



The Nutshell



October 25, 2011

Dates to Remember

- Nov 4 **No School** (Professional Day)
- Nov 7 **Open House**
- Nov 21-25 **No School** (Thanksgiving)

News and Notes . . .

. . . **Lost and Found.** There are several jackets and sweaters piling up in the Lost-and-Found closet. Does one belong to your child? Please stop by and see before we take them to ThriftSmart.

. . . **Parking.** Please do not park along the curb any time prior to the start of school in the morning. This includes pulling forward and stopping past the front doors. It really slows the traffic flow and creates a potentially hazardous situation.

. . . **Cones.** Please honor the cones in the drop-off line in the morning. While it is easy to weave out of them, please do not move into the outside lane until you have driven beyond the last cone nearest the door. This is a safety issue for drivers and students.

*** LUNCH DUTY ***

We have **LOTS** of open slots for lunch servers these next few weeks. Please take a look at your calendar and contact the office if you can help fill any of these openings.

- Oct 24 No School
- Oct 25 **Need 1 (2nd)** / Haworth
- Oct 26 Stovall / Mayhew
- Oct 27 Hernandez / Schiebe
- Oct 28 **Need 2 (2nd)**
- Oct 31 White / White
- Nov 1 **Need 1 (1st)** / Haworth
- Nov 2 **Need 1 (1st)** / Hernandez
- Nov 3 **Need 1 (1st)** / Schiebe
- Nov 4 No School
- Nov 7 White / White
- Nov 8 Hostetter / Haworth
- Nov 9 **Need 2 (K)**
- Nov 10 **Need 1 (K)** / Schiebe
- Nov 11 **Need 2 (K)**

Prospective Families Open House Nov. 7th

It is never too early to begin thinking about admissions for next year. We will be hosting our annual open house on Monday, November 7th in our library.

The goal for the evening is to tell more and more families about New Hope Academy. This open house will primarily be for new families interested in our school for the 2012-13 school year.

The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. and end around 7:30. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please invite them or ask them to contact the office.

There are also several ways that you can help out.

First, please invite your friends and neighbors to come learn about New Hope that evening. The event starts at 6:00 p.m. The evening will feature two parents and one alumni giving their perspectives about the school. Mr. Tutler will also give a general history and overview and will then answer questions before releasing the attendees for tours to finish out the evening.

NHA is a pioneering school that brings together a love for Christ Jesus; a promise of excellent classical education; committed focus on whole-child development through caring, academic mentoring; a vision for connected community where students and families

form meaningful relationships across economic, racial and cultural differences, and a foundation to begin the process of combating the roots of inequality, race-based separation and class-oriented isolation – all to the glorification of our Lord and Savior.

As parents and friends of students at New Hope, we need your help getting the word out about NHA. It is interesting that people often drive by New Hope Academy, but not many of them know about the school. Our goal is to change that.

A Few Seats Are Still Available for 2011-12

Total enrollment for the 2011-12 school year is currently at 210 students, which means we are 95% full. What a praise! Every year we usually have a few students who join us mid-year.

Kindergarten and 2nd Grade each have 1 full-pay opening. There are also scholarship slots available in 3rd (1), 4th (2), and 5th (1) Grades. 6th Grade actually has 5 openings to fill.

If you know anyone with children in the grades noted above, please consider inviting them to check out New Hope Academy. They can come to the open house (see above) or call the office for an individual appointment.

Have You Seen the New Hope Website Lately?

If you haven't seen our website recently, please take a few minutes to go to www.nhafranklin.org see what's new. Highlights include:

New Video. A company called Simply Video put together a free promo for us. Check it out in the "About" section.

Nutshell and Lunch Menu. Both of these can be found in the "Community" section, and if they aren't current, they will be soon.

Amazon.com. If you ever use Amazon for online purchases, go to

the "Invest" section of the NHA website first, then the scroll down to "The Amazon Connection." This takes you right to the Amazon website and you can go on with your shopping. By taking these few extra steps, Amazon will donate 5-7% of your purchase back to New Hope Academy. It's easy and doesn't cost a penny extra.

New Fundraising Event. There is a new fundraising event in the works that has not yet been publicly announced. Watch the "Events" section of the website for this announcement soon.

Inaugural NHA Golf Classic is in the Books

While the rest of the NHA students had Monday off, the 6th Graders were up at the crack of dawn, arriving at the Westhaven Golf Club at 6:00 a.m. to start setting up for the first ever New Hope Academy Golf Classic.

With early morning temperatures in the low-40s, the kids were shivering, but smiling. They first gathered with parents to pray for the day, and then set right to work.

The sun soon rose and started to warm things up just as the golfers began to arrive. They were greeted by students who got them their goody bags and NHA golf shirts, pointed them to the practice range, and even took their breakfast orders, delivering the golfer's choice of Merridees' favorites straight to their carts!

Before teeing off, the golfers gathered for an auction. For "sale" was the opportunity to add two well-known local names – former Titans punter Craig

Hentrich and New Hope's own TobyMac – as a fifth member of their team. The bids quickly climbed and, combined, netted an additional \$1,500 for the cause!

Next came the putting contest. Dan Henderson's name was drawn for a chance to sink a 60-foot putt to win \$10,000. He made a good run at it, but his putt came up just a bit short.

From there, the golfers were given final instructions and took off in their carts to their respective starting holes, getting a line of high-fives from the students as they drove by.

The students dispersed also to work the snack and beverage stations around the course and to serve as witnesses on various holes in case any golfers hit a hole-in-one.

When all the rounds were complete, the golfers reconvened at the food tent for some shrimp-and-grits and barbecue spaghetti from local favorites Red Pony and 55 South, followed by the announcement of the various prize winners.

The top team belonged to Ken Pinkston (bolstered in no small part by hired gun Craig Hentrich), coming in at a blistering 27 under par! Ken is the grandfather of NHA students Timothy, Noah, and Donovan.

The final item of the day was the Million Dollar Shootout, where one person would have a chance to make a 160-yard shot to win \$1,000,000! Kenny Benge's name was drawn. He selected just the right club, hit a beautiful shot that landed four feet in front of the cup and . . . rolled right by the pin!

All in all, the tournament was hugely successful. Several golfers commented that it was the best such event they had ever played in and were eager to sign up already for next year. The financial results are still being tallied, but the preliminary estimate is that the 6th Graders will net over \$13,000 from their efforts, which puts them well on their way to Washington!

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 26-Nov 7 are:

Oct 26	Caleb Varner
Oct 27	McKenna Varner
Oct 28	Wyatt Walters
Oct 29	Clay Washington
Oct 30	Aaron White
Oct 31	Macy White
Nov 1	Jesse Wooldridge
Nov 2	Milaya Wooldridge
Nov 3	Gianna Zakresky
Nov 4	Caroline Zongor
Nov 5	George Zongor
Nov 6	Von'Tavion Alexander
Nov 7	Ayen Alier

It's Beginning to Look a lot like Christmas

Well, maybe not a lot like Christmas, but we at least have a date set for the annual Christmas program – Thursday, December 1st at 6:30 p.m. here in the New Hope Academy library.

As in previous years, the program will only involve kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades. If you have a child in one of those grades, please mark your calendars. More details will of course be sent home in the coming weeks.

Mrs. Boone will also need volunteers to help decorate the library for the event.

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.

New Hope Students Becoming Guitar Heroes

As many of you may know, thanks to a little work from New Hope dad Brian Lenox, the New Hope music program received a donation of new instruments at the end of last school year - guitars! Now Mrs. Boone is working on ways to get the guitars into student hands.

One way will be during 5th and 6th grade music classes this year - there will be time in school day music classes for learning some basics about the guitar later in the school year.

Another way is having guitar class after school. Keith Elder, a local musician and songwriter, has stepped up as a volunteer to teach a guitar class and right now 5 of our NHA 6th graders are in a guitar class on Tuesdays after school from 3:00 to 3:45. The class is going great, and it has been amazing how quickly these students have started to pick up on how to play!

God continues to bless and grow the music program at New Hope Academy!