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WELCOME TO THE 19TH YEAR

NEW AND
IMPROVED
NCA
NEWSLETTER!



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I would like to welcome everyone to the 2017-18 school year at NCA. This is an exciting time in NCA's history. As most of you know, NCA was founded in 1999. The current school year marks NCA's 19th year of school ministry, and it promises to be another successful year for students, teachers, and parents. I am excited about leading the school toward the 20th year milestone!

Each school year has its own set of challenges and changes. Let me share some of those with you in this "new and improved" version of NCA's monthly newsletter.

We have new teachers joining NCA this year. We welcome Mr. Brian Bradford, a 17-year veteran teacher, to instruct HS History and Econ courses. We also welcome Mr. Matthew Fan, a CA credentialed Math teacher, to teach our MS math classes. Also, Mrs. Julianne Lowry will be working closely with Mrs. Andrea Elliott (formerly Ms. Thorson) in the Kindergarten class. Mrs. Lowry will be coaching the Girls Volleyball team this fall as well. Ms. Lacey Uhre, who used to teach MS Art, will take on the assignment of teaching HS Art. In addition, we will have Ms. Sophia Kim teaching MS Art twice a week.

For sports, NCA plans on adding a new sports team this fall! Under Coach Eagleston's leadership, we're hoping to add Boys Soccer team. Interested students should contact the coach ASAP, and sign up. We'll be playing against teams that are part of the CIF league called the International League. In all likelihood, NCA will be joining that league in the 2018-19 school year. That's an exciting development for NCA's athletic program. FYI, the girls volleyball team, led by Coach Lowry, will also compete against many International League teams this season.

In terms of technology, students in Grades K-3 will be using RAZ Kids to improve reading and comprehension skills. Thus, in addition to IXL, K through 3 students will have another online resource to support their learning. Especially for Kindergarten students, we've purchased Amazon Fire tablets for their exclusive use. Each child will have a tablet to use independently. For students in Grades 1, 2, and 3, they will be using 30 brand new Chromebooks to access the internet, IXL, I-Ready, and other content and assessment programs. So, there will be plenty of devices to use at school for all students. Parents, keep in mind that 4th and 5th grade students

CANNOT bring their own devices to school, but students in 6th grade and above are required to bring their own laptops.

We have a major event in October (22-25): our WASC Accreditation Visit. This is NCA's 3rd full accreditation visit (FYI, each accreditation cycle is 6 years). We will host three (3) professional colleagues for 3 nights and 4 days. They will not only review the document known as the "Self-study," but will also visit classes, evaluate student work samples, observe instruction, and meet with teachers, parents, students, and school leaders to affirm and validate all that is happening at NCA. We're confident that NCA will be once again accredited as a place where student learning and achievement are celebrated and supported.

I have more things to say, but I'm running out of space (as usual)! All in all, the 2017-18 school year will be an exciting and significant chapter in NCA's history. And, I look forward to serving the school community by working closely with everyone. Thank you for your support and partnership.

STAFF
INTRODUCTION



INTRODUCING MR. BRIAN BRADFORD

Mr. Brian Bradford joins NCA as the new High School History and Econ teacher.

across the United States and Europe. In my free time I like to play board games and recreate history on the tabletop. If any of you wish to challenge me in a game of chess--bring it on!

Greetings everyone. My name is Mr. Bradford and this is

my first year at NCA. My experience includes 17 years of teaching social studies in public high schools. I am happy to call NCA my new home, and I feel like the Lord has blessed me with a wonderful opportunity to not only teach history, but also share my faith with you as well.

After graduating from High School, I joined the military where I served for eight years. Afterwards, I attended CSUF, using my GI Bill to help pay for my education, and during my enrollment there I received my B.A. in History. I then started to work as a substitute teacher and then got a permanent position. At that time, I started to attend APU, where I obtained my teaching credential.

I love history, and I have a passion for teaching it. I thank the Lord for having had the opportunity to visit many historical sites

NCA APP

NCA has its own app which you can download from Google Play, Apple App Store or by scanning the QR code below. NCA's App features many helpful material on parenting, college counseling, character building, etc. And, starting from this year, a daily devotional material will be provided to all users. So, download the app today and stay connected to NCA!



FALL ATHLETICS

STEPPING UP IN 2017

NCA is making a concerted effort to step up its athletic programs in the new school year.

The first step we made was hiring Coach Kevin Eagleston as NCA's new Athletic Director. Coach Eagle (as kids call him endearingly) served NCA as a PE teacher last year, but he is stepping up as a full-time AD and PE teacher for this school year. Coach Eagle has extensive experience with soccer, playing in college and professionally. He was also an assistant coach for Pepperdine University's soccer team.



As the AD, Coach Eagle will oversee NCA's existing teams--Girls Volleyball, Boys Basketball, and Boys Volleyball. In addition, Coach Eagle will launch NCA's fall soccer program. Currently, NCA is expected to play 8 games against various schools in the area.

Further, Coach Eagle will spearhead NCA's effort to join a CIF league known as the International League. This league is made up of schools that are comparable to NCA. They include: Calvary Baptist, Lycee Francais de Los Angeles, Armenian Mesrobian School, New Harvest Christian School, St. Monica Academy, the Waverly School, Yeshiva High Tech, and others. NCA is expected to join the International League as an official member in the 2018-19 school year when re-leaguing takes place.

Coach Eagle will also bring up younger players in middle school by exposing them to organized sports. So, parents and students,

stay tuned for more athletic programs and opportunities! We would love to get our middle school students in competitive and organized teams.



NCA's Girls Volleyball team will be coached by Mrs. Julianne Lowry. She is a Kindergarten Aide who works closely with Mrs. Elliot (formerly Ms. Thorson). Mrs. Lowry has been a player herself as well as a club coach for many years at SoCal Juniors Volleyball Club in Garden Grove. Mrs.

Lowry began coaching the girls team as of July 17, which is at least a month earlier than in previous seasons. The "early start" will better prepare the Lady Huskies physically and mentally. She enjoys working with young athletes to develop fundamental skills.

CALENDAR ITEMS

August

- 7-11 Staff Training
- 14 First Day of School Year; Orientation, Picture Day
- 17 Convocation Service
- 30 Fall Camp @ Forest Home (8/30-9/1)

September

- 4 Labor Day (School is closed)
- 7 Back-to-School Night

October

- 9 Columbus Day (School is closed)
- 11 PSAT Administration for HS
- 22-25 WASC Visit