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# Hope Family Bulletin



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## VISION STATEMENT

Through a foundation of faith in Jesus Christ, Hope Lutheran School will be a place that nurtures strong relationships within a community and demonstrates a love for learning with high academic expectations.

## Upcoming Events

- ✓ **Dec. 1** ~ Parent-teacher conferences, no school - extended care closed
- ✓ **Dec. 8** ~ Childcare fundraiser
- ✓ **Dec. 14** ~ Christmas program, 7:00
- ✓ **Dec. 18- Jan. 1** ~ Christmas break
- ✓ **Jan. 2** ~ School resumes



**PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES** ~ are tomorrow. There is no school and extended care is closed.

Through Parent-Teacher Conferences, we hope to show each student's involvement in the learning process, their strengths, as well as their weaknesses. Conferences are typically scheduled in 20-minute time blocks. *Please be on time for your conference* so that the teachers can stay on schedule and other families are not inconvenienced. If you are unable to attend the scheduled conference, please contact your child's teacher to reschedule.



**PARENTS' NIGHT OUT (CHILDCARE) FUNDRAISER** ~ Our Booster Club is sponsoring a 3-hour childcare fundraiser on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy a date night or do some Christmas shopping while your children enjoy pizza, games and a movie. The cost is \$15 for one child (age 5 and older) and \$5 for each additional sibling. See the attached flyer for details. We still have plenty of slots available!

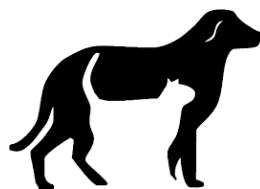
**BOX TOPS** ~ Blue Team ended the trimester as the team with the most Box Tops collected (per capita) and will soon celebrate with their choice of ice cream or pizza. Congratulations, Blue Team!

Keep saving Box Tops and ask your extended family and friends to save them for you, too. We will have another contest for the second trimester. Will the Blue Team win again?

**STUDENT MAKES SPECIAL DONATION TO CHAPEL OFFERING** ~ Macie, a member of the Blue Team, has been busy crocheting slippers, hats and mittens. She would like to sell them at school and then give the proceeds to our chapel offering recipient this month, Coins for Critters. The items will be for sale the week of December 11<sup>th</sup>. This might be the Christmas gift idea for which you have been looking!



**COINS FOR CRITTERS** ~ The Snake River Animal Shelter is asking for donations of your spare change to help homeless critters in need this holiday season. Donations will help pay for immunizations, wellness exams and food at the shelter. A coin collection jar is located on the table near the school doors. The collection runs through our last day of school prior to Christmas break.



In addition - we are collecting clean, gently used towels to donate to the shelter. A collection box will be located in the school hallway near the red doors and in chapel on Wednesday mornings.

**CHALLENGE WINNER** ~ A month ago, Miss Brown challenged students to guess the size of our donation to the Watoto Children's Choir. At the end of the trimester, our offerings totaled \$101.90. With the matching funds from the Booster Club, we will be sending a check to the choir in the amount of \$203.80!! Elizabeth's guess was \$200.00. Elizabeth received a treat from Miss Brown and shared a bit about herself. Her future plans are to be a veterinarian and live on a farm that has cattle, horses and goats. One of her family's Christmas traditions is to open a present from her parents on Christmas Eve. If the gift is pajamas, she wears them to bed that night. (It's always pajamas. ☺)

**WEDNESDAY MORNING CHAPEL** ~ Please join us for Wednesday Morning Praise at 7:50 followed by chapel at 8:10. In an effort to help our children understand that a personal offering is our response to God's blessings in our life, we use their weekly chapel offerings to help mission and other charitable organizations meet their goals. An offering collection jar will be located by the chapel doors during Chapel on Wednesday and next to the lockers in the main hallway on all other days. Offerings collected before our Christmas break will go to the Snake River Animal Shelter.

**IDAHO EDUCATION TAX CREDIT** ~ Take advantage of the Idaho Education Tax Credit! Donations to Hope Lutheran School qualify for a tax credit of 50% of your donation. This is a reduction in the actual tax you owe! If you itemize your taxes, a donation to Hope Lutheran allows income tax deductions on both your state and federal returns, and qualifies for the Idaho education credit. In addition, Hope will be offering a "matching funds" incentive, meaning you can lower even further, or eliminate all together, the out-of-pocket cost of your donation. Matching funds availability is limited, so be sure to inquire for more information and take advantage of this opportunity today.

**HOLIDAY SHOPPING** ~ If you are giving gift cards this Christmas, please consider ordering them from Hope Lutheran's Scrip program – same gift cards, same price, but by using Scrip, a percentage of the gift card purchase will benefit our school. We have a variety of cards available in the office. For a wider selection, see the order form on the table outside the office, or shop online by going to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). Our enrollment number is: BF329B4D18433. Questions? Stop by the office – we'd be happy to help.

**EASY WAYS TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL** ~ Hope benefits by your participation in the following programs:

- ★ **Box Top\$ for Education** – Found on most General Mills products.
- ★ **Smith's Food and Drug**– Link your Smith's Rewards Card at [smithscommunityrewards.com](http://smithscommunityrewards.com). If you do not have a Smith's card, they are available at Smith's customer service desk.
- ★ **Fred Meyer** – Link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Hope Lutheran School at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards). You can search for us by name, or by our non-profit number 81850
- ★ **Scrip** ~ Purchase Scrip gift cards and a percentage of your purchase supports our school. Scrip orders are placed on the first and third Monday of each month. Orders need to be received in the office (or ordered online) by 11:00 Monday mornings. Scrip cards are usually received in a week.

#### **Worship Opportunities:**

You are invited to attend Hope Lutheran Church  
Bible Class/Sunday School at 8:45 a.m.  
Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Advent Services this year are at St. John Lutheran,  
located at 290 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Services are at 7:00 p.m., with a soup supper offered at 6:00 p.m.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 7:00 p.m.  
Christmas Day Service – 10:00 a.m.