



Song-of-the-Week

Psalm 51 speaks of the guilty stains left by our sin and our need for confession and cleansing. God washes us whiter than snow, and restores us to joy and gladness. Our prayer is that the Lord would open our lips and our praises would overflow in gratitude for this most wonderful work! Sing Psalter 51E with the children this week.

- 1. O God, the God that saveth me, remove my guilty stains,
And I will sing Thy righteousness in grateful, joyous strains.
- 2. O Lord, now open Thou my lips, long closed by sin and shame;
My mouth shall show before the world the glory of Thy name.
- 4. A broken spirit is to God a pleasing sacrifice;
A broken and a contrite heart Thou, Lord, wilt not despise.
- 6. Thy people then with willing hands and hearts that Thou hast blest
Shall bring in thankful sacrifice their choicest gifts and best.

Athletics

7th – 8th Boys’ Soccer – Coach: Mr. Zach Koole (616-617-7952)			
Tuesday, September 15	at Calvin Chr.	4 pm	
Thursday, September 17	at Hudsonville Chr. (8th)	4 pm	
Tuesday, September 22	Home vs. Jenison Chr.	4 pm	
7th Volleyball – Coach: Miss Hannah Kamps (616-490-0430)			
Tuesday, September 15	at Adams Chr.	4 pm	
Thursday, September 17	at Borculo Chr.	4:15 pm	
Tuesday, September 22	Home vs. Hudsonville Chr. (2)	4 pm	
8th Volleyball – Coach: Miss Gayle Lotterman (616-901-1439)			
Monday, September 14	Practice	3-4:30 pm	
Tuesday, September 15	Home vs. Adams Chr. (1)	4 pm	
Thursday, September 17	Home vs. Borculo Chr.	4 pm	
Monday, September 21	Practice	3-4:30 pm	

Golf Tournament

The AOK League is hosting an optional 9-hole golf tournament for boys and girls in grades 7–8 on Saturday, October 3, at Maple Hill. Information and a registration form were sent home with 7th & 8th grade students last week. If your child would like to participate, please fill out the form and return it to the office with payment by Monday, September 21. If there is additional room, registration will open to 6th graders on the 22nd.

MAP Testing (Measures of Academic Progress)

The 3rd – 8th grades will be taking the MAP assessments September 21-24. These tests are administered three times each school year. The remaining dates can be found in the back of the new school directory. Please limit appointments as much as possible on these dates.

School Pictures

School Pictures will take place next Wednesday, September 23. Picture envelopes will be sent home today for each student in K-7th. Please return the envelopes completely filled out, with a check made payable to DVD Photography if ordering. Students MUST return their form even if you are not ordering prints. 8th grade students will receive a separate order form at a later date.

PTA (Parent Teacher Association)

PTA is scheduled for Tuesday September 29 at 7:30 in the music room. We will have as our speaker Rev. William Boekestein, the author of RFPA book “Finding My Vocation.” We hope to see you there!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conferences are scheduled for October 8 and 9. School will dismiss at 2 pm on Thursday the 8th and 11:45 am on Friday the 9th. Signups will again take place through Google Forms (online). Information and a link to sign up for conferences will be sent out to parents this week via email. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Directory

The 2026-27 School Directory will be published soon. If you have any recent changes to your address/phone/email, this is your last chance to get the information in, and we ask that you contact the office ASAP by contacting 616-453-9717 or hopeschool@hopeprcschool.org.

Help Needed – Paid Position

The Building Committee is looking for someone who is interested in keeping the sidewalks around school clear of snow and ice this winter. Applicants must be 18 or older to operate motorized equipment, though individuals under 18 may also apply. Please contact Tom Huizinga at 616-862-2843 for more information.

School Circle News

Hot Lunch / Snack Sale – September 16

Hot Lunch: Pizza Servers (please be to school by 11 am): Deb Feenstra, Tamara K, Amanda K, Betsy K, Sarah Kleyen

Snacks provided by 8th grade students: Millie DM, Brody DV, Miles F, Ainsley H, Jayden K, Preston K, Tessa K, Kelsey M (Please have 22 homemade, prepackaged snacks to the school kitchen by 9am. Thank you!)

School Circle Meeting

Hope School Circle will meet THIS Thursday, September 17 at 8pm in the music room. There is one proposal for consideration. We look forward to seeing you there!

Recess Monitors Needed

We are looking for volunteers to monitor indoor recess on rainy days so that teachers can take a break. If you are willing to have your name added to the volunteer list, or if you have any questions, please reach out to Leigh Kooienga at 616-893-7817.

Helping Hands - Teacher Snacks

A signup genius has been created for those who wish to provide the teachers with snacks every other Monday throughout the school year. Use the following link to sign up:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849A8A82FA2FEC52-65687230-snacks>

Jog-A-Thon Fundraiser

Start Strong Jog-A-Thon 2026 is scheduled for October 2. To make the day a success, we need 20 volunteers to help count laps, manage the prize table, and assist students at the water cooler. If you are able to help, please contact Shannon Bylsma (616-540-6039).

Family Fun Night - Volunteer Needed

We are still in need of a volunteer to take over the Family Fun Night General Store. Leigh Kooienga is willing to stay on and train the new volunteer this year. Please reach out to 616-893-7817 if you are willing to help.

Keycard Books

We will be selling Keycard Books again this year. The cost is \$30, with Hope School profiting \$15.00 for each book sold. The books include many free items, as well as hundreds of reusable deals. Flyers will be going home with each family this week. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Hoeksema at dhoeksema@hopeprcschool.org.

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 Brenda VanBaren at 616-644-5816 with any questions.

Requested Announcements

Please join us in supporting the special work of the PRSE in our schools by attending the Peer to Peer Walk on Saturday, September 19 at the CCHS Athletic Complex. Coffee and donuts will be at 9:30 with the walk starting at 10.