

WEEKLY UPDATE FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2012

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:

Parent Feedback

I am giving a gift to CHA in honor of the great teachers at Chapel Hill. Our 1st grade daughter has loved being there and has been greatly influenced by her teachers!

~ A Current CHA family

Secure a Spot for your Child in his or her Classroom!

Re-enrollment season is just around the corner and will be available on-line this year on **February 16!** Look for an all-school email on **February 16** outlining details, including an Early Bird Discount on your re-enrollment fee for 2012-13!

ACSI District Spelling Bee Results - CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

On Friday, February 3, 2012, sixteen students represented Chapel Hill Academy at the ACSI District Spelling Bee in Farmington, MN. Having first won the spelling bee in their own classrooms, the students were able to compete against the representatives from other area Christian schools. Three of our students earned the right to compete in the afternoon final round spell-down by placing first or second in the morning grade-level competitions. Of those three students, two earned the right to move on to the Regional Spelling Bee in Rockford, IL. The Regional Spelling Bee will take place Friday, March 30, 2012. Way to go, spellers!! We are thankful for all of your hard work and for your willingness to use your abilities for God's glory.

1 st	Daniel B., 1M	2 nd Place	Garrett L., 1R	1 st Place
2 nd	Katie N., 2R	4 th Place	Bella A., 2W	
3 rd	Caden W., 3C	1 st Place	Jada A., 3T	
4 th	Julia M., 4L	3 rd Place	Rachel J., 4O	
5 th	Christina C., 5H	1 st Place	Matthew B., 5K	
6 th	Alex C., 6H	4 th Place	Sydney J., 6M	
7 th	Emily A.	3 rd Place	Kelsey W.	2 nd Place
8 th	Peyton S.	2 nd Place	James A.	4 th Place

Final Spelldown Round: Christina C. - 1st Place – Able to advance to Regionals in IL
Peyton S. - 4th Place – Able to advance to Regionals in IL
Kelsey W. - 8th Place

Second Quarter Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following Junior High students for their second quarter academic achievements!

7th Grade A Honor Roll: 3.75 and above

Calli B., Graham B., Kylie D., Paris D., Marissa J., Cate M., Alex N., Megan O., Sophie P., Matthew R., Alissa T., Zachary W.

7th Grade B Honor Roll: 2.75 – 3.74

Emilie A., Sarah B., Sofie B., Marlee D., Carson D., Carl E., Tori G., Maria L., Evan R., Karina R., Stefan S., Malia S., Charlie S.

8th Grade A Honor Roll: 3.75 and above

James A., Noah O., Matthew O., Colin P.

8th Grade B Honor Roll: 2.75 – 3.74

Delaney D., Peter D., Kirstin E., Angela F., Lydia J., Sam J., Colby K., Sean K., Luke L., Andrew M., Berette M., Luke M., Sammy M., Cody P., Peyton S., Riley S., Abbie S., Elliot S., Karissa V., Faith W., Catherine W.

PFA Meeting Monday, February, 13, 11:00 AM

Please join us as we welcome our special guest speaker, Heather Flies, as she shares with us about the "*5 Must-Have Godly Conversations With Your Kids*". **We will meet in the Chanhassen Library's, Wilder Room.** Plan to arrive early, 10:30 AM, for treats, coffee and fellowship. You will not want to miss this opportunity!

CHA and KTIS 98.5 are Partnering this Month! Tune in!

Tune in to KTIS 98.5 **the week of February 13-17 and February 20-23!** CHA promotional spots will be running these days during the drive time, 6-9 AM and 4-6 PM.

There will be a total of thirty spots and six drive time sponsorships during those two weeks that will feature our upcoming Open House on February 23 and announcing our new Welcome Wednesdays.

We appreciate how KTIS brings the message of the Christ to the Twin Cities and we are excited to continue partnering with them!

Faith in Action!

The Spiritual Life Committee is pleased to introduce to you a new aspect to Chapel! Faith in Action! James 2:17 "...faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." Faith in Action is a short video clip that is shown each week at Chapel that highlights a student, parent, teacher, or...that has chosen to take a verse from God's Word and live it out to impact the world for Christ. The idea behind the video is to bring glory to God and not elevate the person on the screen. The goal is to help "spur" one another on to live out our faith. Please be on the lookout at home, school, sports teams, anywhere and be encouraging your child to put their faith in action. When God uses your child in a situation that you think can help encourage another believer, please let your teacher know and your child will become a candidate for one of our Faith in Action video clips. Come to Chapel Wednesday's 8:25-9:15 AM and/or 9:25-10:00 AM for great teaching and to see our students living out their Faith in Action!

CHA Parents - We Need Your Input!

In partnership with GraceWorks Ministries, we have developed an important on-line survey process that will take you about 10 to 15 minutes to complete. The survey results will be compared to other Christian schools across the nation and the results will be used to identify strengths and weaknesses of Chapel Hill Academy. Your answers can be totally confidential, if you wish. As you know, your feedback helps make CHA a better school as we consider changes based on what we hear from you.

You will receive an email by **Monday, February 20**, with details including a survey ID number for each parent in the family. **The deadline for filling out the survey is Tuesday, March 20.** Please contact Judy Winship at winshipj@chapel-hill.org with questions regarding the survey.

Missions Week Chapels

Chapels during Missions Week are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, February 28: 2:15-3:10 PM

Wednesday, February 29: 8:30-9:25 AM

Thursday, March 1: 2:15-3:10 PM

Please join us for this special week!

Spring Musical Performances

The Spring Musical groupings for this year will be as follows: Thursday performances – 5K, 6H, 7D and 8D; Friday performances – 5H, 6M, 7C, 8C.

2012-13 Calendars Now on Our Website

The 2012-13 Coded and Events Calendars are now on our website. Just click on the "Calendars" Quick Link in the center of our home page to access them.

Art Club Info

Join your friends in grades 1-8 for after-school Art Club. Mrs. Sweeney will team up with Mrs. Ann Renfro and give instruction using a variety of art/craft mediums in projects involving drawing, painting, sculpture and craft. Projects will be "out of the box" fun while learning art processes and problem solving strategies. Projects will be modified for different ages and abilities. Class will be **on Wednesdays starting February 15 through March 21. Cost: \$75 for 6 weeks plus \$10 materials cost.** Contact Lisa Sweeney with any questions at sweeneyl@chapel-hill.org. Fill out the Art Club Waiver form and the Art Club Registration form (found in the Parent Center) and return them to Mrs. Sweeney to enroll in this activity.

Minnesota State Tax Return Tax Tip for Families with Students in Private K-12 Schools

K-12 Education Subtraction allows you to subtract your tuition expenses up to a maximum of \$1,625.00 per child in grades K-6 and \$2,500.00 for grades 7-12. In the case where a child went from 6th grade to 7th grade during the calendar year, the maximum deduction for that child is \$2,500.00. **You can access your TADS account for detailed record of your tuition paid from July – December 2011.** For more information, please access the following website www.taxes.state.mn.us or see the following documents found in the

Parent Center: *K-12 Education Subtraction and Credit Fact Sheet* and *The Minnesota Independent School Forum-Eligibility Requirements and Definitions*.

Mark Your Calendars!

This year's **Live and Silent Auction** will be held on **Saturday, March 24, at Bayview Event Center in Excelsior**—right next to Maynard's, and overlooking Lake Minnetonka. This year marks the 10th Annual Auction for Chapel Hill. Plan to come and enjoy the fellowship and good-natured competition! Please contact auction@chapel-hill.org if you have questions.

Admissions Updates

Upcoming Open House – Thursday, February 23, 6:30-8:00 PM

6:30-7:30 PM ~ Tour the campus and meet teachers

7:30-8:00 PM ~ Information session by our Head of School, Kathy Tweeten

Chapel Hill Announces "Welcome Wednesdays" from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Starting February 15, Prospective CHA families are welcome to stop by any Wednesday that school is in session and meet our Administrators, see the school and acquire information about student life at CHA.

Chapel Hill Parents with 2012-13 Kindergarten Students: If you have an incoming Kindergarten student next year, you should have been contacted by Laura Walters to set up a Kindergarten Assessment. If that has not happened, please contact the Admissions Office at winshipj@chapel-hill.org. Also, applications for NEW incoming students are now being taken and are a requirement for enrollment even if you are a current family. Please go to the following link at <http://mytads.com/a/ChapelHill>, to apply on-line. Current families can fill in the testimony section of the application or indicate that a testimony is on record in a sibling's file. For example, just note, "See William's file."

Health Office Information

The annual **Walk for the Cure of Diabetes**, sponsored by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), will take place on **Saturday, February 25, at the Mall of America**. Please join other CHA families in supporting Megan in Grade 8, by registering for her team, "Miracles for Megan," by going to the website www.jdrf.org. Click *Register for a Walk Now*. Click *State* and go to *Minnesota*. Click *Mall of America, Bloomington*. Click *Register for this Walk*. Click *Select a Team*. Click *Miracles for Megan*. Click *Team Captain*, and enter "Teresa Liesener."

If you cannot walk with us but would like to donate to Megan's team, please visit www.jdrf.org, click on the orange *Donate* tab at the top, then click on the tab with the sneaker next to it that says "Click here to donate to a walker." Follow the instructions to donate to Megan Liesener, the walker. Her team name is "Miracles for Megan" and her team captain is Teresa Liesener. Thank you for your support!

Schedule

7:00 AM - Registration begins

8:00 AM - Walk around the MOA—this is a leisurely stroll through the mall

9:00 AM - Walk concludes with a celebration ceremony in the East rotunda

If you have questions please contact Megan's mother, Teresa, at (952-949-0529) or tliesener@comcast.net.

FREE KIDNEY DISEASE SCREENINGS: Kidney disease affects one out of every nine people. The National Kidney Foundation is sponsoring a series of free kidney health screenings. For additional information call 651-636-7300 or visit www.nkfmdi.org and click on the KEEP program. Here is the upcoming screening schedule:

- **March 8, 2012**
Brian Coyle Center – 420 15th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55454
2:00 – 6:00 PM [Pre-Register for this event](#)
- **April 7, 2012**
Maplewood Community Center – 2100 White Bear Avenue, Maplewood, MN 55109
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
651-636-7300 [Pre-Register for this event](#)

Chapel Offering Update

Our offering for February 8 was \$87.62. The Chapel 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 Santier's Sports Corner:

4th Grade basketball tournament for boys and girls will take place on **Saturday, March 3**, at **Holy Family Catholic High School in Victoria**. It is a single elimination tournament.

Grades 5-8 will start their basketball tournament on **Monday, February 27**. Locations and times will come out around **February 20**.

Character Trait: PERSEVERANCE

Verse: *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men...* ~ Colossians 3:23

Come cheer on our Cougars!

Upcoming Home Games

Saturday, February 11

8:00 AM – 4th Grade Girls
9:15 AM – 4th Grade Girls
10:30 AM – 5th Grade Boys
11:45 AM – 6th Grade Boys

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!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND REMINDERS

FEBRUARY

Mon	13	PFA Meeting 11:00 AM, Chanhassen Library, Wilder Room Guest Speaker: Heather Flies Topic: "5 Must-Have Godly Conversations with Your Kids"
Wed	15	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: 5K 9:20 AM – Grades K – 4 Speaker: Mary Lauerman Music: 1st Grade
Wed	15	Welcome Wednesday's 10:00 AM–2:00 PM
Thu	16	Re-registration Forms Published for 2012-13
Thu	16	Early Dismissal Day – 1:30 PM Teacher Professional Development
Fri	17	Parent-Teacher Conferences – NO SCHOOL (K-8)
Mon	20	President's Day – NO SCHOOL
Tue-Fri	21-24	Open House Week for Prospective Families
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Wed	22	Welcome Wednesdays 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Thu	23	Open House/Information Night (for Prospective Families) 6:30 – 8:00 PM
Mon-Wed	27-29	Missions Week
Tue	28	Missions Week Chapel 2:15-3:10 PM, Auditorium
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