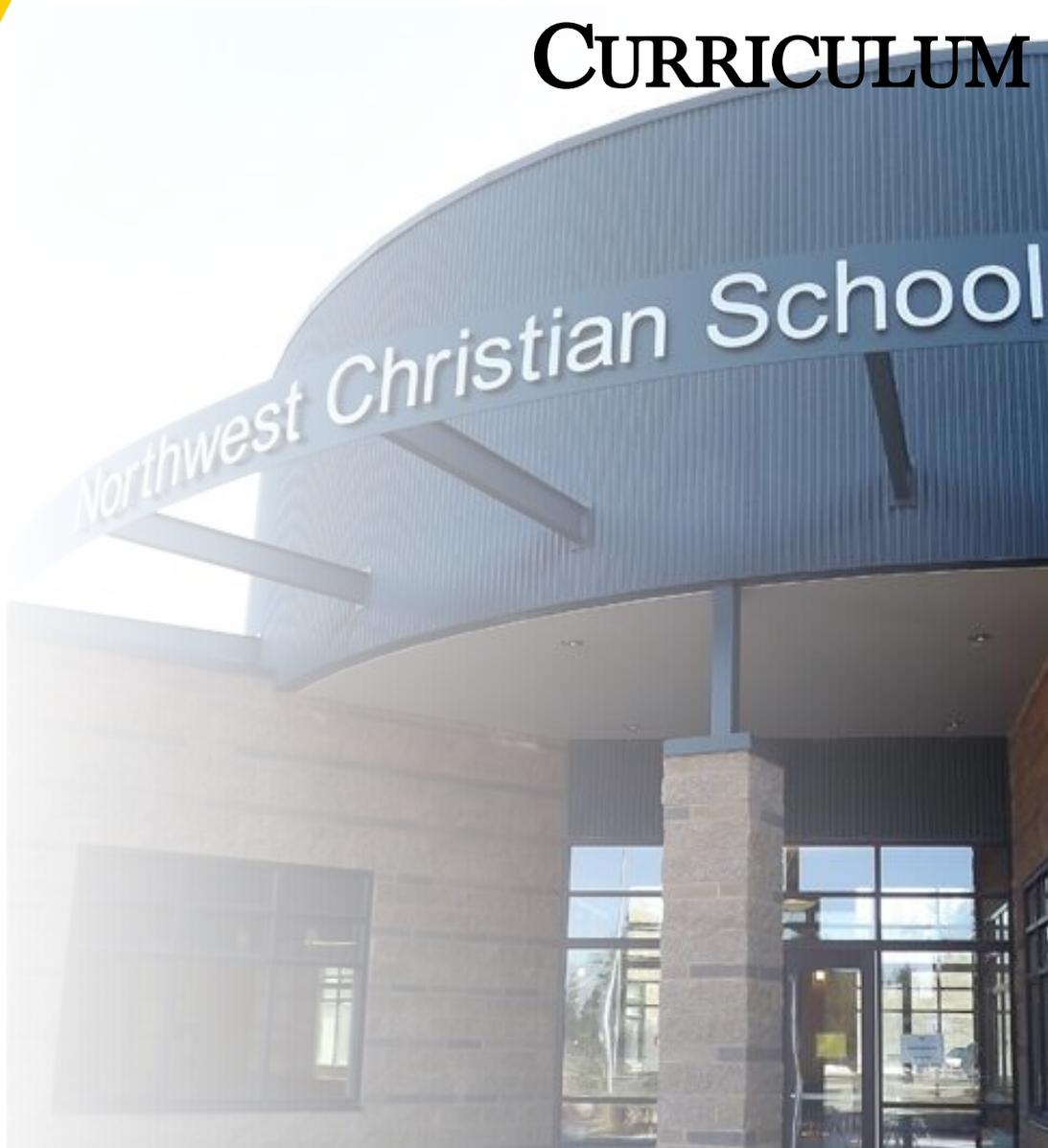




2022-2023

ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM



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Northwest Christian Elementary Schools (Kindergarten – 6th grade) offers a Christ-centered education with a balanced approach to teaching and learning. We are passionate about preparing students through a distinctively *biblical, relational and vibrant education* facilitated by caring, Christian teachers who are leaders for the next generation of young people. Our school is committed to meet the needs of students by providing dynamic learning experiences and equipping children with Scriptural truth. We encourage our students to find their unique areas of giftedness, think critically and solve problems while mastering basic skills through a variety of rich educational and extra-curricular opportunities.

“Preparing Minds...Transforming Hearts.”

ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS

Bible

- God's Word is truth (Psalm 119:105)
- Jesus Christ is the Living Word of God and Our Redeemer (John 1:1)
- God wants us to know Him through His Word and Holy Spirit (John 14:16)
- The Plan of Salvation for man is revealed through scripture (Jude 3, Ephesians 2:5-8)

Language Arts

- God is the ultimate Author. Writing is a powerful tool to influence people for His glory (Psalm 102:18)
- God is the Purposeful Communicator (2 Timothy 2:15, 2 Timothy 3:16, Hebrews 4:12, Romans 12:2)
- God is gracious (Ephesians 2:8, 9). God asks us to listen to others (James 1:19) and speak with purpose, kindness, truth and grace (Ephesians 4:29, Proverbs 3:3, 1 Peter 1:15)

Math

- God is orderly (Psalm 147:4)
- God is bigger than anything (Jeremiah 23:24)
- God is unchanging (Malachi 3:6, Lamentations 3:23)
- God is wise. He created people in His image to think (Genesis 1:27, Colossians 2:3)

Science

- God is creator (Hebrews 11:3, Psalm 33:6)
- God is creative and orderly (Psalm 8:3-4)
- God is revealer (Romans 1:20, Psalm 19:1-4, 1 Corinthians 14:12)
- God is our provider (Matt 6:25-30, Genesis 1:29-30)

Social Studies

- God is the Source. He is our Provider (Colossians 1:6, Romans 8:28)
- God is Sovereign. He rules over all things (Romans 8:28)
 - God is just. He does what is best (Romans 1:18, Psalm 111:7)

ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS

Music

- Music is a gift from our creative God (Book of Psalms)
- Music reflects the beauty and order of God's creation (Isaiah 55:12, Psalm 98:8)
- Music is an eternal language (Rev. 15:3)
- Music tells the story of God's people (Book of Psalms)
- Our bodies are a musical instrument (Psalm 95:1-7)
- With music we will worship and enjoy God forever (Rev. 5:8-13)

Band

- God is the ultimate Composer (Heb. 12:2) God recognizes writing as a powerful tool to influence people to obey Him (Psalms 102:18)
- God is a Communicator (2 Tim. 3:16) God urges us to be equipped to read content deeply with discernment that enables us to prove what is good, acceptable and perfect (Rom. 12:2)
- God is the Great Arranger/Orchestrator (Gen. 1; 2:1-3) God placed musicians into the body of Christ to be a voice of praise (1 Cor. 12:12-31)

Physical Education

- Our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Therefore honor God with your body by not letting your laziness dictate your choices (1 Cor. 6:19; 1 Cor. 9:24-27)
- We compete to win, but honoring one another above ourselves is of greatest value so we choose to play fair and encourage one another (Matt. 7:12; 1 Thess. 5:11; Rom. 12:10; Eph. 4:29)
- God made each of us fearfully and wonderfully. We can honor Him by valuing and taking care of our bodies so that we can serve God and others (Ps. 139:14; Col 3:23)

Creative Expressions

- We were created to create (Exodus 35:31-32)

Technology

The Bible says "...whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31. It is our desire to use technology in such a way and to help the students achieve literacy in technology through a balanced approach that will help them to communicate, solve problems, access, manage, integrate, evaluate and create information to improve learning in all subject areas and to acquire lifelong knowledge and skills in the 21st Century.

LEARNING CENTER

Northwest Christian provides a unique service to students who have been diagnosed with Dyslexia. Using the Susan Barton System for Dyslexia, students are uniquely trained to decode words and construct meaning in a one-on-one setting. Students are either screened in-house for Dyslexia or referred to the Winston Center for ADHD and Dyslexia.

NWCS' Learning Center performs annual DIBLS screenings for K-2nd grade early reading intervention. Small group and one-on-one support is provided for mild learning delays - including a small group math intervention for students who qualify. Learning center services are provided at an additional fee.

CHAPELS

Chapel is a time of spiritual enrichment and celebration. Students begin with worship and hear a message aligned with Biblical truth and life relevance. While students gain Biblical literacy through in-class Bible lessons and cross-curricular Biblical Worldview Integration, Chapel is intended to be a community building time including fun special programs and guest speakers.

Kindergarten

BIBLE

Complete Character Curriculum, Christian
School Curriculum
Positive Action for Christ
Outreach: Partnering with
VA Hospital & Veterans

Biblical Character Traits through Bible Stories

- Obedience
- Faith
- Thankfulness for home and family
- Orderliness
- Love
- Honesty
- Perseverance
- Friendship
- Kindness
- We honor God and all by demonstrating courtesy, respectful behavior and encouraging words

Memory Work

- Bible verses

Passover Celebration

- Israelites freedom from Egyptians
- First Passover
- Jesus' life, death and resurrection
- Application for us today

LANGUAGE ARTS & LITERATURE

Wonders, McGraw Hill, 2023
Foundations, Wilson Language

Reading

Literature and informational text, vocabulary use and functions, language and writing, and foundational skills are essential components of a balanced language arts program.

- Actively participates in listening to numerous "Read-Alouds"
- Describes the main character
- Describes the setting
- Re-tells the plot in sequence
- Gives a personal response to the selection

- Letter of the week activities
- Communicates ideas clearly and effectively through speaking
- Listening skills
- Display curiosity about print
- Use knowledge of common letter sounds to blend and decode words

Beginning Reading Skills

Using phonics as well as the whole language approach

- Recognizes rhyming words/word families
- Demonstrates ability to hear the sounds in words
- Knows the most common sound of each letter
- Blends words *with 2 and 3 sounds*
- Shows awareness of directionality (i.e., points to where print begins; uses left to right & top to bottom orientation of print)
- Demonstrates one-to-one correspondence between written and spoken word
- DIBELS assessment 3 times per year

Writing

- Daily penmanship
- Sight words
- Journaling

Penmanship - Manuscript

- Correctly forms letters in first name, last name
- Correctly forms capital letters
- Correctly forms lower case letters

MATH

Eureka, Engage NY

Counting and Ordering/Operations of Algebraic Thinking

- Number sense
- Recognizes, forms and writes numerals 0-100
- Counts objects in sets and identifies the corresponding number
- Addition and Subtraction
- Number pairing up to 10
- Number and operations in Base 10
- Count orally to 100 by 1's, 5's, 10's
- Count to 20 by 2's
- Count backward from 10
- Verbalizes number stories 0-9 using concrete materials

Kindergarten Curriculum

Geometry and Positions

- Identify and draw shapes
- Compare two dimensional shapes
- Identify and describe 3 dimensional shapes
- Identify and describe positions (above & below, beside & next to, in front of & behind)

Measurement and Data

- Compare length, height and weight
- Classify and sort data (Algebra)
- Classify and count (sort by color, shape and size)

Graphing and Patterning

- Make and interpret graphs
- Count objects
- Add/subtract numbers of objects
- Probability: dice roll/graph (addition)
- Record weather/compare and contrast results

Calendar/Time Measurement

- Know that a calendar shows months, weeks and days
- Learn months/days of the year (odd/even)
- Sing and spells month
- Tally
- Identify time to hour/half-hour

SCIENCE

Mystery Science
Incorporating Stem Practices
(Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

Earth Science

Weather and Seasons

- Chart and graph weather
- Compare temperatures
- Identify sunny, windy, cloudy, rainy and snowy days

Life Science

Animals

- Categorize animals by similarities
- Recognize the habitats of different animals (Groundhog Day)
- Discuss hibernation and migration
- Kinds of Living Things
- Identify similarities and differences between plants and animals
- Identify animal groups

Physical Science

Floating and Sinking

- Predict outcomes of a variety of objects
- Make observations and communicates understanding of how objects either sink or float
- Categorize and label objects on graphs

Engineering

- Work words: push, pull, move, lift, scrub, grind
- Plan, investigate, record data, evaluate outcomes, communicate results
- Pushes and pulls
- Energy forces
- Make observations and communications
- Understand of how magnets work

Cooking

- Measuring
- Kitchen chemistry
- Physical and chemical changes

SOCIAL STUDIES

Manners

- Demonstrate that good manners are a way to show respect
- Reflect an attitude of gratefulness and obedience

Community

- What are rules and why does God want us to follow them? (Community)
- How to ask questions
- Evaluates fairness

Personal Skills

- Shares viewpoints
- Identifies personal events/history
- Students are introduced to multiple art mediums

Special Americans/Holidays

- Native Americans
- Martin Luther King
- Christopher Columbus
- Veterans' Day
- Memorial Day
- Thanksgiving
- The Christmas Story
- George Washington/Abraham Lincoln

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

- Art vocabulary
- Introduction to color, shapes and patterns and how we use them in our artwork
- Learn how to create texture with paint and tools
- Introduced to elements of art for their age group (line, shape, color and texture)

MUSIC

- Praise and worship in class
- Experience joy through singing and musical movement
- Experience the order of music through keeping a steady beat and contrasts of silence and sound
- Play percussion instruments and bells
- Experience high, medium, and low ranges and pitches through instruments and voice
- Develops auditory awareness
- Experience large motor music activities
- Understand music notation as a universal written language
- Introduction to the Solfege System (do-re-mi)
- Two concerts per year, Christmas and Spring (required performances)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Participate in free play
- Simple games
- Fitness activities
- Cooperative activities
- Very basic sports skills

LIBRARY

- Gain an appreciation for and love of books
- Practice proper care for books in the Library

TECHNOLOGY

- iPads in the classroom
- Basic computer concepts, operations and navigate various browsers and programs
- Use computers to combine media such as text and graphics with assistance
- Use basic computer drawing tools to illustrate or communicate ideas
- Use teacher-selected Web sites to enhance and support curriculum
- Identify the basic components of the computer: monitor, keyboard, mouse, etc.

Godly Digital Citizenship

- Respect each other's work
- Use resources as directed

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Myths and Fairy Tales	

First Grade

BIBLE

Enjoying God's Gifts, Positive Action for Christ
Outreach: *Horizon Hospice*

God's Gift: Himself

- Triune God

God's Gift: The World

- The Story of Creation

God's Gift: Special Promises

- Noah
- Abraham
- Jacob
- Joseph

God's Gift: Worship

- The Stories of Josiah and Joash

God's Gift: A Savior

- The Story of Jesus from birth through Crucifixion and Resurrection

God's Gift: Children

- The Story of Samuel

God's Gift: Friends

- The Story of David

God's Gift: Special Blessings

- The Story of Elijah

LANGUAGE ARTS

Wonders, McGraw Hill, 2023
Foundations, Wilson Language

Reading

Literature and informational text, vocabulary use and functions, language and writing, and foundational skills are essential components of a balanced language arts program.

Grammar

- Introduce to nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs and prepositions
- Identify complete sentences (subject/predicate)
- Recognize a statement/question
- Use synonyms/antonyms
- Demonstrates understanding of singular/plural nouns, common/proper nouns

Writing

Develop voice, organization, word choice, fluency, conventions and ideas in content:

- Writing to describe
- Writing to inform
- Writing to narrate
- Writing to express
- Writing to respond

Reading/Phonics

- Balance phonics instruction and literature
- Know the most common sound of each letter
- Identify multiple sounds of c, g, s, y
- Know short vowels, long vowels, vowel pairs
- Know diagraphs
- Know contractions
- Know compound words
- Know base words
- Know suffixes, prefixes
- Know spelling patterns
- Running Records

Comprehension

- Main idea/summarize
- Infer/predict
- Sequence of events
- Text and graphic features
- Story structure/characters
- Summarize
- Cause and effect

Fluency

- Accuracy, phrasing intonation, self-correct, expression

Vocabulary Strategies

- Classify and categorize
- Context clues
- Multiple meaning words
- A, B, C order
- Antonyms/synonyms
- Using a glossary
- Homophones
- Suffixes/prefixes
- Compare and contrast
- Main idea/details
- Question, visualize, summarize, author's purpose
- Compound words

Spelling

- Phonics based spelling tests

Penmanship / Manuscript

- Correctly forms capital letters
- Correctly form lowercase letters

MATH

Eureka, Engage NY

Operations and Algebraic thinking

- Develop an understanding of addition and subtraction within 20
- Problem solving – use a variety of problem solving strategies

Number and Operations in Base Ten

- Develop understanding of whole number relationships and place value, including grouping in tens and ones to 120
- Compare numbers (greater than, less than, uses symbols to compare) ($>$, $<$, $=$)
- Add and subtract 2 digit numbers
- Problem solving – use a variety of problem solving strategies

Measurement and Data

- Develop understanding of linear measurement and measuring lengths
- Telling time to the hour and half-hour
- Use a calendar to identify days of the week and months of the year
- Identify and know value of penny, nickel, dime and quarter
- Count money
- Problem solving – use a variety of problem solving strategies

Geometry

- Identify plane shapes i.e., circle, square, triangle and rectangle
- Identify solid shapes i.e., sphere and cube
- Fractions
- Problem solving – use a variety of problem solving strategies

SCIENCE

Mystery Science

Incorporating Stem Practices

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

Scholastic News 1, Scholastic

Earth Science

- Relates daylight to time of year

Life Science

- God's design for living things: Order, structure, function
- Plants and animals are designed to help them grow and survive based on different

parts

- Growth and Development of living things
- Animals and plants process information to help them survive
- Traits are inherited from parent plants and animals

Physical Science

- Waves: Light and sound
- Properties of waves

Space Systems: Patterns and Cycles in God's Universe

- The Universe and Stars
- The earth and planets in the solar system
- Sun, moon, stars

SOCIAL STUDIES

I Am Special

- See self as a wonderful creation of God
- Understand that each person has unique gifts and abilities from God

Families Are Special

- Recognize the family as a special community blessed by God

Famous Americans

- Johnny Appleseed
- Pilgrims and Squanto
- Christopher Columbus
- George Washington
- Abraham Lincoln
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Ruby Bridges

Map Skills

- Explore concepts of continents, oceans and equator

MUSIC

- Praise and worship in class
- Experience joy through singing and musical movement
- Make melody on chromatic bars and bells
- Experience the order of music through rhythmic patterns
- Demonstrate phrasing
- Begin to read music
- Auditory awareness through music
- Understand music notation as a universal written language
- Awareness of great composers and compositions through history
- Two concerts per year, Christmas and Spring (required performances)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Develop and refine motor skills
- Fitness emphasis
- Movement in place and motor skills
- Cooperative activities and sportsmanship
- Simple games
- Basic sports skills

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

- Art instruction builds upon itself and scaffolds K-6
- Students use multiple art mediums
- Art vocabulary
- Introduction into the color wheel with primary and secondary colors
- Introduction to color mixing and tinting with black and white
- Discover geometric and organic shapes
- Direct instruction drawing
- Use color, shapes and patterns in our artwork
- Expanded art vocabulary
- Learn and apply basic art elements (line, shape, color, texture and space)
- Learn about balance in art (symmetry)

LIBRARY

- Learn proper care of library materials
- Select a book of interest using a shelf marker and return to proper place as necessary
- Listen and respond to a variety of media
- Understand the parts of a book and the purpose of the author and illustrator
- Alphabetize by first letter

TECHNOLOGY

- iPads in classroom
- Basic computer concepts and operations
- Use computers to complete a variety of writing involving the use of text and graphics
- Use computers to explore and develop math skills
- Transfer knowledge of basic operations to new applications

Godly Digital Citizenship

- Respect others' account privacy and work; practice safe and responsible use of online resources

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Second Grade

BIBLE

The Children's Bible in 365 Stories
Positive Action for Christ
Outreach: Avalon Care Center

- Creation and Patriarch eras
- The Prophets speak to Israel and Judah
- God preserves His people in exile and brings them back
- A Savior is born
- Jesus' early ministry
- Who is Jesus?
- The parables
- Jesus' death and resurrection
- The early church
- The Lord's prayer
- Revelation

LANGUAGE ARTS

Wonders, McGraw Hill, 2023
Foundations, Wilson Language
Raz Kids

Reading

Literature and informational text, vocabulary use and functions, language and writing, and foundational skills are essential components of a balanced language arts program.

Grammar

- Identify nouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, prepositions, pronouns
- Identify regular/irregular verbs
- Recognize homonyms
- Understand alphabetical order

Writing

- Use foundational skills for writing process
- Write complete sentences
- Write paragraphs
- Write reports

Penmanship

- Review of Manuscript printing
- Introduction of D'Nealian Manuscript and

Cursive

- Forms letters correctly in all of writing
- Practices cursive letters

Reading

Decoding and Phonetic Skills

- Balance phonetic instruction and literature
- Identify words with phonograms and blends
- Increase sight vocabulary
- Identify compound words
- Discern prefixes/suffixes/base words
- Understand contractions
- DIBELS assessment 2 times per year

Comprehension

- Make inferences and predictions
- Understand cause and effect
- Summarize main idea
- Use prior knowledge to enhance meaning
- Use picture and context clues
- Integrate English components to enhance reading comprehension

Fluency

- Read at an appropriate rate
- Use voice inflection to interpret text

MATH

Eureka, Engage NY

Number and Operations in Base Ten (Number concepts)

- Understand place value to 1,000
- Count patterns within 1,000
- Compare numbers
- Understand multi-digit addition and subtraction with and without regrouping
- Problem solve using multi-digit addition and subtraction
- Write equations to represent addition and subtraction
- Solve multi-step problems

Operations and Algebraic Thinking

- Basic addition and subtraction facts
- Relate addition and subtraction
- Problem solve using addition and subtraction

Measurement and Data

- Understand values of coins and bills
- Count and total varying coin combinations
- Tell time to hour, half hour and five minutes

Second Grade Curriculum

- Understand length in customary units (inches, feet)
- Add and subtract in inches
- Estimate lengths
- Understand length in metric units (centimeters, meters)
- Add and subtract lengths (metric units)
- Estimate lengths in meters
- Measure and compare lengths
- Read picture and bar graphs
- Collect and display data

Geometry

- Understand two-dimensional shapes
- Understand three-dimensional shapes
- Understand angles in two-dimensional shapes
- Show equal parts of a whole

SCIENCE

Mystery Science
Incorporating STEM practices
(Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

Animal Adventures

- Biodiversity
- Classification

Patterns

- Biodiversity
- Species & Habitats
- Engineering

Plant Adventures

- Seed Dispersal
- Roots, Water & Minerals
- Light, Leaves & Competition
- Adaptations and Habitat

Work of Water

- Mapping
- Earth's Surface & Landforms
- Erosion
- Engineering

Material Magic

- Material Properties
- Engineering
- Classifying Materials
- Material Changes & Phases of Matter
- Material Inventions

SOCIAL STUDIES

Neighborhoods and Communities: The World Around Us, Macmillan
Scholastic News 2, Scholastic

Neighborhoods

- Describe places in own neighborhood
- Explore routes on a map
- Describe different types of communities

Working Together

- Understand basic economic principles
- Explain purposes of rules and laws that guide people
- Know leaders are elected by majority rule
- Understand God ordained family relationships and workings of a community

Geography

- Able to identify continents on a map
- Locate the USA on a world map

American History

- Identify the Capitol-Washington D.C.
- Appreciate people from our past
- Identify American holidays
- Identify national symbols

MUSIC

- Praise and worship in class
- Sing melody with harmony in rounds
- Skills of choral participation
- Creative expression through music
- Experience rhythm through movement, body percussion, rhythm and chromatic instruments
- Play melodic patterns on chromatic instruments
- Auditory awareness through music and identification of parts of the orchestra
- Develop fluency in musical notation
- Two concerts per year, Christmas and Spring (required performances)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Develop sports skills: football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, bowling, hockey, pickle ball and t-ball
- Participate in cooperative activities
- Partake in simple games for fun and fitness
- Emphasis on sportsmanship

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

- Art instruction builds upon itself and scaffolds K-6
- Students use multiple art mediums
- Art vocabulary
- Color wheel with Primary and Secondary colors
- Introduction to intermediate colors
- Introduction to color mixing, tinting and shading
- Direct instruction drawing
- Introduction to 3D forms and basic sculpture methods
- Foreground, background and horizon line
- Still life
- Apply elements of art and introduce principles of art

LIBRARY

- Demonstrate knowledge of the skills from 1st grade
- Recognize the need for information
- Demonstrate enjoyment of the library by reading, listening and viewing for personal information and topical study
- Explore entire library while distinguishing fiction and non-fiction books
- Introduction to the Dewey Decimal Classification System
- Alphabetize to the second letter

TECHNOLOGY

- iPads in the classroom
- Begin to use computers to type stories, poetry or research related to curriculum
- Use teacher-selected Web sites to locate and access information or programs
- Introduce basic keyword search techniques
- Introduce strategies to collect information, solve problems and complete projects
- Login to network and enter password independently with minimal assistance
- Use two hands on the keyboard most of the time. Introduce "home row" position
- Locate, open, print and save files (with appropriate file names) with minimal assistance

Godly Digital Citizenship

- Respect others' account privacy and work; practice safe and responsible use of online resources

Third Grade

BIBLE

Positive Action for Christ

Outreach: *Reading buddies with Cedar Campus*

Genesis to Judges – God's attributes as Righteous King who has revealed Himself in the Old Testament

- Creation, sin and restoration
- Biblical literacy Genesis to Judges
- Old Testament Festival

LANGUAGE ARTS

Wonders, McGraw Hill, 2023

Step Up to Writing, Voyager Sopris

Storyworks 3, Scholastic

Gobs of Grammar

Building Spelling Skills, Grade 3, Evan-Moor

Reading

Literature and informational text, vocabulary use and functions, language and writing, and foundational skills are essential components of a balanced language arts program.

Literature

In addition to the Journeys curriculum, we incorporate several novel units which may include:

- Poppy by Avi
- The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson
- Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
- Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan
- The BFG by Rhoald Dahl
- Holes by Louis Sachar
- Ramona Quimby Age 8 by Beverly Cleary
- Reading selections are analyzed through a biblical lens

Grammar

- Review of nouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, prepositions, pronouns
- Recognize subject-verb agreement
- Identify direct object, possessive nouns and

indirect object

- Identify and write compound sentences
- Identify helping and linking verbs
- Identify pronoun
- Identify and write direct quotations

Writing

- Incorporate foundational skills through writing process
- Appreciate literature samples using the Six Traits of Effective Writing: Voices, Ideas in Content, Organization, Word Choice, Fluency and Conventions
- Incorporate the six traits in own writing
- Folktale Project
- Scaffold and independent practice in editing and revision skills

Spelling

- Weekly word lists that coordinate with 3rd grade spelling patters and Storyworks 3. literature stories

Penmanship

- Practice of weekly New Testament life application Bible verses
- D'Nealian Manuscript and Cursive letters upper and lower case

Language

- Focus on studying a variety of reading genres including in-class study, book reports, creating projects and presentations

MATH

Eureka, Engage NY

Moby Max, Rocket Math, Factivation, Zearn

Operations and Algebraic Thinking

- Addition and subtraction within 1,000
- Number patterns, rounding, estimating, place value, and mental math strategies
- Understand multiplication
- Problem solving with models and arrays
- Algebraic equations and solving for an unknown number
- Multiplication facts, multiples, patterns and strategies
- Distributive property, associative property and community property
- Use multiplication facts
- Understand division with bar models and groups

Third Grade Curriculum

- Division facts and strategies
- Two step problems and order of operations

Numbers and Operations

- Understand fractions with equal parts and parts of a whole
- Compare and order fractions
- Problem solving

Measurement and Data

- Represent and interpret data
- Make and use picture graphs, line plots, bar graphs
- Time, length, liquid volume and mass
- Perimeter and area
- Problem solving

Geometry

- Two dimensional shapes
- Quadrilaterals, polygons, triangles and plane figures

Common math block 3rd – 6th grades

SCIENCE

Mystery Science

Incorporating STEM practices
(Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

Earth Science - Stormy Skies

Weather, Climate & Water Cycle

- Water cycle, phases of matter
- Local weather patterns and weather prediction
- Climate and global weather patterns
- Natural hazards and engineering

Life Science - Animals Through Time

Habitats, Heredity & Change

- Fossil evidence and classification
- Creation fossil evidence and behavior, flood and ark evidence
- Patterns in traits

Physical Science - Invisible Forces

Force, Motion & Magnetism

- Forces - pushes and pulls
- Balance of forces - engineering (bridges)
- Balance of forces - friction
- Magnets and engineering

Life Science - Power of Flowers

Life Cycle, Traits & Heredity

- Pollination and seeds
- Plant reproduction
- Traits in plants

SOCIAL STUDIES

US Geography

- NE Region
- SE Region
- Midwest Region
- SW Region
- NW Region

In each region will focus on states and capitals, landforms, climate, natural resources, landmarks, vegetation, Native American people group, and a historical figure for this region

Spokane County and Inland Northwest History

- Examine Spokane's history and contributions from diverse viewpoints
- Native Americans – early inhabitants
- Spokane history 1800's to present
- Tour of MAC Museum, and Campbell House, Riverfront Park
- Geography and map skills

LIBRARY

- Demonstrate knowledge of the skills from 1st-2nd grade
- Identify Dewey Decimal Classification categories
- Associate non-fiction with the Dewey decimal numbers
- Locate and retrieve, with some assistance, material and information using the library computer catalog
- Alphabetize to the third letter

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Activities that develop and refine motor skills
- Sports skills for football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, hockey, bowling, pickle ball, softball and lacrosse
- Cooperative activities and sportsmanship
- Games that promote fun and fitness

MUSIC

- Sacred music and worship expression
- Skills of choral participation
- Beginning harmony
- Music theory and notation
- Choral performance and pitch development
- Enjoyment of differing musical genres (folksongs, patriotic and classic songs)
- Beginning sight reading
- Two concerts per year, Christmas and Spring (required performances)

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

- Art instruction builds upon itself and scaffolds K-6
- Students use multiple art mediums
- Color wheel with primary, secondary and intermediate colors
- Introduction to complementary and monochromatic colors
- Color mixing, tinting and shading
- 3D forms and sculpture
- Foreground, background and horizon line
- Introduction to positive and negative space
- Still life
- Introduction to collage
- Basics in sketching
- Apply elements of art and introduce principles of art.

TECHNOLOGY

Northwest Christian School utilizes the Microsoft Office 365 Suite which includes Word, PowerPoint, Publisher, Excel and OneNote.

- Computers in the classroom
- Use various graphics, styles, and layouts to enhance expression/communicate information
- Select and use appropriate images; begin to use electronic spell check
- Use computers for creative writing using basic formatting techniques and tools
- Develop strategies to locate information from appropriate Internet sources and navigate websites with assistance and supervision
- Begin to cite information and image sources
- Continue to locate, open, save and print files independently and understand and use the Group Shared / Individual folder
- Grades 3-6 build on the keyboarding exploration skills developed in primary grades
- Grade 3 - Learn the home row and standard fingering and begin developing consistent "home row" position
- Proper technique and posture are emphasized at all grade levels

Godly Digital Citizenship

- Respect others' account privacy and work; practice safe and responsible use of online resources

Fourth Grade

BIBLE

Positive Action for Christ

Outreach: *Union Gospel Mission*

- Learn how our Bible came to be (oral tradition/translations, etc.)
- Investigate history of God's people from Samuel I through Nehemiah

Memorization

- Selected passages for application

LANGUAGE ARTS

Wonders, McGraw Hill, 2023

Storyworks, Scholastic

Step Up to Writing, Voyager Sopris

Gobs of Grammar

Reading

Literature and informational text, vocabulary use and functions, language and writing, and foundational skills are essential components of a balanced language arts program.

Grammar

- Review nouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, prepositions, pronouns, conjunctions and interjections
- Identify transitive verb, tenses of helping verbs and changing tenses of verbs in paragraphs
- Identify types of sentence
- Comprehensively cover and integrate with the writing process

Writing

- Use a five step writing process in formal writing: pre-write, draft, revise, edit and publish
- Generate all aspects of Six Traits Writing in own writing: Voice, Organization, Ideas in Content, Word Choice, Fluency and Conventions
- Integrate these qualities in content area writing with a focus on forms of writing: narrative, descriptive, expository and persuasive styles

- Write for a specific audience and purpose
- Presentation skills utilizing technology

Reading—is a powerful tool empowering one with information and broadening one's knowledge base

Literature—Portrays Christian worldview through virtuous heroes

- *Little Pilgrim's Progress* by Helen Taylor
- *Stout-Hearted Seven* by Neta Frazier
- *The Lion, Witch and Wardrobe*, C.S. Lewis' Chronicles of Narnia

Skills and Strategies—Read familiar text confidently and retells major content

- Build reading vocabulary by interpreting context clues and using dictionary and other sources
- Make predictions and is able to substantiate them
- Demonstrate usage of pre-, during and post-reading strategies

Comprehension

- Demonstrate understanding of a variety of texts
- Use prior knowledge to make meaning
- Expand comprehension by finding similarities and differences in stories
- Use inference and cause/effect to understand characters and story elements

Variety of Genre

- Read to learn new information (signs, labels, instructions)
- Read selected genre and present monthly written and project-style book reports

Spelling

- Differentiated weekly spelling lists
- Analyze spelling patterns & rules

Penmanship

- D'Nealian Cursive

MATH

Eureka, Engage NY

Moby Max

Numbers and Operations in Base Ten

- Place value addition and subtraction to one million
- Multiply by one digit numbers
- Multiply by two digit numbers
- Divide by one digit numbers

Fourth Grade Curriculum

- Fraction equivalence and comparison
- Add and subtract fractions
- Multiply fractions by whole numbers
- Relate fractions and decimals
- Problem solving

Operations and Algebraic Thinking

- Multiply by one digit numbers
- Multiply by two digit numbers
- Divide by one digit numbers
- Factors, multiples and patterns
- Two dimensional figures
- Problem solving

Measurement and Data

- Relate fractions and decimals
- Angles
- Relative sizes of measurement units
- Algebra: perimeter and area
- Problem solving

Geometry

- Two dimensional figures
- Problem solving
- Fact fluency

Common math block differentiation 3rd – 6th

SOCIAL STUDIES

Washington, Our Home, Gibbs Smith

- The Land of Washington
- WA Native Americans
- Exploring Washington
- Lewis and Clark
- Territory to Statehood
- Marketplace
- Living in Washington
- Investigate a variety of maps

SCIENCE

Mystery Science

Incorporating STEM practices
(Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)
Experiments through Scientific Method

Physical Science

Energy

- Identify potential and kinetic energy
- Describe transfer of energy
- Describe how electricity travels in circuits

Life Science

Body, Senses and the Brain

- Describe the function of muscles and skeleton
- Describe the basic function of the eye
- Identify parts of the eyes and their functions
- Study the brain's role in receiving and information from the senses

Sound Waves

- Observe the relationship between sound and vibration

Invention Convention project in Spring

MUSIC

- Understanding of theory and music notation
- More advanced sight reading
- Introduction to simple instruments

Concerts

- Ultimately to Glorify God with the talents He has blessed us with
- To showcase students success and growth
- Two per year, Christmas and Spring (required performances)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Participates in activities that develop and refine motor skills
- Learns sports skills for football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, hockey, bowling, pickle ball, softball and lacrosse
- Participates in cooperative activities and sportsmanship

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

- Art instruction builds upon itself and scaffolds K-6
- Students use multiple art mediums
- Color wheel with Primary, secondary and intermediate colors
- Color mixing, tinting and shading
- Introduction to color schemes and theory
- Use complementary and monochromatic in our artwork
- 3D and sculpture
- Collaborative art (murals) and collage
- Introduction to brush techniques
- Introduction to proportion within the human figure and facial features
- Elements and Principles of art
- Research famous artists
- Identify art careers
- Identify famous artists and their work
- Sketch
- Introduction to Impressionism, surrealism, cubism

LIBRARY

- Demonstrate knowledge of the skills from 1st-3rd grade
- Demonstrate a basic understanding of the Dewey Decimal System to use a call number to independently locate fiction and non-fiction material within the library
- Use reference materials with basic understanding of their various purposes
- Understand and explore a variety of genres

TECHNOLOGY

Northwest Christian School utilizes the Microsoft Office 365 suite, which includes Word, PowerPoint, Publisher, Excel and OneNote.

- Computers in classroom
- Create interactive multimedia presentations using text, images, audio, and
- Develop computer skills for a variety of writing tasks using tools to import graphics from various applications
- Develop strategies for evaluating and citing sources appropriately
- Begin to use a variety of shortcut keystroke
- Grades 3-6 build on the keyboarding exploration skills developed in primary grades:
- Grade 4 - Use the home row and standard fingering
- Proper technique and posture are emphasized at all grade levels
- Be aware of basic file management techniques (organize, rename, delete files)

Godly Digital Citizenship

- Use resources in a manner that is safe, mindful of acceptable student conduct, respectful of the privacy of other users, and brings glory to God

Fifth Grade

BIBLE

Positive Action for Christ
Outreach: *Serve Spokane*
& *NWCS Thrift Store*

Thematic Study of the Book of Luke

- Review the life of Jesus
- Investigate the gospel message in depth

The Book of James

- Demonstrate understanding of how to conduct a word study and personal application of the Bible
- Perseverance
- Faith
- Testing and temptation
- Speech
- Works
- True religion
- Favoritism
- Memory work: entire Book of James

LANGUAGE ARTS

Wonders, McGraw Hill, 2023
Step Up to Writing, Voyager Sopris
Storyworks, Scholastic

Reading

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Grammar

- Review nouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, prepositions, pronouns, conjunctions and interjections.
- Recognize and use a variety of sentence structures to improve writing
- Identify prefixes/suffixes/root words
- Vocabulary – Greek and Latin roots

- Comprehensive coverage of foundational skills applied to writing process

Writing

- Use a five step writing process in formal writing: pre-write, draft, revise, edit and publish
- Generate all aspects of Six Traits Writing in own writing: Voice, Organization, Ideas in Content, Word Choice, Fluency and Conventions
- Integrate these qualities in content area writing with a focus on forms of writing: narrative, descriptive, expository and persuasive styles
- Write for a specific audience and purpose
- Presentation skills utilizing technology
- Book reports

Literature

- Gladys Aylward by Janet & Geoff Benge
- By the Great Horn Spoon
- Escape: Adventures of a Loyalist Family by Mary Beacock Fryer
- Fever by Laurie Halse Anderson (Girls)
- Christian Biographies
- Various others

Skills and Strategies

- Portray Christian worldview through virtuous heroes
- Build reading vocabulary by interpreting context clues and inferring meaning
- Make predictions and is able to substantiate them
- Apply phonetic principles, word segmentation and language structure
- Identify and discuss reading strategies for pre-, during and post-reading success
- Self-correct and adjust rate of reading
- Use text organizers and graphic organizers
- Vocabulary development

Comprehension

- Demonstrate comprehension of the main idea, supporting details, and summarizing ideas in own words
- Use prior knowledge to enhance meaning of text
- Expands comprehension by finding similarities and differences in stories

Genre

- Read to learn new information
- Read to perform a task for a variety of real-life purposes
- Read for leisure time enjoyment

Spelling

- Weekly word and definition lists from content areas and Bible verses.
- Teach skills of spelling according to rules of spelling
- Spelling City

MATH

*Eureka, Engage NY
Moby Max*

Operations and Algebraic Thinking

- Numbers and operations in Base Ten
- Place value, multiplication and expressions
- Deepen skills with dividing whole numbers
- Add and subtract decimals
- Multiply decimals
- Problem Solving

Numbers and Operations - Fractions

- Add and subtract fractions with unlike denominators
- Multiply fractions
- Divide fractions
- Proficiency with decimal/fraction/percent/ equivalency
- Problem Solving

Measurement and Data

- Convert units of measure
- Graphing data

Geometry and volume

- Problem Solving

Answers in Genesis

Mystery Science

Incorporating STEM practices
(Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

Heaven & Earth

Universe

- Structure of our universe and solar system
- The earth is unique

Planet

- Biblical world history
- Study of rocks and the earth's formation

Weather & Water

- Christian view of the weather
- Analyze and report the weather
- Ocean movement and the sea floor
- Weather vs. climate

Ecology

- Identify and describe the different ecosystems on our planet
- Describe oxygen and water cycles

Chemistry

- Involve students in "hands-on" experiences
- Explore parts of the Periodical Chart

Molecules and Atoms

- Discuss atomic theory of matter
- Describe how atoms behave and combine
- Compounds and mixtures

SOCIAL STUDIES

Heritage Studies, BJU Press.
United States History Map Skills, Nystrom
Story of the World, The Well Trained Mind
Minecraft Education Edition

Map Skills

- Describe kinds of maps: political, physical and special purpose
- Use a grid system to find a location
- Review states and capitals, geographical regions, rivers
- Identify countries of Europe

Age of Exploration

- Discover background of classical and medieval history
- Identify seeds of English common law, liberty, language and the Lordship of Christ

Revolutionary War

- Examine primary sources
- Gain understanding of colonial and Christian foundation
- Identify the strengths/weaknesses of a new nation
- Participate in a living museum presentation as a revolutionary war person

Government

- Identify rights and responsibilities
- Compare state and federal authority
- Describe the branches of government
- Demonstrate knowledge of Bill of Rights and Amendments to the Constitution

Civil War

- Read primary sources
- Identify steps leading to Civil War
- Post war reconstruction efforts
- Study slavery and freedom

MUSIC

5th Grade students select
Choir or Band as their music elective

Choir

- Become familiar with composers
- Identify the elements of music: melody, harmony, rhythm, form, texture and timbre
- Read 2-part and begin 3-part choral arrangements
- Expanded understanding of theory and music notation

Fundamentals (Choir)

- Implement the basic understanding of rhythm and beat as it pertains to written sheet music

Theory (Choir)

- Advanced music notation, scales and sight-reading
- Classroom rehearsal and behavior strategies

Band

Fundamentals (Band)

- Implement and review the basic understanding of rhythm and beat as it pertains to written sheet music
- Introduction and/or review a musical instrument of the student's choice
- Understand the mechanics of the chosen instrument
- Produce and refine a proper sound on the instrument of choice

Theory (Band)

- Introduction to home practice techniques
- Introduction to music notation, scales and sight-reading
- Classroom rehearsal and behavior strategies

Concerts (Band & Choir)

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Events (Band only)

- Junior Lilac Parade

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Provide activities which develop and refine motor skills
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- Cooperative activities and sportsmanship

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

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- Brush techniques
- Proportion within the human figure and facial features
- Balance and placement in artwork
- Point of view
- Elements and Principles of art
- Sketching

LIBRARY

- Demonstrate knowledge of the skills from 1st-4th grade
- Identify and describe general reference material
- Develop and use intermediate research skills and strategies for locating information
- Expand knowledge of literature; read a wide variety for both pleasure and information
- Distinguish between fact, fiction, opinion and point of view

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- Grade 5 - Improve accuracy and technique and type regularly with all fingers
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- Be comfortable with all aspects of file management

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Sixth Grade

BIBLE

Positive Action for Christ

- Overview of New Testament Doctrine
- Draw knowledge, wisdom and understanding from the Word of God.
- Life applications for the struggles ahead
- Discover how people in the bible strove to win the race God set for them

LANGUAGE ARTS

Step Up to Writing
Lovin' Lit

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Loving Literature

- Incorporating Story of the Month;
- Nonfiction Article of the Week;
- Grammar and Writing

Literature Studies

- Crispin
- Britfield and the Lost Crown
- Hatchet
- Various others

Skills and Strategies

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Genre

- Read to learn new information
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Opportunity to compete in the annual Battle of the Books competition.

MATH

Eureka, Engage NY

Khan Academy

Moby Max

(On-level and Advanced 6 Math Tracks)

Main Topics

- Ratios and Rates
- Operations with Fractions and Multi-Digit Numbers
- Rational Numbers
- Expressions and One Step Equations
- Area, Surface Area, and Volume
- Probability and Statistics
- Geometry

SCIENCE

Incorporating STEM practices

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

Science:

- Exploring Creation: Introduction Physical Science
- Electricity
- Simple machines
- Flight and magnetism
- Force and Motion
- Energy issues
- Alternative energy
- Light and sound waves
- Scientific method (applied in science fair)
- God is creator of all things
- God is the one who holds all things together

Participate in annual 6th grade science fair.

HISTORY

Heritage Studies, BJU Press

Study of Ancient World History looking at God's purpose and plan for all nations

- Maps
- Early Civilizations
- Cultures of the Fertile Crescent
- Ancient Egypt
- Israel, Greece and Rome
- China and India
- Geography
- Comprehensive timeline

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MEASUREMENT OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS (MAP)

MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) is a computerized, standardized test which students in grades K-6th take in order to measure growth and learning in reading, math and language. Data is shared with parents and individual goals are set in order for students to achieve growth in these core areas. Results are reported in percentiles and RIT range scores based on national norms. This assessment tool is an effective way to measure student progress over time and a planning tool for differentiating instruction to both support and challenge all students in their learning.

At NWCS, we strive to promote a balanced view of student testing. We recognize that standardized scores are only one piece of information that can show a picture of student growth. Daily work, classroom assessments and teacher observation are additional pieces of information which teachers use as well to monitor student progress.

Testing is done two times per year for K-6th students.

LEARNING MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE (LMS)

LMS is our Learning Management Software that allows you to help your child access their homework digitally from home. Teachers will provide you your student's password and login information each fall. In the upper elementary grades, students are taught to access this resource in school. Teachers in the upper elementary grades post assignments, video links, and homework pages. This is a helpful tool that students can use to stay caught up with school work in the event of an illness. Each student has a unique login and password. Passwords will be new each fall as they must be changed annually.

<https://lms.renweb.com/>

PARENTSWEB

While LMS is the student portal, ParentsWeb is the parent portal side of our school software system. ParentsWeb is handy for:

- Resources documents and links
- Newsletter archives
- Address updates/changes
- Your cell number in the cell field subscribes you to our text blast system for school delays or closures
- Check your student(s) gradebook (3rd grade and up) to find missing assignments and current, up to date grades
- Access FACTS Tuition Payment System
- Pay a credit balance on your student's Lower Campus hot lunch account
- And much more!!!

You will sometimes hear staff refer to RenWeb and that is the staff side of the school software, but it is all linked together.

ParentsWeb is best accessed by going to <http://nwcs.org/> and clicking on the ParentsWeb link in the upper right hand corner.



NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS, INC.

Mission

To provide a gospel-centered education, every day for every student.

Purpose

To glorify God through a Christ-honoring education.

Mission Statement

To nurture the heart, mind and will of each student in the things of God through Bible-centered academics, encouraging them toward a life of fruitful service in the home and church, on the job and in the community.

Vision

To be a premier Christian school serving the Spokane area with quality education. Northwest Christian Schools is a community of faculty, students, families and supporters who are working together with excellence and a commitment to educate and disciple students to become leaders within the church, community and world.