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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION 2009



(L-R: Valedictorian Erik Hilliard receiving an award from Pastor Mayo, Co-Valedictorian David Spence II speaking & Guest Speaker Dr. John K Bergland challenging the graduates).

The High School Graduation ceremony was held on May 29th 2009. Fourteen of our senior students graduated this year. Dr. John K. Bergland, former Associate Dean at Duke Divinity School in Durham told the graduating class of Norlina Christian School that "It's always too soon to quit." He also commended the school saying, "I'm very impressed with what's happening here at Norlina Christian School." The ceremony was attended by around 200 graduates, parents, friends and staff of Norlina Christian School. The total amount of scholarship money received by this year's graduating class was \$173,000.

Lake Country Volleyball Camp at NCS

Intermediate/Advanced 8:30 -11:00 am - \$135

Beginners/Younger Middle School

12 noon - 2:00 pm - \$115

July 20th - 23rd | Dress comfortable

Each participant receives:

- Basic/Advanced Skills Instruction
- Gatorade & Water Daily
- Camp T-shirt

For questions call Roger Poythress at (434) 447-6923

Volleyball Practice begins at NCS

NCS volleyball practice schedule:

• Mon. July 13th 5:00pm - 7:30pm

• Volleyball camp July 20th - 23rd

• Practice resumes:

• July 27th - 30th

• 5:00pm - 7:30pm

• Please call
• Coach J. D. Wright if
• You have any questions
• (252) 430 4076



Some important days to remember

August 14th - Parent/Student Orientation
August 17th - First day of school

GRADUATE'S MEMOIRE *by Jessica Beal*

Throughout this school year, I have had the privilege of being a teacher's assistant in the first and second grade class. I started out doing this because I was planning on majoring in early childhood education in college, but since then, my plans for college have changed. Once I realized that I didn't want to major in early childhood education, however, I still helped out at the elementary. I couldn't leave those kids. They are absolutely amazing, and at first, I completely underestimated them. On one hand, these kids are just a regular bunch of kids. On the other hand, there is so much more to them than that. They are smarter, funnier, and more caring than I had ever thought. They would even be as quiet as they could when I told them I had a headache or I wasn't feeling good. These kids have taught me so much and have shown me more love than I thought was possible in one year. Every time I come into the class room, I'm immediately smothered with

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hugs. It's great! Sometimes it gets a little overwhelming seeing that there's ten of them and only one of me, therefore I've learned to brace myself so we don't all end up in a big dog pile on the floor. I've done so many things with those kids this year! I've helped them with papers, checked those papers, helped with crafts, and even made crafts of my own. I also had the opportunity to go with them to see Disney on Ice. That made me feel like a kid all over again. Being with them this year has reminded me of my class when I was their age. We would all look at the seniors who were graduating and



think that it was going to take us forever to make it to where they were. Now that we are the class that is graduating, it seems like just yesterday that we were the ones in elementary school looking up to the big kids and wondering what it was like to be in high school. As most people know, I have been at NCS since kindergarten, and even though my time here has flown by, I have loved every minute of it. I love the students, especially my first and second grade class and I'm going to miss them dearly next year.

(Jessica will be attending High Point University this fall)



NCS JUNIORS & SENIORS SAVE THE DATE!

College Fair at North Raleigh Christian Academy

85 Colleges & Universities

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Pizza lunch provided for all visiting students & chaperones

New elective for NCS 2009-2010 academic year



SPEECH & LEADERSHIP

I magine state legislatures consisting of representatives who cannot speak, lawyers without the ability to present a convincing argument, teachers who cannot explain a lesson concisely, business negotiations conducted between two people who cannot make their point. Any time that two or more people are together, the importance of speech in modern life is made abundantly clear. Take that speech away, and what you're left with is a jumble of ideas without any substance. These interactions cannot be done with a piece of paper or a cleverly designed website. These mediums, while unarguably useful for presenting ideas on a wide scale, don't allow for the interchange of ideas that is so vital for progress. Yes, the Internet has chat capability. Yes, the telephone and the fax machine are marvelous inventions. There is still nothing like a conversation held face to face, looking into the eye of your ally or adversary as you state your case. It is far more difficult to deny a well formatted argument spoken in a clear, passionate voice than a screen or a page decorated with the latest graphics capability. Speech is what gives these ideas the impetus that moves them from the mind out into society. (An excerpt from *The Importance of Speech in Modern Life* by Christopher Carlin).

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION 2009



William Riley receives the diploma from Mr. Shah during the Kindergarten graduation ceremony on Fri, May 22nd. Daisy Mae Harlon was the other K5 student who graduated to 1st grade. Earlier during the ceremony, the K4 & K5 students sang songs, read stories and recited tables, led by their teacher Mrs. Julie Darnell. The ceremony was attended by the NCS staff, family & friends of Kindergarten students.

Norlina High School Reunion at NCS

The Norlina High School Alumni will meet for a reunion at Norlina Christian School on Friday September 4th 2009 at 6:00 pm and Saturday September 5th at 12:00 noon according to John Alston (Norlina High School alumnus).

Partnering With Area Churches to Promote NCS

NCS representatives will be visiting area churches this summer. The purpose of the visit is not to raise funds but to bring a word of greeting on behalf of the school. They will attend the church service on the assigned date and take about a minute to introduce themselves and the school. If you would like for a school representative to come to your church, please contact us at (252) 456-3385 or email us at ncsoffice@ncol.net. We will be glad to call the pastor or church official and set up a convenient time.

A Good Education Begins With A Good Environment

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