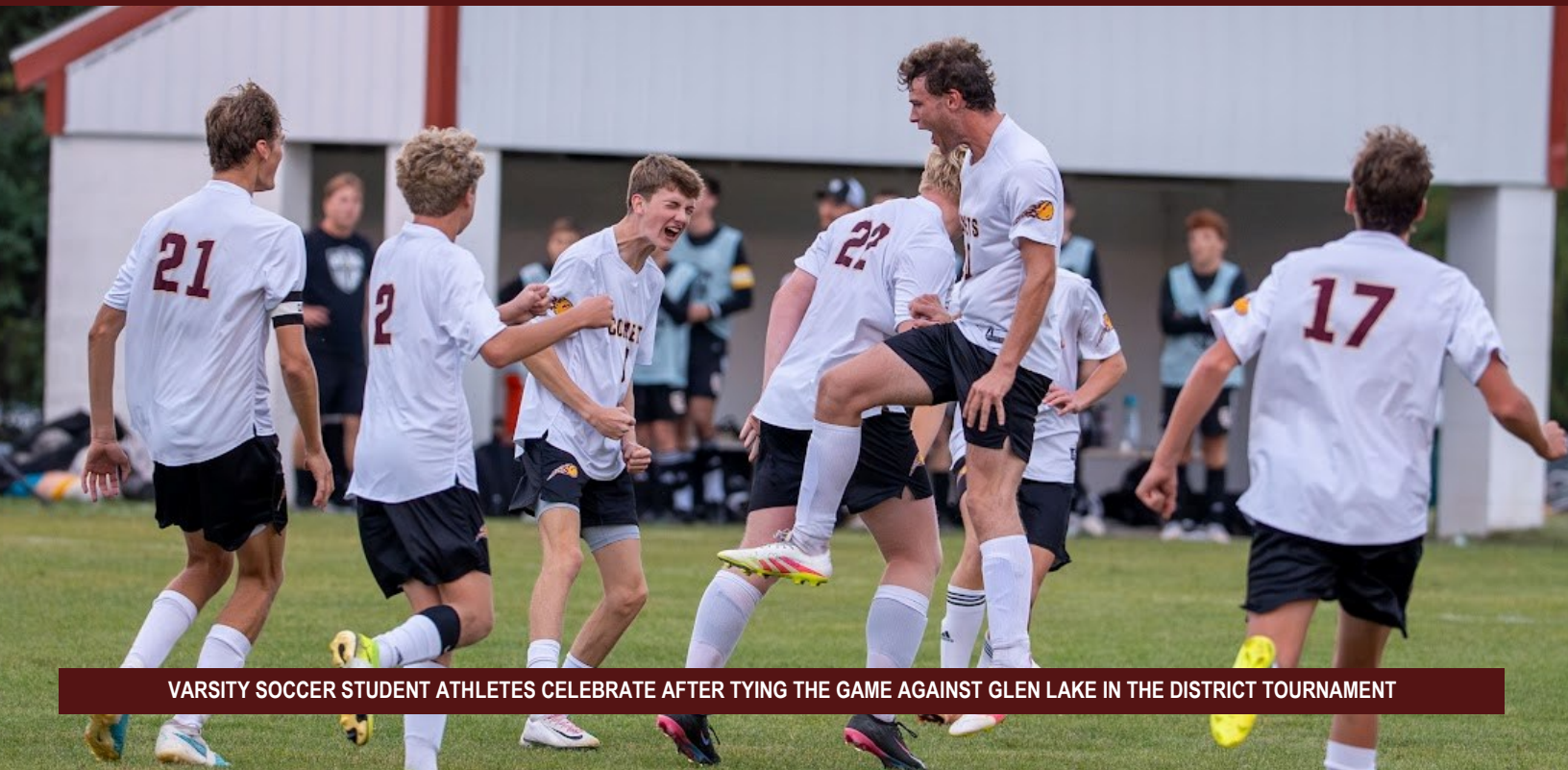


# THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL **SATELLITE**



VARSITY SOCCER STUDENT ATHLETES CELEBRATE AFTER TYING THE GAME AGAINST GLEN LAKE IN THE DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

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# MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT: TRUE PEACE

By: Scott Curell

I vividly remember the first time I sat in the driver's seat and handed over the keys to my oldest son. He was learning to drive and he needed to get the hours necessary to complete driver's training. Even as I am writing this, I feel like I am starting to sweat. I remember pulling out of the driveway as we started for our drive. I think I might have even been trembling. I remember reaching for the wheel once out of instinct as we were driving down the road and pressing my foot on the floor every time we would come to a stop. It had nothing to do with his driving skills. He was a good driver. It had everything to do with control.

I believe to some extent we all like some sort of control. It gives a type of security blanket. It gives us the sense that we can get what we want and when we want it. It gives you a temporary sense of peace. But, what happens when the things we control don't work out the way you planned them? Could there be a correlation

between giving total control to God and finding true peace?

Perfect peace comes from abandoning your life to God, trusting Him with your past, present and future. Proverbs 16:3 says, "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." Proverbs 3:5-6 says, Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. If we want to find perfect peace, we will need to let go of the need to be in control and recognize His ultimate authority. In a recent chapel, we talked about how giving God total control of your life would bring peace in our lives. We talked about surrendering control to God our future - our dreams, our goals, aspirations, career, our calling, and even who we are going to marry. We talked about how difficult it is to surrender to God control of our money, possessions, and even our time.

Scripture records in Matthew 19:16-22 the story of the

rich young ruler. It talks about how he comes to Jesus saying what "things" do I need to do to inherit eternal life. Ultimately the conversation leads to the one thing the rich young ruler could not relinquish control of and that is his possessions. The Bible says he went away sad and probably never found the peace in life in which he was seeking. The scripture also records another person in Luke 1:26-38 named Mary. Gabriel comes to her to tell her that she will be the mother of Jesus, the son of God. Obviously Mary asked Gabriel some legitimate, logical and logistical questions. But in the end her response was "May your word to me be fulfilled" (Luke 1:39).

I can't think of a better Christmas gift to get yourself this year than to find that peace that only God can provide. That peace can only come when we totally surrender control to God. How would your life change? How would your family be changed? What if we as a NMCS Comet community surrender control to God? No doubt it would change our school and community. It sheds a new light on when Jesus is called the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6).



## IMPORTANT DATES

DEC. 22-JAN.2: CHRISTMAS BREAK  
JAN. 19: NO SCHOOL  
FEB. 23-27: BOOK FAIR  
MAR. 17: ROUND UP



## SUPPORT NMCS



What would it look like if 100% of the NMCS community gave to the major drive this year? Even if you have never given before, every amount counts and supports the opportunities that we provide each day.

This year for the major drive, we are challenging our community to go "All In" as we strive for 100% participation.

Thank you for supporting a safe, nurturing, and Christ-centered environment for our students. To support NMCS further, visit [www.nmcs.us/support](http://www.nmcs.us/support).



# PARTNERS IN FAITH



## NMCS HOSTS ANNUAL PASTOR'S BREAKFAST

Local pastors from surrounding area churches gathered for breakfast, fellowship, and encouragement earlier in September. Mr. Curell and our administration enjoyed building relationships with our church partners and showing pastors what it looks like to be an NMCS student.

Mrs. Katelyn Richard said, "pastor's breakfast is important because it allows our student body to connect with their church family in a different way and also acclimates our pastors to what we do every day here at NMCS."

Pastors from many denominations and backgrounds took part in chapel and other educational activities throughout the morning. We are thankful for their commitment to our community, their congregation, and our students.

**"The kids love to have their pastors here and the connections that we can make as pastors with these student is a joy." - Pastor Todd Kuperus**



## CREATOR'S CRATER

By: Denise Bujalski

On a beautiful fall day in September, the eighth grade science class traveled to a dig site for a hands-on geology experience. The class was starting a unit on rocks, fossils, and the age of the Earth, and David and Linda Wing had access to a piece of property where it was rumored a meteor had impacted many years ago. The landowner had wondered whether a meteor impact caused the large crater on his land; as a child, he remembered playing in the large indent in the field.

The students spent a few hours with shovels in hand, digging, exploring the soil and rock strata in the crater, and sketching in their geology journals. Even though no meteorite evidence was found, students were able to identify rock types, unearth relics of the past, and enjoy God's beautiful creation. As Albert Einstein once said, "Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think," and NMC's eighth graders were able to explore and think with this unique opportunity; a classroom does not always have to have four walls.



# BUILDING THE FUTURE AUCTION

# THANK YOU!

This year's auction was another success and brought in over \$117,000! We are praising the Lord for His financial provision over the school and for the generous gifts from our donors and community members. The money from the auction goes to support the NMCS student tuition assistance fund and aims to keep Christ-centered education as affordable as possible for everyone.

Diane Eisenga and the auction committee led the charge in collecting items and putting on another spectacular community event. The food was provided by Dawn Fresh Catering and Ebels General Store while the coffee and drinks were donated by Cornerstone Coffee. Thank you also to Sandy Roby for donating the desserts. Our Athletic Director, Trey Reed, served as the emcee and auctioneer for the night again.

Supporters went home with \$500 gift cards, lawn equipment, homemade baked goods, travel experiences, hunting equipment and more! There truly was something for everyone. Below, you'll find pictures from the event.





# FALL SPORTS UPDATE



By: Trey Reed

Our fall athletic teams competed and represented well with many new faces leading the way on the playing surface. Volleyball ended their season with a much improved .500 record. They even took home a couple second place finishes at area invites. Harper Tossey and Melanie

Bennett claimed "All Region" honors. Tossey also was voted to the All State honorable mention team.

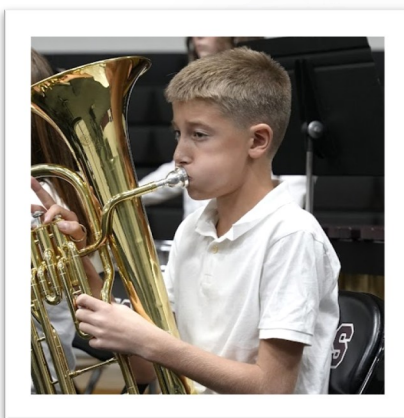
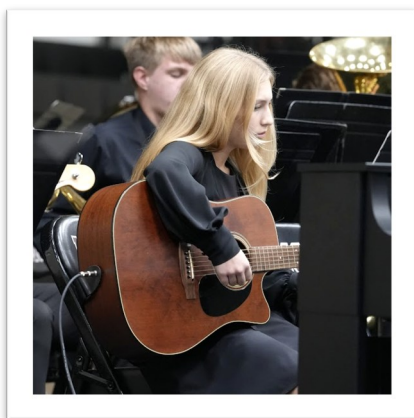
The varsity boys soccer team put forth an impressive effort finishing with a record of 15-5. NMCS also won their Comet Cup invite at the start of the season.

As we transition to the winter sports season we ask for your continued support of our Comets as we work to ignite school spirit and build our athletic program through a burning desire to grow our relationship with Jesus Christ. Buckle up for an exciting winter season!



## FALL CONCERT

Under the direction of Mrs. Erin McPherson, the NMCS middle school and high school band and choir students performed their annual fall concert in October. This year's theme centered around "Songs of Hope and Praise" throughout the history of our country. Musical selections included, "The Wayfaring Stranger," "My God is There," and "Rock of Ages."



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This year, NMCS again hosted 2 of our famous fish fry dinners. The fundraiser brought in over \$12,000. Thank you to our volunteers for serving and donating food items and for making it the best fish fry in Northern Michigan. Hope to see you next year!

## SHARING HOPE IN THE NAME OF JESUS

By: Theresa Barger

Believers are supposed to be salt and light in the world. But sometimes it is challenging to know how and where to do this. The National Honor Society at NMCS recently heard of an opportunity to do just that - they learned that the New Hope Center had an urgent need for donations in order to continue providing services for their clients.

The NHS then organized a drive for the New Hope Center; students were asked to bring in food items for the months of October and December, and personal hygiene items during the month of November. Incentives such as ice cream parties or pizza parties were provided by the NHS, and the students rose to the challenge!

Roughly close to 1,000 items have been donated each month by all

students, from kindergarteners to high school seniors; some students have even used their own money to do this. It has been wonderful to see the excitement in helping others in Jesus' name, and we still have two weeks left to make an impact for Christ to those in very

difficult circumstances.

This service opportunity will wrap up with a high school field trip to the New Hope Center, to see where the donations are going, and to inspire students to continue to be "salt and light" right where they are, in their own communities.



# FOREVER NMCS COMETS

## MULTIPLE CLASS REUNIONS HELD THIS YEAR

# 1954

Northern Michigan Christian School's graduating class of 1954 had their 71st class reunion at noon on October 21, 2025, at Ray Brook Manor of Holland Home in Grand Rapids. Nine classmates, as well as spouses, attended the event. Five classmates, still living, did not attend for various reasons. They have met every year since their 60th reunion. They are thankful for Leona Riemersma Stukke who has arranged their annual reunions.

# 1955

On September 18, 2025, the graduating class of 1955 held their 70th class reunion at the Eldorado Grill in Cadillac. They had 13 individuals present, some who traveled from Grand Rapids. Many of their friends have gone home to the Lord but they thank the Lord for the good times they have enjoyed together as Comets. Overall, they are grateful for the Christian education that our God has provided and they thank their parents for sending them to a Christian school.

# 1958



The class of 1958 held their 67th class reunion on September 18, 2025 at Reedy's Restaurant in downtown McBain. The class had 35 graduates.

During their reunion they recalled the friendships and memories that were made and the long commute from Aetna or Highland to the school.

Those who attended the reunion traveled from Cadillac, West Olive, Hudsonville, Jamestown, Byron Center, Grand Haven, and even California.

Please note that the 50th class reunion will be featured in the next edition of The Satellite

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