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NWCHS Newsletter

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### From the Administrator

The mid-point of the 2009-2010 School Year offers time to do some mid-year reflection.

Academically, NWCHS continues to improve upon the foundation which was laid in the early years of the school. In 2009-2010, we have made a special effort to build upon our student's writing and math skills. Our 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade English students are receiving their final dose of fundamental grammar, and vocabulary development, as they prepare to become successful communicators. In math, we have made the switch to a curriculum which puts emphasis on basics and repetition, as studies have shown that these skills transfer to success in math, which also leads to success in other academic areas.

Physically, our students have been busy having fun in P.E., while at the same time taking care of their outer "temples". This winter, during the rainy weather, Mrs. Asp will be taking all of our P.E. students through a unit of Health Ed. We have found some helpful resources in this area from Christian Schools International (CSI).

Spiritually, we continue to emphasize the importance of putting ALL OF LIFE into a framework centered on the grace of God, as displayed in the cross of Christ. Without this as our starting point, we know that true wisdom, competence, and skill, have not even begun. Pastor McFaul☺.



### NWCHS Praise Notes

Thanks to everyone who made the Fall Banquet and Silent Auction a great success. We enjoyed a wonderful meal of grilled Salmon, BBQ Chicken, country side dishes and delicious desserts! We heard a challenging message from Pastor Jon Brown from FRC and special music by Ryan and Karla West.

We would also like to thank all who donated items for the silent auction and all who generously contributed in support of our school for the New Year. We look forward to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual NWCHS Fall Banquet in 2010.



### NWCHS Chapel Update

We would like to thank the following pastors in the community for sharing at Chapel during the 1<sup>st</sup> semester: Doug Fakkema, Bryan Boersma, Randy Beumer, Dan Renner, Keith McFaul, Brian Williams, and Rob Van Kooten. Thank you for being a blessing to our students and staff!

We had a 'Christmas Celebration' Chapel on December 15<sup>th</sup> in which we enjoyed special music with Board member Beth Vandebroek on Piano, student Golf Brooks on Violin, and former teacher Penni Skurdal on Cello. We also had a preview of Ms. Hein's English class's video presentation of Shakespeare's, *Macbeth*, not to mention a lot of goodies to eat! Mr. McFaul loved the Chocolate bonbons!



Mrs. Vaughn helps Matthew with Math

## NWCHS Happenings

Our September Car Wash fundraiser was a great success! Thank you to Bonnie de Ru, Dale Asp and all the parents, board and staff that came out to wash cars and have fun! We look forward to doing this again when the sun begins to shine.

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## National Honor Society Induction

Several of our students will be inducted into the National Honor Society on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 AM at NWCHS in Classroom #2. All of the NWCHS Community is invited to come and support our students for this special event.

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## Spring SAT Testing

Registration deadline for the March 13<sup>th</sup> SAT Test is February 4<sup>th</sup>. Juniors and Seniors who would like to take or re-take the SAT in March, please see your Advisory Period Teacher before the end of January.

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## NWCHS Board and Staff

enjoyed a night out at El Cazador. It was a special night of fellowship along with a short Board meeting to accomplish some planning for the coming year.

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## 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

<sup>13</sup>Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong.

<sup>14</sup>Do everything in love. (NIV)

## Look Ahead to Spring

A busy first semester will come to an end on February 5<sup>th</sup>. The second semester begins after a short weekend break. Students will receive their 2<sup>nd</sup> semester class schedules in the month of January. Juniors and Seniors who still require Occupational Education Credit will have an opportunity to study Journalism with Ms. Heins. Be prepared to conduct interviews, serve as an editor, incorporate photography, and learn all of the ins-and-outs of the publishing business.

## Meet the Staff

We welcome Ms. Erika Heins to our staff this year. Erika teaches 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade English, Art, and Journalism. She grew up in the Everett area before attending Pensacola Christian College in Florida. She spends her summers working with young people at Camp Gilead in Carnation, WA.



Ms. Heins and Mrs. Southard

We welcome Mrs. Sherry Southard to our staff this year. Sherry teaches 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade English. She and her husband, Tad, and their four children have been part of the Oak Harbor community since 1995. She attended Portland State University in the 1980's and received a degree in Arts and Letters. Mrs. Southard brings a wealth of experience in teaching students in many different settings, including Home Connection, Home-School, and the Abounding Grace Co-Op.



## NWCHS Calendar

**January 4: 2010 School Year begins**

**January 8-9: Ski Trip to Mt. Baker**

**January 18: Martin Luther King Day, NO SCHOOL**

**January / February Chapel: Tuesdays @ 9:42 AM**

**February 5: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Ends**

**February 11: Parent Council / Parent-Teacher Conferences @ 6:30 PM (Report Cards)**

**February 15: President's Day, NO SCHOOL**

**March 13: SAT Test (Time/Location – TBD)**

**March 29 – April 3  
EASTER BREAK**

Fun at the Fall Banquet

