



# Hope Christian School

## January 2018 Newsletter

### Director's Message



**Happy New Year** everyone! It's great to see everyone back and with smiles on their faces. I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday and a refreshing break.

When I think of January and what it brings, I always seem to think about resolutions. Most of you have probably set your resolutions for this year, but consider taking on one more. Many times our resolutions are unattainable, unrealistic or simply forgotten after the first week or two. The one that I am proposing is an **easy** one that all of us have but often lose track of... **TIME!** After you just finished finding spots for and putting away all those pricey gifts under the tree... give your family and yourself the best, most important and **FREE** gift that there is... **TIME!!!** In all the hustle and bustle of life we often lose track of the day, days, weeks, etc.. We often figure out too late that life is fleeting...so take the **TIME!**

- Take at least a half hour to read to and spend quality time with your children **EVERYDAY!**
- Remember to call your mom, dad, sister, brother, long lost friend, etc. (or better yet...take a visit!)
- Use your words to make someone feel good everyday, even if it is a stranger.
- Challenge yourself to put the phones and electronics away for one whole evening a week...play a game, bake, do a craft, make hot cocoa from scratch, watch a movie **TOGETHER**, have a conversation, count the stars, build a snowman, etc.
- Take time for yourself (you can not give your best to others unless you take care of yourself first)
- **The possibilities of taking "time" are endless... so are it's effects!**

#### THE GIFT OF TIME

The giving of time is a special gift that can never be wrapped in paper and bows, always delivered with love of the heart, to give and share wherever one goes.

Time is a gift never measured by cost, just priceless minutes or hours to supply, to comfort in sadness, share laughter in joy to a loved one, a friend or passerby.

Much harder than simply giving a gift purchased with money we earn,

Time is a jewel more precious than gold ...something to offer with thought or concern.

Be there for one who has lost a dear spouse, a mother, father or special someone,

The gift of our time...to listen, to care is a sacred present that can never be out-done.

Be there for your child, a neighbor, a pal and always take the time to commend,

Say "Well-Done!", give praise, be happy at heart...this welcomed support wins out in the end.

Be it minutes or hours, days, even weeks small gifts of time that encourage and console are cherished by all remembered, treasured by mind, heart and soul!



I look forward with **excitement** to all that 2018 has to offer here at Hope Christian School. The New Year is a time for many to make new goals and resolutions but ours remains the same at HCS... we are committed to providing your children and your family with the **best possible** early childhood experience in a secure, loving, academic and Christian environment.

*In 2018 we wish you Beautiful Moments, Treasured Memories and all the Blessings a heart can hold !*

### **Getting Back into the Routine after the Holiday Break**

Being out of school for a couple of weeks during the holidays is plenty of time to get children of all ages completely off schedule. With shopping, family get-togethers, traveling, or the late night celebrations on New Year's Eve, your family may have forgotten what it means to get up on time and go to school ready to learn. The good news is that getting your children back on track is not as stressful as doing the same after the much longer summer break. Here are some ideas that can help smooth the transition from school to home and back to school over the holiday break.

**Wake Up Early:** Start waking up at their normal school time several days before it's time to go back, even if they stayed up late the night before. They will likely have no trouble going to bed on time on days when they woke up early.

**Talk About School:** Keep school at the forefront of everyone's minds by talking about it each day of the holiday break. Ask them which friends they are looking forward to seeing when they go back and which favorite school activities they missed.

**Reread the separations anxiety tips that were sent home with the September newsletter.**

**Speak with the Teacher or Director if you have continued concerns!**

### **PARENT VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS WELCOME**

There are always opportunities for parents to become involved in their child's school. If you would like more information about ways that you can help, please call the office !

**HCS is in need of volunteers to help oversee Lunch Bunch and rest time on January 22 from 11:30-12:30 in order for the staff to attend an in-service workshop! THANKS!!**

### **EVALUATIONS**

First semester evaluations for all classes will be distributed on January 18 & 19. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

### **MOMMY & ME**

The new session of Mommy & Me begins on Wednesday, January 10 from 9:15-10:15 a.m.. Join us for an hour of **Winter** themed stories, finger plays, crafts, snacks, music, parachute, and MORE!! This class runs for 10 weeks. The fee is \$100 (\$10 a class..) Great for grandparents and dads too! Call the office to register!

**PIZZA DAY**

Thursday, January 4 ....  
\$3.00 for pizza, drink and snack!





In-house **registration** for the 2018-2019 school year begins January 8, 2018. Enrollment applications will be sent home with the children and are available on our website. Early enrollment is limited to children currently enrolled in the school.

Enrollment and class choices are filled on a first come, first serve basis.

**Current enrollment does not automatically guarantee you a spot for September.**

**Please register early as classes fill up quickly.**

The **Kindergarten** will continue to be limited to 12 students in order to maintain the small group environment and academic excellence that it is known for. If you are interested in this class, please register early. If you wish to learn more about the Kindergarten curriculum or sit in on a class, please call office to set up an appointment.

**Fall enrollment opens to the public on January 22, 2018.** If you have friends or family interested in joining the HCS family, please let them know.



#### **SOCCER SHOTS RETURNS TO HOPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL !**



Soccer shots will be resuming lessons at Hope Christian on Thursdays at 3:15 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning January 11 (10 week program)  
Sign up on the website at [www.soccershots.org](http://www.soccershots.org)

#### **About Soccer Shots (ages 2-8 yrs.)**

**Mission:** Our mission is to be the premier intro-to-soccer provider across the globe and to do so in such a way that it leaves a lasting impact on the youth we serve.

**Method:** We offer a quality, high-energy soccer program with principled instruction wrapped in fun. Our creative curriculum emphasizes soccer skills as well as character development, which transcends the game itself.

**Motivation:** Our motivation is to impact children in both soccer education and character development with application to all areas of children's lives. We are motivated by a desire to see kids experience the game of soccer and to enjoy the rewards that participation in the game offers.



Welcome Joseph Ortega from Shido Martial Arts for a demo karate class in Sports in the afternoon on January 19 from 12:00-2:30 p.m.

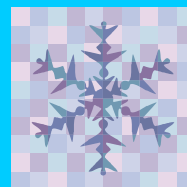
All enrolled children MUST have a FLU SHOT ... Please be sure that we have documentation of this in the office!



Hope Christian School will be closed on Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

## WINTER IS COMING !!

Hope Christian School follows The Freehold Township School district for school closings and delayed openings due to inclement weather. It will also always be posted on our Face Book page.



### Hide and Seek Elmo Game

Along with our monthly fire drills Hope Christian School has begun implementing a fun *Hide and Seek* game in all of our classrooms, as an assurance that we can corral the children into a safe place should the need ever arise. Of course, we pray that we are never in a situation that would require us to need this but at least we know that all of our staff and children are prepared. The children only know this as a fun hide and seek game where they follow the Elmo flag and hide quietly in a safe place when staff says "*Hide and Seek Elmo.*" It is our way of preparing for an emergency lock down situation without putting any fear or worries into the innocent, young minds of your precious children.



### Just a Few Reminders:

- We are a **peanut free** environment. Please check all snacks .
- Please make all checks payable to Hope Lutheran Church
- Please follow the **Traffic Pattern**. If you need to come into the school or speak with a teacher, please park your car as not to hold up the line.
- If your child is a 2 or 3 year old full day student that naps, please remember to send in a labeled fitted crib sheet. The sheet will be sent home for laundering at the end of the week and should be sent back every Monday.

Hope Christian School Tax ID # for your tax information:

**226081941**



**Don't forget to keep sending in those Box Tops !! Thanks!**