

Northshore Christian Academy

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Parent-Teacher Partnership

*Proverbs 22:6 "Teach **children** how they should live, and they will remember it **all** their life"*

What does regular parent-teacher communication teach our children?

- ✓ We model working together to set goals and develop plans to meet those goals.
- ✓ We demonstrate healthy communication. They learn how to communicate good news and bad news as the children watch us interact on their behalf.
- ✓ We reinforce through collective, positive praise your child's growth and mastery of grade level expectations.
- ✓ We show them how to resolve misunderstanding or disagreements in a healthy, Godly way.
- ✓ We model positive problem-solving methods. Problems or failures are opportunities to watch God work as we pray and work to change a weakness into a strength.

What do our teachers do to promote regular parent-teacher communication?

- ✓ Weekly Thursday newsletter describing specific information (spelling list, Bible verse, homework, special projects)
- ✓ Mid-quarter progress report- scheduled for October 18th.
- ✓ Classroom behavior report sent home if student is struggling
- ✓ Student of the week awards and special student week
- ✓ Graded papers and test results sent home regularly- Grade book access for 2-8th grade through 'Parent Web'.
- ✓ Mid-term conference as requested by a parent.

What can parents can do to promote good parent-teacher communication?

Communication regarding your child's school progress:

- ✓ Review Thursday folders consistently checking papers, teacher and school newsletters
- ✓ Call (voicemail) or email the teacher if you have a question or a concern
- ✓ Request a conference if there is a concern that needs prayerful discussion.
- ✓ If daily communication is needed, request a daily home-school log to be set up

Communication regarding school or classroom policies or program:

- ✓ In the case of a '**praise**', drop a note, email or voicemail. Positive feedback encourages the teacher.
- ✓ In the case of a '**concern**', communicate directly to the teacher by phone, email or conference. Teachers welcome the direct communication of any concerns.
- ✓ If you cannot reach a resolution by going to the teacher first, then bring your concern to the principal by setting up a meeting.
- ✓ And as a final step, parents may appeal to the School Board Committee.

Quarterly Parent Survey Improves the School:

Fill out the quarterly parent survey that is emailed in November, February and April. We seek parent feedback and the information is carefully reviewed in a confidential manner.