



### Song-of-the-Week

Psalm 12 presents a contrast between the words of evil men and the pure words of the Lord. The tongue is a powerful instrument for evil or good. Pray with the children for God's help to defend us from the words of evil men and to give us grace to speak the truth in love. Sing Psalter #21 with the children this week.

1. O Lord, be Thou my helper true, for just and godly men are few;  
The faithful who can find? From truth and wisdom men depart,  
With flattering lips and double heart they speak their evil mind.
4. Jehovah's promises are sure, His words are true, His words are pure  
As silver from the flame. Though base men walk on every side,  
His saints are safe, whate'er betide, protected by His Name.

### Coaching Opportunity

The girls' soccer team needs a coach! If you or someone you know would be willing to coach or be an assistant coach, please contact Mr. Koole soon.

### Friends & Family Night

Do you have your calendar marked for Friends & Family Night on Friday, March 14? The theme for the evening is "The Spacious Heavens Declare". God's glory is on display in the heavens every day and night. All activities will start at 7 PM in the gym and activities will conclude at 8:30 PM.

### Report Cards

Report cards for grades 4-8 will be distributed to students this Wednesday, D.V. Please check the progress of your child(ren). Only the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students need to return their cards.

### CCHS Information (For 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents)

Mr. R. Noorman, principal of Covenant Christian, will be meeting with our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students THIS Thursday to provide information about class scheduling for next year. A packet of material will be sent home with the students after the meeting. An informational meeting for any parents who would like to learn more about the scheduling process will be held on Tuesday, March 18, at 7:00 PM at the high school.

### March is Reading Month

Starting TODAY, the kids will be competing as classes to travel through space through reading. Each class will be represented by a rocket outside Mrs. Hoeksema's room. Their reading goal will be 20 minutes a night, and any extra reading will earn them booster power for their class rocket. The class whose rocket travels the farthest will earn a pizza party at the end of the month. There will also be other opportunities for rewards and prizes along the way. Reading logs with instructions will be sent home today. Please help us encourage the kids to read!

#### Other Special Days:

- Friday, March 7 – Flashlight Reading in the Gym
- Friday, March 14 – Wear an Outer Space Shirt (stars, sun, etc.)
- Friday, March 21 – BUDDY DAY!
- Friday, March 28 – Wear a Shirt with Words / Teacher Swap Reading

### College Day

The MSU vs U-M basketball game is this week! That means it is time for College Day at Hope School! This Friday, wear the colors of your favorite college. We can't wait to see everyone decked out in their green and white attire!

### Pinewood Derby

The Pinewood Derby is scheduled for March 8 in the gym. Registration begins at 11 AM, the showmanship table opens at 12:30 PM, and races begin at 1:00 PM. Pizza and pop will be available for purchase from 12:00-2:00 PM. Join us for a fun day of racing!

### PR Spelling Bee

Cara Kalsbeek, Baylah TenBrock, Miles Fogal, and Lily Heyboer will represent Hope School in the PR Spelling Bee hosted by Heritage Christian this Thursday, March 6 at 4:00 PM. Visitors are welcome.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Coffeecake Fundraiser

The 8<sup>th</sup> graders are selling homemade coffee cakes to raise funds for their class trip. The coffeecakes are sold unbaked and freezer ready. Blueberry, cherry, raspberry, and cinnamon cream cheese are available for \$12 each. Pickup is April 1 from 12:30-4 PM and payment will be collected at that time. Place your order by THIS Saturday, March 8 using the flyer or by visiting <https://forms.gle/W7urdniPKczPsGT47>.

### Hope Classic Races

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Hope Classic Races are scheduled for Saturday, May 24 (Saturday before Memorial Day). Have you started your training for the 5k or 1 mile runs? Sponsor requests were recently sent out. If you know of a business which would be willing to sponsor or if individuals would like to sponsor, please contact Mr. Koole soon.

### Whitecaps Reading Club

All students (K-6) have the opportunity to earn 2 free tickets to a Whitecaps baseball game by READING during the month of March. Each student will come home with a voucher for parents to fill out. The voucher can be redeemed online, in person (take to the game), or via mail for the two free tickets to any home game April 4 – June 8. There is no need to return anything to school.

### School Board

Due to Prayer Day services next week Wednesday evening, the School Board will meet on Tuesday, March 11 at 7PM. D.V.

### Volunteer Needed

We're looking for a volunteer (or a few volunteers?) to copy, fold, and staple decodable books for the K-2 students next year. This is an easy but time-consuming task. You can work at your own pace to complete them by September. The copies can be made in batches at school, and then folded and stapled at home. If you're interested in helping, please contact Laurel.

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### School Circle News

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### Hot Lunch / Snack Sale – March 5

**Hot Lunch: BBQ/Hot Dogs** Servers (please be to school by 11 am): Deb Feenstra, Julie VDB, Gina VDT, Cheri VV, Katelyn VO, Jess VO

**Snacks provided by:** Mari DV, Connie DV, Amber D, Brenda D, Lois E, Rosie E, Angela F, Julie F, Deb F (Please have 24 homemade, prepackaged snacks to the school kitchen by 9am. Thank you!)

### TRIP

TRIP will be 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 791-6091 with any questions.

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### Requested Announcements

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**Please plan to join the SW Young People's Society** for their pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 8th. Breakfast will be served at Southwest Protestant Reformed Church from 8am-10am. Gluten free pancakes will be available during breakfast and cinnamon rolls to purchase on your way out. Proceeds will benefit the 2025 PRYP convention.

**Southwest PRC Young People's Softball Tournament:** Sign your team up now to play in our annual softball tournament on May 24, 2025 at Whistle Stop Park in Byron Center, MI. We are looking for co-ed youth (ages 14-18) and men's teams to participate. Cost is \$125 for co-ed and \$300 for men's. Deadline to sign up is April 21, 2025. Email [southwestsoftball@gmail.com](mailto:southwestsoftball@gmail.com) to sign up or contact Kathleen Kuiper at 616-446-4737 with any questions. We are looking for sponsors for the tournament. If you would like to sponsor, please email [mantozak@hotmail.com](mailto:mantozak@hotmail.com).

**Redeemer's 3rd Annual Auction is in the works!** If you're able to donate to our online auction this spring, please call or text Kate Bleyenberg 616-437-6288 for pick up or email your pledge to us at [auction@redeemerchrschool.com](mailto:auction@redeemerchrschool.com). Auction details to come. Thanks for your consideration!