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PERSEVERANCE



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Principal

Pundits say one of the key attributes of student success is *grit*. No arguments from me on that! But, I think the same applies to parents as well because parenting is a marathon, not a 100 yard dash. I think parents must possess grit or perseverance if they are going to

successfully complete the task of raising children in turbulent times.

Perseverance is defined as "steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success." That's a pretty good description.

Let's be honest. Parenting is draining--emotionally, physically, and financially. Right up there with marriage, parenting has to be one of the most demanding yet rewarding responsibilities. So, let do this right by applying research-based and tried-and-true principles:

- Focus on your child's strengths and limit your criticism
- Be less punitive while remaining firm on discipline
- Prevent problems by proactively communicating expectations and consequences

- Check your own stress level periodically in order to not lash out at your child
- Reflect on what works as well as what doesn't, and eliminate the needless battles
- Read good parenting books: don't try to wing it on your own
- Have a long-term perspective on parenting
- Focus on inward change over outward compliance
- Don't lose your cool: be the adult in the room

Parents! Hang in there! Persevere! You're going to make it (just like how your parents made it with you!). All of us here at NCA applaud you for persevering and pressing on!



ONLINE GIVING

There's a new way to give to New Covenant Academy! Go to my.gobluefire.com/ncahuskies to access our online donation portal. There are options to donate to our capital campaign, to specific departments, or to our athletics program. No matter the amount, we appreciate your support and generous giving!



INTRODUCING MRS. KAT O'BRIANT



My name is Kat O'Briant, and I am honored and excited to teach HS English. I was born and raised in Texas, and lived in Houston until my husband and I moved to LA last year. We absolutely love living in SoCal!

I first discovered my love for teaching at age 17. While in HS, I participated in the IB Programme. Although it was difficult, the IB English classroom is where I fell in love with learning. The conversations we had were intriguing, and our teachers genuinely cared for us. During my senior year, I knew I wanted to become a HS IB English teacher. Once I graduated with my IB diploma (It can be done, juniors and seniors!), I began my studies in English and Pedagogical Practices at University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. Now, I've been teaching for 4 years, and it's been the most challenging and rewarding endeavor I've ever pursued. When we read beautiful and brilliant literature, it

changes us, and I get a front row seat to watch that transformation in students.

I hope that students are able to learn about themselves, their place in the world, and our ultimate treasure, Jesus, through my class. Stories and books can direct us back to the gospel, and I seek out opportunities to pour into the students' lives through the study of literature.

When I am not reading or discussing books, I enjoy long distance running, hiking mountains, listening to music, and adventuring through Disneyland. I am so blessed to teach the students of NCA, and I look forward to all of the memories we'll make this year!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

NCA's Back-to-School Night on 9/6 was a bustling few hours of parents and students visiting classrooms. We had a great turn out for the event, and it was one of those awesome NCA family times! Parents were able to visit classrooms, check out student work samples, talk to teachers, and even help their child earn extra credit. Thank you, parents and students, for participating in this event. Kudos to all teachers for staying late to meet, greet, and work with parents.



GIRLS VOLLEYBALL



NCA's Girls Volleyball team is on fire! Their current record is 6-2, losing 1 non-league match to New Roads way back in 8/14, and losing a close one to Le Lycee recently. Le Lycee is in our league (International), but they are in a "larger school" division. That means, in our division, NCA is undefeated! The 6 victories came from beating Sequoyah, Lycee International, Mesrobian, Pacific Lutheran, New Harvest, and Southwestern. Many of the matches were nail-biters requiring all 5 sets! Under Coach Lowry's leadership, the girls are playing hard and having a whole lot of fun! Keep it up, Lady Huskies!

ALEX NAM A NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALIST

Each year, approximately 1.6 million students take the PSAT, and 16,000 are selected as National Merit Semifinalists. Alex Nam was selected as one of those students this year. This is a tremendous achievement and honor, and NCA is proud that the tradition of having one of its students as National Merit Finalist continues. Taemin Yoon and Junho Koo received Letters of Commendation, given to those students who just missed the 16,000 student list. Congrats to Alex, Taemin, and Junho!



HS SADIES DANCE

NCA's recent Sadies dance was great fun. With the theme of "Back to the 90's", everyone's outfits made quite a statement with some in overalls, patterned skirts, or ripped jeans. Students could feel as if they were in the 90's through small details: an entrance decorated with bright lights and photos of couples, cutouts of 90's inspired dolls, and simple game sets next to the dance floor. The floor was also open (literally) to song recommendations that reflected the students' interests. A photo booth was open during the whole dance for students to pose in funny ways with their partners or friends. Aside from all this, there was fantastic food, game time, and much more that characterized this dance and allowed our high schoolers to take a moment to relax and enjoy school life!

- Ashley Kim (11th)



7TH GOLF TOURNAMENT

NCA's 7th Annual Golf Tournament will take place at Westridge Golf in La Habra on Saturday, 10/27 at noon. Please purchase your tickets with the Front Office to reserve your spot for this great event! Also, advertise on our full-color program! We will be raffling off prizes over \$10,000 in value, and all funds raised will be going to serve as scholarships for MK's and PK's!

October

- 8 Columbus Day (No School)
- 10 PSAT
- 19 K-3 Pumpkin Patch
- 27 Golf Tournament
- 29 - 31 Huskyween

November

- 1 Open House
- 12 Veterans Day
- 16 Thanksgiving Service
- 19 - 20 Staff Professional Development
- 21- 25 Thanksgiving Break