

## **Words of Hope**

### **Tuesday, September 27, 2011**

#### Caring for our Family

Over the weekend, one of our Hope student's parents was in an accident. We all wish the accident had not happened, and wish that we could just go back in time and prevent it from happening! At the same time, I am grateful that we are part of this family's life during this time, and I'm grateful that we as a school and church community can support them. As I write this article, we have received several calls from people asking for updates, and wondering how they can help the family with meals or transportation. I know many of you are praying for this family, and we appreciate it.

Last week, I received two really sweet emails; one was from the parent of a new preschool student, and one was from the parent of a kindergarten student. Both emails expressed how pleased they were about our overall program here at Hope, but especially the care and love that the teachers have shown to their children. The parent of the kindergarten student writes, "I just wanted to express my thanks to you and to everyone at Hope Lutheran for creating such an amazing place for our kids... Your teachers and staff truly understand what is important-- that the children need to feel safe and loved before they can excel in school (and life), and it seems to be second nature to everyone we've encountered there. And as parents, we've felt totally embraced and appreciate all the extra effort that went into making our transition easy. So thank you again for all that you do to not only make this a great academic environment, but a place that the kids can thrive." Wow!

Many of you know that my own children attended school here before I was a principal. I am an "information gatherer" kind of person, so I had to tour at least 15 schools before finally discovering Hope Lutheran School for our oldest son (who is now in 8<sup>th</sup> grade). I wrote about our academics here at Hope in last week's newsletter, and as great as those are, what really drew our family to Hope originally was the care and love that I sensed from the staff here at Hope. I felt like the teachers and Mrs. Wallace would take great care of what I value so much, my sons!

So, what I am saying is that when you enroll your student here at Hope School, we **WILL** take great care to support and nurture your child, and that extends to parents and siblings as well. You are part of our Hope family, and we are blessed to have you here!

Peace to you all,  
Kristen Okabayashi

### **Mark Your Calendars!**

Today, Tues. 9/27 – 7:00 PM Curriculum Night

Thurs. 9/29 – School Pictures for All Grades

Tues. 10/4 – Quarter 1 Midterm Reports sent home for Grades 5-8 only

Fri. 10/7 – 1:00 PM Fall Olympics

### **Reminder: Curriculum Night Tonight!!**

Please join us tonight for our Curriculum Night from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. We will meet in the sanctuary right at 7:00 PM, and then parents will be able to visit their child's classroom(s) and ask questions of our teachers. This is intended for parents only. We look forward to seeing you tonight!

### **School Pictures**

Hope Lutheran School pictures for all grades are schedule for this Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Students will be in regular school uniforms. All families will receive a student photo ID card. Picture packets are being sent home today if you wish to purchase pictures.

### **School Directory and Handbook**

Our school directory and handbooks are coming home today! Every effort is made to publish a complete and accurate directory. Please notify Mrs. Wallace with any corrections. Your school handbook is an important source of information. Please read through this carefully and return your acknowledgement form by Tuesday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Lunches are coming! Lunches are coming!**

In a combined effort to make lunches easier for your students and to raise money for our Washington DC Trip next spring, we are once again providing a lunch program. We would like to start Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Lunches will be offered on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday's this year. Lunch order forms are included in your Tuesday communication envelope.

**October forms need to be returned to the school office by Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

Thank you for your support of our Washington DC Trip!

### **Cross Country Results**

The first Cross Country Meet on 9/22/2011 was HOT and challenging. The Seward Park course was 1.5 miles of field, asphalt, and trail. There were 100 runners from 7 different schools that finished. The HOPE 6th Graders on the team were unable to compete due to Outdoor Ed (Alex O.) and (Taylor P.).

#### **HOPE - TOP 5 FINISHERS:**

Mikayla M. (11:36 min)-5th in Girls/25th Overall

Sam H. (12:47 min)-14th in Girls/43rd Overall

Eric B. (12:50 min)-44th Overall

Erin H. (12:59 min)

Dea S. (13:32 min)

**2011 Hope Lutheran School Fall Athletic Schedule:**

DATE	Sport	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
<b>Tue. 9/27</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Concordia Tacoma</b>	<b>Seattle Lutheran</b>	<b>3:30/4:15</b>
Tue. 9/27	XC	Shorewood Christian	@ Lincoln Park	3:45
<b>Wed 9/28</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Parkland</b>	<b>Fairmount</b>	<b>3:45</b>
<b>Thu. 9/29</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Holy Trinity</b>	<b>Seattle Lutheran</b>	<b>3:45/4:30</b>
Mon 10/3	V	Zion	Lake Stevens	3:45/4:30
Thu 10/6	V	Shorewood	S.Sound Athletic Complex	3:45/4:30
<b>Fri 10/7</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Concordia Tacoma</b>	<b>Fairmount</b>	<b>3:45</b>

**V-VOLLEYBALL    F-FLAG FOOTBALL    XC-CROSS COUNTRY**

**Home games are shown in bold and are played at Seattle Lutheran gym located on 4100 SW Genesee St.**