



The Royals Hope Weekly

December 3, 2018

Chapel (K-6)

Today during chapel Mr. Bradley asked the students what comes to mind when they think of Christmas. The responses ranged from Christmas cookies, gifts, Christmas caroling to the birth of Jesus.

Loving your enemies is not something we generally think of when we discuss the topic of Christmas. However, Christ was born to take away the sins of the world. The Father sent His Son to die for those who were enemies because of sin. Mr. Bradley challenged the students to seek and to grow in true Christian love by praying for and doing good for even our enemies.

“But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.” Luke 6:27

Chapel (JH/HS)

During chapel today the seventh grade presented several stories of compassion. These stories were to serve as an example of everyday acts of compassion and drive home the idea that compassion doesn't have to be planned or grandiose. We then read and discussed the following scripture: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, Philippians 2:1-3, Matthew 9:35-38, Colossians 3:12, and Psalm 145:9. These scriptures show us that the greatest need we all have is a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. This then means one of the greatest acts of compassion should be to share the good news of Christ with others.

Upcoming Events

Dec.	18	50's Dinner Fundraiser
	18	HCA Christmas Program
	20	Christmas Break Begins

Hot Lunch Menu for Wednesday

- Chicken & Rice
- Green Beans
- Bread & Butter
- Oranges
- Donut Holes

Hot Lunch Menu for Thursday

- Sloppy Joes
- Nachos
- Carrots
- Pickles
- Dessert

50's Diner Christmas Fundraiser Supper

We will be having a 50's Diner themed fundraiser supper before the Christmas program on Tuesday, December 18. The supper is from 5-6:30 p.m. at HCA. We will be serving burgers, fries, soup, salad, and root

beer floats. Tickets are \$10 ages 11 and up and \$5 for ages 2-10. Please call or email the HCA office to reserve or purchase tickets by **Friday, December 14.**

Christmas Program Costumes

This year, our students will be performing a 50's diner themed program. Students will be in charge of their own costumes. Suggestions for boys' costumes include rolled up jeans, white t-shirts, jackets and slicked back hair. For girls, poodle skirts or dresses, saddle shoes and ponytails. If you have any questions regarding the program or costumes, please contact the HCA office.

Christmas Program Circle Lists-Going Home Today

For our Christmas and spring programs, we divide our families up into four circles/groups. If you are in one of the two Christmas program circles, a sheet will be going home with your student today. You will be involved with either set-up or clean-up and will also be asked to please bring two dozen baked goods the night of the program. If you have any questions, please call the school office or your circle leader. If your name is not on a circle for the Christmas program, it will be on the list for the program next spring.

Library Fines & Overdue Books

Mrs. Gegelmann has mentioned that we have many overdue books as well as unpaid library fines. Please make sure your books are turned in and fines are paid before Christmas break. **Overdue books and fines are due back on Wednesday, December 12.**

Stark County Social Services Angel Tree

Each year, we partner with Stark County Social Services to help provide Christmas blessings to the elderly. We have an angel tree set up in the lobby of the school with angels on it. Each angel represents an elderly individual in need of a blessing. If you would like to take an angel or two, please:

- 1) Take your angel(s) off the tree and let Mrs. C. know which number(s) you have.
- 2) Keep your angel or number and put the angel or number on your gift when you bring back your gift.
- 3) **Return your angel gifts by Friday, December 14.**

It is VERY important that you let Mrs. C. know which number you have taken so we can make sure we receive them all back by their due date. Additionally, Social Services is taking boxes of chocolates to pair up with bus tickets and meal tickets if you would rather donate boxes of chocolates.

Extra Shoes and Snow Gear Required

We are still seeing students without proper winter gear or extra shoes. Students have room to store an extra pair of shoes in their cubby or locker as well as all of their winter gear. **Snow boots are NOT allowed in the gym or in the classroom. Students NEED to be wearing non-making soled shoes in the building and will not be allowed to be barefoot.**

Ways to Give Back to HCA Contest

Our next deadline will be before the Christmas break, **Tuesday, December 18.** Listed below are the many ways to give back to HCA on a daily basis! Please send in all box tops, UPC codes, and receipts to your students' classroom if applicable.

- **Amazonsmile** Amazon donates a portion of your purchase automatically! Register at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-0372825>
- **MORE School Rewards (Cash Wise)** Sign up for the "MORE School Rewards" program at moreRewards.com or at Cash Wise. Designate HCA as your preferred school.
- **Our Family Labels for Learning (Family Fare)** Save the UPC codes from "**Our Family**" products. <http://ourfamilyfoods.com/labels-for-learning>
- **Direct Your Dollars (Family Fare)** Save your ENTIRE grocery receipt from Family Fare.
- **Box Tops for Education** Collect Box Top labels from participating products. A list is found at <http://www.boxtops4education.com/participating-products>
- **Loaves 4 Learning** Collect the UPC's from Country & Village Hearth breads.

Prayers and Praises

Please Pray for:

- Those who struggle during the holiday season.
- Protection from sickness.
- Opportunities to bless others and witness to them about the true meaning of Christmas.

Praise God for:

- Warmer winter temperatures so we can enjoy outdoor recesses!
- All of the blessings we have.
- The Christmas season.