



HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!

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Important things to know...

Thank you from the NICS Staff for letting us be a part of your children's lives this school year. Even though our year was cut short, it was a joy, and we look forward to seeing you next year!

Summer hours for Mr. Moylan to be at the school will be Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. If you need to get ahold of him, feel free to stop into the school, leave a message on the answering machine, or send an email to him at mmoylan@northiowachristian.com.

Please check your email as the next school year approaches for supply lists and other important school year information!

Dear Parents and Students,

As we transition out of the 2019-2020 school year I want to let you know that as your new administrator I will be working hard to prepare NICS for the upcoming year so that we can meet whatever challenges that lie ahead regarding our current national situation with readiness and grace. In an article I read this morning the author writes, "One of the most challenging aspects of the COVID19 recovery will be disagreements over acceptable post-COVID social norms between friends and family. Hurt feelings will abound if we're not careful. Extend lots of grace. Everyone is different." This is so pertinent for all of us as a community to remember because one of our primary goals is to "maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3). With this in mind, my sincere prayer for each of you is that as the sun emerges and the temperature warms you experience spontaneous moments of sweetness, thanking God for the life He continues to sustain in you. Apart from Him, to whom do we ultimately have to express our deepest gratitude? Enjoy your summer and I look forward to growing with you in the year ahead.

~Mr. Moylan

"Glorify God...Serve Others"



May 20
Last Day of School

May 25
Memorial Day

* Indicates additional information in the newsletter



Mr. Miner's last day at NICS is Friday, May 22. He has asked that his new address in Michigan be shared with our NICS families. It is:

2221 Crimora Drive
Schoolcraft, MI 49087

His personal email address is jasonminer610@gmail.com.

Best wishes to him and the whole Miner family as they begin a new chapter in Michigan! We wish you well, and know that you will truly all be missed!



• **KIMT SCHOLASTIC ALL STARS 2020**

Congratulations to seniors KJ Barkema, Anna Bram and Kaitlin Davis for being chosen as this year's KIMT Scholastic All Stars from North Iowa Christian School! Watch for their short videos to run on KIMT TV during their commercials from now until the end of June!

• **TUITION DISCOUNT 2020/2021!!!**

We have an exciting offer to help our families save on tuition for the upcoming school year! Savings Option 1: Pay \$100.00 upfront and receive a \$100.00 discount on your overall tuition bill. Savings Option 2: Pay \$2000 upfront and receive a \$225.00 discount on your overall tuition bill. To take advantage of these savings, you must have your previous year's tuition paid in full (or an approved arrangement plan). Keep in mind these options cannot be combined. This opportunity will be available until May 31, 2020 and is available only to families who do not receive employee tuition discounts.

• **NEW BOARD MEMBERS!!!**

Congratulations to Jani Dahlin and Peter Wernimont who were elected to be new board members starting with the 2020/2021 school year! We welcome you!

• **DONT FORGET TO RETURN LOANED OUT MATERIALS!!!**

Just a reminder to return any NICS materials that were loaned out to you during the distant learning **by May 20**. Thank you!

• **THANK YOU!!!**

Thank you to all the parents and other supporters for a job well done on getting school work completed and reported back to the teachers in a timely manner!!!

• **PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS!!!**

Thanks to all who were faithful being accountable to me with their PE activities this last quarter of school! You do not need to report to me anymore, but I encourage you to keep up your 30 minutes/day of activity throughout the summer! You can keep your own log to keep you motivated and accountable. I challenge you to make a routine for yourself that includes flexibility, strength and cardio respiratory activities. Try to do more each week as the summer goes on. Hopefully soon, you can also add some water sport activities such as swimming, tubing, wake boarding, water skiing, canoeing and kayaking! It is good to be out in the sunshine for Covid-19 too! Don't forget to practice eating health foods, get plenty of rest, spend time in God's word and in his beautiful creation! Keep up the good work and stay active this summer! Looking forward to seeing you all in the fall! We don't know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future!!!

Keeping our eyes on Him, Mrs. Carlson

• **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL PICK-UP SCHEDULE!!!**

The last day of school is on Wednesday, May 20 and that will be the final pick-up day for all items at the school. **ALL STUDENTS** should plan on coming to the school on this date to clean out desks and lockers, and Pre-K through 6th grades will also pick up report cards and awards.

We are still wanting to limit it to as few people picking up items for their students at a time. Because of this, we have again created a schedule which is attached to the newsletter email. You have been assigned one 15 minute time slot to come and pick up your students' materials. Only one family is scheduled per slot. If the time assigned to you does not work, you can come during one of the others time slots, but please use social distancing. Please be prompt at arriving and departing.

Please do not send anyone into the building that is exhibiting respiratory symptoms or a fever to pick up on this date.

Every family needs to check in the lunchroom under your family name. There will be things there for you that you will want to pick up. Again, please be mindful of the restrictions that we are taking and try to touch only what is yours.

Mr. Miner will be in his office. If you need to speak to him for any reason, just knock on his office door. You will receive a reminder email next Monday, May 18, regarding this, along with the pick-up schedule.

- **SCRIP ORDERS!!!** – Need to buy groceries? Got a building project this summer? Hopefully taking a vacation soon? Consider using our Scrip program to fund the expense! It's an easy way to generate cash back towards your students' tuition! We encourage you to seek family and friends to purchase Scrip to help grow your account. This is an easy way to support Christian education. Tell us what you are looking to do this summer and we will help you take care of the rest! For more details, connect with the School Secretary to see how you can save! **Script orders from now through July are due by 12:00 noon on Monday, June 15 and Monday, July 27.** Contact Tracie Vandenberg at 641-530-1088 to turn in your Scrip order. **These will need to be turned in directly to Tracie at her home at 1101 Birch Drive. Do NOT turn them in or mail them to the school!** The form is attached to the newsletter email for you to print and use at your convenience.

- **SPRING FORMAL!!!**

We are still hoping to have a formal sometime in the summer. The date has not yet been set. Just keep watching for more information. Contact Sarah Barkema, Amy Reynolds, or Mrs. Bram if you are willing to help or have questions. *(This is for NICS High School students ONLY.)*



NICS GRADUATION!!!

NICS high school graduation will be held on **Sunday, June 7, at 12:30 p.m. at Christ's Church, 710 N. Kentucky Avenue, Mason City, Iowa.** *There will be limited seating and social distancing will be followed.*

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Congratulations to KJ Barkema, Anna Bram, Seth Burton, Megan Dahlin, and Kaitlin Davis, our graduating seniors! We are so proud of you and pray God's richest blessings over this next chapter of your life.

***KJ Barkema's Drive-Thru Grad Party is being held on Saturday, May 16, from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. His invitation is attached to the newsletter email today.***

***The other graduates are postponing their graduation parties until later in the summer. Please watch for an email with details on each one.***



**KJ Barkema**



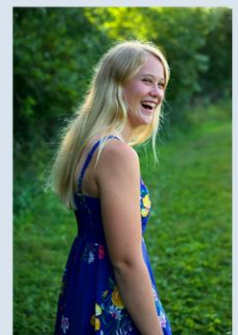
**Anna Bram**



**Seth Burton**



**Megan Dahlin**



**Kaitlin Davis**