



COMET CONNECTION

NMCS

February 10, 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

2/1 - 2/14 Community Hope Food Drive
2/10 Laps for Learning Kickoff
2/15 K-2nd Grade Ice Skating at The Wex
2/16 3rd-5th Grade Ice Skating at The Wex
2/16 PM Shuttle Bus - McBain 1/2 Day
2/17 NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day
2/20 NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day
3/20 Association Meeting @ 7 PM in Gym
3/21 Preschool, Young Fives, and Kindergarten Open House
3/27 - 31 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

BRIGHT SPOT

STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT THEMSELVES AND OTHERS

Students in Miss Dieterman's Composition Class recently completed a class portfolio of their best work. Students were able to choose the piece they felt was their best. The types of writing were a letter to themselves in 10 years, a biography about someone they interviewed, a creative fiction short story, or a creative nonfiction story about their own lives. These were the pieces chosen so they could start to work on a type of writing that is not as practiced in school, creative writing. Students learned more about themselves, people in their lives, and their own ability to create something. They edited and revised these pieces a few times throughout the semester to refine them before submitting their final copies, so they also learned a great deal of patience, perseverance, and hard work.



Front left to right: Suan Kim, Gonzalo Balches Cubilla, Lisa Stark, Brook Winkel, Maria DeRuiter
Back left to right: Jino Kumkanab, Renee Kuperus, Colton Winkle, Jack Villwock, Cameron Platz
Not pictured: Joana Falgas Velasquez, Kokoa Sakuma, Lia Cucinella

ALL SCHOOL NEWS



“LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR” - COMMUNITY HOPE FOOD DRIVE

We only have a few days left until the end of our Community Hope Food Drive! Please bring your canned goods and non-perishable items by February 14th to support our local communities during this winter season! NMCS will be collecting canned and boxed food items that can be distributed through our local food pantries. There is a table in the hall outside Mrs. Bujalski and Ms. Dieterman’s room for food donations.

Community Hope is a faith-based non-profit organization in Missaukee county that partners with churches, schools, and businesses in order to provide mentoring and food resources that strengthen the people of our County. You can visit www.communityhopemc.org or find them on Facebook for more information.

SEEKING 5TH GRADE TEACHER FOR 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Northern Michigan Christian is accepting applications for a 5th grade teacher. Must be certified to teach elementary in the state of Michigan. Please send resumes to our Superintendent, Scott Curell (scurell@nmcs.us)



NMCS BOARD MEMBER APPLICATIONS

Each year the NMCS Association nominates and elects new members to the school’s Board of Directors. The current Board is accepting applications until Monday, February 13 from Association members who have an interest in serving to guide and direct the school into the future.

Board membership terms are 3 years in length with an opportunity for an additional consecutive term (6 consecutive years). A board member application is attached to today’s Comet Connection. If you are interested in serving the NMCS community in this way, please contact our Superintendent, Mr. Curell, scurell@nmcs.us or request a Board member application from the main office.

START YOUR COMET JOURNEY - SAVE THE DATE!



Join us at Northern Michigan Christian School on March 21st for a **Preschool, Young Fives, and Kindergarten Information Night** where future Comets can meet their teacher, explore classrooms, and receive information about registration for the 2023-24 School Year! Informational meetings will be as follows:

- Preschool, 5:30 PM
- Young Fives, 6:00 PM
- Kindergarten, 6:30 PM

If you are unsure if your student is ready for Kindergarten, feel free to join us. We have readiness testing available! You may call the office to schedule an appointment. This would be a great opportunity to share with friends, families, and community members that may be interested in Rising Stars or Kindergarten at NMCS!

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER CARE IS NOW OPEN!

Northern Michigan Christian School is excited to offer a Summer Care option for our families! If you are interested in learning more, you may visit our website, call the office or pick-up a printed copy of the registration form in the lobby.

RISING STARS

EARLY CHILDHOOD NEWS

We are still taking applications for Classroom Aides for our expanded programming.

- **Young Fives Classroom Aide:** Tuesdays and Thursdays
- **2 Summer Care Lead Teachers:** 5 days a week beginning Summer 2023.
- **1 Lead Teacher and 1 Classroom Aide for After School Care:** 2:30- 5:15 daily during the school year.



Preferred requirements for Lead Teachers: obtained or pursuing a CDA or an associate degree in Early Childhood or bachelors degree in Early Childhood or related field. Please send your resume to our Superintendent, Scott Curell (scurell@nmcs.us), if you are interested in joining our mission of challenging minds, nurturing hearts, and developing the gifts of students.

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

There are still spots available in both our Young Fives and 1/2 Day Preschool programs! Our Rising Stars curriculum presents a Christ-centered worldview. Questions? Call 231-825-2942. To enroll, scan the QR code or visit www.nmcs.us, Admissions, and New Family Enrollment.



K-5TH ELEMENTARY

CONGRATULATIONS SUPER COMETS!

AVERY S. - 2ND GRADE

Avery is very deserving of the Super Comet Award. She is such a kind and helpful child. When she sees someone that needs help, she steps right in and helps. When I ask her to do something she always does it with a smile. She is kind to everyone. Avery works hard at her school work and tries her best. She has a servant's heart.

EASTON P. - 5TH GRADE

Easton is a positive role model and leader not only in the classroom but for the elementary. He is so kind and encouraging outside at recess when he plays sports and in the classroom when he is working with others. He has a great attitude and is a great friend to others!



ATHLETICS

JOB OPENING

NMCS is seeking a Track & Field and Cross Country Head Coach. If you are interested, please contact Trey Reed (treed@nmcs.us)

SPRING SPORT SIGN UPS

Spring sports practices are just over a month away with girls high school soccer, track and field and boys high school golf starting on March 13. Girls middle school soccer will start April 3. The signup can be found at nmcs.us/athletics.

BASKETBALL SENIOR DAY

We are excited to honor our girls and boys basketball seniors during their senior day presentation coming up at the following games. If you had any of them in class over the years, I know they would love to see you at their ceremony.

Girls Basketball Senior Night - 2/21 vs. Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart

Boys Basketball Senior Night - 2/24 vs. Traverse City Christian



FUNDRAISING

LAPS FOR LEARNING UPDATE

Attention Parents! **Laps for Learning packets have been sent home with students this week.** Please take a look as they only have a few weeks to collect pledges from families, friends, grandparents, etc. This fundraiser is extremely important as 100% of the proceeds will remain at our school for our students to go towards field trips, retreats, technology, and activities! We have so many great prizes up for grabs this year and we hope that all of our students will participate! **Packets are due back on March 1st!**

COMET COMMUNITY

PASTOR'S BREAKFAST

Parents - students should have received invitations this week to go home to invite your pastor, youth pastor, or church leader to our **Annual Pastor's Breakfast on March 3.**



Some students have mentioned that churches in the area are inbetween pastors at the moment. If that is the case, we encourage your student to invite someone in church leadership to our event! It could be a worship leader, youth pastor, etc. If you would like an additional invitation, please email Maddie Marks (mmarks@nmcs.us). If you would like an additional invitation, please email Maddie Marks at mmarks@nmcs.us or you can send them the link to our website to register!

MISSISSIPPI MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

February 13, 2013 - Benefit supper for the Mississippi Mission Trip at Lake City Christian Reformed Church. Serving from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM by donation. Please make checks payable to Lake City CRC Mississippi Trip.


A CALL TO PRAYER

Join us Monday mornings at 8:00 in the Chapel as God equips us for a godly life through prayer. If you have any questions, please contact Michele Kuperus michele.kuperus@gmail.com

PAINTER HERE

Need something painted? Call Cindy Sneller at [231-884-0159](tel:231-884-0159) I also do TRIP!!!



The page is decorated with several white roses and green buds, some at the top and some at the bottom left. There are also several brown paper envelopes scattered around the text, some partially open and some closed.

A Valentine Note from Principal Brower

When I was young my parents did not have a lot of money, so it was an extra big surprise when my brother, Danny, and I received a gift one year that was bigger than the small, traditional cardboard box of chalky hearts with sweet messages imprinted on them (which I always enjoyed). That year, we were each given a little stuffed dog and a small cotton, cinch bag filled with gum! My little stuffed dog was a red poodle with a skinny neck. The gum tasted like Juicy Fruit for at least 30 seconds until the flavor disappeared. I knew I was the happiest girl in the whole world that day!

I played and played and played with that dog. I even found a little purse to keep her in when I rode my bike and played outside that next summer. I enjoyed and savored the gum. In fact, I wanted mine to last so I refused to eat the last pieces in my little bag.

Time passed and the fur on my little dog was very matted and its head hung down because its skinny neck had grown tired. My gum became so old and hard that I could not chew it. Regardless of condition, they were very special to me. In fact, I loved them even more than when they were first given to me.

Life is like that, isn't it? A favorite pair of shoes wear out and you realize you don't want to see them lying in the garbage. Homes are sold, and it feels like they are keeping a lifetime of memories in their walls that we want to cling to. Puppies grow into old dogs that we cannot bear saying goodbye to.

Then, there are the people in our lives that are part of who we are – people who have made us laugh, tested our patience, held us when we have cried, and simply been there for us. In time, we see them growing tired and their light growing dim. We realize we love them more than we ever have before.

I pray that God will grant us an overwhelming appreciation for the gifts he gives us everyday. I am asking Him to grant us a heart's desire to cherish and serve the one who sacrificed the most precious gift of all because of his deep love for us.

May you love the Lord and those around you fiercely today and every day.

“My command is this:
Love each other as I have loved you.”
John 15:12

**Application Form
Board Member
Northern Michigan Christian School**

(Please fill out this form and return it to Elisha Helsel or Scott Curell at school, or supply the information to the questions below and e-mail it to ehelsel@nmcs.us or scurell@nmcs.us by February 13, 2023.)

Name: _____ Church: _____

Home address: _____ City _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

Spouse's name: _____ School-aged children's names and grades (if any): _____

(In answering the following questions, please limit your answers to a paragraph for each question.)

- 1. Please describe why you support Christian day school education.**

- 2. How have you been involved in Northern Michigan Christian School up until now (children in the school, committees, financial support, volunteering, etc.)?**

- 3. What has been your involvement in other community and church organizations?**

- 4. What skills, interests, and/or commitments do you have which God could use if you were to serve Northern Michigan Christian School as a trustee?**

- 5. What dreams do you have for NMCS and its future?**

Mission: Northern Michigan Christian School exists to educate God's children by challenging minds, nurturing hearts, and developing gifts for service in Christ's kingdom.

Vision: Northern Michigan Christian School will be the most compelling educational choice for God's children in northern Michigan.

START YOUR COMET JOURNEY

PRESCHOOL, YOUNG 5's, &
KINDERGARTEN INFO NIGHT

MARCH 21
5:30 - 7:00 PM

● **INFORMATION MEETINGS**
● PRESCHOOL 5:30 PM
● YOUNG 5's 6:00 PM
KINDERGARTEN 6:30 PM

JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATION NIGHT WHERE STUDENTS CAN MEET THEIR TEACHER, EXPLORE OUR CLASSROOMS, AND RECEIVE INFORMATION ABOUT REGISTRATION FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR!

