



NORTHERN CHAUTAUQUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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The NCCS 2015-2016 Musical, "Seussical, Jr., Oh, the Thinks You Can Think!"

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Welcome to Deacon Michael Lemieux!

A Message from Our New Canonical Administrator at NCCS



Dear Northern Chautauqua County Catholic School Community:

My name is Deacon Mike Lemieux, and I am the new Canonical Administrator for NCCS. It is my honor and pleasure to assume this ministry and to work with our talented teachers, administration, and Board of Trustees. I was first approached last November to consider assuming the role of Canonical Administrator, and read through statutes and spoke to previous Canonical Administrators to help me discern if my involvement would be good for the school. After reflecting on my past 36 years as a college administrator, with the help of Almighty God, a lot of support from prayer and the talented folks like the ones I mentioned above, I agreed to accept the role. I am committed to giving freely of my time and talents to NCCS, like all the many volunteers, parents, board members and benefactors who do so as well.

NCCS is one of the greatest treasures we have in this community, but the school is not without its challenges. Like most Catholic schools in our diocese, our country, our state, we struggle to keep enrollment high and cost manageable. And with the utmost gratitude for the marvelous work that the Home School Association provides through fundraisers and volunteers like you, we continue to survive and make ends meet. But I think we would agree that surviving is not enough. We want to give the children the best instruction, the best facilities, the best technology, the best resources possible to make learning fun and stimulating. We welcome any ideas that you might have to help us in this endeavor.

The NCCS Board of Trustees is consistently reviewing policies and procedures and ensuring that the school has in place the resources it needs. Membership of the Board of Trustee consists of a retired Superintendent of Schools, current and semi-retired teachers, parents of former NCCS students, and business and marketing professionals – all who love the school and children and wish to make the school a hallmark of Catholic Education.

We need you too! By your presence at events, fundraiser and by encouraging your friends to send their children to NCCS, we will continue this journey and tradition of Catholic Education in Northern Chautauqua County.

May the Lord bless you and your families. Please keep us in your prayers.

Deacon Mike

A Message From Our NCCS Principal



The 2015-2016 year has been filled with many positive educational experiences for the students at NCCS. This year we have built upon our successes from previous years, allowing our students to grow academically, athletically, and most importantly, spiritually.

NCCS benefits from representatives of the Catholic community, whose presence is a positive factor in each students' spiritual lives and character development. We are grateful to Fr. Walsh (Holy Trinity), Fr. Nycz and Sr. Rachel (Blessed Mary Angela), Fr. Riter, Fr. Werbicki and Seminarian Peter Santandreu (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton) for their spiritual guidance.

We continue to strengthen the legacy of NCCS as one of the finest schools in the region. Our certified teaching staff is highly qualified, caring and dedicated, and provides a strong core academic program, excellence in athletics, music, art, and technology that are among the many opportunities provided to our students every day.

We look forward to expanding our enrollment with scholarships made available by the NCCS Tuition Angels Fund, and have been successful in attracting new students and families to our school. NCCS provides a solid foundation to prepare all students for a promising future.

John Georger, Principal, NCCS

Best Wishes On Your Retirement, Mrs. Warren!

After many years of loving, dedicated and professional service to NCCS, Mrs. Barbara Warren will be retiring at the close of the 2015-2016 school year. Throughout the years, Mrs. Warren's devotion to the welfare of the school has been expressed in countless ways. She has been on hand to comfort the sick, tend to injuries, attend to diverse health care needs, keep staff and families informed, and manage records and reporting systems that are ever-changing.

With grateful acknowledgement for her time, talents, and compassionate service, we extend to Ms. Warren our warmest wishes, and pray that she will be blessed with many new sources of joy and fulfillment during her retirement!

Highlights of the 2015-2016 School Year

The 2015-2016 year will be remembered for academic achievement and spiritual growth for each and every child. Catholic Schools Week brought together a standing-room-only Grandparents' Breakfast, while Seminarian Peter Santandreu helped prepare a "Seder" meal in honor of Passover. PreK4 children heard the story of the "purple cloth," and the 8th grade led the whole school in praying the Stations of the Cross. The NCCS Mission



Club promotes Christian values, while the Home School Association benefits the school in many ways. Much more is planned to complete this memorable year, including the traditional May Crowning, Awards Night, and Graduation Ceremonies. Then.....on to 2016-2017!

Sports Continue to Be a Source of Pride at NCCS !

The Northern Chautauqua Catholic School sports program begins for boys and girls in the 4th grade. We are proud of all of our athletes as they gain experience, make friendships, build character, and have fun! Spectators and players enjoy the many opportunities our school offers. To date, highlights of the 2015-2016 school year include the annual Peg Smith Memorial Basketball Tournament held in December, where over 20 games were hosted for area boys and girls during the 4 day weekend event featuring many games, music, contests, raffles, food and lots of fun! Our boys varsity basketball won 4 tournaments, and were runners up at Canisius and the small school diocesan finals, while girls were runners up in the Peg Smith tournament, and semi-finalists in the diocesan-wide tournament.



The NCCS Musical Was a Big Hit!



In early March, the community joined NCCS for an unforgettable view into the wonderful world of Dr. Seuss through the school’s production of the musical “Seussical Jr., Oh the Things You Can Think,” bringing together his beloved characters. Under the very capable and talented guidance of the NCCS music teacher, Ms. Cicelske, the story was brought to life

after countless hours of auditioning, planning, rehearsing and preparing for the big night. Children in grades 4 through 8 combined their individual gifts of music, story telling, artwork, stage direction, enthusiasm and laughter to make the event truly fun and memorable for all children, teachers, families and friends.

NCCS Seeks Grant Funding to Expand Opportunities

The Northern Chautauqua Catholic School’s unique mission is the significant factor that distinguishes its program from many other educational options. Children receive the “plus” of moral and spiritual development, promoting service to God by serving others.

In changing times, there is a growing need to develop cooperative partnerships among the school’s many and diverse stakeholders, including students, families, teachers, parishes, and the widespread regional community of Chautauqua County.

In its efforts to address this critical need, NCCS is proactive in seeking grant funding from local, regional and national sources. Plans are in the works to secure a grant to fund a multi-faceted faith-based project called “Raising the Light” that will expand and create new opportunities for all NCCS stakeholders to work together to carry out the important evangelical mission of promoting a peaceful and caring society. More to come!

Community Service Projects



In honor of Veteran’s Day, the Kindergarten and first grade classes at NCCS met with a representative from the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Base, who explained the important symbolism of the American White Table, which represents all branches of the United States Military and is a universal sign of brotherhood for all MIA’s and

POW’s. The children at NCCS engage in a variety of activities throughout the school year to show honor and respect for our veterans, guided by Ms. Mourer, NCCS Social Studies Teacher and Religious Education Coordinator.

When Pope Francis delivered his message to Congress and addressed the current refugee crisis, calling on us to help, the students at NCCS answered! After reading the book “Inside Out and Back Again,” (Thanhha Lai), in which the main character is a young girl from Vietnam who becomes a refugee and who settles in Alabama, the 7th grade class brainstormed how to raise money to purchase items for a “Welcome Kit” for refugees being assisted by the organization Journey’s End, Inc. With the help of their ELA teacher, Ms. Davis, the class raised funds and went shopping at the Dunkirk/Fredonia Walmart, then met with Ms. Ward from Journeys’ End, Inc. to learn how their efforts will help settle a refugee in Buffalo, New York. The students at NCCS took the Pope’s message to heart, and with the guidance of their teacher, made a real difference in the life of a refugee.



NCCS Gratefully Acknowledges All Past and Continuing “Angel” Donors Who Believe In and Support Our Mission of Providing the best Christian Education for Our Children!

The existence and successful development of NCCS depends on the ongoing generosity of our benefactors. Your gift makes this possible! To those of you who donated in the past or are planning to contribute in the future, either through the Angels Drive, or to a special project or ongoing need, your contributions are gratefully acknowledged and appreciated. We thank you for believing in our mission of providing the very best Christian education for our children, and witnessing to that belief by your financial support.

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Thank you to those named above, and to countless others whose financial support is critical to the future of the Northern Chautauqua Catholic School!

COMING SOON: FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND ADVANCEMENT OF THE NORTHERN CHAUTAUQUA SCHOOL WILL SOON BE POSSIBLE ONLINE!

We'd Like to Hear From You!

The Northern Chautauqua Catholic School Community is committed to making a difference in the lives of others in order to promote a peaceful and caring society. We want to know how you are, and what you have been doing. Please take a moment to let us know about a special event in your life (marriage, birth, promotion, retirement, award, achievement, etc.) Mail the form below to the Northern Chautauqua Catholic School, 336 Washington Avenue, Dunkirk, New York 14048, or contact us at <http://www/nccschool.us/>

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