

## WEEKLY UPDATE FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2011

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:

### [A Parent Comments about Grandparent's Day](#)

"Thank you, Chapel Hill, for reaching out to our daughters' great-grandfather on Grandparent's Day. He was deeply touched by your personal care and love for him. Chapel Hill is the most welcoming school."

### [All-School Envelope Coming Home Today](#)

Your youngest child attending CHA will be bringing home an all-school envelope today. This envelope will contain our November issue of our newsletter, flyers announcing a CHA Gingerbread Contest and Display and Open House material from Admissions. Please take time to look through this material.

### [Chapel Hill Academy Is On Facebook!](#)

Join the Chapel Hill "Family of Families" on our Facebook page! If you have trouble finding our page go to [facebook.com/ChapelHillAcademy](https://www.facebook.com/ChapelHillAcademy). Like us and let us know what you think! Browse through our photo albums! Post your own photos! Please note that we do not allow people to be "tagged," or identified, in any of the photos, and Chapel Hill Academy will remove any content that we deem inappropriate.

### [Are You Wearing Your Wristbands?](#)

Post your photos of you/your family wearing your CHA "Family of Families" wristband on our Facebook page!

### [Art Congratulations](#)

Congratulations to Lauren B. (5H) who was selected by your votes as Artsonia's Finalist of the Week. Lauren received 385 votes, thanks to all of you who went online and voted. Mrs. Sweeney will be presenting Lauren with a certificate in class.

### [Let's Grow our "Family of Families" Together!](#)

Look for a letter, along with the following items from our Admission's Office in your all school envelope. Use these as a resource when you are in our community to spread the word:

- Three postcards

- Six business size cards (Mini CHA billboards)

Additional supplies will be available in the front office. Contact Judy Winship at [winshipj@chapel-hill.org](mailto:winshipj@chapel-hill.org) if you would like supplies in bulk for an event, your bible study, neighborhood, etc.

Below are a few simple ways we can work together to increase enrollment and make the most of the mission of CHA:

- Put one of the enclosed postcards on your refrigerator as a prayer and invite reminder.
- Carry the business size cards with you in your wallets and purses to easily pass on.
- Invite those in your network to an Open House, the Christmas musical or another event.
- Offer to set up a tour/meeting with our Admissions Office.
- Encourage a friend to shadow day at CHA with your son or daughter.
- "Like" Chapel Hill Academy on Facebook if you are a Facebook user. (Look for the page that features the CHA fall campus picture.) Make comments that share your heart.
- Contact our Admissions Office if you would like to distribute postcards to an area preschool in mid-December.

Thank you again for ALL your efforts in sharing the heart of Chapel Hill Academy with those around you!

### **Family Fun for Thanksgiving!**

CHA is holding a gingerbread contest and display. Get the whole family involved in this fun and see what you can create over the Thanksgiving break! **All entries are due on Monday, November 28**, the day we come back from Thanksgiving break. The entries will be displayed in the Parent Center until Christmas Break. **PLUS**, you can enter your house in a second contest – Chanhassen's Gingerbread House Decorating Contest. These entries will be displayed at Chanhassen's Tree Lighting Ceremony on **Saturday, December 3**, so you can join the festivities and see your artwork displayed!

**Two flyers came home in today's all-school envelope.** One explains the CHA gingerbread contest and the other is for Chanhassen's gingerbread contest. If you have any questions or need further information, contact either Ruth Sherrred at [sherrredr@chapel-hill.org](mailto:sherrredr@chapel-hill.org) or Brenda Bergstrom at [bergstromb@chapel-hill.org](mailto:bergstromb@chapel-hill.org).

### **Start Your Christmas Shopping at CHA!**

It's that time of year again. And Scrips are coming to the rescue! Scrips make life easy for you during this bustling time of year. Everyone loves receiving gift cards: teachers, friends, mail carrier, paper carrier, babysitter, you name it! Plus, you can benefit Chapel Hill by purchasing your gift cards through Scrips. With every Scrips gift card you purchase, a portion of the proceeds is donated to CHA. Consider using Scrips gift cards for your everyday shopping as well! CHA will have some of the more popular cards on hand for purchase. Please see Maura, our receptionist, if you are interested. Go to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) for a complete list.

As an additional benefit to CHA, redeem your gift cards through Shop4CHA.com!

### **Poinsettia and Christmas Greens Pick Up**

**This Monday, November 21, starting at noon, your poinsettias and Christmas greens** will be here for you to pick up in the old gym. Please contact Brenda Schmidt with any questions at 952-826-0888.

### [No Weekly Update Next Week](#)

Due to the shortened Thanksgiving week, you will not receive a Weekly Update next week. You will receive your next Weekly Update on **Friday, December 2**.

### [Important Parent Reminder](#)

In order to keep our parking lot pick-up time safe, here are a few safety reminders:

- You may never leave your car unattended in the pick-up line. If you come early and need to leave your car for any reason, you need to drive out of the pick-up line and park in the parking lot. Recently several people have left their cars unattended, which has made a very unsafe condition as cars are forced to drive around the parked cars and put our children in harm's way.
- When walking through the parking lot during pick-up times, please keep your children on the island sidewalk as long as possible. It is unsafe to cut through the parking lot with your children, dodging in and out between cars.

Thank you for all your help to keep our pick-up and drop-off times as safe as possible!

### [First Grade Teams Up with Jr. High for Their Food Drive](#)

The Junior High Ministry Team (JHMT) is teaming with 1st grade and sponsoring a Fall Food Drive to help the needy in our community. We are asking each student to donate canned food as we strive to share our gifts with God's people. Items that are currently needed are posted on signs around the school. Please bring the canned food into your child's classroom between **Monday, November 14, and Tuesday, December 6**. *For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in...The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."* ~ Matthew 25:35 & 40

### ["Little House Sampler" Class](#)

Mrs. Willett and Miss Franz are teaming up to offer a fun, activity-filled class for students in grades K-5 that is based on the popular "Little House" book series. We will be reading excerpts from several of the books and providing a variety of corresponding hands-on activities. The series of 8 classes will be held from 3:15-4:30 PM every Tuesday afternoon from **January 3 – February 21**. Cost is \$75 for each participant. For more information, please contact Karen Franz: [franzk@chapel-hill.org](mailto:franzk@chapel-hill.org) or stop by her classroom to pick up a registration form. Registration deadline is **Friday, December 2**.

### [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.

### [Reminder from Mrs. Wigle](#)

Just a little reminder that all the 5th – 8th grade classes will be singing in our **annual Christmas Chapel on Friday, December 16, 2011, at 12:30 PM**. The guys need to

wear nice dress shirts and ties and the gals Christmas dresses or skirts and tops. So mark the date on your calendars; you will not want to miss this!

### **[Extra Scripture Planners for Sale](#)**

[Click on this link to read more. . .](#)

### **[First Quarter Report Cards](#)**

[Click on this link to read more. . .](#)

### **[Urgent Call for Parents Passionate About Worship Music](#)**

[Click on this link to read more. . .](#)

### **[CHA T-Shirts:](#)**

[Click on this link to read more. . .](#)

### **[Microsoft Office 2010 Pro Plus Special Offer to ACSI Families](#)**

ACSI and Paragon Micro/EDU are offering Microsoft Office 2010 Pro Plus for Windows or Mac to all ACSI families for only \$99. [Click on this link for more information.](#)

### **[The Christmas Musical Needs Volunteers!](#)**

The Music Department needs volunteers to help with backdrops and working our sound system during the week of practices and musicals. Please let Mrs. Wigle know if you can help in any way ([wiglej@chapel-hill.org](mailto:wiglej@chapel-hill.org)) and thanks so much!

### **[Christmas Musical Performances](#)**

[Click on this link to read more.](#)

### **[Costume Information for the Christmas Musical, \*The Night Before Christmas Caper\*:](#)**

[Click on this link to read more.](#)

### **[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).

### **[Chapel Offering Update](#)**

Our offering for November 9 was \$86.95. 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:** TEAMWORK

**Verse:** *Now the body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body.* ~ 1 Corinthians 12:14

**Basketball Games** – Games start the first week in December and will continue through the first week in March. Varsity should plan on games starting Thursday, December 1 and Cub will start Saturday, December 3.

**Game Schedules** - You should receive game schedules this week via e-mail.

### **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**

### **NOVEMBER**

Tue	22	Thanksgiving Celebration Chapel 12:30 PM, Auditorium
Tue	22	Early Dismissal – 1:30 PM
Wed-Fri	23-25	Thanksgiving Break – <b><u>NO SCHOOL</u></b>
Wed	30	Chapel – <b>Chapel Dress Required</b> <b>(Girls are required to wear dresses or skirts that are no shorter than the top of the knee)</b> 8:35 AM – Grades 5 – 8 Speaker: Travis Armstrong Music: 5th Grade 9:20 AM – Grades K – 4 Speaker: A. J. Aumock Music: 4th Grade

**DECEMBER**

Wed	7	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: Travis Armstrong Music: 5th Grade 9:20 AM – Grades K – 4 Speaker: A. J. Aumock Music: 4th Grade
Thu	8	Christmas Musical – K-4 1:15 & 6:45 PM Kf, 1M, 2W, 3C, 4L CHA Auditorium
Fri	9	Christmas Musical – K-4 9:45 AM & 6:45 PM Kam, 1R, 2R, 3T, 4O CHA Auditorium
Fri	16	Christmas Celebration Chapel – <b>Chapel Dress Required</b> <b>(Boys are to wear nice dress shirts and ties and girls should wear Christmas dresses or skirts and tops)</b> 12:30 PM, Auditorium
Fri	16	1:30 PM – Early Dismissal – Cougar Care Available
<b>Mon-Fri</b>	<b>19-30</b>	<b>Christmas Vacation – <u>NO SCHOOL</u></b> <b>Merry Christmas!</b>