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New School Year Starts Off Great

The hallways are buzzing with the voices of students as they make their way to their classrooms. Teachers are beginning to learn their student's names and faces. Parents have had an opportunity to visit the classrooms before school started. The new school year is starting off with a contagious exuberance.

Parents are learning a new drop off procedure for the elementary students. Kindergarten has moved from Dodson Hall into the Elementary wing. Sixth graders are learning to deal with locker combinations and changing classrooms for the first time. The learning curve is steep for everyone but we

all seem to be able to handle the changes as they occur.

Mr. Robinson is thankful for the opportunity to actually be here the first week of school, and praises God that it has been a year since the bypass surgery.

We have some new teachers in our Secondary school and we are grateful to the Lord for providing a Spanish teacher for us.

Our chapel services will again be held in the Worship Center of the church and we look forward to the opportunity to praise the Lord in worship and being able to learn more about our wonderful God.

Please join us in praying

that this year goes well, and that we are able to bring honor and glory to God through everything that we accomplish in and out of the classrooms.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson are excited to get to interact with all the families and to be able to lead everyone through this new school year.



North Hills Christian School a Ministry of North Hills Baptist Church, Vallejo

North Hills Happenings

We will try to post upcoming activities in this area to help keep parents informed of what is happening at NHCS this year.

Sept. 7th—No School

Sept. 9th—Kick off for PTF fundraiser thru Sept. 30th.

Sept. 11th—School Picture Day (in Dodson Hall)

Sept. 14th—PTF meeting (Room B202) 7 p.m.

Sept. 18th—Dress for Missions Day (flyer to come home with guidelines)

Reminder to Parents to check your student's belongings to make sure they are labeled so that if lost they can be returned to the rightful owner. Also make sure that students come to school in uniform.

From My Heart– Mr. Robinson’s musings



Last year’s newsletter had a column written by me after my heart surgery and in it I tried to express thoughts and feelings that came to mind that God laid upon my “heart”. This year I would like to continue the column and use it to share insights that may be relevant to your life and help with situations that you may be facing.

I have observed many of our students and parents already this year and I know that we have a great school family. I would like to share a few observations from my past

experiences that may be good reminders to us all.

Respectful and responsible children result from families where there is a proper combination of discipline and love demonstrated in the home. If these two ingredients are lacking at home, the results can be disastrous at school. Some parents feel that it is necessary to “shower” their child with every luxury they can, which then causes the student to feel “entitled” in the classroom. There is a fine balance when it comes to providing for your child. One of the most difficult

things for parents to tell children seems to be “No”. Not because they do not love them but because they feel they may be depriving them. On the contrary, children will appreciate the things they have more if they sometimes have to wait. I think children will learn to be more responsible and respectful if they have to “wait” on some things, or even earn them instead of instantly obtaining them. We all want our children to have the best, and sometimes they get it by not getting everything immediately.

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Exciting Student Opportunities

Urgent Need:

Due to a curriculum snafu, we are in need of 24 textbooks for 5th grade. The History of Our United States, copyright 1998 are needed. If you have a copy that you would be willing to donate, please send the book to school and Mrs. Robinson will get it.

Our students are going to have some exciting opportunities for field trips this coming year.

Our **Juniors and Seniors** will be taking trips to visit colleges and universities to help them make wise decisions about their educational futures.

Our **8th grade students** will be traveling to Washington

D.C., Gettysburg, Philadelphia, and New York City in the spring to learn more about our American heritage.

4th and 5th grade students will be going to Science Camp and the Gold Country to enhance the curriculum they study.

School Website undergoing changes



In the coming months you will be seeing our North Hills website undergo some changes. We are working to make it even more user friendly and we will strive to keep the information up-to-date and as current as possible.

We are encouraged by the

many favorable comments we receive from families concerning our website and we trust that the upcoming changes will make its use even better.

We are attempting to consolidate some areas and improve other areas, including parent news, student updates,

and pictures of school and church activities. If you have suggestions concerning things you might like to see implemented, please let Mr. Robinson know. You may send him an email with those suggestions to: arobinson@north-hills.org
Thanks for your input.

P.T.F. Meetings for all North Hills parents

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson are very excited about our parents that have become a part of North Hills Christian School Parent Teacher Fellowship.

This special group is helping to organize fundraisers and activities for our students and volunteering to help make these things happen.

The group meets the first Monday of the month in Room B-202 at 7 p.m. All parents of students enrolled at North Hills Christian School are encouraged to attend and to become a part of this

worthwhile organization. Thoughts and ideas are shared that will benefit our staff and students, and will help us keep the name of our school out in the public eye in a positive manner.

Come be a part of this vibrant group of parents and help make the 2009-2010 school a meaningful experience for all our students.

If you have not already filled out the SALT form (Serving And Laboring Together), please do so as this is where we are able to contact parents who

have a desire to be involved in special activities.

PTF is starting the year with a fundraiser selling Chocolate and items from a gift catalog. We are asking all families to be involved in this project.

Information is coming home explaining what we are doing this year. **Don't forget to turn in the paper with the fundraiser options by Tuesday, Sept. 8th** or we will assume that you are planning to participate and sell the two boxes of chocolate or items from the gift catalog.



Student and Staff Picture Day

On Friday, September 11th all students and staff will have their pictures taken for the yearbook and student i.d. cards. The pictures are taken by Herff Jones and packets will be sent home on Tuesday, Sept. 8th. This year parents may also order and pay for packets online at HJConsumerDirect.com/

order/918483 The online orders are available prior to picture day and up to 48 hours after pictures have been taken. If sending the form back on picture day please be sure to enclose cash, money order or check payable to: Herff Jones.

The picture packets make great ways to send pictures to friends and relatives at

Thanksgiving and Christmas, and of course are great keepsakes to track your child's school history. If you have any questions about Picture Day please call the school office.

Students should be dressed in their school uniforms according to Dress Code standards.

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Keeping track of Student Progress

Parents can keep track of their student's homework assignments and grades as posted by teachers through Edline. Edline is accessed through the school's website and each family has a unique login and password which allows you to view only your child's progress. If you are a

new family to North Hills Christian School, an activation code has been mailed to you and once you are on the site it will walk you through the process. If you are a returning family your user name and password from last year is still active. If you cannot remember, or need to have help

in resetting the information please contact the school office and the secretaries can assist you with the process. We are anticipating fewer "problems" with the updated system this year, but if you experience difficulties on the site please let us know.

REPORT CARD				
GRADING PERIOD	1	2	3	4
READING	A			
WRITTEN COMMUNICATION	A			
MATHEMATICS	C			
SCIENCE/HEALTH	B			
SOCIAL STUDIES	B			
ART	A			
MUSIC	A			
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	C			
Grade Average	B			
Attendance:	Present	48		
	Absent	0		
	Tardy	1		
<small>A = Excellent • B = Good • C = Satisfactory • S = Needs Improvement U = Unsatisfactory • I = Incomplete / Incomplete</small>				
Student:	Grade:	Year:		