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BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

NEW AND
IMPROVED
NCA
NEWSLETTER!



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Founder & Principal

When I was in middle and high school, I really didn't know why there was a Back-to-School Night. Besides, my parents were working until late at night, so they never made it to the event. I envied other kids whose parents came and, thus, got extra credit. 😞

As a professional who has been in the field of education for almost 30 years, I cannot emphasize how important it is to get parents involved in the learning process. Research tells us that there is a direct and causal relationship between parent involvement at school and student performance and attitude. Needless to say, I'm a firm believer of parent-participation in events like the Back-to-School Night.

So, if you're contemplating whether to show up or not, parents, for the sake of your children, please do. Now, I may be preaching to the choir since we have a very high parent turnout at NCA. Well, even if I sound like a broken record player, pardon me--it's just that parent involvement is SO valuable and critical, I must repeat myself (again and again).

At NCA's Back-to-School Night, you will get a chance to meet your child's teachers. That is the most important part of this event. Just connecting you and your child will help the teachers to better support your child throughout the school year. Further, the connection you make with the teachers will make future communications much more personal and clear.

When you visit your child's classroom(s), do ask questions about the curriculum (ex. what books or material do you use), teacher expectations (ex. what is your expectation of my child or the class), assignments (ex. how frequently do you give homework assignments or projects), etc. Please refrain from taking up a lot of time--if you have specific questions that require privacy and an in-depth response, we ask you to schedule an individual conference with the teacher. FYI, NCA's teacher office hours are 7:30-8:20 AM, Tuesday through Thursday.

In addition, get to know other students and parents. We're all in this together -- it really does "take a village" to raise a child, and getting to know your child's friends and parents will help to create a safe boundary within which we can collaboratively raise our children.

We look forward to seeing you all on September 7, at 7 PM!

INTRODUCING MR. MATTHEW FAN



Hello everyone!

My name is Mr. Fan, and I am excited to be teaching here at NCA. This is my first year teaching at NCA, but I have been actively involved in numerous school districts.

I am excited to be here and not only

share my knowledge of math, but also my faith. My journey here has taken a lot turns, but I feel that God has blessed me throughout.

After graduating from Dr. Song's alma mater, Walnut High School, I attended the local community college. After 2 years, I

MS/HS MENTORING BY MR. TANNOUS

This year, New Covenant Academy is offering a School Mentoring Program to all students in grades 6-12. Mr. Tannous will be on campus and available on Fridays to meet with students, listen, ask questions, and provide guidance. The vision for School Mentoring at NCA is to provide students with a safe environment to address academic, social, emotional and spiritual needs as related to school and family.

As a mentor, Mr. Tannous will strive to be an empathic and encouraging listener to each student. In partnership with NCA administrators, teachers, and parents, the goal is that School Mentoring will ensure that students at NCA are directed towards personal growth. Through School Mentoring, students have the opportunity to experience one-to-one teacher support and community care, hopefully giving them the power and conviction to make wise and healthy choices: "But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy." James 3:17



transferred to UC Irvine and earned my B.A. in Sociology with a minor in Education. Up until 1 month before graduation, I was unsure of my career path. After much prayer and self-reflection, I believed it was my calling to be a teacher. After a couple years of taking math courses, I attended APU and in December will receive my Masters in Arts in Teaching with a Single Subject Teaching Credential.

When I'm not teaching, I enjoy playing and talking about basketball (or football), exercising, and relaxing. I am excited for this school year and look forward to working with everyone from students, parents, and administration!

STAFF
INTRODUCTION

NCA APP



FALL CAMP

@FORESTHOME

Forest Home is one of the most well-known campsites in California. It is often referred to as the camp where Rev. Billy Graham first encountered God. Hm... Pretty cool!

Forest Home is located in the San Bernardino Mountains, just over an hour away from Los Angeles. It is actually comprised of four campsites--the Village, Adventure Mountain, Lakeside, and Creekside--connected and operating as one camp. NCA was at Creekside.

Some of the activities available at Forest Camp include zipline, giant swing, human foosball, skytrail, hiking trails, swimming pool, creeks, and lakefront activities that include swimming, kayaking, the blob, and the giant slide (newly constructed). However, the weather was cloudy and we even had rain, thunder, and lightning! So, we couldn't fully take advantage of all that the camp offered.

Pastor Ben Cook of Desert Springs Church delivered 3 messages on "What I Wish I Had Known Back in My Youth: If You Don't Stand For Something, You'll Fall For Anything." Ms. Lacey Uhre spoke to the elementary students about how precious and beautiful they are as God's children. After 2 nights and 3 days of camping and enjoying one another's company, everyone returned home safely for the long weekend.



CALENDAR ITEMS

September

- 8/30-9/1 Fall Camp @ Forest Home
- 4 Labor Day (School is closed)
- 7 Back-to-School Night

October

- 9 Columbus Day (School is closed)
- 11 PSAT Administration for HS

November

- 6-8 WASC Visit (tentative)
- 10 Veteran's Day (School is closed)
- 17 Thanksgiving Service
- 20-24 Thanksgiving Break