

# NORTHLAND CHRISTIAN Connection

*One Faith, One Family, One Legacy*

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**ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT - Blake Haws**  
**(Class of 2000)**

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Blake Haws is a Northland "long-runner" and a proud 2015 Cougar graduate. After receiving his Northland diploma, Blake received a B.A. in German and Spanish from SMU. He then went on to pursue and receive a Masters in Philosophy from the University of Houston. Upon completion of his Masters, Blake attended Dallas Theological Seminary for two years before joining a non-profit where he specialized in IT and donor relations.

Blake's faith in Christ, encouraged by his time spent with Northland faculty and staff, has shaped much of his character and passions. This faith is what led him to join an organization that allowed him to use his talents to show compassion through meeting the needs of the North Houston community.

While he enjoyed his work at the non-profit, Blake felt a call to pursue global missions and entered medical school. He is currently in New Orleans completing his emergency medicine residency program with an interest in global health. He has signed a partnership with the Mercy Hospital Network in Missouri and plans to continue building his medical expertise while serving the Midwest.

Blake met his wife, Regan, through friends affiliated with the Love Fosters Hope organization which provides loving and safe communities for children and young adults in foster care. Since being married, they have enjoyed traveling the world and highly recommend the Eitch Borromini for a "life changing" cup of cappuccino. Blake currently serves as a Deacon at Canal Street Church in New Orleans where Regan also leads worship. Regan participates actively in the recovery ministry, leading worship, and encouraging others to live a life of freedom found in Christ. They both enjoy taking the cutest and (according to their vet) most physically fit French bulldog on walks at City Park in New Orleans. Blake and Regan hope to continue to use their gifts and talents to serve in ways that provide tangible help to communities around the world. They pray that they are able to use their talents while sharing the love of Christ to all they encounter.

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## Polar Express Day

Along with a PJ day, Cougar Cubs got to experience a fun train ride with their very own Golden Ticket and bells. They also enjoyed watching The Polar Express!



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## Grinch Day

We had some very special visitors during Christmas Spirit week! The Grinch and Mrs. Claus came and spread some Christmas cheer with our students.



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## Orchestra

Our wonderful orchestra director, Mrs. Hearn, showcased our Cougar's hard work and talent in a stunning Winter Wonderland concert. Mrs. Hearn's and our student's diligence and commitment to excellence was beautifully evident in their performance.





*3rd Grade*



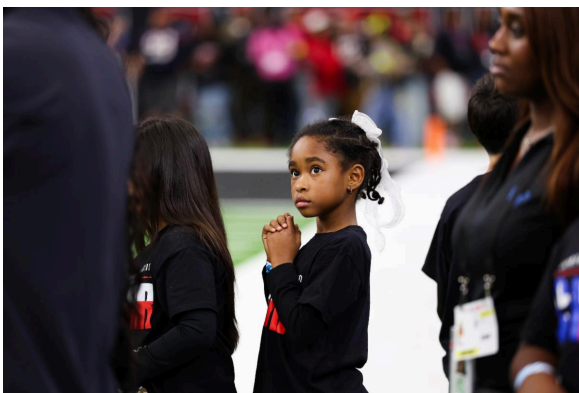
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## **Honor Choir**

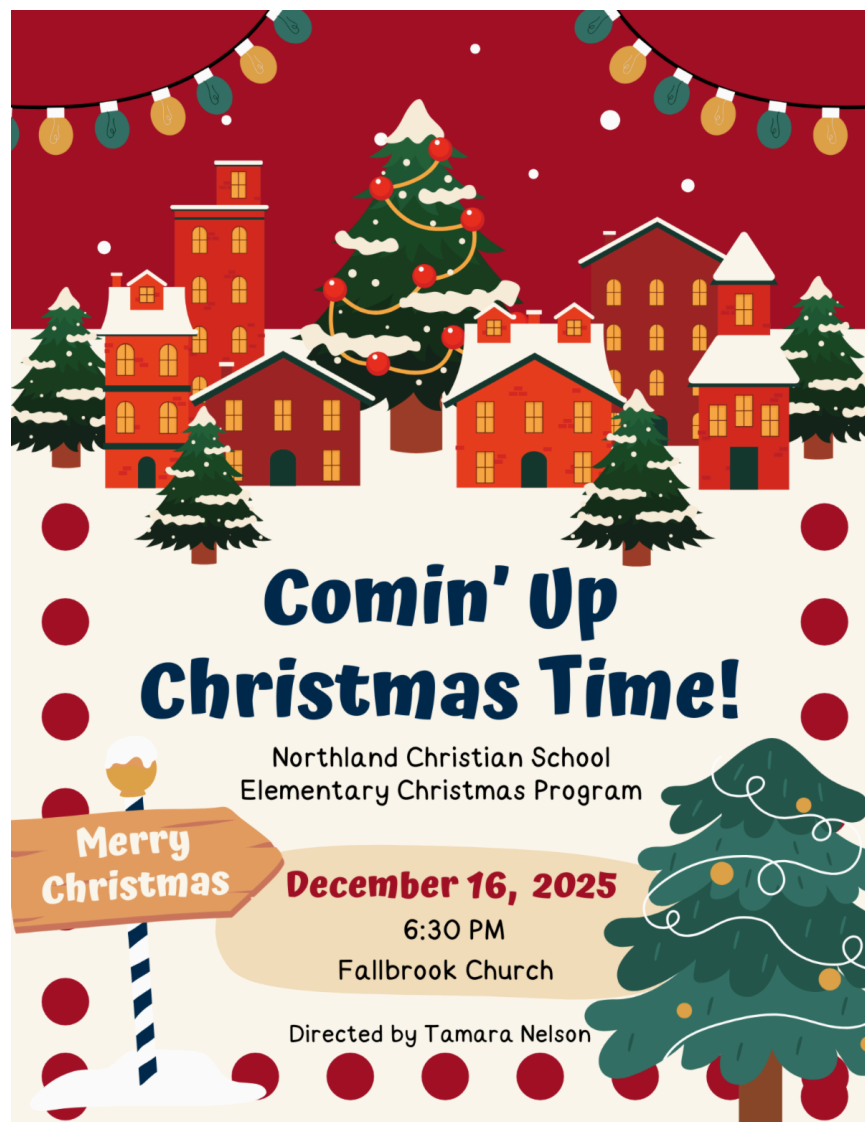
The Honor Choir was honored with the opportunity to sing the National Anthem at the Houston Texans game on Sunday, December 14th! They were chosen for this honor through two rounds of auditions and beat out several groups for the performance spot. Mrs Nelson with the help of Mrs Maw, Mrs Ashworth, and Mrs Vazquez arrived with the Honor Choir at NRG Stadium four hours before kick off to rehearse, walk through, and even visit with Toro! A bald eagle flew over the stadium as the students were singing! What an honor for thousands of fans to hear the name "Northland Christian School!" And the Texans won!



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## Christmas Program

On December 16 the entire elementary performed a fabulous Christmas program at Fallbrook Church! We heard songs such as "Joy to the World," "O Come all ye Faithful," and "Away in a Manger." The Grinch even made an appearance at the concert! Congratulations, students, on a wonderful performance to remind us all of the Reason for the Season!



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## Non-Honor Choir Goodwill Tour

Early in December, our 2nd-5th graders shared the joy of the season with residents at local retirement communities. This was the first year that the 2nd grade was able to participate and they had a blast!

They did a fantastic job representing NCS and spreading good cheer!



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## Reason for the Season

Our Kinder and Leap class were able to partake in the Reason for the Season tradition on Dec. 3rd. They made baby Jesus dolls and performed a Nativity play for their class. Mrs. Maw visited the class and read *The Legend of the Candy Canes* to the students. Afterward, in keeping with the story, the Kindergarten and Leap students shared candy canes with the 2nd grade.



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## Elementary Science Night

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## Northland Christian STORMY SCIENCE

Come one, Come all to a Stormy Science Night on Jan. 29th from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm  
There will be wild weather experiments and tons of educational fun for our PS and Elementary students and their families.

The link for pizza meals and umbrella raffle tickets will close soon so please click on the link below to make your purchases.

[Science Night Purchases](#)

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## SECONDARY

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### Debate Shines in December

The debate team had a busy December traveling to Austin and New Orleans for two national circuit tournaments. At the Longhorn Classic hosted by the University of Texas, over 125 public and private schools from across the country were in attendance! Congratulations to NCS Debaters on a great showing. Shepard Boyd placed 4th in Congressional Debate and received his third TOC bid of the year; Liam McDonald advanced to quarters (the top 8) in Lincoln Douglas Debate and received his third TOC bid of the year. The team of Aiden, Jackson, Margo and Kate advanced to quarters (the top 8) in World Schools Debate. Makena Elswick advanced to quarterfinals in Informative Speaking!

At the Isidore Newman Tournament in New Orleans, the team excelled against teams from several other states. Shepard Boyd placed 2nd in Congressional Debate and received his fourth TOC bid of the year; Liam McDonald placed 2nd and also received his fourth TOC bid of the year. Enobong Akpainyang advanced to quarters (top 8) in Novice LD. The team of Aiden, Paige, LaRya, Mason, and Molly advanced to quarters (the top 8) in World Schools Debate, and Aiden was the top speaker. Margo also advanced to quarters with her Team Texas teammates. Genna Dean advanced to the semi-finals in Informative Speaking!

Great job debaters!



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## Christmas with the NCS Orchestra

December was an eventful month for the Northland orchestras! Quickly on the heels of TMEA Region before Thanksgiving, the secondary students went on their annual Goodwill Tour, performing their snow-themed Christmas music at Willowbrook Methodist, Champions Healthcare and Woodglen Court. Students from elementary thru high school performed at the PTO breakfast the next morning, and then at the All School Christmas chapel. On Dec 11, all of the orchestra families gathered under the snowflakes and twinkling lights to watch the 3rd-12th graders showcase the pieces they'd been working so hard on. From the traditional 3rd grade plucking to the exciting Frost on the Plow finale by high school, the concert culminated with all the students performing Polar Vortex together and a burst of snowflake confetti in the air! A beautiful reception followed, as audience members congratulated and wrote notes to the performers, and family and friends took pics in the winter wonderland. Thank you to all who helped with the concert and reception!! See the following links to the concert:

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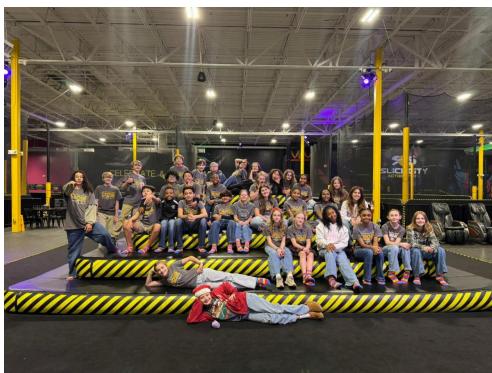
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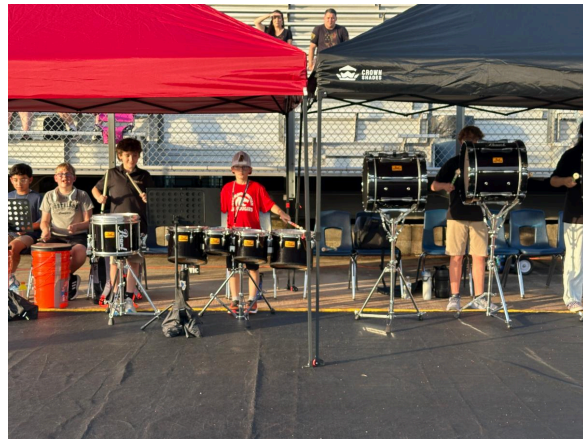
## Cougar Choir Goodwill Tours

Mrs. Bowles took the high school and middle school choirs into the community to sing and spread some Christmas cheer! They were able to bless the residents of several different retirement villages and then spend some time together building bonds. We are blessed to have Mrs. Bowles as our Cougar choir director!



## Northland Christian Drumline

The Northland Christian Drumline and Bucket Brigade "Sound of Spirit" is reaching out to High School, Middle School, and Elementary school students who would like to become members of this special group of students. No prior experience is necessary, only a desire to share your energy and school spirit at football games, basketball games, pep rallies, and special school events. Please contact Brother Patrick at [bcallahan@northlandchristian.org](mailto:bcallahan@northlandchristian.org)



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## ATHLETICS

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### Cougar Soccer

Middle school soccer girls continue to battle this season. They have improved greatly and are building for our future. We had a tough 3-4 loss against Providence. One of our 5th graders, Sophia Graves, boosted the team with a hat trick scored against the Paladins. Our girls had a great team effort to make it a tough game for both teams.

The middle school boys soccer team is dominating a very tough league with their eyes on the championship. They still have a couple more battles ahead, but were able to beat their nemesis, Woodlands Christian, in penalty kicks for a great win before the Christmas break.

Middle school soccer will be traveling this week but will be home on the preview night to show off our soccer program in our stadium versus Covenant Christian girls play at 4:30 PM and the boys will compete at 5:45 PM.

Our varsity girls got another win against the Spring Royals making it three for the season. With a small but mighty crew, they are proving how tough they are against any opponent

Our varsity boys are continuing to have solid victories and are looking forward to starting district play

The Northland men and women's soccer team hosted and participated in the second annual Northland Christian soccer tournament the first weekend in December with our boys earning

the runner-up trophy at the end. It was a wonderful tournament and showed off our fantastic school.



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## Cougar Basketball

Cougar Varsity and Middle School basketball teams are in the thick of their seasons. Our Varsity teams are just entering district play and our Middle School teams are battling it out for playoff spots. Both of our Middle School teams are young and have the future of Cougar basketball looking bright!





## January Lunch Menu

JANUARY 2026 ELEMENTARY NCS					
Happy new year					
5	No School	6	Boneless Wings BBQ, Buffalo or Plain Mashed Potatoes Sweet Corn <i>Soup of the Day</i> Chicken Noodle	7	Hot Dog or Bayou Pasta Grilled Chicken, Alfredo Sauce, Fresh Spinach, Penne Pasta, Nitrate-free Andouille Sausage and sautéed mushrooms (on the side), Garlic bread, Broccoli
12	Quesadillas (Chicken or Cheese) Yellow Rice Roasted Veggies Apple Slices <i>Premium Meal \$7.00</i> Shrimp Tacos	13	Hamburger or Cheeseburger Cowboy Baked Beans French Fries	14	Chicken Parmesan Bites Marinara Sauce Spaghetti Noodles Focaccia Bread House Salad
19	No School	20	<i>National Cheese Lover Day</i> Chicken Nuggets Grilled or Crispy Mac & Cheese Sweet Peas <i>Soup of the Day</i> Broccoli & Cheese	21	Cheeseburger Pasta Zucchini Cheesy Garlic Bread Apple Slices
26	Teriyaki Chicken Fried Brown Rice Vegetable Eggroll Bok Choy & Cabbage Mojito	27	<i>National Chocolate Cake Day</i> Mini All Beef Corn Dogs or Homemade Chili Jasmine Rice Honey Sutter Cornbread Green beans	28	Pasta Bar Nut Free Pesto or Marinara Sauce, Grilled Chicken or Italian Sausage, Broccoli Honey Sage Bread
<b>OTHER DAILY OPTIONS:</b> <b>BAKED POTATO BAR, VEGETABLE</b> <b>ENTREE, &amp; GLUTEN SENSITIVE MEALS</b>					
<b>DAILY GRAB &amp; GO</b> <b>INCLUDES FRESH VEGETABLE</b> <b>AND SMALL FRUIT CUP</b>					
Sunbutter & Jelly on Wheat					
Ham Sandwich on Wheat					
Turkey Sandwich on Wheat					
8	French Toast Sticks Hashbrown Casserole Bacon Apple Crisp <i>Premium Meal \$8.00</i> Chicken Francese w/Potato Au Gratin	9	Chicken Bacon Ranch, Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza Broccoli Salad Jello	15	Fruity Pebble or Plain Pancakes Bacon, Eggs Grapes
16	Grilled Cheese or Ultimate Pesto Pepperoni Grilled Cheese Sandwich w/ Tomato Bisque or Green Beans Grapes	22	Pigs in a Blanket Roasted Potatoes Spinach Orange Slices	23	Chicken Alfredo, Cheese, or Pepperoni Pizza House Salad Orange Slices
29	Breakfast Pizza Bacon, Turkey Sausage Crumbles, & Cheese w/Gravy Dipping Sauce	30	Popcorn Chicken Tater Tots Coleslaw Garlic Toast		

# JANUARY 2026 SECONDARY NCS

## DAILY GRAB & GO

<b>Monday</b> Chicken Tenders
<b>Tuesday</b> Shrimp Basket
<b>Wednesday</b> Grilled or Crispy Chicken Sandwich
<b>Thursday</b> Burger Day
<b>Friday</b> Chicken Wings

**OTHER DAILY OPTIONS:**  
BAKED POTATO BAR,  
VEGETABLE ENTREE, & GLUTEN  
SENSITIVE MEALS

Happy new year				
5 No School	6 Boneless Wings BBQ, Buffalo or Plain Mashed Potatoes Sweet Corn Soup of the Day Chicken Noodle	7 Hot Dog or Bacon Pasta Grilled Chicken, Alfredo Sauce, Fresh Spinach, Penne Pasta, Nuts-to-free Andouille Sausage and sautéed mushrooms (on the side), Garlic bread, Broccoli	8 French Toast Sticks Hashbrown Casserole Bacon Apple Crisp Premium Meal \$8.00 Chicken Francese w/Potato Au Gratin	9 Chicken Bacon Ranch, Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza Broccoli Salad Jello
12 Quesadillas (Chicken or Cheese) Yellow Rice Roasted Veggies Apple Slices Premium Meal \$7.00 Shrimp Tacos	13 Shredded BBQ Chicken Sandwich or Loaded Baked Potato Cowboy Baked Beans Sautéed Spinach	14 Chicken Parmesan Marinara Sauce Spaghetti Noodles Focaccia Bread House Salad	15 Orange Chicken Fried Rice Stir Fried Veggies	16 Grilled Cheese or Ultimate Pesto Pepperoni Grilled Cheese Sandwich w/ Tomato Bisque or Green Beans Grapes
19 No School	20 National Cheese Lover Day Chicken Nuggets Grilled or Crispy Mac & Cheese Sweet Peas Soup of the Day Broccoli & Cheese	21 Cheeseburger Pasta Zucchini Cheesy Garlic Bread Apple Slices	22 Build Your Own Bowl Chicken or Shrimp, Herb Rice, Queso, Corn, Black Beans, Lettuce & Pico	23 Chicken Alfredo, Cheese, or Pepperoni Pizza House Salad Orange Slices
26 Teriyaki Chicken Lo Mein Noodles Vegetable Eggroll Bok Choy & Cabbage Medley	27 National Chocolate Cake Day Mini All Beef Corn Dogs or Homemade Chili Jasmine Rice Honey Butter Cornbread Green beans	28 Pasta Bar Nut Free Pasta or Marinara Sauce, Grilled Chicken or Italian Sausage, Broccoli Honey Sage Bread	29 Shrimp Seafood Boil Sausage, egg, corn potatoes and Fried Rice w/ Special Yee Cajun Sauce or Breakfast Pizza	30 Popcorn Chicken Tater Tots Coleslaw Garlic Toast

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