

WEEKLY UPDATE FOR DECEMBER 16, 2011

Dear CHA Families,

Submissions to the Weekly Update are due to Ruth Sherrred at sherredr@chapel-hill.org by **8:00 AM Thursday**. All submissions must be in the form of an email and need to be proofed and ready to print prior to sending to Ruth.

To access the attachments mentioned in this Weekly Update, please click on this link:

<http://www.chapel-hill.org/667062.ihtml>

Here's this week's news:

[Christmas Musical Comments from the Chanhassen Community](#)

I wanted to let you know that my co-worker and I attended the musical Thursday morning. It was FANTASTIC! I cannot believe how great everyone did. They did such an amazing job remembering all their lines and really putting on a show. It was a real pleasure to watch. You are so blessed to have such an amazing musical director. She is a real talent. We look forward to the next performance! ~ Our CHA Bankers

WOW !!! What a pleasure. I want to thank you for the invitation to visit your school. I so enjoyed the holiday presentation on Friday. What a treat! The children really have some great talent and, of course, they really presented the message well. I really have to complement you on your staff, they really work well with children. Thank you again and have a Blessed and Joyous Christmas. ~ From your friends at Americana Community Bank

[Check Out Photos of Our Christmas Musical on Facebook](#)

Visit our Facebook page to view our Christmas Musical photo album:

www.facebook.com/ChapelHillAcademy.

[Important Cornerstone Announcement and Request](#)

We now have the capability through the Cornerstone Parent Portal to send out Alert Messages (Emergencies, School Closings, etc.) by email, text message **and** voice message. This Alert System will only be used for very special urgent messages or when we need to be sure that the message reaches you in a timely manner. This will NOT be used for the Weekly Update, correspondence directly from the teacher or other school-wide messages. We will continue to use our current email list for those messages. The most common use of the Alert System will probably be weather-related school closings and/or athletic events cancelled due to weather.

We need each family to set your preferences for these Alert messages. Attached is a PDF document that explains how to do this via your Cornerstone login account. Currently, your Alert preference is set to your primary email account. **If you want anything other than your primary email account to receive these urgent messages (such as your cell phone), please set your preferences NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31.** We will be using this system, as needed, after the first of the year. Please note that you only need to choose one option under each of the preferences. If you select text message and email, you will get two messages, one to your phone via text and one to your email.

If you have not yet logged onto your Cornerstone account, please do so ASAP. If you need assistance with your account, please email Beth Horner at hornerb@chapel-hill.org or Debbie Hansen at hansend@chapel-hill.org.

Thank you in advance for completing this very important task.

[Prayer Request for Mrs. Wigle](#)

As you may know, Mrs. Wigle's mother passed away last week. As Mr. and Mrs. Wigle and Mrs. Hamilton were returning back to Minnesota from the funeral, they were involved in a car accident. Mrs. Wigle is home recovering, and everyone is expected to fully recover. Please keep them in your prayers.

[Upcoming On-Line Survey: We Need Your Input!](#)

When school resumes, we will be surveying **each** parent in our CHA family. It is very important that each parent fills out this survey, as the questions will address key initiatives we will be working on this year. Each parent will receive an email addressed specifically to them with instructions on how to complete the 10-minute, on-line survey. Please look for more details at the beginning of January.

[Hot Lunch News](#)

It is time to order Hot Lunch for Quarter 3! Please follow this link to print the Quarter 3 Hot Lunch Menu and Order Form and **return the completed Order Form to the In Basket in the Parent Center by Tuesday, January 10**. Please note that beginning in Quarter 2, all hot lunch charges will be submitted to TADS accounts **at the end of each quarter**. They will then accurately reflect field trip credits as well as extra lunch charges on days when your child forgot their lunch and needed one from the kitchen. You will see Quarter 2 charges on your TADS account after January 23. Quarter 3 charges will be entered after March 23. A special thank you to Kelly Lee and Joan Jaeger for volunteering to serve samples and educate the children on new foods like hummus. Thank you ladies! If you have any questions, you can contact Hot Lunch at hotlunch@chapel-hill.org.

[Lost and Found](#)

Today, Friday, December 16, is your last day to claim items in the Lost and Found. **All remaining items will be donated to charity at the end of the school day.**

[Attention: Parents With Incoming 2012-13 Students! \(K-8th grade\)](#)

CHA is transitioning to on-line applications January 15. If you have an incoming student for next year (Kindergarten and/or grades 1-8), please send an email to the Admissions Office, winshipj@chapel-hill.org. You will receive information about the enrollment process for your child's particular grade, along with instructions on how to apply to CHA for 2012-13.

[Open Houses Are Fast Approaching!](#)

Open House dates are:

- **January 10, 6:30-8:00 PM**
- **February 18, 6:30-8:00 PM**

What does an Open House look like?

Kathy Tweeten gives a 20-minute presentation using our SmartBoard technology, and current parents offer their insights. Teachers will be available at each Open House to answer questions as families tour with Board members and staff. Our Open Houses are family friendly. Gym 2 will be set up with tables and "fun" for young visitors. Invite friends and contact Judy Winship at winshipj@chapel-hill.org if you would like to assist setting up, touring, helping families with young visitors or sharing your "parent perspective."

- 6:30 PM—Tours begin
- 7:00 PM—Presentation by Kathy Tweeten, "Welcome to CHA"
- 7:30 PM—Tours continue until 8:00 PM

NEEDED: People Who Know How to Use the Telephone

Are you willing to devote an hour or two to calling businesses about our Live & Silent Auction? The auction committee needs your help! We need people to call businesses who have donated in the past. These volunteers would follow up on Auction letters we will be sending out shortly. We will provide you with a list and can provide a script as well. If you are willing to help, please email auction@chapel-hill.org. See the announcement below for other ways in which you can be involved in the Auction. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this important fundraiser!

The Auction Needs YOU!

[Click on this link](#) to discover a variety of positions the Auction would like to fill. If you still have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Janet Siciliano and Carrie Newhouse, this year's Auction Co-coordinators, at auction@chapel-hill.org.

3rd Grade Coat Drive – All Coats Due Today

All coats are due today. Please drop them off at one of the 3rd grade classrooms. The coats must be size 2T-4T and neutral colors if possible.

IMPORTANT NOTE! Annual Corporation Meeting Date Change

Our Annual Corporation Meeting, which was originally scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, has been changed to **Friday, April 20, 2012**. To help encourage families to attend the meeting, PFA will be sponsoring a movie night in the old gym area while the Annual Corporation Meeting will be held in the auditorium. Please mark your calendars for this special time of fellowship!

Beautification Committee Blesses Chapel Hill

We continuously receive compliments from visitors about the attractiveness of our facilities and how well they are maintained. This is largely due to the creativity and diligence of Nikki O'Brien and our Beautification Committee. Our seasonal decorations, the artwork on our walls and all of the welcoming touches around the school are the work of these talented ladies. Thank you, Beautification Committee, for the many ways you bless our school!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

A note of sincere appreciation goes to our wonderful PFA group of ladies!!! You blessed the teachers and staff with a fabulous Christmas party. We were treated to delicious food, fun games and wonderful fellowship. You made us all feel very special. A special THANK YOU

goes to the Ocenasek family for opening up your home to all of us for this fun and memorable night.

[Congratulations, Miss Franz!](#)

Chapel Hill Academy is pleased to announce that our dear Kindergarten teacher, Miss Franz, is engaged to be married! Her fiance's name is William (Bill) Haley, and he resides in Waseca, MN. Karen and Bill will be married on Saturday, March 3, at Bethel Mennonite Church in Mt. Lake.

[Chapel Offering Update](#)

Our offering for December 7 was \$85.55. Our offering is used to support our \$3,360 annual commitment to sponsor the Christian education of international students. We need \$94 a week on average to fulfill our commitment.

[Jessica Santjer's Sports Corner:](#)

Character Trait: DISCERNMENT

Verse: *Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.* ~ Romans 8:5

Come cheer on our Cougars!

Upcoming Home Games: All Cub teams are away. We will be back in action at CHA on Tuesday, January 3 for varsity and Saturday, January 7 for Cub.

[Your Volunteer Time May Be Worth Money!](#)

Chapel Hill Academy is now registered with VolunteerMatch.org. What this means for you is if your organization is registered with VolunteerMatch.org, and you volunteer at CHA, your organization may match your time volunteered. For example, if you work for Allina, your volunteered time can be matched up to \$100 to CHA. If you have any questions, contact Brenda Bergstrom at bergstromb@chapel-hill.org or 952-239-5590.

[Target Will Donate to CHA Through YOU!](#)

Discover how you can donate to CHA every time you shop at Target! ([Read more: "Target Will Donate to CHA Through YOU!"](#)) [Click here](#) to enroll in the Take Charge of Education program to easily designate Chapel Hill Academy.

[Give to CHA Now!](#)

[Click on this link](#) to donate to Chapel Hill Academy. Or, contact our Director of Development, Brenda Bergstrom at bergstromb@chapel-hill.org. *Thank you for partnering with us to make a difference for Eternity!*

[Do You Participate In United Way Donations?](#)

Chapel Hill Academy is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit corporation and can be designated for United Way Donations. Our employer Tax ID # is 41-0965970. Consider supporting Chapel Hill Academy through United Way donations, and be sure to let others who would

like to support Christian education know that we are eligible. Contact Leslie Robertson robertsonl@chapel-hill.org if you have any questions.

Corporate Matching Gifts

Our accreditation makes Chapel Hill Academy eligible for Corporate Matching Gift programs. Please contact your employer for their corporate match forms to be turned in with year-end donations this year.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND REMINDERS

DECEMBER

Fri	16	Christmas Celebration Chapel – Chapel Dress Required (Boys are to wear nice dress shirts and ties and girls should wear Christmas dresses or skirts and tops) 12:30 PM, Auditorium
Fri	16	All Lost and Found Items Donated to Charity
Fri	16	1:30 PM – Early Dismissal – Cougar Care Available
Mon-Fri	19-30	Christmas Vacation – <u>NO SCHOOL</u> Merry Christmas!

JANUARY

Mon	2	School Resumes
Wed	4	Chapel – Chapel Dress Required (Girls may wear dress pants. Dresses or skirts should be no shorter than the top of the knee) 8:35 AM – Grades 5 – 8 Speaker: Jennie Coughlin Music: Worship Team 9:20 AM – Grades K – 4 Speaker: Kelly Morton & Family Music: 3rd Grade
Tue	10	Hot Lunch Orders Due
Tue	10	Open House/Information Night (for prospective families) 6:30 – 8:00 PM
Wed	11	Chapel – Chapel Dress Required (Girls may wear dress pants. Dresses or skirts should be no shorter than the top of the knee) 8:35 AM – Grades 5 – 8 Speaker: Jennie Coughlin Music: Worship Team 9:20 AM – Grades K – 4 Speaker: Kelly Morton & Family Music: 3rd Grade
Mon	16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – <u>NO SCHOOL</u>
Wed	18	Chapel – Chapel Dress Required (Girls may wear dress pants. Dresses or skirts should be no shorter than the top of the knee) 8:35 AM – Grades 5 – 8

		Speaker: Jennie Coughlin Music: Worship Team 9:20 AM – Grades K – 4 Speaker: Dale Boen Music: 2nd Grade
Fri	20	End of Second quarter Early dismissal Day – 1:30 PM Teacher Professional Development
Mon	23	Third Quarter Begins
Mon-Fri	23-27	Spirit Week
Wed	25	Chapel – Chapel Dress Required (Girls may wear dress pants. Dresses or skirts should be no shorter than the top of the knee) 8:35 AM – Grades 5 – 8 Speaker: Jennie Coughlin Music: Worship Team 9:20 AM – Grades K – 4 Speaker: Dale Boen Music: 2nd Grade
Fri	27	Winter Olympics (Grades 1-6)