

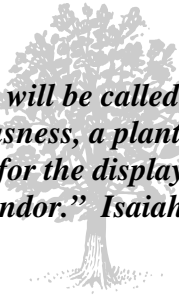


The Nutshell



February 23, 2009

“They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendor.” Isaiah 61:3



Dates to Remember

Feb 27	Pizza Day
Mar 3	Evening of Hope Banquet
Mar 7	Saturday School
Mar 9	No School
Mar 13	Noon Dismissal
Mar 17	Report cards go home
Mar 18	No School (PT Conferences)
Mar 26	Parent Meeting (6:30 p.m.)

News and Notes . . .

. . . **Publix Cards.** Don't forget if you use your Publix Card when getting groceries at Publix, they will donate a portion of your purchase to New Hope Academy. Proceeds go toward the 6th Grade trip.

. . . **Buy a Car at Josh Ellis** and mention you were referred by NHA and they will donate \$100 toward the 6th Grade trip.

*** LUNCH DUTY ***

There are **a lot of open dates** for lunchroom helpers the next couple of weeks. Please see the list below and let the office know if you can help. You don't have to volunteer during your child's grade's assigned week if another date would work better.

Feb 24	Debi Armstrong
Feb 25	<i>*OPEN (2nd Grade)*</i>
Feb 26	Dana Pepion
Mar 2	Cathy Jo Elwood
Mar 3	<i>*OPEN (1st Grade)*</i>
Mar 4	<i>*OPEN (1st Grade)*</i>
Mar 5	<i>*OPEN (1st Grade)*</i>
Mar 6	<i>*OPEN (1st Grade)*</i>
Mar 10	<i>*OPEN (Kndrgrtn)*</i>
Mar 11	Elaine Harold
Mar 12	<i>*OPEN (Kndrgrtn)*</i>

Saturday School Happening on March 7th

Mark your calendars for next Saturday, March 7th. That is the date for the second Saturday School of 2008-09.

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”*, below).

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, to say the least, so be sure to allow plenty of extra time (see *“Where Should I Park...”* at right).

To save some time, you can actually skip breakfast at home and pick something up right here at the school. The 6th Graders will be selling breakfast items to raise funds for their Washington D.C. trip. See *“6th Grade to Keep You Fed”* (below right) for the full menu.

Students should wear their P.E. clothes. Casual, comfortable dress is appropriate for parents.

Limited Childcare Available for Saturday

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 Thursday, March 5th. If your child is not registered we cannot admit them into the childcare area.

This service is free of charge, but you may consider making a donation to help cover the cost of this service.

School will dismiss at noon, but plan to stick around for lunch. Pizzas can be purchased from the 6th Graders but must be ordered in advance (see *“6th Grade...”* below). Feel free to bring your own picnic lunch, too, and take advantage of the opportunity to get to know some of your fellow NHA families even better.

Where Should I Park at 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. **Do not park in the grass or on the ends of each lot.**

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

We want to thank everyone in advance for their willingness to walk a few extra yards if necessary, to make the whole process will run smoother.

6th Grade to Keep You Fed at Saturday School

The 6th Graders (and their parents) have planned a full fare to make sure everyone is well fed at Saturday School. All proceeds go towards their trip to Washington, D.C. next spring.

The **Breakfast Café** menu includes:

- Bagels
- Fruit cups
- Muffins
- Hard-boiled eggs
- Orange juice
- Sausage biscuits
- Cheese and sausage skewers
- Freshly brewed coffee

For **lunch**, you can order pizzas (cheese or Pepperoni) for \$10 each. Order forms will be sent home today and need to be returned by Wednesday. Soft drinks will also be available for purchase.

Bring extra money, also, to purchase some **NHA items**, including caps, window decals, and tie-dye shirts.

Don't Forget to RSVP for Evening of Hope

New Hope's annual "Evening of Hope" banquet is set for Tuesday, March 3rd at the Embassy Suites in Cool Springs.

It's not too late to RSVP, but you must respond to the Development office by Tuesday, February 24th (that's **tomorrow!**) Call or e-mail Bridgett O'Lannerghty (ext.223 or bolannerghty@nhafranklin.org). We cannot save you a seat if you don't RSVP.

Remember, the desire this year is to really make this an event that is hosted by the entire New Hope family. Your story is part of the tapestry that makes up New Hope Academy and we want you to share that with others that you might rub elbows with at the banquet tables.

The goal for this event is twofold. It is of course first and foremost a fundraiser, the largest such single event for our school each year. But equally important is the opportunity to bring awareness to the community as we seek to invite people who may not know about New Hope and its mission.

This year's theme is "For the Display of His Splendor." The program will include several different speakers, including former senator and hall-of-fame wide receiver Steve Largent. The evening will conclude with special music by the New Hope Choir. Hors d'oeuvres and mingling will begin at 6:30 p.m., dinner is at 7:00, and the whole evening should be finished by 9:00 at the latest.

Change to Practice Schedule for Musical

There is a slight change to the planned practice schedule for the spring musical. The 3rd and 4th graders were originally scheduled to begin after-school practices next week on March 2nd. Presently, they **will not be needed** until the very end but they will keep you updated. Mrs. Boone is going to see how much she can accomplish with them during their music class.

5th and 6th Graders will continue their weekly practices as usual.

Finally, the Development team will need some help to set up the afternoon of the event, especially some guys to help with the "heavy lifting". If you can be available any time between 1:00 and 6:00 p.m. that Tuesday or after the banquet (for tear down), please contact Bridgett.

Time to Sign Up for YMCA Flag Football

The basketball season is winding down. It's been fun to watch the boys play and to see New Hope families interacting on the sidelines all winter.

There is a chance to continue the fun and fellowship throughout the spring with the YMCA's flag football league.

We would like to try to get any New Hope boys who want to play onto the same team. If interested, please pick up a registration form in the office and turn it back in to Pat Sauder by this Friday, February 27.

The age categories are broken down as follows (based on age as of July 31): 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, and 11-13. Practices begin on March 21. Games are played on Saturdays from April 4 to May 16 at the Lasko fields on Columbia Avenue.

We are looking into the exact cost to play and availability of scholarships. If you are interested in playing, go ahead and fill out an application so we know who wants to play and we will then finalize everything when we know the final cost.

Also, if anyone is interested in coaching (or helping to coach) please call or e-mail Mr. Sauder (x224 or psauder@nhafranklin.org) or indicate it on the application.

S.E.W. (Sewing Experience Wanted)

Do you like to sew? Would you have a few hours to help with a special "secret" project on Monday, March 9th between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.?

If so, please contact the office (595-0324) and let us know. Only very basic sewing skills are needed.

Student Prayer Warriors

Each student has been assigned a day to pray for our school. Of course we always encourage you to pray with your child, but please make an effort to join with your child to pray for NHA on their assigned day. The prayer warriors for Feb 24-Mar 10 are:

Feb 24	Preston Boyd
Feb 25	Kara Blue
Feb 26	Melissa Bellottie
Feb 27	Katherine Bellottie
Feb 28	Tres Bell
Mar 1	Chandler Bell
Mar 2	Teagan Behan
Mar 3	Addy Behan
Mar 4	Sierra Beckley
Mar 5	Meredith Beck
Mar 6	Lina Beach
Mar 7	Diamond Battle
Mar 8	Katrina Armstrong
Mar 9	Ty Anderson
Mar 10	Lily Anderson

Change Challenge Kicks off This Week

The 6th Grade is issuing a challenge – a change challenge, that is. Starting this week all students are "challenged" to bring in any spare change they can find over the next couple of weeks.

Collection jars will be in each classroom. The class that collects the most will win a pizza party.

Sorry, but you don't get the change back. The 6th Graders will deposit it to be used toward the cost of their Washington D.C. trip, which is only nine weeks away!

Prayer Corner

Regular weekly prayer meetings are Wednesdays from 8:15-9:00 a.m. in the Prayer Room on the south end of the NHA library. Anyone is welcome to come and pray for the teachers, staff, students, and families.

Feel free to contact Debbie Techentin (deb@techentin.net) with any specific prayer requests.