



NORTH HILLS

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Equipping hearts and minds of students to impact the world for Christ

Dear North Hills Christian School Families and Partners,

As we began this 2020-2021 school year, things were a little different, and things continue to be a little different.

Classrooms have been reconfigured to accommodate for social distancing; faculty, staff and students are wearing face coverings and checking their temperatures before entering a building; and students are eating in their classrooms instead of gathering in the gym. We all miss coming together to worship in the Rev. Bill Adams Chapel. Students are used to traveling across campus to their classrooms, but this year, the teachers are moving across campus to teach their classes. Traditionally the soccer field and the Helen Kelley Smith Gymnasium are full of cheering fans, but fans are limited this year.

As I think about all the changes that have happened over the past six months, the thoughts of, "What is this doing to our students, our families, our community?" have crossed my mind many, many times. What mark is this leaving for years to come? When can we go back to the way things used to be?

Then I am quickly reminded of our 2020-2021 theme, Leave Your Mark. This pandemic is not the only thing leaving its mark on our families and communities. With your support, lives will be positively impacted for eternity. The love of Jesus Christ, love and respect for others, and the life-changing academic value of a Christian education will continue to be left in the lives of thousands. The worldwide pandemic will be forgotten over time, but the connections made at North Hills Christian School, academically, spiritually, and relationally will never be forgotten.

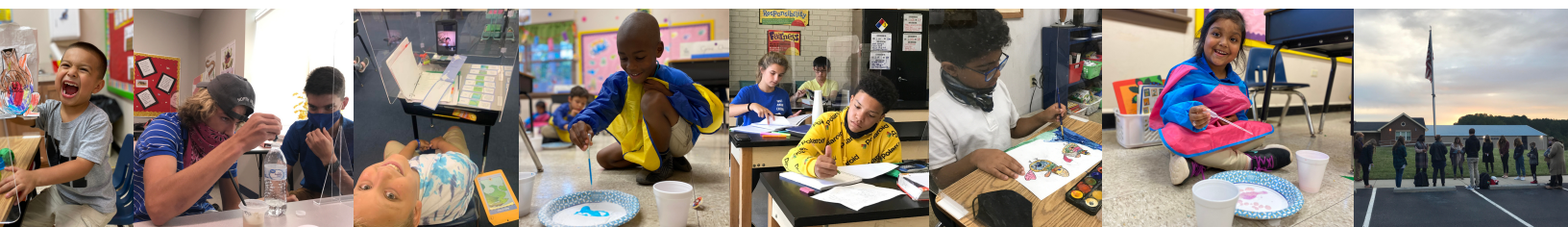
Since 1967, North Hills Christian School has been leaving its mark. Many people have given sacrificially to both grow and sustain this ministry in various ways. What better way to leave your mark on the lives of children for generations to come. Supporting NHCS has allowed buildings to be built and programs to be added. But most importantly, the mark of Jesus Christ has been left on thousands of lives. This is a mark that will never be removed or forgotten because once people have been introduced to Jesus Christ, they will never forget who He is. Matthew 24:35 reads, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My Word will not pass away."

By supporting NHCS financially, you are leaving a positive mark that will carry on for generations. Because of you, North Hills Christian School is fulfilling its mission of "equipping the hearts and minds of students to impact the world for Christ."

Thank you for your continued support.

For Him,

Nikki Eagle
Director of Advancement



Changes to Note:



Nikki Eagle, formerly the Director of Marketing and Communications, is now the Director of Advancement. Her new role allows her to focus on alumni relations, donor relations, grant writing, growing the

Endowment Fund, reconnecting with supporters, students, faculty/staff, and all things COVID-19. She has been with NHCS for 16 years.



Shameka Smith has moved into the role of Spiritual Life Director, in addition to teaching middle school Bible. She is excited to step into this role to be able to reach students, teachers, staff, and parents through a different means of

ministry. This is her fifth year working at NHCS, but her family has been with the school for 12 years.



Vivian Connor has joined the team as the new Accounting Assistant. Her background includes assisting in the medical, legal, and human resources industries. This is her first year working at NHCS, but her

family has been part of the school for the last twelve years.



Melissa Loveless joined NHCS as the new Director of Marketing and Communications. She spent her last three years with the City of Kannapolis and prior to working with the City, she worked at Hickory Day School. She is

excited to continue building relationships with students, faculty/staff, and parents.

This Year so Far:

Virtual Students



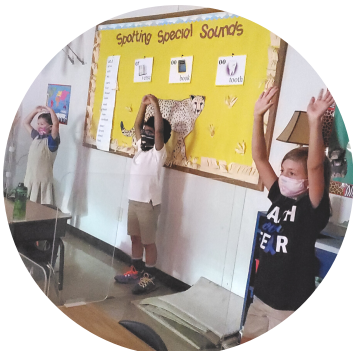
Teachers are making sure their virtual students are just as involved as their in-person students by pairing them up for group work and other activities.

Hearts and Minds



Mrs. Doris Plummer, our AIM Director, is the author of the blog. In Mrs. Plummer's own words, she said, "I am really feeling a nudging from God to do a weekly post relating to how we live this NHCS life, past and present experiences, and deepening our relationship with God." You can find new entries on our website every Monday.

Grandparents Day



Due to COVID-19, Lower School students could not host their annual Grandparents Day event. Instead, classes recorded videos and sent them to their special friends and family members.

Chicken on Campus



It's always exciting at NHCS! For a few days in September, we had a special visitor on campus. If you asked Upper School, its name was Nuggets, but Lower School named it Harold. After realizing that chickens are females, they renamed her Henrietta. After a few days of wandering, Henrietta Nuggets went to live on a local family farm.

Leave Your Mark



In a year where things are different than usual, North Hills Christian School high school seniors are leaving their marks in the midst of the unknown. A few months ago, students, teachers, and families weren't sure that they would be returning to the classroom this fall, but they are grateful to be at a school where learning is in-person five days a week.

Each year, our seniors pick a theme for the school year, and this year's theme is Leave Your Mark. "We were asked to come up with a theme around the time North Carolina went into quarantine. We knew then that our senior year would probably be flipped upside down, so we wanted something that would unify us even if we had to be virtual," said Journey Kellis.

When asked how they want to leave a mark during their senior year, they collectively formed another theme - they not only want to leave their marks at North Hills Christian School, but also as they go into the world after graduation. The mission statement of North Hills Christian School is to "equip the hearts and minds of students to impact the world for Christ," and Caroline Nance plans to do exactly that. She said, "As kids, we always talk about what it would be like to meet our heroes, and eventually we may become someone else's hero, and if I'm someone's hero, I want my accomplishments to point to Christ. Yeah, I want to become an astronaut, so of course space is exciting, but I want to be able to show people how space points to God."

Due to COVID-19 protocols, students are required to social distance and wear masks when they are not at their desks. During a "normal" year, students would be able to visit other students across campus, but this year, students must stay in their designated buildings. This senior class is striving to maintain the connections they have created in previous years while also doing their best to encourage everyone around them.

"I want to do my best to be a light in hallways and classrooms, which is hard now that we are limiting interactions with other people across campus, but it's a new challenge that we'll overcome," Preston Rollins added.

"This has been a year with many unknowns, and we knew before the start of the year that these seniors would be incredible leaders - it has been amazing to see how encouraging and loving they have been to our students and staff on campus," said Executive Director Maria Lowder. "They are already leaving their mark at NHCS as the largest high school senior class in the 53-year history of the school. This year, we have 25 graduating seniors and many have been at NHCS since Kindergarten. We are so proud of what these seniors have already accomplished, and we can't wait to see what they continue to accomplish when they leave us. They will definitely impact the world for Christ."

Impact Event:



Mark your calendar for our annual Impact Event, our largest fundraiser of the year, at 6 p.m., April 15, in the Helen Kelley Smith Gymnasium.

Keep an eye out for additional details in the coming months!



Why Give:

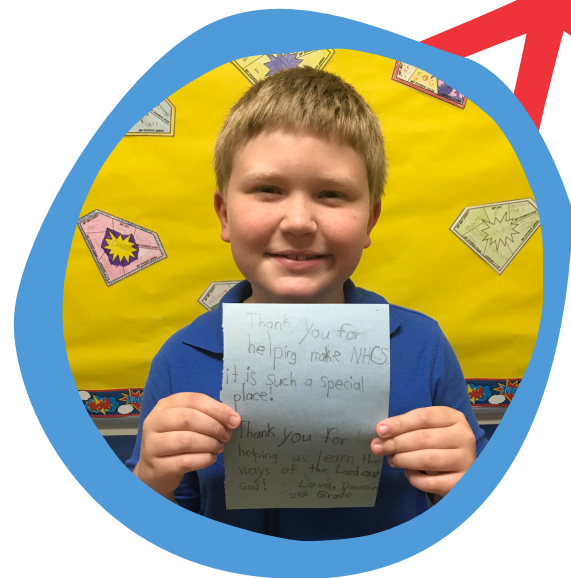
- 70% of our students would be unable to attend NHCS if donors stopped giving.
- Tuition alone does not cover the cost of educating a child
- 10% of our operating budget comes from your contributions
- You directly impact the life of a child forever

Ways to Give:

- Gifts of Cash
- Gifts of Securities
- Gifts of Real Estate
- Charitable Trust funded with Retirement Assets
- Monthly Giving
- Matching gifts through Employer
- Adopt a Student (\$25/month for 10 months)
- Amazon Smile
- Harris Teeter Together for Education Program

How to Give:

- Text AF2021 to 76278 and follow the prompts
- Visit northhillschristian.com/donate for additional information



Because of You...

Dawson is a third grader. Last year, while Dawson was in second grade, his mother passed away after a four-year battle with cancer. One of her desires was that Dawson would be able to stay at North Hills Christian School to receive the love and support he needed during that trying time.

Because of your support, Dawson is a third grader at NHCS. In this picture, he is holding the letter he wrote to donors in second grade to thank you for allowing him to remain a part of the North Hills family.

Thank you for leaving your mark by supporting NHCS! Because of you, more students are able to learn in an environment that is loving, safe, and Christ-centered.

