



The Nutshell



October 12, 2009

Dates to Remember

- Oct 13 **No School** (P/T Conferences)
- Oct 16 **No School** (Fall Break)
- Oct 21 Picture retakes
- Oct 24 Saturday School
- Oct 26 **No School**
- Oct 30 Pizza Day

Saturday School Coming Up Oct. 24th

Mark your calendars for next Saturday, October 24th. That is the date for the first Saturday School of 2009-10.

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, so be sure to allow plenty of extra time (see "*Parking Reminders...*" 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.

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) or feel free to bring your own picnic.

Following lunch there are projects around the school to be done. The list includes cleaning classrooms and cleaning out the school van. Any help that we can get will be greatly appreciated.

News and Notes . . .

. . . **No School Tomorrow** due to parent teacher conferences. All parents should have a scheduled time set to meet with their children's teachers on Tuesday. Please make every effort to meet with your child's teacher at your scheduled time.

. . . **Lost and Found.** One handheld computer device and two gift cards to local establishments. Please contact the office if you think these items might belong to you.

. . . **Creative Writing Club** is starting back up. It is open to 4th, 5th and 6th Graders and meets on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 in Ms. Darnell's room. The Club starts on October 20th, so get your permission slips back to Ms. Darnell this week if you are interested.

*** LUNCH DUTY ***

Each grade has been assigned a week to provide volunteers (2 per day) to serve lunch. Please note the open dates below and consider contacting the office if you can help fill them in. Feel free to sign up even if it is not the week for your child's grade.

- Oct 14 Cundall/Haworth
- Oct 15 Elwood/Elwood
- Oct 19 **Need 2** (3rd)
- Oct 20 **Need 1** (3rd)/Sauder
- Oct 21 **Need 1** (3rd)/Tjornhom
- Oct 22 **Need 2** (3rd)
- Oct 23 **Need 2** (3rd)
- Oct 27 **Need 1** (2nd)/Sauder
- Oct 28 **Need 1** (2nd)/Koellein
- Oct 29 Fontenot/Jones

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 this Friday, October 23rd. 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.

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. **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.

6th Grade to Feed You at Saturday School

The 6th Graders (and their parents) have planned something new this year for Saturday School – a **Pancake Breakfast!**

The breakfast will be from 6:00-7:30 in the Peggy Southard Early Childhood wing. Please watch for order forms next week and return them to school so they know how many to expect.

They will also be selling coffee and baked goods later in the morning.

Finally, plan to stay for **lunch** too. You can order pizzas (cheese or Pepperoni) for \$10 each and side salads for \$1. Order forms will be sent home next week and need to be returned to the office by Wednesday, October 21st. Soft drinks will also be available for purchase.

Help Spread the Word: Admissions Open House Scheduled for Nov. 2nd

It is never too early to begin thinking about admissions for next year. In three weeks we will be hosting our third annual open house. This will be done in an effort to help tell more and more families about New Hope. This open house will be for individuals interested in our school for the 2010-11 school year.

The open house will be held on November 2nd from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. This is for any new applicants or anyone interested in finding out more about New Hope. If you know of anyone who is interested, please invite them or ask them to contact the office.

There are several ways that you can help out.

First, please invite your friends and neighbors to come learn about New Hope Academy that evening. The event starts at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Tutler will talk for about 30-45 minutes, and then release the attendees for tours.

Speaking of tours, this leads us to the next way you can help out. We need a few parents to help guide these tours. Please contact Mr. Tutler if you can help. Finally, if any parents would like to help with some light refreshments and welcoming prospective parents please contact Kathy Sauder (791-9792 or pkasauder@comcast.net).

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 of this 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 many people drive by New Hope, but not many of them know about the school. Our goal is to change that.

A Few Seats Are Still Available for 2009-10

Total enrollment for the 2009-10 school year is currently at 208 students, which means we are 95% full. What a praise! Every year we usually have a few students who join us mid-year. The grades that currently have openings are as follows:

- Kindergarten 1 opening
- 3rd Grade 4 openings
- 5th Grade 2 openings
- 6th Grade 6 openings

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.

1st Annual 5K Joe P. Run/Walk will be Oct. 31st

This fundraiser is in honor of Mrs. Peabody's grandson, Joseph Peabody, who in 2007 at age 3 was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor. He died in 2008 the day after he turned 4. The Rally Foundation does such an amazing job of raising money which goes towards pediatric cancer research. Allen and Gillian Peabody, the parents of Joseph, have decided to have the money raised from this event to go specifically towards pediatric brain cancer research.

This event takes place October 31st at Nashville's Centennial Park. Registration begins at 6:00 a.m. The race starts at 7:30. Registration is \$25 (or \$30 on race day). The goal is to raise \$25,000!

If you are interested in participating, making a donation, or having your business be a sponsor, you can go to www.joeprallyrun.com to find out more about the event and to sign up.

If a child wants to participate, his or her parents have to participate as well.

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 extra effort to join your child in praying for NHA on their assigned day. The prayer warriors for October 12-27 are:

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| Oct 13 | Sam Ellis |
| Oct 14 | Georgi Elwood |
| Oct 15 | Noah Elwood |
| Oct 16 | Sam Elwood |
| Oct 17 | Miles Evans |
| Oct 18 | Daniela Figueroa |
| Oct 19 | Laura Figueroa |
| Oct 20 | Cole Fontenot |
| Oct 21 | Lauren Fontenot |
| Oct 22 | Caraline Gaston |
| Oct 23 | Kurt Geadelmann |
| Oct 24 | Isaiah Gentry |
| Oct 25 | Patrick Gill |
| Oct 26 | Maris Goodwin |
| Oct 27 | Aidan Grayson |

Christmas Concert Date Set for K-2nd Grades

Be sure to mark your calendars for Thursday, December 2nd. That is the date of the Christmas concert for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades. The concert will be here in the New Hope library starting at 6:30 p.m.

Also, please note that Mrs. Boone is looking for **28 small battery-operated candles** for the students to use in the performance. If you know where she can find some, please let her know.



Prayer Corner

Weekly parent prayer meetings for New Hope are held on Wednesdays from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the prayer room in the NHA library.

Yanira Ocasio leads this prayer time. Anyone is welcome to come and pray for our students, faculty, and staff during that time.