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## ACCREDITATION IN NOVEMBER

NEW AND  
IMPROVED  
NCA  
NEWSLETTER!



**Dr. Jason Song**  
Founder & Principal

NCA will be having its 3rd WASC accreditation visit during November 5 through 8, 2017. So, what is WASC accreditation, and why are we having the visit? I'd like to take this opportunity to better inform the school community about the accreditation process and purpose.

According to WASC, accreditation:

- > Assures a school community that the school's purposes are appropriate and being accomplished through a viable education program — a trustworthy institution for student learning
- > Validates the integrity of the school's program and transcripts
- > Facilitates transfer of credits to other English-speaking schools — critical for college/university acceptance worldwide
- > Fosters the ongoing improvement of the school's programs and operations to support student learning
- > Provides valuable insight from fellow educators visiting the school

(Visit <http://www.acswasc.org/wasc/acs-wasc-overview/> for more information.)

The accreditation cycle is 6-years, and NCA had its previous visit in Fall, 2011. The visiting team is made up of a chair person (Mr. Skip Nicholson) and three additional members. These professionals will make up the "visiting team," and NCA will host them for three days. During their visit, the members will meet with parents, students, teachers, administrators, and board members. They will also visit classrooms, observe instruction, review evidence, and make recommendations.

Personally, I have been serving as a visiting team chair for the past 15 years, and I truly believe in the overall process and outcome. I know for certain that NCA will become an even better school due to this process.

The WASC visit should not be "feared." It is actually a time to celebrate all the wonderful things that are taking place at NCA. Also, it is an opportunity to have outside professionals provide some recommendations so that NCA can continue to make improvements focused on student learning and growth.

I welcome anyone interested in learning more about the process/event to speak with myself Mr. Joseph Chai who is also NCA's WASC Coordinator.

# INTRODUCING MS. SOFIA KIM



Greetings everyone. My name is Ms. Sofia Kim, and I am so glad to be a part of NCA.

This is my first year teaching Art and first year being at NCA. I've always admired teachers because they are a huge part of

children's lives, and it is so important to guide students academically and spiritually. I am so excited and curious as to how God will lead me as NCA's Middle School Art teacher.

For me, art is all about creativity. Just as God made us through His infinite wisdom and

incredible creativity, we should also create something meaningful and praise Him with our creations. I am so honored to call myself an artist because God was the world's first artist. My faith affected my choice of college as well. I attended Azusa Pacific University, a Christian college--there I earned my B.A. in Fine Art.

I fell in love with art because it became a language for me when I did not speak any English when I first came to the U.S. I was able to express all my feelings and thoughts through my artwork. Aside from art, I also enjoy traveling and experiencing different cultures, cooking Korean food, cleaning, and photography. If anyone shares my interests, let me know--perhaps we can start a club together!

I look forward to serving as a teacher at NCA, and I hope I can be a teacher whom the students can open up to.

STAFF  
INTRODUCTION

## ASB NEWS

Greetings, students, faculty, parents, and friends of NCA! As all of you know, it is

traditionally the ASB's role to make student life fun by running various activities to keep the school spirit high. As such, it is our pleasure to inform you that the 2017-2018 ASB is planning on making this school year NCA's most spirited and festive one yet!

This year, the ASB is seeking to step outside the norm and bring a host of new events that will be unveiled as the year goes on. Some of the plans we have in mind include bar-b-que, pep rallies, student luncheons, and potlucks. We'll still have the Huskyween and wacky games for the Husky Week. All in all, a lot of thought goes into each ASB meeting to make the students' experience at NCA memorable. The voice of our fellow students is an invaluable input for the ASB. We want to hear from you, and we will continue to strive to serve the community and its best interests. For those who have concerns, suggestions, or comments, please let us know so we can improve your experience even further.

We have the Movie Night on September 28, featuring Moana. Everyone is invited to join, free of charge! Complimentary popcorn will be provided (hot dogs and nachos will be sold along with student store concession items). We strongly encourage students of all grades to participate in this bonding night to socialize and strengthen ties with friends and family.



Taemin Yoon (VP), Andrew Min (Secretary), Tiffany Song, (President), and Stephanie Choi (Treasurer)

# 6TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

NCA is hosting the 6th Annual Golf Tournament at Westridge Golf Club

in La Habra, on October 28th, 2017 at noon. This is a shot-gun format event, and the purpose of the event is to (1) promote NCA to the community, and (2) raise funds to support MKs and PKs (children of missionaries and pastors) who are attending NCA.



This tournament was launched by former PTA leaders who believed in NCA's commitment to support PKs and MKs. Over the years, over \$100,000.00 was raised to support these students at NCA. Beneficiaries include local pastors' children as well as children of missionaries.

According to Mrs. Kara Kim-Song, NCA's Admissions Officer, "NCA would love to provide more educational opportunities to qualified children of pastors and missionaries. However, funds are limited. That's why NCA's golf tournament is an important event--we can raise \$30,000-\$40,000 through this event so that we can support qualified students. I really appreciate the PTA and school officials who work very hard to make this event a success."

Over the years, NCA's Golf Tournament has received rave comments from participants and supporters. One of the most common comments we receive is that, "It is an incredibly fun event!" After the round of golf, participants and supporters gather in the banquet room of Westridge Golf Club for a generous buffet dinner. That is followed by nearly 90-minutes (yes, you read that correctly!) of giving away trophies, prizes, certificates, and gifts. This year, we're giving away approximately \$4000 in golf equipment, and plenty of gift certificates.

So, if you have not purchased the player's ticket, please do so before they run out. Also, there are opportunities to place business ads in the 40-page color program. Further, you can donate gift certificates or prizes to give away.



## CALENDAR ITEMS

### October

- 6 K-3 Pumpkin Patch Field Trip
- 9 Columbus Day (School is closed)
- 11 PSAT Administration for HS
- 27 HS Getty Museum Field Trip

### November

- 2 Fall Open House
- 5-8 WASC Visit
- 10 Veteran's Day (School is closed)
- 17 Thanksgiving Service
- 20-21 ACSI Annual Professional Forum
- 20-24 Thanksgiving Break