



## WORDS OF HOPE

March 2, 2010

I have found myself to be exceedingly happy driving to school this last week or so. When I finally realized why, I found it to be because it is now sunny, well, maybe just light, when I leave my house to drive to school. You see, I live in south Burien and need to leave my house by 7:15

AM to make it to school on time.

Sometimes in the winter, I feel like I have been driving all night because it is so dark in the mornings. I feel lethargic and sleepy until that first sprinkle of light comes to me.

In Kindergarten, during the Epiphany season, we studied that Jesus showed himself through his miracles, to be the Son of God, the Savior of the World. Jesus turned on the light for us because he is the "light of the world." He has defeated darkness and sin and the devil. We live in the light. We need not fear the dark or evil because Jesus has defeated it all. And He is always with us.

Certainly there will still be dark mornings, fog even, when I will need to turn on my lights for the drive to school. But every time I do so, I will be reminded of Jesus and the fact that we can all live in the light of his grace and mercy. It is free to us. He paid the price for us on the cross. Now darkness has no power over us.

We live in "the light!"

Mrs. Burza,  
Kindergarten



### National Lutheran Schools' Week

Beginning Sunday, March 7, we are celebrating National Lutheran Schools' Week. Students will be participating at the 10:30 AM service in singing, leading prayers and scripture readings. We will have these activities scheduled as outlined for the week:

Monday - Popsicles

Tuesday - Pencils

Wednesday - Service Day

Thursday - T-shirts

### Mark Your Calendars!

- ↪ **Tues. 3/2** - Mid-Term 3rd Quarter Reports Sent Home / 1:30 & 7:00 PM Talent Show
- ↪ **Thurs. 3/4** - **12:00 PM Dismissal / NO Preschool 4** / 2:00 - 8:00 PM Parent Teacher conferences / ESC "XTRA" Open 12:00 - 3:00 PM
- ↪ **Fri. 3/5** - **NO School** / 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parent Teacher conferences (Optional for grades K - 8, Required for Preschool 4) / ESC "XTRA" Open 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- ↪ **Sun. 3/7** - 10:30 AM NLSW Sunday Church service
- ↪ **Mon. - Thurs. 3/8 to 3/11** - NLSW
- ↪ **Tues. 3/9** - PTH General Meeting Postponed, new date is April 13
- ↪ **Fri. 3/12** - **NO School: Teacher In-Service Day** / ESC "XTRA" Open 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- ↪ **Fri. 3/12** - 5:30 PM SLHS Auction

### Hope Lutheran School's Mission Statement

Hope Lutheran School is committed to providing quality academic instruction; equipping students for lifelong learning; recognizing each child's unique abilities; and nurturing each child in body, mind and spirit in a community that shares and lives the Christian faith.

# Notes And News / Prayer Group / Chapel

## Hope School Talent Show

Our annual talent show is today, March 2nd! Students in grades K - 8 participate in Hope School's talent show. Show times will be 1:30 and 7:00 PM in the church sanctuary. Parents and friends are welcome to come celebrate the many talents of our students!

## Hope T-Shirt Fridays!

Starting with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter through the end of the school year, students may wear Hope T-Shirts on any Friday (not just Free Dress Days). So get out those LEST and Lutheran School Week T-Shirts and show your school spirit every Friday! In order to participate, the T-Shirts must be Hope Lutheran School T-Shirts. The rest of the school uniform policy applies (pants/shorts/skirts must be regular school uniforms). If you have any questions, please ask at the school office.

## The NED Show!

**Never Give Up - Encourage Others - Do Your Best**

We were happy to host The NED Show on Monday, March 1st. This assembly is designed to encourage our students to become Champions for Christ by developing godly character and academic excellence. NED gear and items will be on sale this week before and after school. We will have a NED Zone play area set up with NED's safety rules posted.

## Parents Prayer Group

Please join us as we come together as parents to pray for all who learn and work at Hope School. This is an opportunity for us to pray together for our children's education, their relationships, as well as bless the staff by lifting them up in prayer. Throughout the school year, we will meet for monthly prayer gatherings held in the Commons area in Hope Lutheran Church. Childcare will be provided.

**Our next gathering will be on Friday, March 26, at 8:45 AM.**

Please contact Tonia Davidson at 206-568-7184 (toniadavidson@hotmail.com) or Ruth Rogers Lewis at 206-938-9646 if you have any questions.



## Chapel Services

### Wednesday Morning Chapel

**8:40 AM for K - 5 grades**

**March 3: Mr. Allen, Insight, Romans 10:17, Acts 8:26-40**

**March 10: Grade 5, National Lutheran Schools Week**

**11:40 AM for 6 - 8 grades and SLHS**

Chapel Offerings for third quarter of 2010 will be given to Family Promise. This is a ministry for homeless families with children supported by several churches in the greater West Seattle area.

## **IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR SCHOOL!**

Sunday, March 7, we will be kicking off NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS' WEEK!

Our celebration will begin during the 10:30AM service at Hope Lutheran Church. We will have students participating throughout the church service in various ways. All of our students will come forward to sing a song for our congregation during the service. This is a great way to celebrate our school and to say "THANK YOU" to the people of Hope Lutheran Church. Hope Church has been an invaluable source of support to our school for the last 50 years. Let's all come out to express our gratitude!

See you on **MARCH 7**, at the **10:30 AM** service. Students will sit with their families until it is time to sing and will return to their families after we sing.

Thank you for your support in this celebration!

In Christ, The Teachers and Staff of Hope School

**LOST AND FOUND:** Parents and students, we have a lost and found bin located in the main lobby area of the school. Items that have been lost are placed there in hopes it will be found. Please take time during the next few weeks to look for items you might be missing! Thank you.

### **Hope Lutheran School 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Honor Roll 2009/2010**



Congratulations to the following students for their academic achievement during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the school year!

#### **Principal's List 4.0 GPA**

Grade 6: Faith P.

Grade 7: Alexandria N., James V., Rachel W.

Grade 8: Garth B., Grant D., Riley F.

#### **Honor Roll 3.9-3.5 GPA**

Grade 6: Aaron A., Haley B., Hawkins E., Peter F., Abby F., Yonas H., Nicklas L., Joseph N., Zachary S.

Grade 7: Zachary B., Jessica d., Devon F., Corrine L., Hailey M., Joshua S., Hunter V.

Grade 8: Carina A., Robert L., Jacob M., Kayla S., Matthew W.

#### **Scholastic Merit 3.4-3.3 GPA**

Grade 6: Tyler A., Eric B., Antonio G., Cooper H., Eric J., Kassandra K., Brenda L.

Grade 7: Garret B., Megan B., Claire D., Meghan E.

**Students were awarded certificates for their academic achievement at an all school assembly held Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>!**

# School Activities / After School Clubs / Athletic Events

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## *School Activities*

**Student Council Meetings:** 3/10 at 7:45 AM, 3/26 at 3:00 PM, 4/14 at 7:45 AM, 4/23 at 3:00 PM, 5/12 at 7:45 AM, 5/28 at 3:00 PM and 6/9 at 7:45 AM. Please meet in the 3rd grade classroom.

## *After School Clubs / 3rd Quarter*

**Lego Club:** 3rd Quarter will be offered to students in K - 3rd grades. Meeting on Mondays in the Kindergarten from 3:15 to 4:15 PM.

**Math Club:** Math Club continues to meet the 1st & 2nd Wednesday of the month from 3:05 PM to 3:45 PM. Meet in the 2nd grade classroom on the 1st floor. (If there is no school, there is no math club.) Math Club is open to students in grades 1 - 4. Bring a non-messy snack if desired.

**Math And Origami Club:** Students in grades 5 - 8 can meet with teacher Ms. de Luna on Mondays at Seattle Lutheran High School Room 22 from 3:15 to 4:00 PM. She will use origami to reinforce geometric concepts, learn the basic folds to transform a square sheet of paper into a variety of objects/shapes, come join us!

**Art Club:** We will postpone Art Club on Wednesdays during 5th & 6th basketball season due to a number of students participating in this sport. We will try to do a few field trips on Saturdays and will keep you posted when we do.

**Chess Club:** No longer meeting after school or during lunch time.

**Parents, please note that pre-registration is not required for the above clubs, however you need to call the school office to let us know if your child will be attending.**

## *After School Classes*

**Mandarin Class** For K - 8 graders meeting on Tuesdays from 3:05 to 4:05 PM started January 12th! Enrollment is closed. Call the school office with any questions at 206-935-8500.

## **5th & 6th Grade Basketball Information**

WOW What a great weekend! I would say that all teams improved as the day progressed. Thanks for all the support we had this weekend and the great parenting. This group of boys and girls are very respectful and a blast to work with.

Tuesday – Girls Practice 3:45-5:15 Boys Practice 5:15-6:45

Wednesday - Girls Practice 3:45-5:15 Boys Practice 5:15-6:45

Thursday's Games (Half a day of School) Parent Teacher Conferences

Girls – No Game, Practice at Hillcrest at 3:45-5:15

Boys Blue - @ Shorewood Christian @ SeaTac Community Center at 3:30 (13735 24th Ave S Sea-Tac, WA, 98168). We will leave by 2:30. Boys will call on the way home and can be picked up in the SLHS bus parking lot. Boys Gold - @ Concordia Tacoma White @ 6:00 pm (202 E. 56th Street Tacoma, WA 98404-1236) Boys

need to be back to school at 4:30. **Meet in the SLHS bus Parking lot to depart.** They will return approx. 7:45 and can be picked up in the SLHS parking lot also. **If you want to drive your own child to the game,**

**they need to be there no later than 5:30 and please let me know if you are driving them so we know who needs to ride the bus.** Thank you, Mr. Kapels, bkapels@hopeseattle.org

# PTH NEWS / PIP Opportunities

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## **PTH General meeting is Postponed!**

Our regular scheduled PTH General meeting for Tuesday, March 9 has been postponed. We will meet on Tuesday, April 13 at 7:00 PM. The minutes from our January 13 meeting are included in your Tuesday communication packet for your information.

Here is information shared that night from our school board and administration team:

### School Board/Administration Update

On Wednesday, January 13th, Church and School Administration, along with the School Board, presented a number of Church and School updates at the PTH assembly meeting.

Julia Doerr, Parish Administrator, talked about the Church's core values of Families, Relationships, Education, Service and HOPE and how the target market for the church is defined as "Families with school aged children." The Church welcomes and encourages anyone to contact the Church office if they have any questions about various Church programs.

Mike Jensen, School Board Chair, provided updates from last year's PTH assembly meeting where the school made a number of commitments around staffing, leadership, and programs. The Board will continue to participate in routine PTH meetings to provide updates on school strategy and direction.

Principal Jeff Allen then provided numerous updates about all the great things happening at Hope. From improvements in our Middle School to the variety of after school programs, Jeff's presentation showcased how Hope is continually making changes that help our kids succeed.

Adair Hinds, with the help of Bil Hood, rounded out the night with a summary of Hope's strategic plan and newly formed core values; Relationships, Responsibility, Respect and Rigor. There was a lot of content shared. I think all in attendance would agree that the meeting was time well spent. If you were unable to join us, the presentation will be available in the School Office within the next couple weeks. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Principal Jeff Allen.

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## **PIP Opportunities (Parent Involvement Program) K - 8**

**PTH - The Ultimate PIP Opportunity!** We currently have 2 open "Board Member at Large" positions on the PTH School Board. One of these positions is for the role of Parent Communications Coordinator. Please call Mrs. Wallace at 206-935-8500 if you are interested in joining the PTH Board!

**Health Screening** - Assistance needed on Friday, March 26 with our health screening process. This was re-scheduled due to illness of our head nurse. Call Mrs. Wallace if you can give a block of time on that day at 206-935-8500



# Hope Church Activities / Hope Youth Ministry

## **Lenten Mid-Week Worship and Soup Suppers**

Began on Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> and continues through March 24<sup>th</sup>

Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
Worship at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Preceding each service the congregation is invited to the Fellowship Hall to partake in a simple soup and bread supper hosted by various ministry groups.

## **HUMAN CARE MINISTRY**

*During Lent we reflect on all Christ gave for us...plus, all He continues to give us.*

*Our response? Gratitude and love--which compels us to share what He gave/gives us.*

*Consider our Easter giving projects:*

**TOYS-4-JOYS for girls and boys** - During March you can bring joy to kids living in extreme poverty in Mexico by bringing new/like new toys to the Commons Mission Box. Ideally toys do not require English skills and are lightweight/smallish for shipping. Fun things for older kids would be nice. OR you can give time to sort & box the toys for shipping; OR you can give \$ to help with shipping costs. Toys will go to a mission in Mexico run by Hope member, Diane Mebust. Your gift of joy to these kids is precious!

**Easter Baskets** - We are collecting items to fill 150 Easter baskets for children and "special seniors" at Hope and nursing homes. You can bring the joy of Easter to them by giving: items for kids (small toys, candy/jelly beans, etc.); items for seniors (lotion, lip balm, cosmetics, food treats, sm. decorations, whatever!) Just place your gifts in the Mission Box. OR you can give 1-2 hours of time to assemble baskets or deliver one. Call Mary Anne deVry, 932-5054, to offer your time...or if you know someone who would enjoy a visit or basket.

**Gift of Food** - If you forgot to bring your food items for the "potluck dinner you do not attend," we are leaving the food table in the Commons until next Sunday. So, please bring food offerings on March 7th. Hope's Food Closet is pretty empty (*need: cereal, rice, crackers, can fruit & tomatoes*). Plus, we would like to give food to our 2 public food banks, who really need it.. Thank you for your generous hearts.

**Love for Haiti** - can be shown in a tangible way during the coming weeks. We are collecting things to

ship through Lutheran World Relief, which has an aid agency there. We routinely collect "kits," etc. for LWR; but, in response to the Haitian disaster, we hope to greatly increase the amount we ship. (LWR has more requests for disaster supplies than they have available for Haiti--or other disaster areas of the world.) Items needed: blankets (good used OK), baby clothes, blankets, soap, hand towels (good used OK), washcloths, toothbrushes, Band-Aids, combs, nail clippers w/ file - or your help with this project. Check thrift shops or dollar stores for good buys.

## ***Hope Youth Activities!***

### **CHILDREN & YOUTH CLASSES**

Sunday School ~ 3 yrs - 5th grade - 9:15 AM - Hope School Multipurpose Room

### **3RD - 5TH GRADE EVENT**

***Keepsake Family Easter Crosses!*** Meet in the Fellowship Hall on **Palm Sunday March 28, at 12:15pm**. Bring a Lunch and \$5 (per cross) for materials. We will eat together then create some Wonderful Keepsake Crosses for Easter! We will provide Wooden Cross frames plus tiles, stones and other materials to fill your Cross. Parents Welcome to join in!

## **Middle School Merge**

***Sunday Morning Merge!*** We're right in the heart of a new study called "Ten Tough Things!" Come and be challenged to live more like Jesus every **Sunday, 9:15-10:15am** in the Youth Room! Donuts and juice!!

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENT**

It's the PSYB Gathering **March 6-7!** This year's theme is "**You've Heard the Call—Now What!?!?**" The **Cost is \$45 + registration form**. 8am Saturday to 1pm Sunday. Check with Mr. Kranich to see if there's still room

***Ice Skating Event!*** On Sunday, **March 21, 1:00-4:00pm** join us for some Cool Moves on Ice!! We'll travel to Highland Ice Arena and pretend we're Olympic Skaters! \$10 gets you entry & skates! Also bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Food Closet!

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Church Picnic June 6 - Vacation Bible School July 26-30