

Hope's Happenings

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FRIDAY, MAR. 3

CALENDAR

March 3 - 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

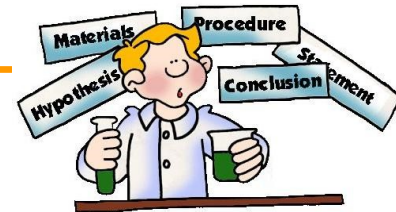
March 23 - 5th-8th Grade Town Hall Meeting at 5:30 in Music Room

March 28 - Barnes & Noble Night

March 30 - K-4th grade Town Hall meeting at 5:30 pm in Music Room

Principal's Message

The Value of a Science Fair Project



Did you know that kindergarten thru 8th grade are having a science fair project for STEAM Night on May 10th? (STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math Night.)

Yes, every student will have a project that will be displayed for the night. In addition, 5th—8th grade science projects will be judged by members of our community that have STEM related careers.

“With the jam-packed schedules of today's families, why would either a student or a parent want to add one more major activity? Clearly, any school project assigned to a student should meet a stringent test for usefulness. Surprising to some, a science fair project is one of the best learning experiences a student can undertake. And, if it is taken seriously, it can be an excellent way to earn significant prizes, qualify for scholarships, and distinguish a college application.

Conceptually, a science fair project is very straightforward. A student chooses a scientific question he or she would like to answer. Then, library and Internet research on the question give the student the background information he or she needs to formulate a hypothesis and design an experiment. After writing a report to summarize this research, the student performs the experiment, draws his or her conclusions, and presents the results to teachers and classmates using a display board.

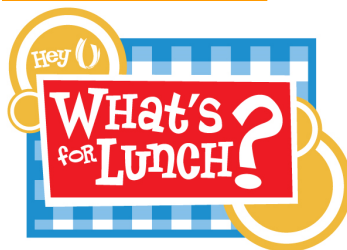
What makes a science fair project such a great learning experience is that it involves so much more than science. If the student is in middle school, the research report will most likely be the longest paper the student has ever written. The bibliography for the report will also be the first ever for some students. And, while library research is still important, these reports are a great way to hone computer research skills, as well as to learn the ins and outs of common office programs, such as word processors and spreadsheets. Most projects also involve a good deal of math, and all students get an opportunity to enhance their presentation skills when they prepare their display boards and discuss their projects with the judges.

A science fair project will also have a longer duration than any other assignment a student has done. In contrast to the typical school homework due the next day or perhaps a week hence, a science fair project requires a student to learn to plan over two or three months, a skill of immense importance in adulthood. Procrastination is definitely not rewarded.”

At Hope, we value equipping our students in all aspects of their growth both spiritually and academically.

We look forward to all the Science Fair Projects!

Source: http://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/scifair_value.shtml



LUNCH MENU

Monday: Mini Pepperoni Pizza, Salad, California Vegetables, Celery, Fruit

Tuesday: Chicken Sticks, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Green Beans, Carrots, Fruit

Wednesday: Nachos w/Beef & Cheese, Black Beans, Lettuce, Carrots, Fruit

Thursday: Corn Dog, Chips & Cheese, Baked Beans, Corn, Fruit

Friday: Breakfast Burrito, Tri-Tater, Carrots, Fruit

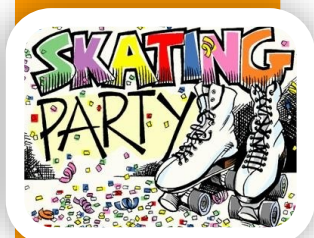
*Menu may vary

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

School News

NEW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOPE RELAYS— The Hope Relays track meet will be held on Saturday, April 29th. This year the track meet will be held at **Shawnee Mission North** in Overland Park, Kansas. We are excited to have the opportunity to use their facilities. This is a big event and we need a lot of help. For anyone new to track and would like to sign up we will have a training session 2 weeks prior to our track meet to teach you the rules and process for the event you signed up for. To sign up go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948ADAC28A4FF2-2017>

NEW LOST AND FOUND TABLES— Please check out the lost and found tables outside the school office. All items remaining after Thursday, March 9th will be donated to charity.



SKATING PARTY — PTL is hosting the last skating party of the school year tomorrow, 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.

NEW CHROMEBOOK PARENT & STUDENT NIGHT—Our technology team, Mrs. Stava, Mrs. Haverkamp and Mrs. Jankowski, will be hosting **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.**



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SUMMER CAMPS AT HOPE LUTHERAN SCHOOL

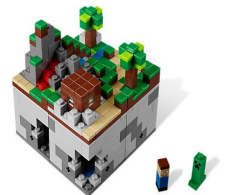
June 19th – 23rd and June 26th – 30th from 9:00am – 3:00 pm
(extended care available) Cost \$195



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". Flyers were sent home last week in the Friday folders. Additional flyers are available in the school office.

May 30th – June 2nd 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Grades K-4th and
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Grades 5th-8th (Masters)
Cost \$125



MINECRAFT ENGINEERING LEGO CAMP

Bring Minecraft to life using tens of thousands of LEGO® parts! Build engineer-designed projects such as a motorized Creeper, a portal to the Nether, and a moving Minecart! Create your favorite Minecraft objects with the guidance of an experienced Play-Well instructor. Whether you are new to Minecraft and the LEGO® building system or a seasoned veteran, you'll be hooked on the endless creative possibilities.

Register at [http://play-well.org/course-finder/#/Kansas City, KS, United States](http://play-well.org/course-finder/#/Kansas_City,_KS,_United_States)

June 12th – June 16th 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Grades K-4th and
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Grades 5th-8th (Masters)
Cost \$125

BATMAN MECHANICS LEGO CAMP

Take on Gotham's villains by designing and building Batman's favorite crime-fighting machines! Build the Bat Tumbler, craft a Batwing, and design your very own Batcave, all out of LEGO® materials. Then use your projects to help save the city. Be the super-hero or super-heroine Gotham needs while learning how the world works through STEM concepts!



Register at [http://play-well.org/course-finder/#/Kansas City, KS, United States](http://play-well.org/course-finder/#/Kansas_City,_KS,_United_States)

June 5th to June 9th 9:00 am – 12:00 pm – Kindergarten – 8th grade Cost \$125

Visual Arts Camp

Join Mrs. Bird (Hope art teacher) for a fun summer camp that will enhance your artistic side. You will enjoy a half—day of painting, photography, jewelry, ceramics, sculpture, fiber, drawing, cartoons, & more. Register by contacting Mrs. Verschelden in the school office.



July 10th to July 14th - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm - Ages 5 to 7 - Cost \$120.00

CLUES, CRIMES, AND CULPRITS

Oh NO! The Mad Science monkey is missing! Will you help us figure out where the monkey is? How he got out? And, what he is up to? Join the Mad Science crew as we gather the evidence from the crime scene, and take it back to the lab to analyze it. As the week goes on we will use chemistry, forensics science, physics, and biology to solve the crime. Blood typing, DNA examination, and pH testing are only a few of the scientific tests our young sleuths will get to participate in.



Register: <http://kansascity.madscience.org/>

July 10th to July 14th - 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm - Ages 7 to 12 - Cost \$120.00

Eureka! The Inventor's Camp

Creative Contraption Warning! This is a camp designed by you-the Inventor! Each day you'll be given a series of challenges which must be overcome using basic materials, simple machines, tips from world famous inventors and the most important thing of all - your mind. With a little bit of ingenuity you'll construct catapults and forts and then lay siege, fabricate a winning Egg Drop design, construct a dancing robot and assemble a working light saber to take home. While Thomas Edison said invention is 10% inspiration and 90% perspiration, this camp is 100% fun!

Register: <http://kansascity.madscience.org/>

**Extended Care is available for the weeks of
May 30-June 2, June 5-June 9 and June 12-16.
Hours 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Cost \$3.00/hour**

Enrollment Information & Updates



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

NEW "B" BAND— Beginning band will **NOT** have class on Monday, March 6th.

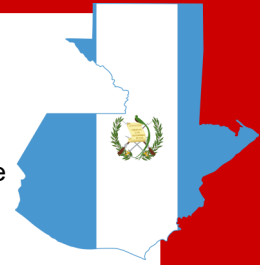
NEW 4TH-8TH GRADE CHOIR— will **NOT** sing on Sunday, April 30th as previously announced. Mrs. Rhodes will be out of town.

KINDERGARTEN - 3RD GRADE CHOIR— will sing at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Olathe at both the 8:00 am and 10:45 am services on Sunday, March 5th. 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.

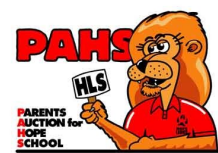
7TH & 8TH GRADE BELLS — will be playing for the 4:00 pm Lenten service on Wednesday, March 8th.



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 \$329.51.



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

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

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 was sent home last week in the Friday folders. Please return form to the school office or Mr. Gibson . There is a \$20 participation fee. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gibson at gibson@hopelutheran.org.



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. The committee has several interviews on Sunday, March 12th. 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



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". Flyers were sent home last week in the Friday folders. Additional flyers are available in the school office.

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Community & Church News

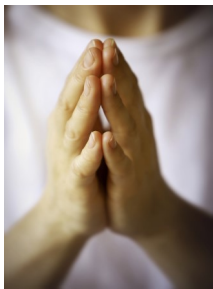
NEW THE SEASON OF LENT— Lenten services will be held at 4:00 & 7:00 pm at Hope Lutheran Church. The 4:00 pm service offers the opportunity for school families to attend worship following the school day. Lenten dinners will be served by the Senior Youth or the Guatemala Mission Trip group between services from 5:00-6:30 pm with a free-will offering helping to support their activities. The menu for this Wednesday is soup, salad, dessert & beverage. Attend these midweek services as a spiritual discipline during the penitential season of Lent as we focus on the passion of our Lord for the sake of salvation.



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.

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.

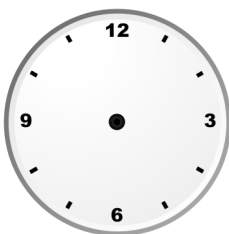
Devotion Thoughts—School Board



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

Have you ever prayed long and hard for something you believed was good and right for you? How long did you pray? A week? A month? A year?

Sarah's story is much like women's stories today. Ups and downs; joys and frustrations. God asked Sarah and He also asks us, "Is anything too hard for Me?" A faithful heart knows that God is all powerful. A faithful heart asks to be able to wait for His timing and His answers.



Challenge for this week: Set a time to continue to 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

Week of March 6th— Track practice begins

"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.