

## WEEKLY UPDATE FOR JANUARY 6, 2012

Dear CHA Families,

Submissions to the Weekly Update are due to Ruth Sherrred at [sherredr@chapel-hill.org](mailto: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:

### [Quote from a 3rd Grade Mom](#)

*I wanted to share with you how happy and inspired my son was that his prayer was shared in Chapel last week. He prayed later that night, thanking God for that opportunity. He then told me that he is interested in writing some sermons! My son has always been an avid writer and it is very exciting to see how his experiences at CHA are supporting him in using this passion to glorify God! ~ Mom of a CHA 3rd grader*

### [Note for Next Week's Weekly Update](#)

Next week's Weekly Update will be posted on Wednesday, January 11, and not on Friday due to training. Please have your announcements to Ruth by **8:00 AM Tuesday, January 10**. All submissions should be proofed and ready to print.

### [Facebook Fun](#)

CHA alumni have joined in our Facebook fun! Check out their photos – do you recognize anyone? Add comments or your own photos!

### [A Note From Joy Wigle](#)

Dear CHA Family ~ Thank you so much for all of your love and prayers and sweet cards, notes and gifts! You are all so appreciated! Thanks also for the beautiful plant! I love you all and thank God for you! ~ Joy Wigle

### [Upcoming Pastor Appreciation Event](#)

Chapel Hill Academy will be holding a Pastors & Spouses Appreciation event on **Wednesday, January 18**. Your student(s) will be coming home on Friday with an invitation to this event, and we encourage them to give the invitation to a pastor at your church who they would like to invite. The event will consist of pastors and their spouses receiving recognition at our Chapel and then attending a reception in their honor.

### [Remember to Sign Up for Cornerstone Alerts ASAP](#)

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 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** As of the first of the year, we are using this system as needed. 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](mailto:hornerb@chapel-hill.org) or Debbie Hansen at [hansend@chapel-hill.org](mailto:hansend@chapel-hill.org).

Thank you in advance for completing this very important task.

### **Art Note-We Need Your Vote!**

**Parents:** Please take a stroll down the hallways by the auditorium to view the displayed artwork. Back in September, every class was given a famous piece of artwork to interpret in colored pulp on a 16"x16" frame for handmade paper. Each piece is unique and totally made by the students. We would like to invite parents, students, teachers and staff to **vote on their three (3) favorites.** The top three will be professionally framed and sold at the Live & Silent Auction coming up in March. **Voting can be done in person or on our Chapel Hill Facebook page.** If you are voting in person, please use the slips of paper outside the art room and deposit your ballot in the marked basket. **All votes must be submitted by 3:30 PM on Friday, January 20.** Any questions – email Lisa Sweeney at [sweeneyl@chapel-hill.org](mailto:sweeneyl@chapel-hill.org).

### **Upcoming On-Line Survey: Reminder to Respond**

Just a reminder to all parents that we will be sending you an on-line survey shortly. It is very important that we hear back from **each parent** (this is an individual survey and not to be filled out as a couple). Results from this survey will assist us in addressing key school initiatives for the upcoming year.

### **Hot Lunch Orders Due This Tuesday, January 10**

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 and lunch charges on days when your child forgot their lunch and needed one from the kitchen. You will see Quarter 2 charges as well as any unpaid "forgot my lunch" charges incurred since October 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](mailto:hotlunch@chapel-hill.org).

**Our Second Culver’s Night is this Tuesday January 10!**

Here’s the scoop! Please support the 6th Grade Mission project at the Chanhassen Culver's. The 6th graders will be serving any purchases made between **3:30-6:30 PM**. Culver's will donate 10% of what is spent during this time (drive through included) to the 6th grade mission, the Chapel Hill Scholarship Fund! You can stop by Culver's **RIGHT AFTER SCHOOL** for an early dinner or yummy ice cream treat, or you can come back as a family to enjoy a delicious dinner and great fellowship with other CHA families! All the money earned goes right back to our school. The grade with the most participants after the three Culver’s missions nights will win a free frozen treat party for their grade! **Forms to track families attending are in the Parent Center**. Check out the ice cream scoops in the lunchroom to see which grade is winning! After this event CHA will only have one more Culver’s night. Make plans now to support this great mission. Invite your family and friends. **We hope to see YOU this Tuesday!**

**Health Office Information:**

Please remember to review your “**Illness Exclusion from School**” policy again, as it has information that will assist you in determining when to keep your ill child at home and when to send them back to school after an illness. If you have questions about the information on the list, please contact the nurse at [suras@chapel-hill.org](mailto:suras@chapel-hill.org). Thank you for assisting us in keeping our children and staff as healthy as possible this winter!

**Give Kids A Smile** is now in its 10th year. This charitable organization is coordinated by the Minnesota Dental Association, and the goal is to provide free care to low-income children in need. This two-day event is scheduled for **Friday, February 3, and Saturday, February 4, 2012**. Please check the following website for specific information on this event. [http://www.mndental.org/public\\_home/about\\_us/give\\_kids\\_a\\_smile/](http://www.mndental.org/public_home/about_us/give_kids_a_smile/)

**MEDICATIONS FOR COUGAR CARE STUDENTS:** Many students have medication stored in the Health Office during the school year. **All student medications are locked in the Health Office after 3:20 PM each day, and Cougar Care personnel do not have access to these medications for the students.** If your child may require medication during their time in Cougar Care, please make arrangements with the Cougar Care staff.

**Spirit Week Information**

Please note that Crazy Day (January 26) is the only day you may color your hair and use face paint.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SPECIAL WEAR</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Friday, January 20	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Only Duo/Trio/Quad Day	Pep Fest and Basketball Game
Monday, January 23	Flannel and Fleece Day	
Tuesday, January 24	Decades Day	
Wednesday, January 25	Ladies and Gentlemen Day	
Thursday, January 26	Crazy Day	
Friday, January 27	Sports Day	Winter Olympics-Elementary Bowling – Jr. High

### **Third Grade Service Project-Shoes for Children in Guatemala!**

We will be collecting new/gently-used shoes for children in Guatemala. Wooddale Church is sending a short-term missions team to Guatemala in February. The group will complete a number of service projects while in Guatemala including handing out shoes to needy children. Many of the children in Guatemala go without shoes due to poverty. Children's shoe donations can be dropped off in the 3rd Grade classrooms by **Friday, January 20**.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **First Open House is This Tuesday!**

It's Open House time! Open House dates are:

- **January 10, 6:30-8:00 PM**
- **February 23, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:auction@chapel-hill.org).

### **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!

### **Buck Hill Ski Day for CHA**

Please join other CHA skiing enthusiasts at our annual Buck Hill day on **Friday January 20, after early dismissal**. Join us at the hill at 2:00 PM for a free group lesson (exact time TBD at this point). Lift ticket and ski rental is only \$16.00. Forms can be found in the Parent Center. **Checks need to be made out to Tracy Snader and returned to the front office no later than Friday, January, 13.** Anyone is welcome to join us. For more information, please contact Tracy at [DTSnader@aol.com](mailto:DTSnader@aol.com). See you at the hill!

### **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:** HUMILITY

**Verse:** *Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.* ~ Philippians 2:3

Come cheer on our Cougars!

#### **Upcoming Home Games:**

##### Saturday, January 7

8:00 AM – 5th Grade Boys

9:15 AM – 4th Grade Boys

10:30 AM – 5th Grade Girls

11:45 AM – 4th Grade Girls

##### Tuesday, January 10

4:30 PM – Boys Varsity Silver

5:45 PM – Girls Varsity Bronze

7:00 PM – Boys Varsity Bronze

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

### **JANUARY**

<b>Tue</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Hot Lunch Orders Due</b>
Tue	10	CHA Culver's Night 3:30 – 6:30 PM Culver's Chanhassen
Tue	10	Open House/Information Night (for prospective families) 6:30 – 8:00 PM
Wed	11	Chapel – <b>Chapel Dress Required</b> <b>(Girls may wear dress pants. Dresses or skirts should be no shorter than the top of the knee)</b> 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
<b>Mon</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – <u>NO SCHOOL</u></b>
Wed	18	Pastors & Spouses Appreciation event 8:35 AM – Chapel, Auditorium 9:10 AM – Reception, Old Gym
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Fri	20	All 3rd Grade Shoe Donations Due
Fri	20	All Votes for Artwork Due at 3:30 PM

Fri	20	Spirit Week Kick Off 8th Grade Duo/Trio/Quad Day Pep Fest & Basketball Game – 8th Grade Boys vs. Dads
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 <b>Monday</b> -Flannel & Fleece Day <b>Tuesday</b> -Decades Day <b>Wednesday</b> -Ladies and Gentlemen Day <b>Thursday</b> - Crazy Day (hair color & face paint allowed ONLY on this day) <b>Friday</b> -Sports Day-Winter Olympics (Elementary Grades), Bowling (Jr. High)
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