



WORDS OF HOPE

September 15, 2009



Welcome Back!

Another school year has begun! And what a different start we have had this year compared to last year. Remember all of the construction (and accompanying dust) that we were

experiencing last September (and October, and November, etc.)! We are so thankful that we are able to use our wonderful new spaces as we begin this school year. God has richly blessed Hope Lutheran Church and School!

Students have already started to enjoy the new Computer Lab that is now up and running. We especially thank Shawne Lidstrom and Dave Follis for the many hours they have put in these past few months getting all of the computers in the building ready to go.

We welcome the teachers, staff, and students who are new to Hope this year. We pray that you feel welcome to the Hope family, and that you have a wonderful time here. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me or Mrs. Wallace in the school office.

With our new sharing of resources with Seattle Lutheran High School, we are enjoying some new experiences here at Hope. This year we have a group of 8th graders who are traveling to SLHS each morning to take a high school algebra class, and our 7th and 8th graders are having a choice of taking either Spanish or French as their foreign language. Another change will be that our 6th through 8th grade students will be having their weekly chapel service with SLHS each Wednesday morning at 11:40. Most of the time they will be having chapel in Hope's sanctuary, but will have

occasional chapel services at the high school or other nearby churches. The Kindergarten through 5th grade classes will continue to have chapel together on Wednesday mornings at 8:40. Parents are always welcome to attend either of the chapel services.

I pray that everyone has a great 2009-2010 school year, and I look forward to the opportunities that God will give us to learn, worship, and have fun together this year!

In Christ's service,
Mr. Allen, Principal

Mark Your Calendars!

- ↵ **Thurs. 9/17** - School Pictures for Pre-school 4 and K - 8th grades. (This is not a free dress day.)
- ↵ **Mon. 9/21** - 6:30 PM Washington D.C. meeting for current 6th & 7th grade families, meet in the 8th grade classroom.
- ↵ **Wed. 9/23 to Fri. 9/25** - 6th grade Outdoor Education trip!
- ↵ **Wed. 9/30** - 6:45 PM First PTH General meeting in the school Multi-Purpose room, 2nd floor.

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

Student Council Announcement

Here is your opportunity to experience leadership at Hope Lutheran School. The role of student council is to foster school spirit, raise funds to benefit the school, and aid our community.

First Meeting will be held in the Third Grade classroom at 7:45 AM on Wednesday, October 7. This is due to after school commitments.

All students in Grades 3-8 are eligible to be a candidate for their school. Each class will choose 2 representatives. Candidates for class representatives will give a speech to their class and create one poster to display in class.

Students in Grade 8 are eligible for officer positions. They are: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officer candidates will present a speech to the whole student body and create 2 posters. One poster will be placed in an upstairs and downstairs hall.

Applications will be available on September 18, 2009 in Mrs. Norton's classroom. There are two different applications, one for class representative and the other for officers.

Officer application will include a recommendation from a teacher.

Be sure to read and understand your application

Applications available 9/18 / Applications are due 9/22/09 3:30PM No exceptions / Speeches 9/28/09 /

Elections 9/29/09 / First meeting 10/7/09 at 7:45 AM

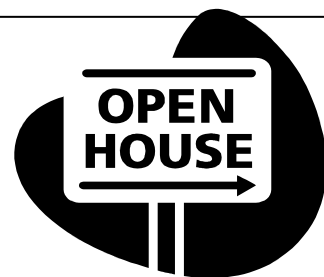
Open House and School Visits for Seattle Lutheran High School

The staff and faculty of Seattle Lutheran High School invite you to join us for an **Open House** on **Thursday, October 22, 2009 from 6:30-8:00pm**.

Seattle Lutheran High School is a leader in holistic education where high academic standards and competitive sports programs are balanced with character education and spiritual growth.

In a day and age where schools measure their success by standardized measures on tests, we define success through confidence, hope, integrity, and passion. These are the cornerstones of a Seattle Lutheran High School education. For more information call Rachel Bigliardi at 206-937-7722 Ext. 18.

Seattle Lutheran **campus visits** for prospective students will begin Monday, September 28, 2009. Students will be invited to spend the morning with us visiting classes with one of our student ambassadors. Lunch will be provided for all visiting students. To set up a visit and for more information contact Rachel Bigliardi, Admissions Director at 206-937-7722 Ext. 18.



Extended School Care Opening

PART-TIME WORK OPPORTUNITY: The Extended School Care Program at Hope School is looking for an afternoon staff person (3:00 - 6:00 p.m.). Contact Shari Wallace in the school office, 935-8500, or Julie Hartley, jhartley@hopeseattle.org, for more information.

School Handbook and PTH Handbook

Your school handbooks were distributed at orientation or sent home last Tuesday. Please review these handbooks to help you and your student understand our school policies and the purpose of our Parents and Teachers of Hope, PTH.

Information regarding school attendance, homework, extra-curricular activities, uniform policy and general school policies and much more are covered in the School Handbook. Please read and sign the signature page and return to the school office ASAP. If you have any questions or did not receive these handbooks, contact the school office at 206-935-8500.

Please note a revision to our Tuition and Fees Policy on page 15 of your School Handbook. This should state a \$50 late fee will be assessed by SMART for monthly payments received after their ten (10) day grace period.

Innisbrook Fundrasier!

Our first fundraiser of the school year is underway! If you did not receive your Innisbrook packet, please request one through the school office. Orders need to be turned in by Tuesday, September 22nd.

School Address Change

Parents please note that with our building project also came a change of address for the school. We are now using the same address as the church: 4456 42nd Ave. S.W., Seattle, WA 98116. Thank You!

Drop off/Pick up Procedures

Thank you to everyone who has helped make our new Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedure work so smoothly. Here are a few reminders:

Students should not arrive at school before 8:10 a.m. unless they are attending ESC.

Drivers should not leave their cars while dropping off or picking up students in front of the school between 8:00 and 8:45 or 2:45 and 3:15. No cars should be parked in front of the school during those times.

Students should not get dropped off or picked up in the street - for our students' safety all cars should pull to the curb before having students exit or enter the car.

PIP Opportunities (Parent Involvement Program)

Picture Day Help: Mrs. Wallace needs help on Thursday, September 17th with picture day. Could use one to two parents to assist the photographer. You will receive a free #C photo package for helping out! Call the school office at 206-935-8500.

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 Elissa Sommer at (206)763-7534.

Book Fair Help Needed

Lots of help needed at our Scholastic Book Fair coming October 8 - 13! This is a great way to earn those PIP hours and help connect kids with books they want to read! See attached flyer for dates and times to volunteer and call the school office.

After School Activities / Chapel / Athletic Events

After School Clubs

Lego Club: This club is offered to students in Kindergarten - 2 grades. Starting October 5th, they will meet on Mondays from 3:15 PM to 4:15 PM in the school library.

Math Club: Starting in October our Math Club will 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.

Art Club: In October an Art club will be offered to students in 5 - 8 grades. They will meet the 1st & 2nd Wednesday of the month from 3:15 PM to 4:15 PM meeting in the computer lab. This club provides additional art opportunities through project and community enrichment. Activities include fun projects, museum and studio field trips and artist visits.

Chess Club: Fridays immediately following school at 3:00 until 4:00 PM in the 7th grade classroom. All grades are welcome to join us in the school library! We will meet September through January. Also 5th - 8th graders are welcome on Tuesday's to come at 12:30 to 12:40 to play chess in 7th grade classroom.

After School Class

Life Skills Class: Attention 5 - 8 graders! Coming on Tuesday's in October, a life skills course! This is an opportunity to improve your cooking and basic sewing / mending skills. No experience needed. There will be a \$20 fee for supplies. Space is limited and there will be a sign up sheet coming home soon.

Wednesday Morning Chapel

8:40 AM for K - 5 grades

Sept. 16: Opening Doors, John 10: 7-18

Sept. 23: Jesus, Galations 3:19, 21-22

11:40 AM for 6 - 8 grades and SLHS

Chapel offerings will go to Morgan Wieland, a former Hope student raising money to serve as a missionary nurse.

Athletic Events

Fall Sports Seasons

Our Fall Sports Seasons have begun with Cross Country, Volleyball and Flag Football. Check the online schedules for games. Our athletes would love to have your support at any of our contests. If you are interested in earning some PIP hours while helping at the games please let me know ASAP. Mr. Kapels



Community Activities

WestFest Fall Family Festival

Friday September 18, 2009 6 -10 p.m., Saturday September 19th, 2009 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Holy Rosary School, 4142 42nd www.westfest.holyrosaryws.org

WestFest is fun! Imagine a sunny Fall weekend in September that brings together family and friends from the West Seattle community, an event put on by the Holy Rosary School and Parish that's safe and tons of fun for all ages. You'll find rides, kids games, an entertainment stage, specialty food booths, BINGO, a used book sale, a raffle, an arts & crafts fair, and much more on the Holy Rosary School grounds. Join us this year for our 20th anniversary! In celebration, we are rolling back prices on the kid's ride wristbands to \$10 for unlimited rides. (Purchase in advance at Curious Kidstuff – 4740 California Avenue, West Seattle. Phone – 937-8788). Wristbands will be available at the festival. My ID Club will be on site to make ID cards for kids. Check them out at MYIDCLUB.org. This is one of the only times they will be in West Seattle!

Hope Church Activities

Hope Sunday School! Sunday School for all children, ages pre-school 3 through grade 5, and Bible class for middle school and high school, grades 6 through 12, begins at 9:15 a.m. with a Mass Opening in the Multipurpose Room upstairs in Hope School. Come register your kids for a great year of growing together and learning about Jesus!

3RD-5TH GRADE YOUTH—Sept 20th—Wii Tournament—Bring \$5 and meet in Hope's Youth Room at 12:15 to 2:00 p.m. for a pizza lunch and a Wii Tournament.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS - starts Sunday, September 27, at 9:15 a.m. in the 8th grade classroom, and will run for 4 weeks. At least one parent, or special adult who can work with the student, needs to attend the class along with the student. The course fee is \$5 per student (scholarships available). Contact the church office (937-9330; church@hopeseattle.org) OR Dan

Jackson (937-5049; djackson@hopeseattle.org) if you are interested.

CATECHESIS CLASSES— Beginning September 21st, grade 8 will meet in the Fellowship Hall, and grade 7 will meet in the new classroom north of the Fellowship Hall, next to the elevator.

SPIRITUAL INQUIRY CLASSES I & II fall sessions have begun. Each class meets Sundays 9:20—10:20 a.m. Inquiry I will meet in the School Library, and is for those who wish to consider membership in Hope Church. Inquiry II will meet in room 201, and is for those who have become members in the last few years, and for any long-time members, who wish to discuss the ministries and life of Hope Church. Contact Dan Roney, 935-2365, or Bob Christian, 935-4801, if you have any questions.

Keep these loved ones in prayer:

Mr. Gruenhagen – Parkinson's Disease

Mrs. Gruenhagen - healing - sinus infection



As there are additions to this list, please inform the school office at 206-935-8500. Thank you.