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WASC VISIT AND NCA

NEW AND
IMPROVED
NCA
NEWSLETTER!



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NCA successfully completed its 3rd WASC accreditation visit during November 5th through 8th. I would like to thank all teachers, students, parents, and board members who participated in the process. FYI, we expect to receive WASC's official communication in regards to NCA's re-accreditation by March, 2018.

I would like to share with you that, in our 2nd WASC Report from 6 years ago, three areas of improvement were identified as follows:

1. provide more online courses for remediation, advancement, and elective purposes
2. continue to provide more music, athletics, and arts opportunities
3. create and implement more aggressive capital campaigns for future growth

NCA has successfully addressed all three "Action Items." First, NCA's Grad Point online courses made remediation and advancement efficient and effective. Grad Point also gives students opportunities to choose from many elective courses (ex. Accounting, Nutrition, Crime Investigation, etc.). We also offer many electives through Grad Point.

Second, NCA has made concerted efforts to offer Introduction to Music as well as Art classes to students in Grades 4 through 8. Further, NCA added Boys and Girls Volleyball Teams to its sports offerings, and we will be officially joining the CIF's International League in 2018-19 school year. Finally, NCA's summer school program was re-designed four years ago to provide more creative learning opportunities through electives courses such as Digital Photography, Lacrosse, Jazz and Ballet Dance, Hip-Hop Dance, Cotillion, Chess Club, Robotics/Drone Club, Fitness Club, Public Speaking, etc.

Now, what about the 3rd Action Item? Whereas the visiting committee's recommendation to launch aggressive capital campaigns were acknowledged, NCA's leadership took a slightly different approach: increase enrollment rather than rely on aggressive capital campaigns or annual tuition increase. In 2011, NCA's student enrollment was at 128. Today, we serve more than 170 students. So, the growth in enrollment has reduced parental financial burden, and NCA will continue to seek innovative and sound ways to make NCA affordable and poised for future growth.

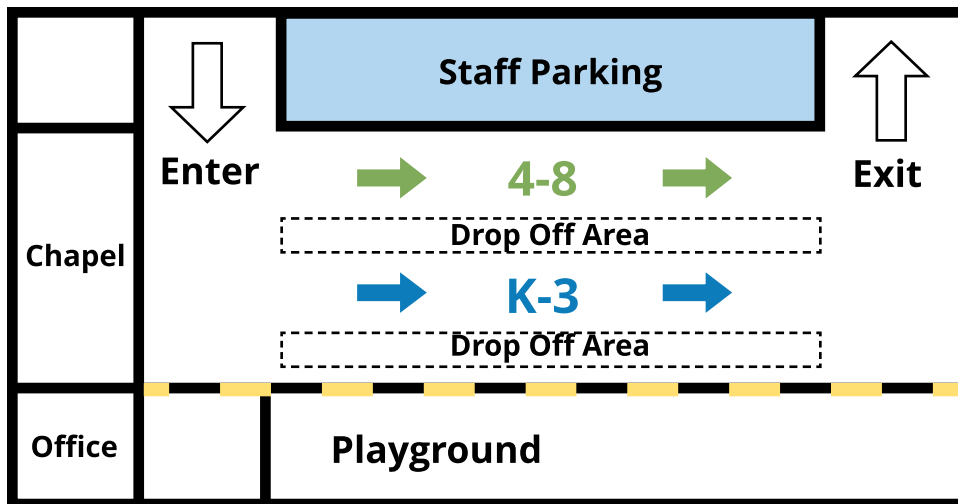
I share this bit of history to let you know that NCA is committed to making improvements, and we take the WASC process and recommendations seriously. When the new Action Items are (continued on pg. 3)

NEW POLICIES PROMOTE STUDENT SAFETY

Based on the recommendations made by outside professionals, **the following policies will go into effect by December 11, 2017.**

New Pick-up and Drop-off Policy

1. All NCA parents are required to use the parking lot only for pick-up and drop-off purposes as described below to ensure safety for everyone.
2. Drop-off Policy:
 - a. A parent may drive his/her vehicle into the parking lot, temporarily stop the vehicle IN ONE OF THE TWO SPECIFIED LANES (SEE BELOW), and drop-off the child(ren). We encourage HS families to use the loading zone on Shatto Place.



- b. Parent must remain in the vehicle at all times.
 - c. Parent may park off campus, enter the campus with the child. Once the child is safely on campus, however, parent must leave immediately. No parent is allowed to remain on campus after the child has entered the campus.
 - d. Except for emergencies, a parent cannot use NCA's restrooms.
 - e. NCA is not liable for any vehicle, property, or personal damages resulting from the use of parking lot for pick-up and drop-off purposes.
3. Pick-up Policy:
 - a. Parents or 3rd party transportation providers may NOT enter the gated area (marked by yellow-black dashes above)
 - b. A late pick-up fee of \$5 per 15 minutes will be charged to parents after 3:10 PM; the same rate will apply to after school program students after 4:30 PM.

Lunch Drop-off Policy

1. The safety of our students is compromised every time the main gate is opened. Therefore, parents or 3rd party vendors can no longer drop off lunch at school. All students are required to bring their own lunch to school in the morning, or use the monthly lunch ordering system provided by NCA.
2. NCA will have some food items (i.e. microwaveable "hot pockets" and drinks) that can be purchased at the student store. However, this is for emergency purposes only and is not recommended as a permanent arrangement.

We understand that the above changes may be somewhat inconvenient at first. However, for the overall safety and growth of students, we request all parents to adhere to the new policies. Thank you, parents, for your understanding and cooperation.

(from pg. 1) determined from the latest Self-Study, I will share that with the school community and, once again, put our efforts into making further improvements. Thank you for your continued support and participation in making NCA a better school.

BOYS BASKETBALL SEASON

The Boys Basketball season kicked off on November 27 as the NCA Huskies battled Southwestern Academy at their court. The result was 33-32, a win for the Huskies. This year's team has a tough act to follow though: last year's team had the best record ever in NCA's basketball history, 12 wins and 4 losses. Yet, according Coach Ted Kang, "We will be alright as we make adjustments appropriate to the personnel we have."

This year, the middle school team has been formed, and it will have a handful of games against nearby schools. The team is coached by Mr. Matthew Fan, a former high school basketball player. Please find the HS and MS Basketball schedules here.



Date	Opp.	Time	Loc'tn
1/8/18	Faith Baptist	3 PM	Home
1/30	Pacific Hills	4 PM	Away
TBA	Larchmont	TBA	TBA
TBA	Sequoyah	TBA	TBA
TBA	Ambassador	TBA	TBA



Date	Opponents	Time	Location
11/27	Southwestern	4:30	Away
11/30	AGBU Pas.	5:00	Away
12/5	Faith Baptist	6:30	Away
12/7	Ambassador	3:15	Away
12/11	New Harvest	5:00	Away
12/12	Ambassador	2:30	Home
12/14	Environm'tal	3:00	Home
1/9/18	Sequoyah	3:45	Away
1/11	Environm'tal	6:30	Away
1/16	Sequoyah	TBA	Home
1/18	Faith Baptist	3:00	Home
1/22	Acaciawood	3:00	Home
1/23	Acaciawood	7:00	Away
1/24	Pilgrim	4:00	Away
1/30	New Harvest	3:00	Home
2/8	Southwestern	3:00	Home

CALENDAR ITEMS

December

- 1 HS Field Trip to MOCA
- 20-22 Final Exams
- 22 Christmas Service
- 25 Christmas Break Begins

January, 2018

- 8 1st Day of Spring Semester
- 12 ACSI Spelling Bee
- 15 MLK, Jr. Holiday (School is closed)
- 25 Open House / PTA Meeting
- 31-2/2 Winter Camp at the Oaks

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

As usual, NCA's Thanksgiving Celebration was filled with excitement, gratitude, and joy.

First of all, great job all students, staff, and parents for collecting over 3000(!) cans. This was the most cans NCA has ever collected through one drive, and it more than doubled that of last year's collection. Several classes won prizes for collecting lots of cans.

NCA's Thanksgiving Celebration kicked off with the Handbell Choir presentation (Conductor, Mrs. Choi) and the K-3 presentation. Then, Dr. Song delivered a message about giving thanks even in tough times. Thereafter, food was served by the parents and teachers (it is the tradition at NCA that Thanksgiving Celebration means are served to students by parents and teachers).

During the meal, several special performances were made: a solo performance by Mr. Jonah Kang, a duet by Christina Jung and Hannah Hwang, a concerto by Curtis Kim, Ami Kim, Vincent Kim, and Hannah Hwang, a piano solo by Curtis Kim, and the cheerleaders' cheer performance.

When all the performances and dining were done, the gym was cleaned and prepared for the annual basketball game between the current team and alumni/teachers team. Once again, the tradition continued (that means the alums/teachers team won).

All in all, NCA's Thanksgiving Celebration was an exclamation point to the season of giving thanks. We appreciate the parents for raising funds to provide for this festivity!

