

Greetings Alumni!

I hope you've all enjoyed your summers! We've had a great summer. Our daughter is now 16 months old and is starting to walk (finally!) and has learned to say a few words, 'da da', 'mom', and 'ya'. Luckily she hasn't really learned 'no' yet, so she's pretty easy-going, but I'm sure that will change soon enough.

This letter will be mostly informational as there's lots to cover, so let's delve in! First of all, Alumni Weekend! I know there's information up on Facebook and the NBC website, but in case you haven't seen it there yet, this year's Alumni Weekend is on November 22 - 24. Please mark your calendars! (And tell your friends!)

Alumni Weekend is a great opportunity for both the NBC Alumni, and the college itself to be encouraged. Perhaps it's been awhile since you've been back to the school and you feel like you're starting to become disconnected. Now is a great time to come back and get reconnected! The school has recently undergone some renovations and it's exciting to see how God is blessing the school as it continues to draw students and change lives! Despite the new changes though, the school is still the same, biblically-centered, community-based school we all know and love.

Coming to Alumni Weekend is also a great way to encourage the school. I know that the staff and students find huge support in knowing that they are surrounded by so many generations of past students and faculty that love the school and what God has been doing through the school.

This year's Alumni Weekend theme is 'Feed My Sheep' based on John 21:17:

17 The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

This verse speaks to us, as Christians, as we are called to love, support, and encourage our neighbour in Christ. This speaks to both what the school is doing as referenced in their mission 'to see people intimately know God and the Bible', as well as to us, the alumni, as we are called to live lives that inspire people in our spheres of influence to engage God!

This year's Alumni Weekend guest speaker will be Gary (& Joyce) Sawatzky. Gary attended NBC for 3 years starting in the fall of 1973 before heading into a life filled with both camping and pastoral ministry. Gary and Joyce have served at Dalmeny Community Church since 1996.

One extra special event that we will be having is the dedication of the Kristal Harms Memorial. Kristal was a student at NBC in 1998-1999 who tragically lost her life in an accident while the school was touring through Western Canada. Her parents, Dan and Helen, will be there along with other friends for the dedication.

This year, we've tried to expedite the registration and make it exceedingly easy for people to

register ahead of time! Of course, you can register by sending in the attached form located on the bottom of the enclosed poster, or better yet: there is an easy online registration at <http://nipawin.org>! Just click on the 'Alumni' tab on the top right of NBC's website and it will bring you to an online form which will ask for input regarding who you are, where you'd like to stay, and other pertinent information regarding soccer, hockey, and the talent show!

This letter is beginning to get longer than I was anticipating, so I'd better switch to point form! Other activities that we'll be doing at Alumni Weekend include:

- Discussion groups - NEW!
- Obah Night with games, activities, and photo booth (there will not a specific dress-up theme this year)
- Talent Show - please feel free to sign up ahead of time through the registration, but there will also be a
 sign up at the registration table on Friday night
- Soccer and Hockey Tournaments
- Presidential Pie Challenge (I'm still waiting to have the opportunity to throw my first pie!)
- Free Time and Coffee Houses

We will also be having the Silent Auction once again this year. Thank you so to all who have donated items in the past! If you would like to donate an item to the auction this year please feel free to bring it along with you. If you would like to donate, but are unable to make it to the weekend, please contact me and we can arrange something.

Bottom line: my desire is to see all of our alumni get connected! I'd love to see friendships renewed, and new friendships formed. And if you're feeling like you may not know people at the weekend, my name is Ryan Jansen. I have a beautiful wife, Pam, and a cute 1 year old daughter, Alexa. If you come up to me and ask me about my family, I will be your friend forever! :-)

I hope to see you all there. There's a poster enclosed with this mailing shedding a little more light on the weekend. Of course, you can always check out the school's website or Facebook page for more information as well, or if all else fails, they still have a phone number - (888) 862-5095!

Thank you, and God bless!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Jansen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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