

The Defender Report

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Employee Spotlight: Jim Rider

--By Brooklyn DeFries, Junior

Mr. Rider is the Algebra 1 and 2, Chemistry, and Physical Science teacher at NCHS. He and his wife Jennifer came to Kirksville from Frankfort, Kentucky in 1995. Mr. Rider graduated from Purdue in 1986, he then started teaching in 1987. He and his wife have 6 kids; 3 boys and 3 girls. Mr Rider first heard about NCHS from one of his close friends, Doug Reinsch, who encouraged him to teach here.

Mr. Rider grew up in the church and accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior at the age of 5. Growing up, he said he was taught so many wrong things but through these things his faith has grown tremendously and continues to grow.

One of Mr Rider's biggest influences of his faith was his dad, a very solid and strong man.

Mr. Rider loves to learn and always has a desire for the truth and for uncovering it. Some of his favorite things are trivia, basketball, traveling, theology, and science. Outside of teaching, Mr. Rider has a tour company and a website building company with his son, He is also the basketball coach for the Kirksville Lady Knights. Mr. Rider is a huge blessing to NCHS and its students. We are so happy to have him here.

Blessing of the Hunt

--By Elaine Larson, Sophomore



The Blessing of the Hunt is an event hosted for the past 4 years by Cornerstone Christian Church in Kirksville. This event is directed towards hunters, with vendors to browse, prizes to be won, food to be eaten, and interesting speakers to be heard. This year's event was held on

November 11, with 536 people in attendance. More than 30 of the attendees prayed to receive Christ and 20 others rededicated their lives to Christ. There were also many more who asked for prayer.

Students from NCHS also attended the event selling baked goods (many of which were made by our cooking class), water, and also African safari raffle tickets. The safari winner was drawn at this event, and we congratulate Kim Keyes for being chosen! Overall, this was a successful fundraiser for both the church and our school.

A poster for a fundraiser event. The top half has a red background with yellow confetti. The bottom half has a white background with red text. The text reads: "NORTHEAST CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL presents: \$10,000 REVERSE RAFFLE FUNDRAISER". Below this, it says "PURCHASE A TICKET ONLINE OR IN PERSON FOR A 1 IN 300 CHANCE TO WIN BIG!". At the bottom, it says "Tickets are available now! We accept Credit/Debit, Venmo and Cash/Check. Ticket Price: \$100 Call NCHS at 660-342-1100 or message us on Facebook". There is also a yellow sticky note graphic that says "DON'T LIVE IN THE AREA? YOU ARE STILL ELIGIBLE TO WIN!".

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Thursday, November 11 Chapel

Speaker, Michael Megafu

--By Ellie Reinsch,
Junior

On the morning of Thursday, November 11th, chapel service was held at NCHS. Students and teachers gathered around to sing and worship our amazing God. We were then blessed by a teacher of NCHS, Micheal Megafu, who shared his wisdom with us and shared a sermon on Joseph.

Mr. Megafu talked about dreams and how our God-given dreams may take time but will come true. He talked about the 3 stages of those dreams. First is the dreams we have that we know are from God. The second stage was the detour to our dream. He said that the way we envision certain things may not always happen the way we wanted or planned and that we are going to have setbacks in this journey, but with the help and guidance of God we can get through these. The last stage was our destination. This is where we have worked hard, gotten through our journey and now have arrived at our destination where dreams come true. An encouraging verse Mr. Megafu placed in his sermon was Genesis 50:19-21, where Joseph addresses his brothers. "Joseph said to them, 'Don't be afraid. Am I in the peace of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish words now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.'" This sermon was an eye opener and is a great encouragement to all to chase after their dreams. No matter what your circumstances, trust God's process and the journey he may take you on, and believe that He will guide you to exactly where He wants you in order to fulfill His plan.



Upcoming Events:

--By Tori Mills, Freshman

November 19	No Class
November 19, 6 PM	NCHS culinary arts class is representing the school at the Spirit FM Chili Cook Off at Rehoboth Baptist Church at 6pm
November 24 - 26	School is Closed for Thanksgiving Break
December 3	NCHS Service Day @ Tiny House Ministries

December 3 Service Day:

--By Treasure Janes, Freshman



NCHS will be assisting Tiny House Ministries located in Shelbyville on December 3rd. Tiny House Ministries is a nonprofit religious organization on a mission to share the love of Christ while giving alternative sustainable housing to those who need it.

Arrive at school at the same time as usual. We are all travelling together by van (thank you to Countryside Christian Church for the use of their van). We will be doing work on the inside of the houses. Dress warmly, bring lunch, and wear your NCHS shirts or hoodies. After our service is finished, we will return to Cornerstone. Release time is 3:45.