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under the patronage of Blessed Mary Angela

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## Welcome to NCCS

*Lord Jesus, we ask for Your help as we begin this new school year. Allow each of us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us. Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open our heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help us to be attentive to one another and let us experience Your presence in this new year. Amen*

We at Northern Cambria Catholic School would like to extend a huge welcome to our new teachers: Mrs. Kimberly Zedack and Ms. Nancy Dumm. Mrs. Zedack is the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher with 5-8 English and Ms. Dumm is the 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher with 5-8



Science. We also welcome Mr. Edward Haycisak, our new Maintenance man, and Mrs. Tracy Strittmatter who helping with housekeeping. We are happy to have them on board as we begin the 2015-2016 school year.



NCCS also extends a huge welcome to our new families: Mr. & Mrs. William Bearer (Olivia Mason - Grade 7), Mr. Samuel Cunningham (Mason - Kindergarten) Mr. & Mrs. James Dumm (James - Grade 5), Mr & Mrs. Mike Emley (Michael - Kindergarten), Melissa Nave (Courtney - Grade 8, Gwen - Grade 6, Alex - Grade 4 and Delilah - Grade 2) and Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Shook (Madison - Grade 7) Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Solley (Connor - Kindergarten)

Please check out our website at [www.northerncambriacatholic.org](http://www.northerncambriacatholic.org). Thanks to Mr. Justin Strittmatter for the new layout. This should be a valuable source of information for you about NCCS.

Father Larry and Father Mike will be offering Mass with our school family on Wednesdays during the school year at 9:30 a.m. at St. Nicholas Church. Come join us as we celebrate our faith.

Northern Cambria Catholic School will be using PowerSchool as our online gradebook this year. Please find the link on our website: [www.northerncambriacatholic.org](http://www.northerncambriacatholic.org) You are encouraged to set up an account and monitor your child (children)'s progress throughout the year. Progress reports will only be sent home if your child is failing a subject. Report cards will be printed out and given at Parent-Teacher conferences in November and sent home at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> marking periods.



**Physical Education Uniform Grades 2-8** – Shorts are available now through the first few weeks of school for \$11.00. Either a plain white or gray t-shirt or the PFS Christmas gift t-shirts are to be worn. Sneakers are a must, but please no light ups or spikes for the gym.

**Federal Funding** – Your part is requested to help NCCS acquire funding for text books and other educational grants. This can be done by filling out the application for Lunch program below. This information isn't strictly for the Lunch program. The information is used to determine the schools eligibility for other materials as well. **All income levels and other information provided is strictly confidential. When you complete this form online, the only information NCCS receives is the Yes or No outcome. No individual family income information is given to the school.**



**Lunch Program** – There will be no hot lunch during the Month of August. Please keep in mind when packing your child's lunch to pack lunches that are easy. It is not recommended that you send in "Easy Mac" or anything that takes longer than a few seconds to heat. The September menu will be given to the students on Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> and must be returned no later than Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.

*Any child may purchase a meal through the National School Lunch Program. Children from families with incomes at or below 130 percent of the poverty level are eligible for free meals. Those with incomes between 130 percent and 185 percent of the poverty level are eligible for reduced-price meals, for which students can be charged no more than 40 cents.* – taken from National School Lunch Program State Agency

Families are encouraged to apply on line @ [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us). This information is confidential and the outcome only is sent to the school. If you do not have the Internet, you are welcome to use a school computer.

NCCS lunch program will continue to use - *choice per day* - students will order monthly, but will have two daily selections or salad to choose from.

If you have not done so, please send in your clearances as soon as possible for the lunch schedule.

## Up-Coming Events

**9/1** NCCS School Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m. in the Library

**9/7** Labor Day – No Schol

**9/10** Back-to-School Night will be held on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the school lunchroom. Please come to meet your children’s teachers and hear about some important things happening at NCCS.

**9/15** Parents for Students Meeting – Come join them as they plan the yearly activities for our students. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Community Center

**9/21** NCCS students will be celebrating International Day of Prayer and Peace. We will have a prayer service around our peace pole – weather permitting.

**9/18** No Classes for NCCS students. The teachers will attend the annual Elementary Teacher Conference at Bishop Guilfoyle HS in Altoona with Bishop Mark.

**10/13** Lifetouch will be at the school for School Pictures.

August				
24 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School	25 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of PK	26 Mass 9:30	27	28
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\*\*\* Please send in a note if your child will be picked up every day throughout the school year for our files.



For some excellent back to school tips for your entire family check out the school and learning tab at <http://www.familyeducation.com>

Our Pee Wee Basketball season will soon be underway. Games run during October, November and into the beginning of December. If you would like to receive an athletic packet, please fill out the following form, and return it to school.

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Please send \_\_\_\_\_ athletic packets.

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Parent Signature