



# Northwest Washington Fellowship of Christian Athletes

“Uniting Our Passions for Faith and Athletics to Impact the World for Jesus Christ”

## Updates - November 2017

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Although we miss the presence of former FCA Staff Johnny and Janelle Poole, we can joyfully report there are still exciting things happening with FCA in Whatcom and Skagit County! Student-Athletes and Coaches continue to be impacted by the good news of Jesus Christ in many ways.

### School Huddles

There are active huddle groups meeting at Ferndale High School, Vista Middle School, Lynden High School, Lynden Middle School, Nooksack Middle School, and Bellingham High School. Other schools are hoping to start up soon, including Western Washington University, Nooksack High School, and Horizon Middle School. Adults in the community are meeting with and leading high school leaders who are leading huddles at their schools and going down to middle schools to lead huddles



and engage the middle schoolers. There are several examples of this working in Whatcom County, but a few to highlight are Ferndale and Lynden. In Ferndale, there are about 25 high schoolers meeting every week at the high school with 6 high school leaders and 3 adults. These Ferndale high schoolers are also leading a huddle at Vista middle school where 10-15 middle school kids are showing up before school to hear what the high school leaders have to share about Jesus. In Lynden, there is a group of approximately 8 high school lead-

ers who are meeting every week before school on Tuesday mornings. These leaders are then leading the middle school huddle on Wednesday mornings where there have been 40-50 middle schoolers in attendance every week! Many of the Students attending the various huddles don't have a Bible, however we have 60 new FCA Student Athlete Bibles to be distributed throughout huddle groups this fall.



## Coaches Breakfast

The North County Coaches Breakfast has started up again this school year. They meet once a month in Lynden. Coaches from Lynden, Lynden Christian, and Nooksack get together to encourage one another and share the joys and challenges of coaching for more than wins and losses. We are truly blessed to have many coaches in Whatcom County who are pursuing Jesus and working to coach in a



way that brings Him glory. A special thanks to Brian Roper who has taken on the responsibility to organize the Coaches Breakfast this year. Squalicum Boys Head Basketball Coach, Dave Dickson, was the guest speaker for the breakfast in October and Kurt Langstraat from North County Christ the King Church was kind enough to show up and pick up the tab. Thanks to Dave and Kurt!

## Prayers and Needs



There is a current job posting for the Area Director for Northwest Washington FCA. Please pray that God will identify the right person to come and fill that role. Please also pray for the coaches, community members, and athletes who continue to provide leadership for the FCA ministry during this time of transition.



## Financial Support

**We are so very thankful for those who faithfully contribute in support of this great ministry.** Your donations are what make it possible to do things like buy Bibles and other resources for the student athletes and also provide support for certain events. Remaining financial contributions are being directed into a pool of funding to help hire and support the next Area Director. **If you would like to sponsor a Coach's Breakfast or Student-Athlete Huddle at a local school, please let us know!**

If you have any questions about the ministry of FCA or would like to help in some way, please reach out to any of the following individuals serving on our local interim leadership team.

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Thank you for your faithful support, prayers and encouragement!

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