. Plus, as much as time for reflection and planning is needed, indecision or inaction is usually due to poor time management as well.

Ecclesiastes 3 tells us that there is appropriate time for everything. There is time to play *as well as* time to work. There is time to cry *as well as* time to laugh. You see, the key is *knowing the right time to do the right thing*.

I submit to you to simply ask the following question throughout 2018: "God, is this the right time for me (us) to do _____?" You can fill in the blank with tasks, projects, activities, etc. The Holy Spirit will guide you to manage your time wisely, I'm certain. So, give it a try!

May God bless you to live each day of 2018 wisely and purposefully!

MIDDLE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

NCA's high school program is well-known for its rigorous curriculum and instruction, the IB Diploma Program, high achievement scores, and excellent college entrance results.

NCA's K-3 program is famous for caring teachers, nurturing environment, remarkable



achievement scores, and a wide range of activities. But, what about the middle school program (Grades 4 through 8)?

Sure, the students in Grades 4 through 8 also boast high achievement results and enjoy learning from subject specialists, but can we make it even better? That has been the question NCA's admins and teachers have been asking for quite some time.

Based on achievement data and student/parent feedback, here are just some of the plans and new programs that will be implemented for the MS program.

RWR Support

Developing and possessing excellent writing skills is required for further advancement. Thus, RWR is back. What is different this year in comparison to last year is that we've contracted Mr. Samuel Kelly, a professional copywriter, to come and teach our MS students. So, rather than Art, MS students will work on their reading and writing skills on Tuesday and Wednesday of each week.

Friday Clubs

Apparently, some students would like to have more "fun" and enriching activities at school. Thus, we're bringing back "clubs" and

"activities" on Fridays. After having assessments (quizzes/tests) and Chapel, teachers will offer different clubs that students can choose to join. Various clubs will be offered in the first week of the new semester.

Group Travels

This idea has been around for a while. At NCA, we want our MS students to expand their horizon by traveling to both domestic and international locations. So stay tuned for Sacramento/San Francisco trip as well as Washington, D.C. trip in the next few months!

Student Activities Support

Mr. Jonah Kang is NCA's new Student Activities Coordinator. In this capacity, Mr. Kang will work with admins, teachers, and students to determine, plan, and execute students activities. So, students, make your suggestions to Mr. Kang if you have some awesome ideas!

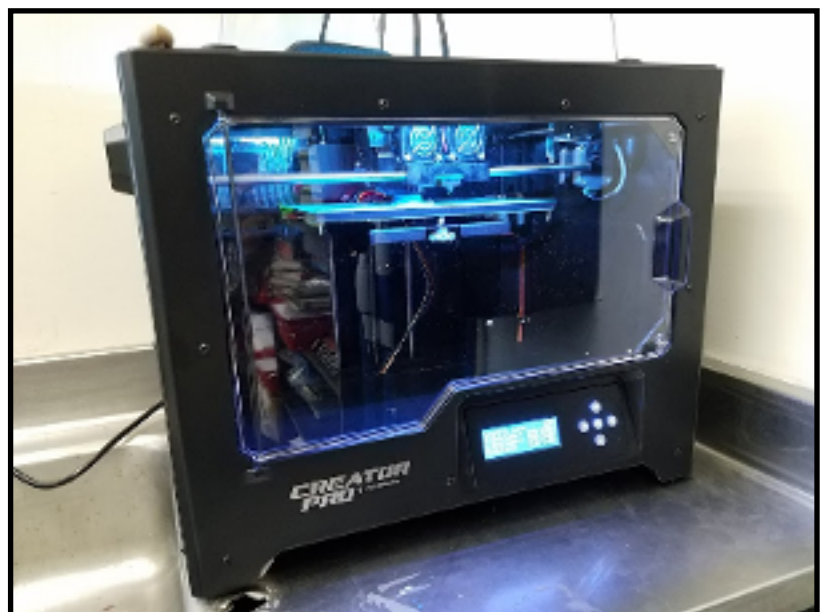
Further down the line, we will explore offering the IB's MYP (Middle Years Program). Also, the Athletics Department is considering offering more sports.

So, NCA, stay tuned for more exciting news to better support the MS students!

3D PRINTER FOR STEM LEARNING

Thanks for Mr. Dean Kim, one of our Board Members, the MS science classroom received a surprise Christmas gift--**a brand new Creator Pro 3D Printer**. This device features heated platform, dual extruder, xy precision of 11 microns, prints 40-100 mm per second, and can print up to 22.5 x 14.5 x 15 cm (or 9 x 6 x 6 inch) in volume. This 3D Printer will definitely increase student engagement and curiosity in the MS science class.

P.S. It seems that HS Science class, as well as 3rd and 2nd grade classes, will soon have their own 3D printers, too!



SPRING OPENHOUSE

NCA's second and final Open House for the upcoming school year (2018-19) will take place on January 25, Thursday, at 6:30 PM. In addition to welcoming prospective families, the night is also for current students and families to visit classrooms. PTA will also

have its official meeting. So, please come to the event and check out all the wonderful things that are taking place at NCA.

We would greatly appreciate all prospective families to RSVP prior to the event.

NCA parents, confidently and proudly invite prospective families to NCA!!

VISITORS FROM DONGHWA HIGH SCHOOL

NCA will be hosting five (5) students and one (1) teachers from Donghwa High School (Guri, Korea). These students will be on campus for three (3) weeks, learning English and visiting various landmarks around Los Angeles. They will also visit Grand Canyon/Las Vegas. Mr. Josh Ahn, an experienced instructor who worked with past

DongHwa students, will once again be the lead teacher for these students.

We'd like to thank the families that volunteered to host the students. Huskies, please welcome these students to NCA and make them feel at home.

WINTER CAMP

Once again, this year's Winter Camp will take place at the Oaks Christian Conference Center in Lake Hughes. Winter Camp dates are January 31 - February 2, 2018.

As many students already know, this campground has lots of activities. And, there will delicious and plentiful food available at every meal. Plus, we will have the annual talent show there. Seniors, this is your last camp, so make the most of it!



CALENDAR ITEMS

January, 2018

- 9 Donghwa Exchange Students Arrive
- 12 ACSI Spelling Bee
- 15 MLK, Jr. Holiday (School is closed)
- 19 CCA Kidz (Visitors from Korea)
- 25 Open House / PTA Meeting
- 28-30 ACSI HS Leadership Conference (Costa Mesa, CA)
- 30 Body Worlds Field Trip (CSC)
- 31-2/2 Winter Camp at the Oaks

February

- 16 ACSI Writing Festival
- 19 Presidents Day (School is closed)
- 23 Apologetics Event (Drs. Craig Hazen & Sean McDowell)
- ACSI Piano Festival (Pasadena Christian School)