



From the desk of Pam Heintz, Head of School

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Dear NSCS Families,

It is that time of year where I begin to have a growing sensation that something really good is about to happen! I hope you are feeling the same way. Another wonderful year of learning and growing is just around the corner and I am thrilled!

I speak for the entire faculty and staff at the North Shore Christian School when I say we cannot wait to begin another school year with all of the students and families next week. Educating your children is why we exist! For over 70 years NSCS has existed to provide a unique learning context for children in the formative years. Our faculty takes their jobs very seriously, in fact, they view their work at NSCS as a calling and divine appointment. I was humbled this past week as our staff gathered together for a week-long professional development. We had many opportunities to pray corporately for our school, our students, their families, and the work that God will have for us to do this academic year. I am always amazed by our staff who have dedicated their careers to this generation of children. Unequivocally, our teachers expressed their desire to see God raise up a generation who will know and fear Him. It is indeed our hope that God will allow NSCS to be a place of learning, but also spiritual formation and impact that will have eternal gains.

As we anticipate a new school year, I'd like to take this opportunity for you to hear from our Lead Principal Robin Lowe. Mrs. Lowe has been busy this summer ensuring that

our faculty is in place and our programming is sound and ready to engage your children. Please be sure to read Mrs. Lowe's letter. It is chock full of important and exciting information that you will not want to miss.

Additionally, you may access our Academic Calendar on our school website (nschristian.org) under the Family Resource tab, or by clicking the button below. Please take notice of the upcoming dates for first day of school, Back-to-School nights, and other important events and plan accordingly.

Finally, for the past two and half years we have been exceedingly blessed to have a COVID-19 Task Force. We have had several individuals during the pandemic participate in our effort, but the core of the Task Force has been comprised of two doctors and a nurse practitioner. This assembly of individuals have been faithfully watching the protocols and trends during the summer months.

It has been decided that NSCS will be loosening its COVID-19 restrictions significantly as we resume school this September. As COVID-19 moves toward an endemic in nature we ask that parents and guardians adhere to our historical Health & Medical Information and Policies that are found in our Student Handbooks. Faculty, staff and all visitors to any of our campuses are expected to follow the guidelines as they are set forth by the Massachusetts Department of Health. We will not be requiring mask wearing; however, we will support any individual choice to wear a mask by any of our students, faculty and staff, or visitors. We will no longer be providing disposable masks, but we will continue to provide hand sanitizing stations throughout our buildings.

Our Task Force will still continue to monitor COVID-19 and its effects on our learning environment, and will make and communicate necessary updates or changes in approach as the situation necessitates. Thank you all for your prayers and support as we navigated the unnavigable!

We are looking forward to the start of school next week and wish you all a fun and relaxing Labor Day Weekend!

In Him,

Pam Heintz, Head of School