



# The Nutshell



October 10, 2011

## Dates to Remember

- Oct 12 PT-Conferences (**No School**)
- Oct 17-18 Fall Break (**No School**)
- Oct 19 Picture Retakes
- Oct 21 Pizza Day
- Oct 22 Saturday School
- Oct 24 Golf Classic
- Oct 24 **No School**

## Saturday School Coming Up Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>

The first Saturday School of 2011-12 is less than 2 weeks away on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The **purpose** of Saturday School is for parents to spend time with their child in the classroom. Most of the classes have planned interactive activities for parents. For families with more students than parents, older siblings, grandparents, or other friends or relatives are welcome to come and help out. However, we would prefer that younger siblings not be brought into the classrooms (see "*Limited Childcare*", at right).

As always, this is a regular school day (i.e., **attendance counts**). Plan to have your child in their class by **7:55 a.m.** They will be considered tardy at 8:01. With all the parents that will be attending, the parking lot is usually busy, so be sure to allow plenty of extra time (see "*Parking Reminders...*" at right).

Students can wear jeans and a New Hope shirt. Casual, comfortable dress is appropriate for parents.

To save some time, you can actually skip breakfast at home and pick something up right here at the school. The 6<sup>th</sup> Graders will be selling breakfast items to raise funds for their Washington D.C. trip.

School will dismiss at noon, but plan to stick around to fellowship over lunch. Pizzas can be purchased from the 6<sup>th</sup> Graders after 11:30 a.m. – first come, first served.

Finally, please remember that there is always no school on the Monday following Saturday School.

## News and Notes . . .

. . . **Pizza Day.** Please note that Pizza Day is a week earlier this month (Oct. 21). Order forms will be sent home the week before to allow plenty of time for them to be returned.

. . . **Free Zumba classes** are being offered for NHA parents by Dr. Lori Breaux-Mitchell of Brentwood Pediatrics. First class will be Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. Sign up in the office. Space is limited.

. . . **Lost and Found.** A camera case was found at Gentry Farm last week. If it is yours you can claim it in the office. There are also several jackets and sweaters piling up in the L&F closet. Does one belong to your child?

## Parking Reminders for Saturday School

The parking lot is always full at Saturday School, so we ask you please remember the following few things.

Park in the north lot first (by the office), then the south lot. Once these are full, please angle park in two rows at the top of the oval. **Please do not park in the grass or along the curbs.**

If these spaces fill up, watch for someone directing you to other parking options. Thank you for your patience.

## DON'T FORGET: Parent-Teacher Conferences WEDNESDAY

Report cards were sent home today. There is no school, Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> to allow for Parent-Teacher conferences.

NHA's goal is to support parents in educating their children. Parent-Teacher conferences are an important part of this and are an excellent opportunity to learn how you can assist, encourage, and challenge your child as they continue to learn and grow. In this regard, **please make every effort to attend.**

As a reminder, there will be no childcare available at the school during conference time. Children are welcome to play on the playground, but please do not leave them unattended in the building.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

## Limited Childcare at Saturday School

As mentioned above, we would prefer that younger siblings not be brought into the classrooms. Please try to find childcare for your non-student children.

There will be some childcare available, but space is very limited (15-20 kids). If you have no other option, then you must register your children in the office by this Thursday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. If your child is not registered we might not be able to accommodate them in the childcare area on Saturday.

Finally, if you use this service, please consider making a donation to help cover the cost. Extra donations will go to the D.C. trip.

### \*\*\* LUNCH DUTY \*\*\*

After P-T conferences this week we will **need help just about every day for the rest of the month.** Please contact the office if you can help fill in any of the open slots.

- Oct 10 White / White
- Oct 11 Cundall / Haworth
- Oct 12 No School
- Oct 13 **Need 1 (4<sup>th</sup>)** / Schiebe
- Oct 14 **Need 2 (4<sup>th</sup>)**
- Oct 17 Fall Break
- Oct 18 Fall Break
- Oct 19 **Need 2 (3<sup>rd</sup>)**
- Oct 20 **Need 1 (3<sup>rd</sup>)** / Schiebe
- Oct 21 Pizza Day (6<sup>th</sup>)
- Oct 24 No School
- Oct 25 **Need 1 (2<sup>nd</sup>)** / Haworth
- Oct 26 Stovall / Mayhew
- Oct 27 **Need 1 (2<sup>nd</sup>)** / Schiebe
- Oct 28 **Need 2 (2<sup>nd</sup>)**

## FORE! Golf Classic Tees Off in 2 Weeks

Final preparations are being made for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual New Hope Academy Golf Classic on October 24<sup>th</sup>, and it is shaping up to be a great event!

The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade class is putting the event together to raise funds for their trip to Washington, D.C. next spring. Some of the students have been travelling to area businesses making presentations about the event and soliciting sponsorships.

They have over \$3,000 committed already but would love to add some more sponsors to the list, so if you have **contacts with any businesses or individuals who might like to support the class** and would be willing to hear a 5-minute presentation, please contact Kathy Sauder at [pksauder@comcast.net](mailto:pksauder@comcast.net) or call or text her at 504-3649 and she can schedule a meeting.

### *BGA Choir to Perform for New Hope Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>*

In what has become an annual tradition, the Battle Ground Academy middle school choir is coming to New Hope to perform on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the library.

New Hope's own choir will be making its first appearance of the year also, as they will join the BGA choir for one song. Please note that our 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade choir members will not be included in this group as they will be busy practicing with their other classmates for their Trojan Horse play which will be performed the next day at Saturday School.

## Food 2 Families Food Drive Hits Home Stretch

In case your children forgot to tell you, the Can Man made his annual appearance here a couple weeks ago (though his secret identity is still unknown) and got the kids excited about participating in this year's Food 2 Families food drive.

For those new to New Hope, we have participated in this event the past few years to collect canned and boxed food to stock the shelves at Second Harvest Food Bank. Classes can win prizes depending on the number of items that they bring in.

Fourteen teams are currently signed up and there are several others from whom we are expecting registration forms this week. However, there is **still room to add a few more teams.** If you know of anyone who likes to golf and who you would like to introduce to New Hope Academy, please point them to the event information at [www.nhafranklin.org/events](http://www.nhafranklin.org/events) or e-mail their names to [golf@nhafranklin.org](mailto:golf@nhafranklin.org) and we will follow up with them.

Be sure to let potential golfers know that they will be treated to 18 holes of championship golf at Westhaven, great food – including breakfast from Merridee's, lunch from Red Pony/55 South, and dessert from Ivey Cakes – and lots of prizes awarded in 3 flights. They'll also have the chance to bid to add some local celebrities to their team to increase their chances of winning!

Besides sponsors and golfers, the class could also use some prizes to give away to the participants. Remember, their goal is to make this a memorable event. If anyone has any ideas of some cool prizes that could be donated to the cause, please e-mail your suggestions to [golf@nhafranklin.org](mailto:golf@nhafranklin.org).

So, in **summary**, NHA parents can help by:

- 1) Referring potential sponsors.
- 2) Referring golfers for the event
- 3) Finding prizes

E-mail [golf@nhafranklin.org](mailto:golf@nhafranklin.org) or contact the office with any questions.

Items in greatest demand include: peanut butter, canned fruit, canned meats, dried beans, boxed or bagged rice, canned vegetables and macaroni & cheese.

Since the winners will be determined by classroom, students should drop off the items in their rooms when they arrive in the morning.

The contest will end at Saturday School (October 22<sup>nd</sup>), so you still have a couple of weeks to bring in donations.

## Student Prayer Warriors

Each student is assigned a day to pray for our school. We always encourage you to pray with your child, but please make extra effort to join your child in praying for NHA on their assigned day. The prayer warriors for Oct 11-25 are:

Oct 11	Howie Smith
Oct 12	Caleb Stovall
Oct 13	Jonah Stowe
Oct 14	Eliza Strother
Oct 15	Ella Strother
Oct 16	Wesley Summerville
Oct 17	Alissa Talley
Oct 18	Jay Thomas
Oct 19	Hadyn Tjornhom
Oct 20	Helena Tjornhom
Oct 21	Abigail Turcios
Oct 22	Zoe Upkins
Oct 23	Kyle Varenkamp
Oct 24	Nicole Varenkamp
Oct 25	Caden Varner

## Picture Proofs are Due Back TODAY

Your students should have brought home their picture proofs last week. Orders are due today. If you have not yet turned in your order forms and want to order pictures, please bring your order to the office first thing in the morning and we will try to get it processed.



If you don't like your child's photo, retakes are scheduled for next Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Prayer Corner

*Parent prayer meetings for New Hope academy will be held on Wednesdays this year from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the prayer room in the NHA library.*

*If you would like to pray at another time during the week with other parents, please let the office know so we can get the word out.*

*The prayer room is always open. Feel free to come alone or bring some friends and use it any other time as well.*