

Thank families and supporters

Sending thank you cards during November

“Every school day in November we are sending a family, from either the church or school, a thank you for helping support Christian education. We will do a tailor-made card that all students will sign, including pictures of students and school life.”

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The month of Thanksgiving is an excellent excuse to thank those people who actively support your school: parents, volunteers, donors.

This is different than the general thank you to all constituents in a Thank You Sabbath service.

These are personalized thank you cards or letters mailed to those people who support you with their time and resources. This is an important way to nurture positive attitudes toward your school, keep your school "top of mind" (which increases the likelihood of referrals), and gives you a chance to help your students practice gratitude and gracious thanking.

Create a thank you card that students can sign.

Ideally, this will have photos of smiling kids. Here is a sample from Napa, showing the outside and inside of their card from last year. (I really like the verse added at the bottom.)



At this time of Thanksgiving celebration, our thoughts turn gratefully to you with warm appreciation.

Thank you for supporting
Napa Christian
Campus of Education.

"In all things, give Thanks."
1 Thessalonians 5:18

For A+ work, personalize this for different donors and volunteers.

Brad, at Orangevale, sends letters individualized for each donor. So, for example, the volunteer who helped with the school's garden is being sent photos of the kids and the garden.

And for A++ work, every student in the school is signing each letter. (Clearly, some schools will be too large for this to work.)

If you don't have time to create your own card, use a template.

You can click the link below to view and edit a template I created for you at Canva.com. This will copy onto half of a letter-sized page.

- Go to Canva.com
- Sign in using my email address and password (1844-NCC)
- Click on my name in the top left corner, then select "carol.nash's brand"
- Put your cursor over the "Thank you card" thumbnail image, then click on the black down arrow in the upper right corner of that thumbnail.
- Select "copy"
- Give your copy a name that includes your school's name
- Upload and customize with photos of your students and your school's information
- To print from this design:
 - » Download your finished file by clicking the "download" button in the top right corner
 - » If you will be sending this to a printer, choose "options" at the bottom of the dialog box. Then select "publish with crop marks and bleeds"
 - » If you are copying it, ignore this step
 - » In either case: select "PDF: for print"
 - » A file will download to the default location on your computer for downloads. This can be uploaded or printed.

Or you could choose a template to customize from an online printing resource. Gotprint.com is about the least expensive we've found and you can customize their templates (very limited) or upload your own design (including the Canva template)

Credits:

Brad Davis:

Thank you for sharing your plan for thanking school families and loyal supporters.

Justine Leonie:

Thank you for sharing your Thank You Card from last year.

Stephanie Leal:

Thank you for the tip on using GotPrint for inexpensive online printing.

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School size: All