



The Journey Newsletter



“From Good to Great in God’s Eyes” at NWHCS

A Note From the Director, Donna Beaver

Spring is a busy time at school. I pray everyone had a safe and restful spring break. It is hard to believe we are on the home-stretch for the school year.

We are currently enrolling for the 2010-2011 school year. God has blessed our school and we have a couple grades almost full. Don't delay in turning in your re-enrollment forms for next year to ensure your student has a place here at Northwest Hills. In addition, the middle school will be adding a Spanish program for 6th through 8th grade every day. We are also adding new electives choices for our middle school students. We hope to finalize the offerings this week, so we will be able to introduce the choices to the students and parents soon.

Our “Spring Festival” is right

around the corner. We still need volunteers to help prepare for our annual festival. If you would like to volunteer please contact the office. We will need a lot of volunteers on the day of the festival. This is a huge fundraising event for our school. We are planning to use the funds to work on our fields. We hope you will join in the effort to make this the most successful festival in the history of the school.

Another fun event scheduled for April 28th is a sport fun filled “Field Day.” Coach Head is planning to have our first official field day for all the students. The students will enjoy a day of athletic competition in our beautiful spring weather. Coach Head will need volunteers to help run the events. If you are interested in helping with this event contact Coach Head or

your child’s homeroom teacher.

The music department is planning a “Middle School Talent Show” on Thursday, April 29th @ 6:30p. Plan on joining us as we celebrate the talents of our students and maybe a few teachers too!

Finally, we are proud to announce summer enrichment classes for our students including summer camp, guitar, volleyball, crafts and a lot more. See attached class offerings (pgs 5-7). Classes will be offered if interest is high enough. Sign up is available in the school office.

Nurse’s Office

Hello Parents!

It sure has been a long, cold winter, but it looks as if spring is finally here! Sadly, with the sunshine and blooming trees often comes hay fever. Hay fever is a seasonal allergy causing inflammation of the mucous membranes of the nose and eyes.

Tree pollen is one of the main causes of hay fever and is considered seasonal; usually occurring between February and June. Many of you know if you are an occasional or chronic sufferer and are well acquainted with the following symptoms:

repeated and prolonged sneezing

a stuffy and watery nose
redness, swelling and itching of the eyes
itching of the nose, throat and mouth
coughing (due to post nasal dripping of clear mucus)

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2009-2010 School Verse:

Philippians 4:8

“Finally brothers,
Whatever is true,
Whatever is noble,
Whatever is right,
Whatever is pure,
Whatever is lovely,
Whatever is admirable,
If anything is Excellent or Praiseworthy,
Think about such things.”

CLASS THEME BASKETS

The baskets are turning out really well for the Silent Auction. Check for photos on the website. The Class with the top selling basket and Class with 100% participation will win a free dress day. The baskets will be on display the day of the festival from 10a—3p allowing you the opportunity to bid.

LIVE AUCTIONS

The live auction will begin at 1p. The list of items to be auctioned off will be available Saturday morning. Packages to be auctioned off consist of a diamond necklace, golf clubs and bag, passes for movies, meals, hotels and various other items.

SODA WEEK MARCH 29TH – APRIL 1st

Each child is asked to bring (2) 2 liter bottles of soda to school during Soda Week. The

sodas will be used in our Ring Toss Booth and any flavor will do.

ADOPT A PET WEEK APRIL 5TH – 9TH

Please send in any gently loved stuffed animals you would like to donate to the festival. These will be used in our Adopt a Pet Booth. Please have your child take them to their classroom.

SWEET TOOTH BOOTH - APRIL 11TH – 16TH

Baked goods will be needed for our Sweet Tooth Booth. Please send in cakes, pies, breads, cookies, brownies, etc. Please wrap your baked goods in saran wrap or disposable containers.

BLOOD DRIVE DONORS ARE NEEDED

South Texas Blood & Tissue Center – will host a Blood Drive during the Spring Festival from 1 -4 pm. If you are interested in donating blood please contact the school office at 522-1102 to schedule a time.

PRE-TICKET SALES

All pre-ticket money is now due. The top 3 sellers were:

1st place—Dominique Damshen (90 tickets)

2nd place—Jeremy Ortiz (80 tickets)

3rd place (tie) - Angel Gomez & Jacob Lewis (60 tickets)

Our winners will receive festival tickets as their prize.

Celebration Books

We would like to thank Mrs. Turner (Pluitt and Prezell's mom) for her generous donation of several books to our library. She sent books to our school library and several classroom libraries while she is stationed in Afghanistan. If you would like to donate a book to celebrate a special event in your child's life contact the library. The library will place a commemorative sticker with your child's name and event on the inside cover and will display this special book for 2 weeks before it is placed on the shelf for check out. Some ideas for celebration books are birthdays, birth of a new brother or sister, honor roll and many others. To donate a book, see the librarians.

Volunteers Needed

We need Parent Volunteers for our Spring Festival. Contact the school office to volunteer to help. We also need help from all parents on April 17th, the day of the Festival to make it a success.

Parent Volunteers are also needed to help with "Field Day" on Wednesday, April 28th. (Rainy day make-up day Wednesday, May 5th.)

Dress Code

As the weather changes many students come to school with a jacket or sweatshirt, but go home without it. Check our lost and found, in the nurse's office, if you are missing a clothing item. Items left at the end of April will be donated to the Northwest Hills Baptist Church Food Pantry for needy families. Label all outer wear and we will make every effort to get items back to the students.

Northwest Hills Chapel Schedule

Students meet every Thursday for Chapel. Pre-K through 3rd grade meet at 8:45 am. 4th grade through 8th grade meet at 10:00 am. Parents are welcome to attend.

The following schedule indicates who will be leading chapel:

April 15: Ms. Brown/ Ms. Thomas

April 22: Mrs. Piotrowski (**one school wide Chapel only**) at 8:45 am.

April 29: Mrs. Damschen/Ms. Thomas

May 6: Tim Pope (Youth Pastor for NWHBC)

May 13: Mrs. Davenport/Mrs. Thigpen

May 20: Mrs. Beaver-Sword Drill

May 25 Awards (1st & 2nd Grades)

May 26 Awards (3rd—5th Grades)

May 27: Awards (6th & 7th Grades)

Please make note that we will have just one school wide Chapel on April 22nd at 8:45a



Nurse's Office Cont. (From page 1)

loss of smell & sometimes loss of taste
nose bleeds

Over the counter remedies (such as antihistamines) are commonly used to treat the occasional symptoms, but those of our students who endure a more chronic form of hay fever may be taking prescription medications. We, at NWHCS, are eager to help you keep your child comfortable and in school this spring.

To that end, please familiarize yourself with the following:

All over the counter medications (bought by a parent without a doctor's prescription) can be administered to your student at school only with a signed authorization from the parent. This authorization must be signed by you and dated and include your child's name, the name of

the medication, the dosage you want given, and the time of administration. Preprinted forms are available in the nurse's clinic and can be sent home with your child upon requested.

All prescription medications (ordered by physician and prepared at a pharmacy) must be accompanied by a signed doctor's note. A parent authorization is not sufficient to dispense prescription medications at school. Preprinted physician forms are available at the clinic or your pediatrician can fax their own form directly to us 210-522-1103.

All medications (whether prescription or over the counter) must be dropped off and picked up by an adult. We do not

allow our students to carry any medications in their backpacks as it could cause unintended harm or injury. All medications should be brought in their original containers as it reduces the risk of medication errors.

I know this is sometimes frustrating and difficult, especially as our parents are so very busy. However, our primary concern is for the safety and well being of every student and these guidelines help to sharply reduce the risk of medication errors. Please join us in our efforts to keep your child protected and well cared for.

Kimberly Whiteley, LVN



New Teacher

Welcome our new Spanish teacher, Mrs. Grace Gonzales. She is currently teaching 7th grade Spanish and next year she will teach 6th-8th grade Spanish.

Re-enrollment

Open Enrollment has begun. Send in your applications for the 2010-2011 school year as soon as possible. Space is limited and some classes are close to capacity.

Fiesta Day

NWHCS will celebrate Fiesta on Thursday, April 22nd. Students may wear their Fiesta shirts (no tank, spaghetti straps or sleeveless) with capris or jeans (no shorts).

Teacher Appreciation

Teacher Appreciation week is May 3rd – 7th. We are blessed to have the finest teachers here at Northwest Hills Christian School. Let your child's teacher be aware that you appreciate them.

M.S. Elective Meeting

Students entering 6th- 8th grade and their parents are encouraged to attend a meeting regarding the additional elective offerings for middle school students for next year. Meet in the school cafeteria on Thursday, May 6th at 7pm to find out more about the exciting additions to our middle school.

M.S. Talent Show

Middle School Talent Show is scheduled for Thursday, April 29th @ 6:30pm in the Church sanctuary. Talent Show is opened to students and staff. Join us for a night of fun and fellowship.

Box Tops

Box Tops totals, for the top four winning classes, thru the month of March are:

Mrs. Sanford's 2nd grade class	1590
Mrs. Perez 6th grade class	1559
Mrs. Gulick's 2nd grade class	1420
Mr. Wilk's 8th grade class	1145

The class with the most box tops will win a pizza party. The class coming in 2nd place will win an ice cream party.

The school earns \$.10 a box top. We have already earned over \$1600.00 for our school!

Last day for box tops for this school year is Friday, May 7th. Be sure to continue saving your box tops over the summer for next school year.



Christian Movies

Support Christian movies this month. "Letters to God" came out last week and "The Perfect Game" comes out later this month. Check your local movie theaters for show times. Our support will help send a message to movie makers to continue to make more wholesome, family movies.

P. E. Field Day Wednesday, April 28th Earth Day

Wednesday, April 28 will be the date of our first annual PE Field Day. In order to make PE Field Day as enjoyable as possible, we are asking students to work as a team and exhibit good sportsmanship. Also to ensure the success of our first annual PE Field Day we are relying on the support of our parent/guardian volunteers. Our PE Field Day will be broken down into a morning session and an afternoon session with lunch in between.

Parents, please take note that on April 28 students will have the option to bring a sack lunch or buy a meal from Schlotzsky's. Order forms will be sent home at a later date.

If weather does not cooperate on April 28, our make-up day for PE Field Day will be May 5. Please keep this date in mind, as

we will need volunteers if field day would need to be rescheduled.



Earth Day is Thursday, April 22nd.

Please remember to deposit all your household paper, newspaper, catalogs, magazines, old mail in our school recycle (yellow and green) bin located by the gym.



ACSI Events

Math Olympics were held on Friday, February 19th.

Winners from our school were:

3rd—5th Grades:

Computation

Kailyn Arch—Excellent

Joseph Obasi—Excellent

Caleb Williams—Excellent

Abby Stegemann—Excellent

Emily Blythe—Superior—5th place

Cassidy Atwater-Booker—Superior—2nd place Silver

Kaila Amezcua—Superior—1st place Gold

Reasoning

Tarik Garcia—Excellent

6th—8th Grades

Computation

Dominique Damschen—Superior

Sierra Stegemann—Superior

Elysa Jui—Excellent—5th place

Shelby Stegemann—Superior—4th place

Katherine Bruton—Superior—1st place

Reasoning

Kaylise Besse—Excellent

Daron Smith—Excellent

Alex Gonzales—Excellent—1st place Gold

Speech Meet was held on Saturday, March 27th at Trinity Christian Academy. Our students did extremely well. Below are NWHCS results:

Jaeden Juarez—Excellent

Mark McKeighan—Excellent

Miranda Valerio—Excellent

Jet Wo—Excellent

Angel Gomez—Excellent

Aliah Giroux—Excellent

Philip-Edward Walton—Excellent

Rhoda Custodio—Superior

Camryn De Leon—Superior—Silver

Matthew Meadows—Superior

Chidinma Nnaji—Excellent

Gabriela Maldonado—Excellent

Julio Arroyo—Superior

Tarik Garcia—Excellent

Emily Blythe—Superior—Silver

Melissa Damschen—Excellent

Janfel Bacho—Excellent

Dominique Damschen—Excellent

Science Fair for 7th & 8th grades was held on Saturday, April 10th at Castle Hills 1st Baptist School.

Art Festival will be held on Friday, April 23rd at S.A. Christian Elementary School.

We wish all our students the best of luck.

To all our students that participated in the ACSI events, we appreciate your hard work and dedication.



Summer Enrichment Programs

NWHCS is proud to announce summer enrichment classes for our students. Students may sign up for a variety of courses throughout the summer. Flyers and sign up are in the school office. **All classes subject to change depending on enrollment.

Summer Camp at NWHCS: Students will participate in a variety of activities including water play, crafts, sports, videos, story time, Bible time, and more. Requirement: Parents must attend a parent orientation meeting prior to enrollment.

When: All Summer

Ages: Entering K-8th grade

Time: 6:30 am - 6:00 pm

Cost: \$375.00 a month, \$25.00 a day or \$4.50 an hour.

Staff: Mr. Mark Wilk, Ms. Sylvia Reyna, and other staff as needed.



Rowdy Readers: Students will participate in fun activities designed to enhance reading concepts including reader's theatre, puppet shows, games, arts and crafts. (Maximum of 10 students)

When: June 1st through June 11th

Ages: 1st-3rd grade

Time: 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Cost: \$200.00 for 2 weeks

Teacher: Ms. Lisa Morrison

Enjoying Different Art Mediums: Students will experience a variety of art techniques including charcoal, oil pastels, painting, and bleach art.

When: June 21st through 25th

Ages: Entering 2nd grade and up

Time: 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Cost: \$50.00 per week

Teacher: Mrs. Alma Rodriguez

Let's Have Fun Learning Spanish: Students will learn basic conversation in beginning Spanish. Classes will include ordering and taste testing food. (Maximum of 15 students)

When: June 1st through June 11th or July 12th through July 23rd

Ages: Entering 2nd grade and up

Time: Entering 2nd grade - 5th grade - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Entering 6th grade-8th grade-12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Cost: \$100.00 per session

Teacher: Ms. Grace Gonzales

Creative Crafts: Students will make a variety of craft projects including a rock sculpture, birthday cards, yarn puppies and more.

When: July 12th through July 16th

Ages: Entering 2nd grade and up

Time: 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Cost: \$50.00 per week

Teacher: Mrs. Alma Rodriguez

Summer Enrichment Programs (cont'd)

Beginner Guitar I: Students will learn guitar basics including strumming, finger positioning and more. The class will also consist of both theory and hands-on learning. Students will need to provide their own acoustic guitar. See teacher for guitar purchase guidance. (Maximum of 7 students)

When: June 1st through 11th

Ages: Entering 2nd grade and up

Time: 9:00 am-12:00 pm or 3:00 pm-6:00 pm

Cost: \$100.00 per session

Teacher: Mrs. Christina Rodriguez

Beginner Guitar II: Students will learn guitar basics including strumming, finger positioning and more. The class will also consist of both theory and hands-on learning. Students will need to provide their own acoustic guitar. See teacher for guitar purchase guidance. (Maximum of 7 students)

When: July 19th through 30th

Ages: Entering 2nd grade and up

Time: 9:00 am-12:00 pm or 3:00 pm - 6 pm

Cost: \$100.00 per session

Teacher: Mrs. Christina Rodriguez

Introduction to Calligraphy: Students will be exposed to basic calligraphy techniques and 2 alphabet styles. Students will work on "Favorite Bible Verse and/or Name Plates." (Maximum of 15 students)

When: June 21st through July 2nd

Ages: Entering 6th through 8th grade

Time: 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Cost: \$ 75.00

Teacher: Mr. Mike Faur

Saddle Ridge Ranch VBS: Join the gang at "Saddle Ridge Ranch" Vacation Bible School at Northwest Hills Baptist Church. Students will enjoy a fun filled week of Bible learning activities, music, crafts, and missions. The entire week is free; however, if your child would like a t-shirt, the cost is \$7.00.

When: June 14th through June 18th

Ages: Entering Kindergarten through 5th.

Time: 6:00 pm-8:10pm

Cost: FREE!!!

T-Shirt Cost (optional): \$7.00

To register: go to www.nwhbc.org or call 210-522-1000

Children's Director: Stephanie Rogers & sponsored by Northwest Hills Baptist Church

Summer Enrichment Programs (cont'd)

Scrapbooking: Students will be using a variety of scrapbooking materials to create a photo scrapbook. Class cost will cover basic materials including cutters, scissors, paper punchers, scrapbook paper, cardstock, glue and ribbons. Students will need to bring photos, a scrapbook or photo album and any additional embellishments if wanted. (Maximum of 8 students)

When: 6/7 to 6/11, 6/21 to 6/25, 7/12 to 7/16, 7/19 to 7/23, 8/2 to 8/6

Ages: Entering 1st grade and up.

Time: 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Cost: \$ 10.00 per day (pre-registration is required)

Teacher: Mrs. Donna Krugman

One Day Pull String Piñata Making: Students will make your own pull-string piñata in one day. Students will need to bring a medium sized box and wrapping paper of your choice. (Maximum of 4 students)

When: 6/21 to 6/25, 7/12 to 7/16, 8/2 to 8/6

Ages: Entering 3rd grade and up including adults!

Time: 12:00 pm-3:00 pm

Cost: \$ 15.00 per day (pre-registration is required)

Teacher: Mrs. Donna Krugman

Volleyball: Students will learn basic volleyball skills and practice team skills including rotation, strategies and overhead serves (depending on skill level). Students will need to wear knee pads. (Maximum of 20 students)

When: 6/7 through 6/11

Ages: Entering 4th grade and 5th grade 9:00 am – 11:30 am

Entering 6th grade through 9th grade 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Cost: \$ 75.00

Teacher: Coach Renee Keller

Golf: Students will learn basic golf skills and practice. “Kids on Course” is a company that specializes in golf instruction for kids. “Kids on Course” will provide all necessary equipment. (Maximum of 30 students)

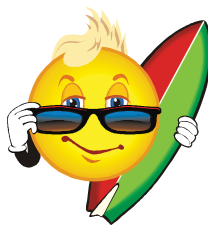
When: 6/21 through 6/25

Ages: Entering Kindergarten and up

Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Cost: \$ 130.00

Teacher: The staff from “Kids on Course”



Dates to Remember

April 17th—Spring Festival—10a – 4p
April 23rd—School Holiday—Battle of Flowers
April 28th—P.E. Field Day
April 29th—Middle School Talent Show—6:30p
May 6th—Middle School Elective Mtg.—7p
May 3rd-7th—Teacher Appreciation Week
May 11th—NWHCS CiCi's Pizza nite
May 25th—Awards 1st & 2nd grades 9a
May 26th—Awards 3rd - 5th grades 9a
May 27—Awards 6th & 7th grades 9a
May 27—8th grade graduation 6:30p
May 28th—Last day of school—Early Release



Northwest Hills Baptist Church

Northwest Hills Baptist Church invites you to join us for Worship and weekly activities

Sundays:

9:45am Sunday School,

11:00am Worship Service, 4:00pm iMPACT (6th-12th grade), RA's, GA's, Mission Friends (3yrs-5th grade),

5:00pm Choirs (3yrs-12th grade),

6:00pm Worship Service

Wednesday: 5:45pm Meal \$2 Kids 12 & under/\$3 Adults, 6:30pm

Prayer Meeting, Youth 6:33 (6th-12th grade), Getting to Know God (1st-5th grade), Bible Explorers (3yrs-K)

Thursday:

Bible Study with Jeannette Lang 1st and 3rd Thursday every month at 10am in the Church Fellowship Hall. (ends May 20th) Everyone is welcome! No Childcare available.



Vacation Bible School:

June 14th—18th 6pm—8:10pm

Completed PK 4—5th Grades

Sign up online at nwhbc.org

Youth Camp is July 11-18

Camp Living Stones, TN

Early-bird price (Now – May 9): \$175

May10-June13: \$200; June 14-July 11: \$225

Watch nwhbc.org on the Student Ministry page for brochure or call Tim Pope, Youth Minister at NWHBC (210) 522-1000.

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Mission Statement of Northwest Hills Christian School

Northwest Hills Baptist Church is a community of baptized believers organized to advance the cause of Christ. We seek to accomplish this through regular worship services, the proclamation of the Gospel, personal evangelism, outreach ministries (support groups, etc.), missionary endeavors, pastoral care and Christian education offered both through church classes and through a weekday school. We believe that the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ gives us the pattern for ministry--namely, caring, sacrificial service to others.

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22.6

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