



Song-of-the-Week

Praise ye the Lord. Psalm 147 extols the grace and goodness of God as He reveals His care for His church and His greatness in creation. Sing with understanding Psalter #403 with the children this week.

1. Praise ye the Lord, for it is good to sing unto our God;
'Tis right and pleasant for His saints to tell His praise abroad.
The Lord our God builds up His Church, He seeks her wandering sons;
He binds their wounds and gently heals the brokenhearted ones.
2. Our Lord is great, He calls by name and counts the stars of night;
His wisdom is unsearchable, and wondrous is His might.
The Lord upholds the poor and meek, He brings the wicked low;
Sing praise to Him and give Him thanks and all His goodness show.
3. No human might, no earthly pride, delights the Lord above;
In them that fear Him He delights, in them that trust His love.
O Zion, praise the Lord thy God, His wondrous love confess;
He is thy glory and they strength, He will thy children bless.

Loving Concerns

We express our Christian sympathy to the extended family of Jim and Barb Huizinga due to the passing to glory of Barb Vink. Comfort can be found in the words of II Corinthians 5:1 "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Athletics

Another year of athletics has come to an end. Thanks to all who were involved throughout the year. Soccer and baseball players please return your cleaned uniforms soon.

Hope Classic Races

The races are scheduled for Saturday morning, May 25. The walkers take off at 8:45 AM, 5K runners at 9 AM, and the 1 mile runners start at approximately 9:50 AM. Runners and spectators will be treated with brats, hot dogs, sno cones, cotton candy and more. You may still register for the races at www.hopepreschool.org/classic. Come on out and enjoy this annual event!

Appreciated

The staff thanks all who gave expression of their appreciation last week during Teacher Appreciation Week. We enjoyed coffee goodies, a delicious lunch, and many verbal as well as written notes expressing your appreciation for all our labors on behalf of God's covenant children.

Work Bee

The Building Committee has scheduled a work bee for Saturday, June 3 beginning at 8AM. Volunteers will be needed to remove carpet, move the gaga pit, remove mulch to lower grade of landscaping, paint and remove ceiling tiles.

Library Books

All library books should be returned by next Monday, May 20.

Teacher Aide/Para Pro Needed

Hope PRC School is looking to hire a fulltime ParaPro/Teacher Aide for the coming school year, 2024-2025. If you are interested or would like a more detailed job description, please contact Ron Koole at rkoole@hopepreschool.org, or the Education Committee chairman, Rich DeMeester, at richdemeester2@gmail.com.

Robotics Coaching Opportunity

We are in need of a robotics coach to join Mr. Matt Elzinga as coach of our Jr. High robotics teams next fall. Please contact Matt Elzinga (melzinga@hopepreschool.org) if you are interested or need more information.

Last Day and Graduation

Friday, May 31 is the last day of school. School will dismiss at 11:15 AM.

Graduation for the 8th grade will be held at Grace PRC on Monday, June 3 at 7 PM. Prof. Huizinga will deliver the address. Seventh and eighth graders are the only students required to attend graduation. The graduates should be at the church at 6:15 pm for their picture.

May Music Programs

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming music programs:

- Monday, May 20 All School's Band Concert – at Grandville High School Auditorium – 7:00 pm. (6th-8th Band)
- Wednesday, May 29 – 4th Recorders, 5th Band in the Music Room at 2:05 pm.

School Circle News

Hot Lunch / Snack Sale – May 15

Hot Lunch: Pizza Servers (please be to school by 11 am): Shannon Bylsma, Kara K, Jori K, Mary L, Carla L

Snacks provided by Junior High students: Jacob DB, Oliver DM, Chase DV, Ethan DV, Kate DV, Benjamin E, Ellery E, Brodie G, Brooklyn H (Please have 24 homemade, prepackaged snacks to the school kitchen by 9 am. Thank you!)

School Circle Meeting

School Circle is meeting this Thursday at 8 PM in the music room. This is our last meeting for the school year. We will be voting for school circle officers, nominees are; Vice President-Lois Engelsma and Carrie Huizinga, Vice Secretary-Laura Kalsbeek and Julie Rau, Vice Treasurer-Sharla Moelker and Laura Rutgers. We will also be voting on ways and means. New members are welcome. Hope to see you there!

Motman's Gift Cards

Motman's is giving us 30% of our sales back to school. This is a great way to support Hope School and a local business. Get your cards now so you can plant your garden this weekend. Contact Deb Hoeksema with questions.

TRIP

TRIP is sold every Tuesday morning from 8:15-9:00 AM in the classroom to the right at the bottom of the ramp. Please contact Sharla Moelker at 340-5818 with any questions.

Summer TRIP hours - Trip will be sold in the TRIP room from 9-10 AM on the following dates. Note that there will be no TRIP sold on July 9th. Please plan accordingly. TRIP Summer dates: June 11, June 25, July 23, August 6, August 20.

Requested Announcements

The Voices of Victory will be singing again this Memorial Day at the Christian Reformed Conference Grounds. The concert to open up the Summer Concert Series will be held on Monday, May 27 at 7 PM in the air conditioned auditorium. Admission to this enjoyable evening of praise is free. Doors open at 6 PM.

COVENANT BASEBALL - On Friday, May 24, Covenant will be hosting a Varsity Baseball Doubleheader at LMCU Ball Park, home of the Whitecaps. First game is at 5:00. Grab your friends and family, and plan to attend this fun, family event to kick off the Memorial Day Weekend with the Covenant Christian HS community! Tickets will be available on GoFan. We are looking for sponsors to help us offset the cost for the rental of the facility. Contact Travis at tvannbommel@covenantchristianhs.org to sponsor or for more information. See you there!

Peer to Peer Walk: please join us in supporting the special work of the PRSE in our schools by attending our awareness walk at CCHS on Saturday, September 28. Look in your church newsletter for more information or go to peertopeerwalk.com. Registration and t-shirt ordering will be online soon!

Save the date: July 30, 31, and August 1, 6:30-8:30pm. A committee of Eastside Promoters is very excited to host an art camp this summer. We will be offering age-appropriate projects as well as activities and snacks for ages Pre-k through 8th grade. Our camp will conclude on Thursday night with an ice cream social for campers and their families. Camp will cost \$25 per student. Plan to join us; space will be limited! More information and sign up link to come soon.

CCHS K-9th grade Running Camp is scheduled for July 29-31 at Covenant Christian HS. This is for all boys & girls entering K-9th grade in fall of 2024. Please sign up before June 8 at <https://www.covenantchristianxc.com/middleschool>. If you have any questions, please contact middle school XC coach Jared Kraker at xcountry@hchr.org, high school XC coach Brian Kalsbeek at brijenkalsbeek@gmail.com, or high school T&F coach Brantley VanOverloop at bvanoverloop@covenantchristianhs.org.

Chargers Middle School XC Team Signups are now open for 6th-8th graders for Fall 2024. The season lasts 7 weeks and competes in 7 races. Please sign up at <https://www.covenantchristianxc.com/middleschool>. If you have any questions, please contact middle school XC coach Jared Kraker at xcountry@hchr.org.