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## A New School Year at Hope Christian Academy

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.  
These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.  
Impress them on your children . . .”  
Deuteronomy 6:5-7a

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Knowing God’s will, loving Him enough to obey – that’s a **good disciple of Christ**. That’s what Hope Christian Academy instills in boys and girls each day as they learn strong academic fundamentals. We’re getting those field trips lined up to provide exciting climaxes to our study weeks and we’re adding a few surprises to the learning center too. Learning is so exciting and such a privilege.

You’ll soon be meeting Mrs. **Shauna Jundt** who is joining HCA staff to work in the office, communicating and serving our families’ needs. **Ed McClain** will head up learning center with **Amy Krussow**, **Lynn Truax**, and a trusted group of volunteers inspiring our students to learn. **Randy Krussow** will continue to oversee the high schoolers productivity and the administration of the school. **Todd Pankow** and **Mary Hale** will return to stimulate our children to grow in music. (And what an opportunity they offer. Be sure to take advantage of lessons in piano, voice, or instrument!) We have a nice group of students in the Kindergarten and First Grade room eager to learn about numbers and words from **Sue Dickhausen**. And **Mari Dingle** is getting ready to welcome the 3 and 4 year old pre-kindergarten kids!

HCA students will continue to get a healthy mix of **individualized paper PACE learning**, **online interactive learning**, and **classroom teacher-led learning**. We are finding that the classes the students take at school on the computer (and which they can log onto from their home computer) are much like some of the college classes they take when they graduate. Almost every year we hear back from HCA graduates expressing how easily they adjust to college rigors when they know how to set goals and get a little bit of the assigned learning tasks done each day.

We are still looking for “someones” with specialized interest areas in laying out a yearbook or learning Spanish and helping in the high school Spanish class or updating our web page.

Find more details about getting the school year started on the other side.



Pledging the American Flag and the Bible every day

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School office hours are 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. If you call and get the answering machine, leave a message and we will call you back soon. Students who stay after school for activities will be done by 5:00 p.m. unless they are involved in otherwise prearranged activities or an off-campus athletic practice. **School start time remains at 9:20 a.m. and closing time at 3:50 p.m.** We ask that students not arrive before 9:05 a.m. and be picked up by 4:00 p.m. unless special arrangements are made. Before or after school care is available for \$6 an hour/student if it is prearranged and prepaid, \$8 an hour if it is more spontaneous. District 833 Transportation (651-425-5303) will email families about **bus schedules**.



Hope is offering a **middle school age girls' volleyball team** again this fall. The schedule will be lighter with perhaps one practice and one game per week. Practice will begin the first week of school and more information will be coming. Homeschool students are welcome and encouraged to participate. They must be enrolled to attend. The athletic fees can be paid before the first game. The cost for the girls will be \$100 per student and \$150 per homeschool student not otherwise involved in the school. This is less than the posted varsity athletics fees. All athletes must have a doctor's physical every 3 years.

**Back-to-School Open House is Thursday, August 30, from 7:00-8:00 p.m.** It is also a chance for students to find their new office, outfit their locker, or bring a friend to show them where they go to school.

See the handbook for what is allowed at a student's desk. It's also a chance for students who want to get a jump on earning the first field trip to pick up a PACE and get learning!

**Lunch options and costs, a school supplies list, dress code . . .** all are included in the **Information Handbook** (gold covered booklet or online at [www.HopeChristianAcademy.org](http://www.HopeChristianAcademy.org) under the APPLY tab).

**Parent/Family Work Day or Night requirement is Saturday, August 25, 10:00-Noon; Monday, August 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m.;** or a contribution of \$150. According to page 23 in the handbook, families will provide at least one adult for 2 hours or contribute the non-participation fee. The whole family is welcome! We have decided to **cancel the potluck barbeque for lunch on Saturday.** There will be snacks at both work sessions.

**New student diagnostic testing and orientation is August 29 and 30, 9:00-12:00.** New K and PreK4 students should come only Wednesday at 10:00. New First Graders and PreK3 year-olds only on Thursday at 10:00. The 1<sup>st</sup>, K and PreK students will be done earlier than noon.

**Music lessons are available.** Mr. Todd Pankow offers voice and instrumental lessons and Mrs. Mary Hale provides piano instruction. Call Mr. Pankow (651-238-4085) or Mrs. Hale (651-459-6104) to discuss lessons for your student.

**New Parent Orientation is Thursday, September 20, 6:00-8:30 p.m.** All parents of students in grades 1-12 who are new to HCA or came into HCA after the start of last year and didn't attend orientation are required to attend. PreKindergarten and Kindergarten parents are exempt until their students are in first grade. The evening program will inform parents and maximize the spiritual and educational growth of their student. Parents will experience the learning center, hear testimonies from veteran parents, and learn helpful techniques to use at home from experienced teachers. Any parent that is not able to come on September 20 or misses part of the program will make it up individually at a later date.

The enclosed **response sheet** lists many of the items above and gives each family an opportunity to select their preferences for classes and activities. We need to hear from every family by August 18. Please drop the sheet off at school or send it by mail or email responses to: [office@HopeChristianAcademy.org](mailto:office@HopeChristianAcademy.org).

We look forward to seeing every one of you. If you have questions about upcoming events, check the HCA website or call the school (651-459-6438). Someone is in the office each weekday now preparing for the year. Stop on in! God has good plans for the kids at Hope Christian Academy. We have hope for the future as we live according to His will and way. You can be glad that you are investing in a daily Christian Education at Hope Christian Academy!

