

June 26, 2020 Update

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is with regret that we realize we missed some very important information in our last update of teacher and grade configurations.

Mrs. Ferster will be teaching Music class to grade 1-6 this year. This is exciting as we now have a music specialist working with all the elementary grades. She will continue to teach Jr. High Band as well.

Mr. Enns taught grade 4 (part-time) this past school year. He will continue to teach at our school next year doing grade 7 Bible and Health, grade 8 Science, and Jr. High Options (Tech Design and Film Studies & Videography).

We are also happy to say we've chosen a candidate for the temporary position in grade 3 (covering the leave for Katlyn Wierenga until Christmas holidays). Although we cannot release the name until Human Resources is able to fully process all of the paperwork, we can assure you we are hiring an exceptional individual who is held in extremely high regard by all who know her. She is a passionate lover of Christ and feels called by God to be in the teaching profession. We're very excited to have her join our team in the fall.

With regards to Kindergarten, we are aware the enrollment is potentially going to be quite large. Although we cannot commit to anything right now, please know that we are monitoring the situation closely and talking about different plans when we know the actual numbers that walk in the door. Once we have confirmed attendance numbers on the first day of school, we will decide on the plan going forward. Please know this isn't us trying to be indecisive, but with so many unusual factors at this time (mainly due to COVID), we need to make sure before finalizing alternative plans. This is something we'll be able to act on quickly if need be.

Finally, I'd just like to make everyone comfortable that no matter your thoughts about all the COVID restrictions from the government and the impacts that may have in the fall, we've been discussing all of the scenarios together as a staff and are ready to implement routines and protocols when school opens with two achievable goals - safe and enjoyable. No matter the rules when we come back (hopefully in school September 2nd with students), we will set things up so that it will be fun, enjoyable, and really quite normal behaviours in the school. The changes we will implement will not be all kinds of masks and barriers in all the classrooms where kids have no sense of normalcy. Quite the opposite. If we're back in school we are satisfied that our ideas and procedures will keep our grade cohorts together with kids enjoying the playgrounds at recess, with simply a few safety measures to avoid unnecessary or unsafe situations that could lead to a spread. Once the government announces the schooling plan (around August 1st), we will send information for what this means at our school site.

Have a wonderful summer. My prayer is the students and their families will be able to enjoy God's creation and beauty during these summer holidays.

In Christ,

Brett Seatter

*see page 2 for original letter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

With continued growth in enrollment at NPCCS, we have made the following plans for the 2020-21 school year. With 28 enrolled in kindergarten, we are using the bigger classroom (which Mrs. Olthuis used this current year) to have more space for the students. Both Mrs. Henschel and Mrs. Olthuis will be teaching kindergarten together in the morning, and Mrs. Henschel will have Mrs. Miranda Strydhorst as Program Assistant (PA) in the afternoons.

Grade One will be split into two different classes of 15 or 16 students each. Mrs. Rentz will be teaching one group and Mrs. Mast (back from maternity leave) will be teaching the other group. For PE, Art, Music, Bible, and Library, all of the grade ones will be together, with Mrs. Rauscher helping Mrs. Rentz for those portions of the schedule.

Grade 4 is going to be split for a portion of each day as we have 30 students enrolled. The subjects taught in smaller groups will be LA, Math, and Science. Miss Rhonda Loewen (new hire) will teach the one group in what has been the grade 4 classroom. Mrs. Sybesma will teach the other group in what was the music room this year, having all 30 together for parts of each day. This classroom is significantly bigger than the former classroom and will give much needed space to handle all 30 students. We believe these arrangements will allow for optimal student learning and provide a safe, conducive learning environment for staff and students.

Kindergarten: Teachers - Mrs. Henschel, Mrs. Olthuis; PA - Mrs. M Strydhorst

Grade one: Teachers - Mrs. Rentz, Mrs. Mast; PA - Mrs. Rauscher

Grade two: Teacher - Mrs. Lorna Strydhorst; PAs - Mrs. Elzinga and Mrs. Char Nanninga

Grade three: Teachers - Mrs. Lee & Mrs. Katelyn Wierenga

(on leave until Christmas break),* we will be hiring someone soon for Sept. - Dec./2020

Grade four: Teachers - Mrs. Sybesma and Miss Loewen; PA - Mrs. Simone Tuininga

Grade five: Teacher - Mr. Brent Wierenga

Grade six: Teacher - Mrs. De Waal

Grade seven homeroom teacher: Mrs. Wruk

Grade eight homeroom teacher: Mr. Gelderman; PA - Mrs. Lisa Seatter

Grade nine homeroom teacher: Mr. Trenton Wierenga

Librarians: Mrs. Visser and Mrs. Gelderman

Office: Mrs. Fisher

Principal: Mr. Seatter

We wish you all an enjoyable summer holiday and look forward to seeing you in the fall. As we get more information from the government about schools reopening, we hope to send out more information and will post it on our school webpage. Even if there are many rules and restrictions, we intend to set up the systems and procedures so students are safe yet comfortable and able to enjoy their school experience.

In Christ,

Mr. Seatter