



Song-of-the-Week

Our school year is quickly coming to a close, and this is our final song-of-the-week for the year. We began the school year at Psalm 21 and end with Psalm 49 this week.

Psalm 49 teaches wisdom and imparts understanding about earthly wealth. Our souls were not created to be satisfied with the treasures of earth, our souls were created to be satisfied in Him alone. Trust only in the LORD and boast only in Him! Sing 49C with the children this week.

1. Dust to dust the mortal dies, both the foolish and the wise;
None forever can remain, each must leave his hoarded gain.
Yet within their hearts they say that their houses are for aye,
That their dwelling places grand shall for generations stand.
4. Though in life he wealth attained, though the praise of men he gained,
He shall join those gone before, where the light shall shine no more.
Crowned with honour though he be, highly gifted, strong and free,
If he be not truly wise, man is like the beast that dies.

School Board

The School Board will meet on Wednesday, May 13 at 7 PM.

Special Finance Drive - Parking Lot Expansion

Please prayerfully consider contributing to our special, one-time drive to help fund our parking lot expansion. All contributions should be written to "Hope School" marked "Parking Lot Expansion" and mailed to or dropped off at school. A flyer will be coming home today with more details.

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 notes expressing your appreciation. It is a blessing and privilege to assist you in raising your children in the fear of the Lord. Thank you for entrusting your precious children to our care.

Highlights

Look for copies of the *Highlights* in your church this coming Sunday, May 17, D.V.

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.

Volleyball Coach Needed

Anyone interested in coaching the 7th grade volleyball team next school year, please contact Andy Bylsma at 616-822-4450 or andyb@the-aaig.com. The season begins the last full week of August and ends mid-October.

Junior High Exam Schedule

Thursday, May 21

12:30-2:00 pm

7th Science

8th History

Wednesday, May 27

8:30-10:00 am 10:30-11:45 am

7th Bible 7th English

8th Bible 8th Math/Algebra

7th & 8th 11:45 AM Dismissal

Thursday, May 28

8:30-10:00 am 10:30-11:45 am

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Chapel

We thank Rev. DeVries for speaking at the 7th grade chapel last Friday. He spoke to the students about the ascension of Christ and the comfort and hope that Christ's resurrection and ascension give to the child of God in this life. We encourage you to discuss these truths with your children as we look forward to commemorating Ascension Day this Thursday.

May Music Programs

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming music programs:

- Monday, May 18 – All School's Band Concert at Jenison Center for the Arts – 7:00 pm (6th-8th Band)
- Wednesday, May 27 – 4th Recorders, 5th Band in the music room at 2:05 pm

Echoes Yearbooks

Yearbooks were distributed last week. If you didn't order a copy and would like one, call the office to add your name to the wait list.

Last Day and Graduation

Friday, May 29 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 1 at 7 PM. Prof. B. 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.

Hope Classic Races

The races are scheduled for Saturday morning, May 23. 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!

Coffee Cans Needed

The kindergarten class is looking for several 1 lb. coffee cans. (They need to be the cylinder cans, not the cube shaped ones.) If you have any you could donate, they would greatly appreciate it.

Volunteer Needed – Family Fun Night Committee

Leigh Kooienga is looking for a replacement to take over the General Store for Family Fun Night. She is willing to help train! Contact her if you are interested, 616-893-7817.

Library Notice

Please make sure your children return all their school library books by this Friday, May 15. Parents will be notified by email of late books after May 15.

Work Bee - Save the Date!

Men, mark your calendars for a Work Bee on Saturday, June 6 at 8AM. Coffee and donuts will be provided. We will be doing some work in the mulch beds around the front of school and tearing out some bookshelves and cabinets in several of the classrooms. We also have to put the patio furniture away for the summer. As the day approaches, more tasks may be added to this list, so please plan to join us!

School Circle News

Hot Lunch / Snack Sale – May 13

Hot Lunch: Pizza Servers (please be to school by 11 AM): Leigh Kooienga, Tracey F, Amber G, Cherith G, Andra H

Snacks provided by Jr. High students: Finley VO, Hazel VU, Austen V, Zachary B, Elizabeth DB, Cole D, Brianna F, Cole F, Jamon H (Please have 22 homemade, prepackaged snacks to the school kitchen by 9AM. Thank you!)

ADVANCE NOTICE:

The May School Circle meeting will be held next Thursday, May 21st, at 1:30 p.m. in the small gym. Please note the change of time. We will be voting on officers as well as a couple of proposals. Details will follow by email.

Volunteer Needed

The School Circle is looking for one more volunteer to help the teachers pack up the portions of their classrooms that will be renovated this summer. Click for details or to let us know you're willing to help: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45AFAB2EA2FEC61-63807910-classroom>

Motman's Fundraiser

Motman's is giving us 25% of our sales back to school. This is a great way to support Hope School and a local business. You only have this week and next to get your gift cards.

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 616-340-5818 with any questions.

Requested Announcements

Summer Camps: All summer camp information is posted to the school website, hopepreschool.org, under the Parents tab. Please look there for all camp registration links.