

Hope's Happenings

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FRIDAY, FEB. 24

CALENDAR

February 26 - 4-8th grade choir sings at 11:00 am service

March 2 - Gathering Art & Creative Writing Projects Due

March 3 - All Pro Dad's Breakfast at 7:10 am in CH

Skating Party @ Skate City from 5-7 pm

March 5 - K-3rd grade choir sings at Beautiful Savior at 8 & 10:45 am

March 7 -Chromebook Parent Night at 7:00 pm in CH

March 8 - 7th-8th grade bells play at 4:00 pm Lenten service

March 10 - End of 3rd Quarter—12:45 Dismissal

March 13-17 Spring Break—No School

Principal's Message

CHROMEBOOK PARENT AND STUDENT NIGHT



A Chromebook is a personal computer that runs Chrome as an operating system. The device is made to connect quickly to the Internet and supports apps that are on the web, not ones that are downloaded to the device.

Our 5th-8th grade students are currently using Chromebooks at school as a technology tool in conjunction with our curriculum. Our goal is to be able to allow students to have this tool available at home (5th—8th grade only). Before we allow the devices to go home, we want to share with parents important information about the device.



Our technology team, Mrs. Stava, Mrs. Haverkamp and Mrs. Jankowski, will be hosting a **CHROMEBOOK PARENT NIGHT** on **Tuesday, March 7th from 7:00—8:00 pm** followed by a Q & A time.

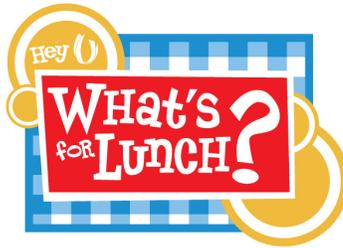
There will be a **PIZZA DINNER** with a free will donation starting at 6:15 pm before the event.

This event is open to ALL parents of 3rd — 8th graders.

The meeting will focus on the basics of **Chrome and the Chromebook**, how to **access and use Google Docs** (as well as helping their students organize their drives), and what is needed at home to create a safe internet use space.

Parents are encouraged to bring their child and we will have their child's Chromebook available. **You will need login information to get the most out of the meeting, so your child's attendance is needed.**

Child care will be available for younger siblings in kindergarten—2nd grade if parents are attending the event.



LUNCH MENU

Monday: Hamburgers w/Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Baked Beans, Potato Smiles, 100% Fruit Cup

Tuesday: Chicken Zoo Animals, Mashed Potatoes w/gravy, Green Beans, Cucumbers, Fruit

Wednesday: Three Meat Calzone, California Vegetables, Corn, Carrots, Fruit

Thursday: Macaroni & Cheese, Roll, Broccoli, Salad, Fruit

Friday: Belgium Waffle Sticks, Sausage, Tri-Tater, Carrots, Fruit

*Menu may vary

Alternate Meal: Yogurt, Cheese Stick, Graham Crackers and regular lunch fruit / veggie

School News

NEW ASH WEDNESDAY CHAPEL— As part of this service on Wednesday, March 1st, the children may participate in the imposition of ashes. If you do not want your child to participate, please let his/her teacher know. The children do not have to participate if they do not wish to. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

GATHERING OF TALENTS ART & CREATIVE WRITING PROJECTS— Remember, all Art and Creative Writing projects are due to the school office or Art room by Thursday, March 2nd. The art projects must be matted and turned into the school office or the art room. Do not use glass frames. The writing projects should be turned into the school office. Please make sure entries are labeled with the students' name. Names may be on the back of art projects. Official labels will be printed by the office. Projects are being sent to Seward on Monday, March 6th.

GATHERING OF TALENTS PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE— was sent home in last Friday's folders for those who are participating. Please contact the school office by Monday, February 27th if any changes need to be made.

GATHERING OF TALENTS HOTEL— A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Airport, 1101 W Commerce Way in Lincoln, NE for Friday, March 31st. 22 Double Queen rooms and 10 King rooms have been reserved. These rooms will be \$109.99 plus taxes and includes a hot breakfast and indoor swimming pool. **Please call (402-464-0588) or 1-800-465-4329 to reserve your room by credit card by Tuesday, February 28th.** The rooms are reserved under the name "Hope Lutheran School". You may also register online at www.hiexpress.com/lincolnne and use the 3-digit code HLS.

UPDATED ALL PRO DAD'S BREAKFAST— Please plan on joining us for the next All Pro Dad's Breakfast on Friday, March 3rd starting at 7:10 am in Concord Hall. Every father or other male influence is invited to come enjoy some time with their children. The menu is ham, French toast, fruit, juice and milk. Next breakfast will be Friday, April 7th.

SKATING PARTY — PTL is hosting the last skating party of the school year on Friday, March 3rd from 5:00-7:00 pm. Come to Skate City Shawnee located on Shawnee Mission Parkway just west of I-35 and enjoy a fun activity for the whole family. The cost is \$4.50 per student/skater plus \$1.00 for skate rental, if needed. Parents and children under kindergarten age are free if they do not skate. All adult skaters and all attending students (even if not skating) must pay.

BATES BBQ FUNDRAISER — It's almost BBQ time! Enjoy Bates City BBQ (just across the street from Hope at 6493 Quivira) today, February 24th and Saturday, February 25th from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm. Owner Tom Roberts will donate 10% of all proceeds from these 2 days to support our 8th grade class as they raise money for their trip to Washington D.C. in April. You can dine in or carry out. Thanks for your support!



ASH
WEDNESDAY



Enrollment Information & Updates

Get
Re-enrolling!

UPDATED RE-ENROLLMENT FORMS— The re-enrollment form and the \$150 per child non-refundable registration fee are due on Tuesday, February 28th.

On March 1st, the re-enrollment fee will increase to \$200 per child. If you have any financial concerns/needs regarding the registration fee, please contact Mrs. Jankowski. If you do not plan on re-enrolling, please email the school office at school.office@hopelutheran.org or Mrs. Jankowski at jankowski@hopelutheran.org.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT FOR 2017-2018— Hope Lutheran Preschool is now enrolling for all 1/2 day classes, all day Pre-Kindergarten, and all day and 1/2 day Junior Kindergarten. If you have questions regarding next year's enrollment or are interested in a tour, please contact Kathy Pluff at kpluff@hopelutheran.org or contact the school office at 631-6940.



"NEW STUDENT" 2017-2018 ENROLLMENT— Hope Lutheran School is accepting applications for new student enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year. Applications for enrollment are available in the school office and at www.hopelutheran.org. A non-refundable application fee of \$150 per child is required when the application is submitted. If you know of someone who would be interested in learning more about Hope Lutheran School, please have them contact the school office at 631-6940 or school.office@hopelutheran.org to arrange a tour and informational meeting or better yet, invite them to the Open House!

TUITION ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR— We will be using the FACTS Grant and Aid program for administering financial aid. Information on this program was sent home in last Friday's folders and is on the school website. There is a nonrefundable \$30 application fee. The school does not want the application fee to be a deterrent for applying. If the fee is a concern, please contact Mrs. Jankowski. Please have the online application completed by April 30th. To apply online go to <http://www.online.factsmtg.com/aid>.

Choir & Band News

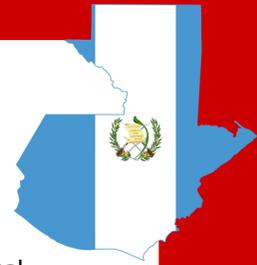
4TH-8TH GRADE CHOIR— will sing at the 11:00 am service at Hope Lutheran Church on Sunday, February 26th. Please report to the Luther Room by 10:45 to warm-up. If you are unable to attend, please let Mrs. Rhodes know.

NEW KINDERGARTEN - 3RD GRADE CHOIR— will sing at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Olathe at both the 8:00 am and 10:45 am services. Students will attend Sunday school between services. Please arrive at 7:40 am to warm-up. If you are unable to attend, please let Mrs. Rhodes know.

NEW 7TH & 8TH GRADE BELLS — will be playing for the 4:00 pm Lenten service on Wednesday, March 8th.



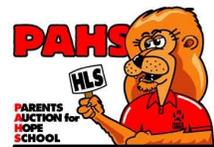
UPDATED 3RD QUARTER CHAPEL— Our 3rd quarter chapel will go towards the MOST Ministry Guatemala Eyeglass Mission Trip this summer. The team from Hope Lutheran Church and School will be traveling to Puerto Barrios, Guatemala to provide the gospel and eyeglasses for the Guatemalan people. So far the dayschool and preschool have contributed \$298.20



10TH ANNUAL SPADES TOURNAMENT— Please clear your calendar for the 10th annual Spades tournament scheduled for Saturday, March 25th from 5:00-9:30 pm in the Commons Area. This will be a fun family event with food and babysitting provided by the 8th graders. No experience required! If you do not have a partner, we will team you up with one. Proceeds from the tournament help fund the 8th grade class trip to Washington D.C. Registration forms were sent home in last Friday's folders and additional forms are available in the school office.

PTL and Auction News

PAHS WINTERTIME SILENT AUCTION ITEMS— Here are a couple of great opportunities for spring/summer trips! We have two items up for silent auction; 5 passes to Silver Dollar City and 4 passes to the Omaha Zoo. The Silver Dollar City passes are valid from March 12, 2017 thru January 1, 2018. The zoo passes are good until September 20, 2017. Bid sheets are posted on the glass outside the school office. Bidding will close at 3:45 pm on Tuesday, February 28th.



AUCTION REQUEST— The auction committee is looking for big ticket items for the auction this year! Items to consider are tickets to sporting events, time shares, dinner experiences. If you know anyone that has these items and would consider donating them to the auction please contact Nicole Cameron at nicolecmrn@gmail.com.

Sports & Booster Club

NEW TRACK PRACTICE STARTS — Track practice for 4th-8th graders will begin the week of March 6th. The 4th-6th graders will practice on Tuesdays and Fridays from 3:45-5:30 pm and the 7th & 8th graders will practice on Mondays from 5:15-7:00 pm and Thursdays from 3:45 - 5:15 pm. A registration form is coming home today in the Friday folders. Please return form to the school office or Mr. Gibson by Friday, March 3rd. There is a \$20 participation fee. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gibson at gibson@hopelutheran.org.

WINTER SPORTS BANQUET— All basketball players and cheerleaders and their families are invited to attend the winter sports banquet on Monday, February 27th at **5:30 pm in the Family Life Center**.

ALL BASKETBALL PLAYERS— Please turn in your clean basketball uniform to the school office as soon as possible. Bring your uniform in a plastic bag with your name attached. Thank you.



Call Committee News

On Tuesday, February 21st, a kindergarten teacher candidate, Calah Stichler, visited Hope during the day. She spent some time in the kindergarten room and met the teachers. On Friday, March 3rd, Rachel Keseman will be visiting from Concordia – Seward. The committee has several interviews coming up this week. We ask that you continue to pray for the call committee as they seek teachers.

Student Council News

Student Council will be hosting a Spring Middle School Dance on April 7th—more details will be shared closer to the date.



Student Council will be hosting a door decorating contest to honor Black History Month.

i9 SPORTS CAMPS



NEW AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAM— i9 Sports will be holding an after school sports program featuring both soccer and basketball on Tuesdays in April and May at Hope for students in kindergarten—3rd grade. Practices will be held the first two weeks and then for the next five weeks kids will practice and then play a scrimmage game. They will focus on one sport each date with the schedule determined and communicated to parents before each week's program. The cost is \$100 and the deadline to sign up is Friday, March 10th. To register, go online to www.i9sports.com, enter your zip code and select "Find a Program", then select "Hope Lutheran Church and School". Please see the flyer which is coming home today in the Friday folders for additional information.

NEW SUMMER MULTI-SPORTS CAMPS— i9 Sports will be holding two weeklong, multi-sports camps at Hope Lutheran Church & School in June. Camps will be a full-day program for 4-14 year olds. The multi-sport program is designed to keep your child active and give parents a break from planning. Campers will get loads of instruction and game play. Sports will take place both indoors and outdoors and include flag football, basketball, soccer, baseball & much more. Cost is \$195 for the 9:00 am—3:00 pm camp (includes i9 Sports participation t-shirt) and \$110 for 3:00-5:30 pm late pickup option. To register, go online to www.i9sports.com, enter your zip code and select "Find a Program", then select "Hope Lutheran Church and School". Please see the flyer which is coming home today in the Friday folders for additional information.



Community & Church News

NEW SENIOR PASTOR TRANSITION MEETING - MONDAY, FEB. 27 - 7:00 p.m. A meeting for all members of the congregation with President Peter Lange of the Kansas District will be held this coming Monday, February 27, at 7:00 p.m. in Concord Hall. The purpose of this meeting in advance of Pastor Harries' retirement this summer is for President Lange to inform our congregation regarding the transition and call process for Senior Pastor at Hope from the District's perspective. All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

NEW MISSION FESTIVAL - will be celebrated at Hope Lutheran Church this Sunday, February 26. A mission mailing was sent to all members with a mission letter, commitment form, and mission offering envelope to bring along to worship this Sunday. A SOUP & SALAD luncheon will be served beginning at 10:45 am with a free will offering supporting the Guatemalan Mission Trip this summer.

NEW GUATEMALA MISSION TEAM—will be serving a **SOUP & SALAD LUNCH** on Sunday, February 26th in the Commons Area (by the school kitchen) beginning at 10:45 am. Join us! A free will offering will be collected to help with our mission trip to Guatemala. For those that can't make to the lunch, there will be a door offering collected. Thank you for your support for our mission team.

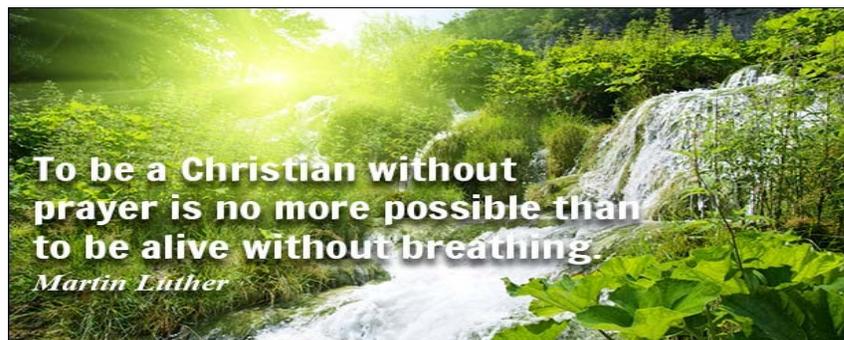


GUATEMALA EYEGLASS COLLECTION— We will be collecting used eyeglasses through May. There is a box labeled **Guatemala Eyeglass Mission Trip in the church narthex and in the school lobby**. Please place eyeglasses in the containers. Thank you for your support for the Guatemala Mission trip this summer.

NEW VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT HOPE— **Save the Date!** Vacation Bible School will be July 17-21 in the mornings! If you would like to help before, during, or after contact LeAnn Miller at miller@hopelutheran.org.

Devotion Thoughts—School Board

Matthew 7:7 "Ask, and it will be given to you seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."



Challenge for this week: Pray for your family, the school, the staff, for new students, for our school families, for thankfulness on our daily blessings.

Weekly News

TRASH BAGS FOR SALE— The 8th grade class is selling trash bags as an ongoing fundraiser for their Washington, D.C. trip in April. There are three sizes available (tall kitchen, medium and large). The kitchen bags are white; the medium bags come in your choice of yellow, orange or pink; and the large bags are available in black. These are very sturdy bags and are available for **\$11.00 (price change)** a roll in the school office or contact an 8th grader. If you want a specific size or color please contact Tracey Richardson at TSRichardson@fastmail.com

SAVE MONEY ON GROCERIES— HyVee & Price Chopper coupon books are being sold by the 8th grade class to fund their class trip. The books cost \$5.00 each and can be purchased from any eighth grader or by stopping by the school office. Each book sold raises \$4.00 for the trip so it is a significant part of the fundraising campaign. Each book contains a \$5.00 coupon off of a purchase of \$50.00 or more and many miscellaneous in-store coupons. Thank you

MOMS IN PRAYER - The Moms In Prayer group meets on Thursdays at drop off in the Memorial Lounge. Please join us as we pray scripture over the students and pray for the school.

Policy Reminders

Kansas Law 72-1113 states that if a child is unexcused from school for 3 consecutive days, 5 days in a semester or 7 days in a year then they are considered truant. All cases of truancy are required by Kansas Law to be reported to the appropriate authorities.

2.3.6 After a student has received 5 unexcused tardies, they will be marked with 1 day absent. Five unexcused tardies = 1 day absent.

2.3.7 The failure of a student to attend at least 85% of all days per quarter may result in a failing grade and/or retention in the student's current grade at year's end. Excessive absences, whether excused or unexcused, prevent the student from receiving beneficial instruction from the teacher. (20 days absent will result in retention or summer school.) Exceptions may be made for a prolonged physician diagnosed illness with completion of academic requirements at home.

Sports Calendar

February 27: Winter Sports Banquet at 5:30 pm in FLC

"Choose Hope" Incentive Program

This program is a new referral incentive for existing families K-8. A tuition credit of \$500 will be credited* to any family whose referral has resulted in a new student enrolling. The new student's application must be submitted with the referring family's name marked in the appropriate area. *The bonus will be given when the new student has been enrolled at Hope for one full year of K-8.