

HUSKY PAW PRINTS

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FINISH STRONG!!



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As we are nearing the end of another school year, I'd like to urge all students, parents, and teachers to finish strong.

In 1 Cor. 9:24-27, Apostle Paul said, "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to

get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever."

While it's critical that we have a "good start," that's just not enough. Yes, a good start is necessary, but it doesn't guarantee a good finish or victory. Once we start the race, we must keep the goal or finish line in mind - that will motivate us to keep pushing forward and not give up. So, keep in mind, everyone, that how you finish is equally important as, if not more important than, having a good start.

There are different types of "race" we run. For a typical student, there are daily or short term tasks to complete. Then there are projects or tasks that require weeks or

months (i.e., a school semester, term paper, etc.). Some require years, decades, or even a life-time to complete (i.e., high school, professional degree, character building, etc.).

Thus, we must ask the following questions:

- How well did I run today's race?
- How would I rate this semester's race?
- How do I feel about this year's race?
- Am I drawing near the finish line?
- What would it be like to complete the race?

Ultimately, we must face the fact that there is a finish line called "death." So, how is your "race" in light of *that* goal or finish line? That's a tough question for everyone, but it must be answered sooner rather than later. I hope that when I cross that finish line, I'll hear the Lord say, "Well done, good and faithful servant! Come and get your crown!"

One more thought about finishing strong - it will take hard work. A lot of hard work. We know that professional athletes spend months, years, and even decades training and preparing for the race. Just think of those participating in the Olympics! So, don't think that it'll be easy to run the race. In fact, there will be moments when you want to give up. Yet, we must press on. We must give our 100% effort to cross the finish line. In Winston's Churchill's immortal words, "Never, never, never give up!"

I hope and pray that those words will echo in our hearts as we complete the 2017-18 school year.

STUDENT'S CORNER

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

NCA's Boys Volleyball season came to a perfect end with a major win. Including the last win, this volleyball season had a total of 16 games under Coach Jasmine McKenzie.

Overall, this season was a success despite minor problems in the beginning. When asked about their greatest problem, the players replied that teamwork was a bit of an issue. Since it was the first time they played together, their opinions were divided and minor clashes happened. Consequently, the team replied that they would like to make more opportunities to practice together after school or on weekends for the upcoming season.

Although the boys humbly confessed to realizing many areas for improvement, the team had a great season filled with memorable moments. So, all of NCA would like to congratulate the team for not only bringing in wins, but giving their best in every game. Great job Boys Volleyball team!

- Ashley Kim (10th)



WASHINGTON DC

I had the pleasure of going to D.C. which was filled with plenty of sightseeing and delicious food. When we first arrived, we immediately set off to visit famous monuments such as the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial. Other places we visited were the Smithsonian, the National Zoo, and even the Capitol. Between it all we made sure to stop by several mouth watering restaurants. We tried to keep it mixed and interesting by having a splash of different cultures every time. We had sushi, hamburgers, fajitas, crayfish and all sorts of other food.

Overall, Washington D.C. had so many places to visit that were as fascinating as they were awe inducing. My favorite part of the trip was visiting the Museum of the Bible that recently opened, as they had an interactive experience where you learned about the story of the Bible. If I had to go again I definitely would - there is still so much to do there!

- Benjamin Chun (11th)



GRADUATION TRIPS

Both the 5th and 8th graders had loads of fun hanging out with their classmates before moving on to the next leg of their educational careers! Check out these pictures to see what they were up to!



5TH

8TH



CONGRATS 3RD GRADE!



A huge congratulations to our 3rd Graders who placed #8 in the IXL Spring Learnings Showdown Competition. This is a great accomplishment as more than 13,000 classrooms around the nation participated. What an amazing job! Keep up the great work, 3rd Grade!

CALENDAR ITEMS

May

- 1-15 IB Testing
- 2-4 5th Grade Grad Trip
- 10 ACSI Science Fair
- 14-16 Finals
- 16 High School Prom
- 17 Commencement

June

- 4 First Day of Summer School