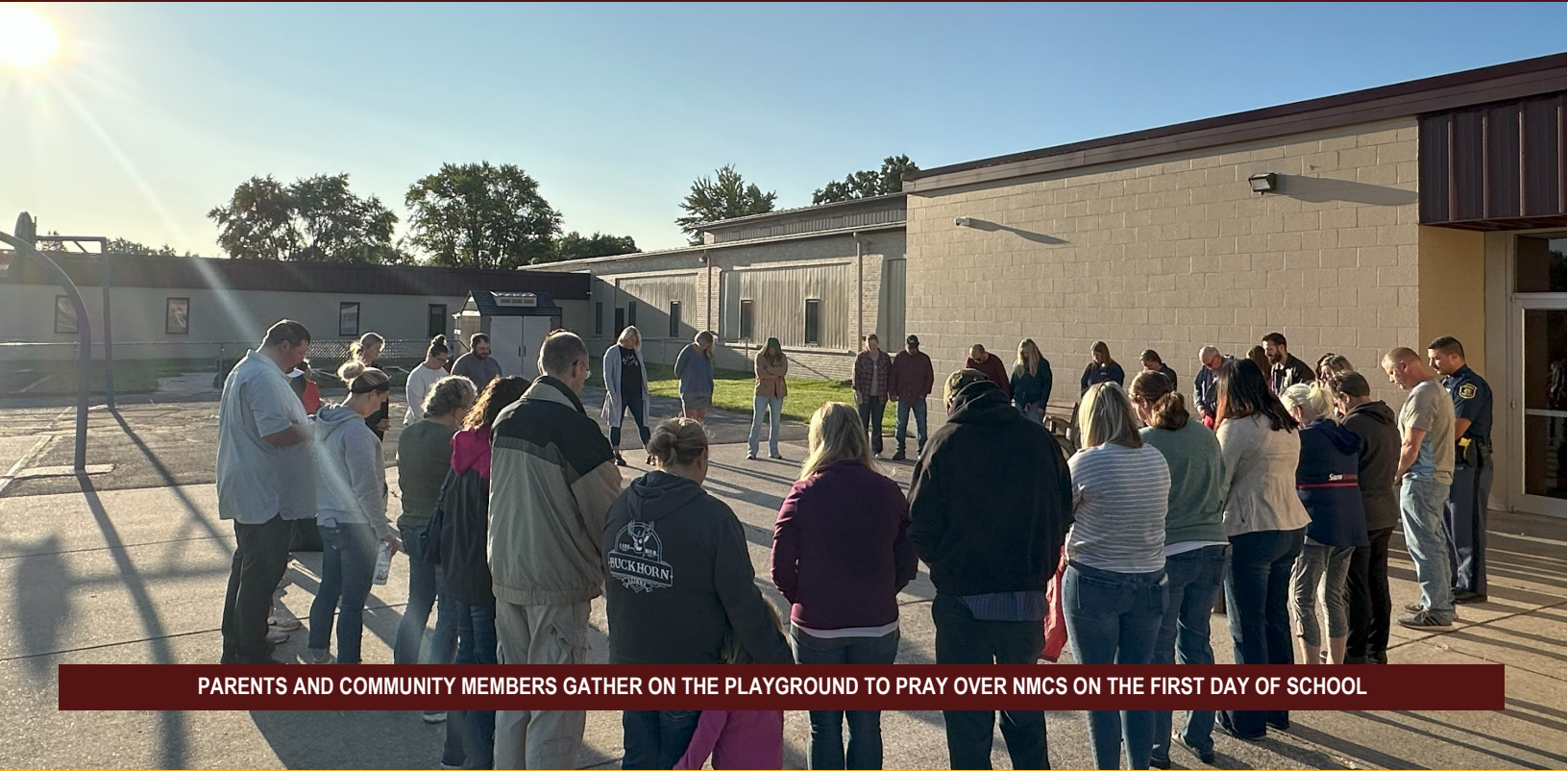




THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL **SATELLITE**



PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS GATHER ON THE PLAYGROUND TO PRAY OVER NMCS ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

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MESSAGE FROM MR. CURELL

In II Kings 4:1-7, we read the story of Elisha, the widow, and some olive oil. The widow has nothing but a little oil, empty jars and her faith. If you have not read story in a while, I would encourage you to do so. I would ask you to read this with the understanding that we are the empty jars. We need to have the anticipation of being filled.

At Northern Michigan Christian School, we sometimes have limited resources. We are located in Northern Michigan in rural McBain. But we have the ability to do great things and equip our students to do awesome things for the cause of Christ. It does not matter where we live or what our job is, we have the ability to follow God's Call on our life and win people to Christ.

As a part of the Northern Michigan Christian Family, I want to encourage you to focus on what we have rather

than what we do not have. We need to be like empty jars waiting for the Lord's blessing. When the widow in the II Kings did this, she received all that she needed and more.

God has certainly blessed our school community. He has given us teachers, administrators, and school board that loves kids and want to assist them in reaching their full potential for Christ. Northern Michigan School has existed for 113 years! God has blessed the community of McBain for a long time. Dr. Sandra Gray from Asbury University said, "If we are willing, the Lord can do something fresh and unexpected, something that we would never dream of or imagine in our lives." God wants to continue to do great things at Northern Michigan Christian School. We need to continue step out in faith and be willing to let God do them.

In my opinion, the story has both a happy and a sad ending. At the end of the story of the widow, the widow was able to fill jars enough to pay her debts and to live off of what was left. I believe this also can be a sad ending in a way. In verse 6 of the story, they ran out of jars and that is when the oil stopped flowing. Remember that we are the ones that limit God's blessing when we stop presenting empty jars to be filled.

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- Dr. Sandra Gray



IMPORTANT DATES

OCT. 18: PASTOR'S BREAKFAST
OCT. 22: MS/HS FALL CONCERT
NOV. 4: TOWN HALL MEETING
NOV. 9: BUILDING THE FUTURE AUCTION

OUR COMMITMENT

Northern Michigan Christian School exists to educate God's children by challenging minds, nurturing hearts, and developing gifts for service in Christ's Kingdom. At NMCS, we believe that there is no better time to invest in Christian education and our students. Investing in Christian education means investing in the future of a child, who one day, will grow to impact an everchanging world for Christ. In today's world, we seek to raise and invest in children who desire a meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ amongst the pressures of society.

There are many ways that you can support NMCS everyday. Thank you for your prayers of direction and protection and for your continued financial giving to this institution. Without your generous support, we would not be able to offer the transformational experiences that we do.

Visit nmcs.us/support to see how you can get involved.



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Students and teachers enjoyed our "Meet the Teacher Night" along with ice cream sundaes! Students were able to tour their new rooms, meet new friends, and familiarize themselves with the school.

On the first day of school, the day was started with prayer across the school community. The high school met in the chapel while other grades met around the school to pray for the year ahead and to come together as the body of Christ.

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This year, the theme for NMCS centers around being chosen, valued, and loved children of God. Chapels, lessons, and other school activities will be focused on this theme and our verse of the year. Each student and staff member has also received a shirt with this year's theme and verse.

"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." - Psalm 139:14

DOWN ON THE FARM

To kick off the year, we had the opportunity to work together as a whole team during professional development week. Our staff was able to apply concepts of spiritual, social, emotional learning by incorporating personal and professional well-being into PD.

At NMCS, we are a very blessed school community. One of the ways we are blessed is to have families who continuously pour into our school, staff and students through prayer and support. The staff had the opportunity to visit "7 in the Woods" - a homestead run by the Yount family. As a team, we were able to enjoy a meal together in the beauty of God's creation on the Yount's property. During lunch, we were blessed to hear their hearts of what community means and how they have felt the support of the community while also giving their time and resources back. They shared their journey to homestead, speaking of how God has blessed them with land and resources. They want to use those things to continue to grow in what the Lord is calling them to but also be an encouragement and resource for others.

Family means a lot to the Younts and they consider NMCS an extension of their family. They are hard working, generous, caring and humble people who shared with the NMCS staff the call on their hearts and how they use it to encourage and support others. It was a beautiful picture of God's provision and faithfulness which tied beautifully into this year's school theme of being chosen, valued, and loved by a Father who provides for all our needs.

Written by: Katelyn Richard



MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

Our middle school teachers and students took part in one of their favorite days of the year! Their retreat at Center Lake Bible Camp took place in September and included team building, archery tag, the zipline, and much more!



Our annual Fish Fry took place on two evenings in September and was another great success! It was a night full of great food and great fellowship. Fish, chicken, shrimp, roasted potatoes, mac and cheese and many more items were found in "all you can eat" fashion. Officially, this was the largest net revenue Fish Fry in school history. Thank you to Diane Eisenga for her vision behind it!

NMCS FISH FRY



KUNKLE HIRED AS VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH

Northern Michigan Christian School and Athletic Director, Trey Reed, are excited to announce the hiring of Carrie Kunkle as the next varsity girls' basketball coach at NMCS.

After extensive prayer and a statewide search, Coach Kunkle quickly climbed to the top of our list.

"To be able to hire an individual with this much knowledge and experience in such a short amount of time during the fall season, is such a blessing," says, Reed.

Reed adds, "Coach Kunkle will be dedicated to building our girls' basketball program with joy and fundamentals as the focus. Our student athletes are chosen, valued, and loved children of God and we can't wait to see how Coach Kunkle pours into that message while making Christ the center of our program."

Kunkle was a high school basketball standout at Big Rapids High School and a Miss Basketball finalist. She is a former NCAA division 1 student athlete as she was a 4 year starter at Central Michigan University. Her experience also includes coaching basketball from the middle school to high school level at Belding and Ewart. As a proven and successful leader and basketball coach, we praise God for sending her in our direction to continue the strong tradition of Comet girls' basketball.



SOARING ABOVE THE COMPETITION

The Fall Athletic season has been exciting for our Comet student athletes and teams. Cross country hosted the conference jamboree for the first time in 5 years in September as they welcomed every conference school and their teams from the middle school to high school level.

Varsity boys soccer is having a very successful season as part of the redefined Northern Michigan Soccer League. The youthfulness of the team and program is setting up for a very fun future. Post season play begins in mid-October.

Varsity volleyball is competing well against tough Highland Conference competition. The Comets have hosted one invitational and have traveled to a few others around the state. At their home match vs. McBain, our Comet community and team showed great spirit and proved that they have what it takes to make a post season run. The post-season begins in early November.

We are also very excited about our middle school teams and their dedication. Middle school volleyball and soccer both currently hold impressive winning records.

We continue to focus on our Comet Commitment—pursuing excellence on and off the playing surface by pursuing Christ, a healthy culture, and community involvement. Athletics at NMCS is such an outreach and an extension of our Christ-centered classroom as student athletes continue to learn life lessons that prepare them to impact the world for Christ.



DALMAC

NMCS was again a host site for the DALMAC bike tour. The tour takes bikers on a multiple day and night trip from East Lansing to Mackinaw City. This year, NMCS served nearly 500 cyclists for dinner and breakfast and raised nearly \$10,000.



MR. SIKKEMA LOVES TO SERVE



Thank you to Mr. Sikkema and his staff for keeping our school and grounds clean and safe and for always willing to lend a helping hand!



PICTURE DAY

The tradition of crazy senior pictures continues as the Winkle family duck made an appearance in each photo. Students love to leave their creative mark on NMCS each year.



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HS RETREAT

High schoolers were treated to bowling, praise and worship, lunch and dinner, and many other spiritual growth activities during their retreat to Evert and Reed City in September.



CLASS OF 1962



The NMCS class of 1962 met for their 62nd year reunion over the summer. Classmates shared stories together about their time at NMCS. The spirit of these Comets remains young at heart as they continue to impact the world for Christ and represent NMCS in the community.

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BUILDING THE FUTURE AUCTION

NOVEMBER 9TH

Mark your calendars for the "Building the Future" Auction on Nov. 9th at NMCS. This year's format will be the same as last year with an online, silent, and live auction. Donate or purchase tickets online at nmcs.us/auction.



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