

Words of Hope

Tuesday, November 8, 2011

Hope Fall Sports

Athletic events have the potential to fill a lifetime with memories. It's amazing what an athlete can learn from their first practice to their first game. There is also the athlete who is hesitant about trying something new, and by the end of the season, the sport becomes the only thing they want to do. Athletics can be used in a powerful way to mold a child's future. Wins are the easiest motivation, but losses are where we can learn and teach some of life's most valuable lessons.

At Hope we use sports to try to establish a love of athletics for life, and also as a way to help our students grow. The gifts God has given us can be truly amazing. Playing with everything we have is a great way to praise God for those gifts!

This fall, we had three successful athletic programs competing for Hope. Our cross country team was young but ran with a purpose. The improvement shown is the best measurement to how the season went. Coaches Sharman McAllister and Rod Briggs did a tremendous job working with the kids. We had two girls, Taylor in 6th grade and Mikayla in 5th grade, finish in the top 5 girls at the league championship meet. With only two 8th grader cross country runners graduating this spring, watch out for Hope XC next year!

Our girls volleyball team looked the most talented in the five teams I've seen at Hope. They battled hard this season and had some powerful servers. At the league tournament they walked out with 4th place. They also enjoyed a weekend in Bremerton competing in the Peace tournament. Kristin Tarabochia and Mary Norton do an amazing job instilling a true love for the sport and developing great girls into volleyball players.

Our boys' flag football team had a great season, finishing in a tie for first with a 4-1 record, but lost the tie breaking game. With several new players this year, Coaches Tom Warnke and Don Ball worked the boys hard all season, coaching them to reach their potential. They do a great job with the kids and they love doing it.

One thing is for sure, Hope Lutheran School is blessed to have amazing coaches! Thank you to all our hard working coaches and athletes. You make our program what it is!

Brett Kapels
Athletic Director

Mark Your Calendars!

- Fri. 11/11: No School and No ESC-Veterans Day Holiday
Fri. 11/11: Hope & Seattle Lutheran Schools Auction at 4:30 PM
Mon. 11/14: Deadline to turn in December Hot Lunch Order Forms
Tues. 11/15: Quarter 1 Report Cards Sent Home
Wed. 11/16: Deadline to turn in Christmas Greens Order Forms / 7:00 PM Kindergarten Prospective Parent Night

Hope School Kindergarten Information Night

11-16-11 7:00 PM

Please join us on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 7:00 PM for our Kindergarten Information Night where we will discuss kindergarten readiness and what to look for in a kindergarten program. We will present information about the Kindergarten Program at Hope as well as the overall K-8 educational experience. We will start in the Grade 6 classroom (upstairs in the school) and finish up in our kindergarten classroom. RSVP if possible to the school office at (206) 935-8500.

Chapel Offerings

Our first quarter Chapel offering is designated to assist Lutheran World disaster relief. Offerings collected by you and your student will help to bring relief to those still affected by worldly disasters and assist in the important role that Lutheran World Relief plays in sharing Christ. Your student can participate each Wednesday morning by turning in their offering to their homeroom teacher. Thank You!

Seattle Lutheran High School Drama Performance

Seattle Lutheran High School's extremely talented actors tackle four hilarious one-act plays. When do you know that you've found true love? How do you cope with unpleasant family members? What happens when you give a monkey a typewriter? Come and learn the answers to these age-old questions, and more on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 7:30 pm or Sunday, November 13, 2011 at 2:30 pm. In the Seattle Lutheran High School gymnasium at 4100 SW Genesee Street. Tickets: \$5 Adults, \$2 Children 7-14, Children under 7 are free. For more information call the school office at 206-937-7722.

Hope Food Drive Continues!

Hope School student council is sponsoring a food drive to benefit our community through December 9, 2011. With the holidays coming up, please consider how you can be a blessing to those in need, and donate to our food drive! We are looking for donations of all canned food, and especially ready-to-eat foods such as granola bars, canned meat, flip-top canned fruit, etc.

Food donations can be brought in to classrooms. The second and third place classrooms will all receive a "free dress" day, and the winning classroom (measured by food items per student) will receive a "free dress" day, along with an ice cream party! Thank you in advance for your support.

PIP Opportunities

Scrip Sales People Needed: There are currently openings to sell scrip both before school (8:15-8:40) and after school (2:45-3:15). This is a great way to earn PIP hours and you can do it when you are bringing your kids into school or waiting for them to get out of school. For more information, please contact Mrs. Wallace at 206-935-8500.

Athletics

Fall Sports Wrap-Up!

The Lady Eagles finished their volleyball season last weekend with an all Christian Tournament in Bremerton. 16 teams from Washington and Oregon competed in some fierce competition. The ladies finished second in their pool and 7th overall.

Improvements were made throughout the season, despite injuries and absences, from serving and spiking, to net play and rotations. The eighth graders this season really led off the court and on. We wish them the best of luck on future teams: Tyler A., Haley B., Elizabeth C., Rosie C., Kassandra K., Brenda L., Abbi S., and Micaela S.

Thank You, Kristin Tarabochia.

The HOPE Cross Country team finished STRONG last Tuesday at the District Championships in Tacoma. The course was 1.5 miles and in the SUN!

Eric B. led the Boys XC Team finishing 10th. This was Eric's best race of the season, way to go out STRONG. HOPE had four girls finish in the TOP TEN.

Taylor P. finished 4th, Mikayla M. 5th, Sam H. 8th, and Erin H. finished 9th.

The runner's celebrated all their MILES at a year end party with awards last Friday.

Sam H. was awarded "MOST INSPIRATIONAL" (voted by her teammates). Andrew K. went home with the "MOST IMPROVED" medal. Eric B., "TEAM LEADER" and Eric J. "MOST CONSISTENT". Team "ERIC" will be missed next year...but hopefully they have not ran their last mile. We will be doing some fun spring runs together so if you are interested in joining us please email Coach Sharman. Pray & Run, Coach Sharman

The 2011 flag football season was our best year yet! The boys had 5 wins and 1 loss which tide us for 1st place in our league. We had 9 returning players and 6 new players that helped our Eagles onto victory.

I would like to also thank Coach Don Ball and his son Garret for all their help this year in coaching! We couldn't have done it without them.

It was a pleasure to coach these young men and watch them all grow into excellent athletes. Go Eagles! Sincerely, Tom Warnke, Coach