NMCS

NORTHERN MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Dear Friends of Northern Michigan Christian School,

What makes NMCS different from all other schools? It begins with one foundational truth: We believe education is about more than just preparing students for a career- it is about preparing them for a life of purpose, faith and service to Jesus Christ. While every school strives to educate students, NMCS seeks to shape the whole person by challenging minds, nurturing hearts, and developing gifts for service in Christ's Kingdom. Our students are equipped to live out their faith in a dark world that desperately needs the hope of Jesus Christ. That is what makes NMCS different and why your support matters so much.

One of our newer teachers at NMCS recently shared these reflections with me: “When I’m teaching Bible, I am often just in awe of some of the conversations we have as a class. The students ask such thoughtful questions about God, Christianity, and the Bible and sometimes it's questions that I honestly don’t even know how to answer right away! There are also times when a student will share something about a Bible story or Scripture, and I find myself thinking, ‘Wow, these kids really know their Bible.’ It has made me reflect a lot on my own experience growing up. I grew up in a Christian household and was very involved in church. I went every Sunday, participated in catechism and youth group, and had many wonderful people who poured into my faith. I definitely had a strong Christian foundation growing up. But being at NMC has made me realize how special it is for students to have their faith intentionally woven into their everyday lives at school, too. They aren't just learning about God on Sundays or at youth group. They have the opportunity every day to ask questions, study Scripture, pray, talk about their faith, and connect what they are learning back to God. Sometimes I find myself thinking that my elementary students know more about the Bible than I did at their age, or sometimes even now, and I actually think that is such a beautiful thing. It isn't because I didn't have wonderful Christian influences growing up because I absolutely did! Rather, it has made me realize just how much of a difference it can make when students are given that consistent foundation throughout their everyday lives. What has really stood out to me is how natural it seems for these students. Their faith isn't something that feels separate from school or from the rest of their lives. It is something they are learning to live out and talk about every day. I get to see that in the questions they ask, the conversations they have with one another, and the way they connect what they are learning to their relationship with God. And because of that, they constantly push me to deepen my own relationship with God and my want to know more about Him. It has honestly been one of the things that has made me most grateful to be at NMC. I get to see the impact that parents, churches, teachers, and other people have had on these students, and now I get to be a small part of that, too. It is really encouraging to see God

working through all of those people to build such a strong foundation in these kids. I think sometimes the clearest example of what makes Christian education special isn't necessarily a big project or event. Sometimes it is simply sitting in a classroom, listening to a group of elementary students talk about God, and realizing just how much He is already doing in their lives. Those moments have been some of the most meaningful parts of my experience at NMC so far."

Another staff member recently shared this story that happened at our most recent fish fry. A retired gentleman heard about our fish fry through the marketing and advertising we did for the event. He attended the fish fry and one of our students saw that he was sitting alone and eating by himself. She found a couple of her friends and encouraged them to go with her and sit with him so that he didn't eat alone. They sat with and talked with him for quite a while. He was so moved by their kindness he wrote a story about it. He wants others to know about the great students and families that welcomed him here. His story has recently been published in the Cadillac News.

These are just two of the many stories that I hear regularly on how NMCS changes lives. Our desire at NMCS is to partner with you. The first way you can partner with us is to commit to praying for Northern Michigan Christian School. As God continues to work in the lives of the NMCS community, Satan continues to try to derail the work the Holy Spirit is doing within our school and school community. We appreciate your continued prayers. The second way you can partner with us is to give a monetary gift to Northern Michigan Christian School. Your gift will have an eternal impact on the lives of the students of NMCS.

Thank you for being a part of the story at Northern Michigan Christian School.

Sincerely,

Scott Curell, Superintendent

