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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

- ✓ **Sept. 10** ~ Students sing at worship service, 9:45
- ✓ **Sept. 29** ~ Soccer Friday, Blue Team
- ✓ **Oct. 6** ~ School sleepover,
- ✓ **Oct. 17** ~ Watoto Children's Choir concert
- ✓ **Oct. 18** ~ Watoto Children's Choir leads chapel



WELCOME to the 60th academic year for Hope Lutheran School. Our Bible verse this year is Jeremiah 29:11, "*For I know the plans I have for you,*" declares the Lord, "*plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*" We are learning the verse and hand motions in our weekly chapel. You might want to see if your child is able to share part or all of the verse with you.

FAMILY FOLDER ~ An explanation to families new to Hope Lutheran School (and a reminder for returning families): We use a clear, plastic folder to send information –the weekly Family Bulletin and other important information that needs to go home. Folders are distributed on Fridays, with only one child per family bringing the folder home. Folders should be returned the following school day. (Preschool and PreK students who do not have an older sibling in the school or do not attend on Fridays will take home their folders the following week.) In addition to the Family Folder, watch for the classroom newsletters prepared by the teachers.



STUDENTS SING ON SUNDAY ~ Students in grades K through 6 and their families are asked to join us on Sunday, September 10th, for worship.

Students will sit with their families (arrive at about 9:45 – worship begins at 10:00). When it is time for the students to sing, they will be called to the front of the church. Following the worship service, a lunch will be served. You are invited to stay for lunch.

CATCH A FISH ~ Have you noticed the fish on the bulletin board as you enter the school? On each fish, the staff has listed items from their classroom and school wish lists. You can help our school by just selecting a fish and either purchase the item or drop off the payment in the office and we will be glad to do the shopping for you! If you would like a receipt for your donation, stop by the office.

SCHOOL SLEEPOVER ~ A teacher-hosted sleepover is planned for Friday, October 6th, 6 pm – Saturday October 7th, 8 am. Kids will have pizza for dinner with s'mores for dessert. They will sleep in the gym (bring a sleeping bag and pillow!), play lots of fun games, and have popcorn while watching a movie. Saturday morning, they will enjoy a light breakfast of cereal and muffins. The cost is \$25 per child and is open for kids in 1st - 6th grade. The sleepover is open to anyone in the age range, even children who do not attend Hope – so invite a friend! This is a first come, first served event limited to only 20 kids, so buy early!



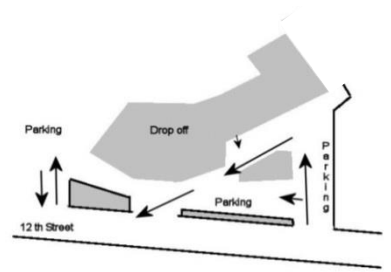
WEDNESDAY MORNING CHAPEL ~ Please join us for Wednesday Morning Praise at 7:50 followed by chapel at 8:10. In an effort to help our children understand that a personal offering is our response to God's blessings in our life, we use their weekly chapel offerings to help mission and other charitable organizations 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 this trimester will go to the Watoto Children's Choir. This African children's choir is made up of children who have lost one or both parents to the AIDS epidemic or to war and now lives in a Watoto village. Our Booster Club (formerly known as PTO) will match the chapel offering, dollar for dollar. So if you give \$1.00 next week – it turns into \$2.00!! Let's be generous with our offerings and see how much the Booster Club will need to match!

DROP OFF PROCEDURES ~ All children must enter through the red school doors, except for Wednesdays, when children come in the chapel doors.

Toddler, Preschool, and Pre-K families are required to escort their children to their classrooms and sign a check-in sheet before leaving.

Please refer to this map for information regarding the parking areas and the direction of traffic flow. The traffic within the parking lot is designated as one way—please follow the signs! Upon arrival, you may briefly stop and drop off children. During this time please do not hold up traffic by stopping too long! If you need to wait and watch as your child enters the school, or to assist your child out of the car please park so that you do not hold up traffic in the drive-through lane.



Please watch for and be aware of children crossing the parking lot!

PROCEDURAL REMINDERS ~

- ✓ SCHOOL BEGINS at 8:00. All students must (unless attending Extended Care before school) enter the building through the red school doors on the south side of the building. Doors open at 7:50 a.m.
- ✓ MIND THE GATE ~ Except on Wednesday (when we begin school in the chapel) all students enter through the red school doors. Parents dropping off children in extended care may use the gate to the east of the red doors if bringing children before school, or picking up children after school.
- ✓ SIGN-IN & OUT forms are located in the toddler, and preschool/Pre-K classrooms. Parents are required to escort their children to their classroom and sign the check-in sheet.
- ✓ TARDINESS ~ Students should be in the building by 8:00. Students arriving late will be given a Tardy Slip. If you arrive after the red doors are locked, enter the school through the office door on the west end of the building. K- 6 th graders must go the school office for a Tardy Slip before heading to class.
- ✓ VISITORS & VOLUNTEERS ~ Hope Lutheran welcomes visits to our school. For the safety of your child, we ask that all visitors sign-in at the office and pick up a visitor's badge before continuing on to the classrooms, playground, chapel, etc. and sign-out upon departure. Volunteers are asked to use the same sign-in procedures as for visitors.
- ✓ SIGN-OUT PROCEDURE ~ If parents or guardians are signing out their child for doctor's appointments, etc., please stop by the office first. Sign out your child. Then go to the classroom to pick them up.
- ✓ AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP ~ If someone is picking up your child after school, or from extended care, and you did not include them on your list of emergency contacts when you enrolled in TADS, please notify the office. For safety purposes, we need to know that it's OK for your child to leave the school with someone other than those listed. Thank you for your cooperation.



EASY WAY TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL ~ Scrip is just a funny word that equates to gift cards from national and local retailers. They are the same gift cards that you can buy at stores. If you buy a card for \$25 for Wal-mart, it costs you \$25. There are no hidden or extra fees to sign up. Then Scrip donates a percentage of your purchase to our school. It's that simple! Just use Scrip cards to do your regular shopping (groceries, gas, clothing, etc.). All it takes is a little planning ahead.

How do you participate? A scrip order sheet is included in the week's Family Folder. They also may be found on the table outside the office. The order form lists many of the merchants who participate in Scrip. You might be surprised by the number of businesses that you frequent that are on the list. Simply fill out the form, attach payment, and return to the form to the office. Or you may order online by going to www.shopwithscrip.com. (The list of participating retailers is much longer on Scrip's website.) Our enrollment number is: **BF329B4D18433**.

Scrip orders will be 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.

New this year: we have a number of cards on hand from a variety of merchants. Just ask in the office if we have cards from the merchant you need and you can purchase them on the spot!

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