



Extracurricular Activities

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Community Service Day is designed to help students realize the importance of giving back to their community while being the hands and feet of Christ who tells us to lovingly serve one another. Our hope is that students will develop “a servant’s heart” and that they would willingly serve in their communities throughout their lives. NHA attempts to find a public venue in Franklin or Nashville that allows the children to physically work and improve a park, playground, nursing home, etc. Our day involves students AND parents partnering together to cheerfully serve.



CSA (Crime Scene Academy) is a summer camp held at NHA. It provides enrichment opportunities in the field of science for 4th -8th grades. The camp gives students a chance to utilize biology, chemistry, and physical science techniques used by forensic scientists to evaluate a crime scene. Students learn the science behind a crime scene investigation as well as how to analyze data collected in order to solve the crime. The camp runs for 1 week during the summer and costs \$100 per student. The entire amount collected is donated to the rising 6th grade class for their annual spring trip to Washington D.C.



Study Hall is held after school 4 days a week and is available for 4th through 6th grades. Students are provided with a quiet working environment in order to begin their studies. Students are taught organization skills, time management, and receive one-on-one tutoring. There is no cost for this program.



Dance (Ballet) is offered after school for girls in grades Pre-Kindergarten through 4th grade. The girls have fun while learning many of the basics of ballet. Some of the basics that are learned are the positions of the feet and arms, jumps, and ballet steps. The students also learn that we can worship God not only through our voices but also through our bodies. We also have fun getting to know each other better! The students perform in front of the school twice a year—around Christmas time and again in the spring.



The NHA Choir is open to students in 3rd - 6th grades. This is a music enrichment program to work specifically on singing skills. The Choir meets after school once a week. Each year, the choir members will have opportunities for special performances at NHA and out in the community. Members learn the importance of working together for a common goal, proper performance behaviors, and community service through performance. Membership in this group helps prepare students for the transition to middle school music groups.



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The Percussion Ensemble is open to students in 4th - 6th grades. This is a music enrichment program to work specifically on playing many types of percussion instruments in a group environment. The Percussion Ensemble meets before school once a week. Each year, the percussion ensemble members will have opportunities for special performances at NHA and out in our community. The percussion ensemble supports the spring musical. Beyond learning to play instrumental music, percussion ensemble members learn the importance of working together for a common goal, proper performance behaviors, and community service through performance. Membership in this group can help prepare students for the transition to middle school music groups.



ACORN is NHA's after school care program. More than child care, the ACORN program models the rich learning environment that our students experience throughout the day at New Hope. ACORN assists parents who, due to their work schedules, are not able to pick up their children at dismissal. During ACORN, students read, do their homework, learn life skills, and play games.



Chess Club is open to students in 3rd - 6th grades and meets once a week. Chess Club is designed to be fun and provide instructions on how to play the game. Students will leave Chess Club understanding the game and hopefully desiring to play it. All kids can benefit from chess. Kids may see it as just a game but research has shown that chess enhances scholastic abilities including test scores. It is an "exercise for the mind" and a fun way to practice concentration, patience, logic, and mental calculations.



Creative Writing is open to 4th - 6th graders who enjoy writing. It meets once a week after school to encourage young authors to continue to write and to provide publication/sharing opportunities. The writing club teaches writing skills particular to different genres of writing and creates an environment where the author's voice is heard and enjoyed. Members can enter various local and national writing contests and read their pieces aloud at our Family Book Fair night and at various school productions.

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