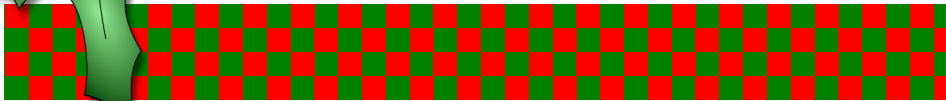


HOPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

December 2017 Newsletter



Director's Message

Tis' the season... at Hope Christian School! We have a lot of exciting things happening this Christmas season. I am sure that it will be a busy time for all of you but hopefully you will be able to take time to join us for some holiday fun!

In all of the holiday hustle and bustle, let us not forget to take some time during our busy, festive days to remember **the real meaning of the season** and to be thankful for the many blessings the Lord has given us! It is never too early to begin teaching children about the gift of "giving", especially to those in need. There are many opportunities, big and small, to help people in need during the holidays. By doing so as a family, you are giving your child the gifts of generosity and compassion... gifts that will outlast any toy under the tree.

May this season and the New Year bring only happiness and joy to you and your loved ones!



Ways to "Help" this season:

1. As temperatures drop, everyone needs an extra layer to keep warm. One of the easiest ways to help those in need is to donate used coats to the **Warm Coats Warm Hearts Drive** sponsored by Burlington Coat Factory and "Good Morning America." Donations go to local families, and you'll get 10 percent off the purchase of a new coat to replace the one you no longer wear.
2. Visit a **Local Senior Center** to bring some holiday wishes. More than 50% of senior citizens in nursing homes do not get any visitors for the holidays. A few minutes of your time can make someone's season!
3. Sponsor a needy family for the holidays. **Family-to-family.org** can help you find a local family in need or check with your local church.
4. Pick an ornament off of those giving trees that are found in many churches, schools, stores, etc. One extra gift in your cart may be the only gift a child gets.

Tis' also the season for...inclement weather!



In the event of inclement weather Hope Christian School follows the Freehold Township School District for closings, delayed openings and early dismissals.

Please refer to the Freehold Township School District's website.

School closings will also be posted on HCS Facebook page and by email notification.

In the event of a delayed opening, HCS opens at 10:00 a.m. (**no Before Care**) and dismisses at the regular time.

11:30 a.m. for 1/2 day

3:00 p.m. for Full Day

Up to 5:30 p.m. for After Care

Afternoon classes remain 12:30-3:00 p.m.

Early dismissals will also be posted and parents will be notified. In the event of an early dismissal there will be no p.m. classes or After Care.

Thank you for you cooperation in advance for your help in keeping our staff and our families safe during this winter season!

While we make EVERY effort to keep our parking lot clean and ice free during the winter months, ice and snow may still be present at times. It is for the **SAFETY** of all that we ask that you strictly adhere to the traffic pattern when dropping off and picking up your children during the winter months. **DO NOT** walk across the parking lot unless absolutely necessary... Please inform any friends or family members that may be bringing or picking up your child.



'tis the Season to be Jolly

December Events



12/1– **PIZZA DAY!** \$3.00 for pizza, drink and snack

12/1– **Winter Wonderland Pajama Party!!** 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Drop & Shop... Drop off your children for an evening of crafts, music, games, snacks and more while you take a few hours to shop, wrap, or just enjoy and evening out! This event is open to siblings, friends and family too! Ages 3-11 years. Call office or email to register. Children will be grouped according to age and ability. **\$10.00 a child!!**

12/14 & 12/15—**Gingerbread House Day!** Each child will create and decorate their own Gingerbread House! Children are **welcome to have a parent or special adult join them for this event.** A notice with your child's scheduled day and time will be sent home.



It is sure to be a *YUMMY* event!

12/20– **Santa visits!** Santa will be here in the Narthex from 9:30-11:30. If this is not your child's regular scheduled school day/time, you are welcome to come by and visit Santa for pictures.

Cookies and milk will be served!



12/21& 12/22– **Christmas Programs!**—Join us to celebrate this wonderful season as your children entertain us with joyous songs!

Performance schedules are included in the attachments

12/21– Early dismissal for performers (T/Th classes only)

12/22—Early dismissal for EVERYONE. Dismissal after program

Christmas Break 12/23-January 2

All Flu Shot records
must be in by
December 21!!

December 15 will
be the last day for
electives in 2017.
We will resume
upon return the
first week in
January.



The children will be making Christmas cards in class to send to the troops. Please keep the men and women serving our country in your thoughts and prayers during this holiday season!

