

Eagle News

Hope Lutheran School

Fly, Eagles, Fly!

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Hope North Progress on Track

By Kaysen Hoover

Renovations are underway and all is on track for Hope North to open in September of this year for the start of the school year.

According to Sally Heit, Admissions, Communications and Marketing Director at Hope, there will be no increase in tuition as a result of the purchase and renovations of Hope North, although there will be the usual yearly increase as general expenses increase. Additionally, students can rest assured that recesses will remain part of the school day, although whether they will be held on the elementary school

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WE'RE MOVING! Hope North is getting fixed up in time for September (photos above and at right). Last year, Hope purchased the old Seattle Lutheran campus and decided to move the middle school to the new building. The purchase was finalized at the end of June 2023 with the total purchase price at \$1.65 million. Hope aims to raise \$2.4 million dollars for needed renovations, and has \$1,116,460 pledged so far.

Photos by Aryan Kaul



Students Start Newspaper Club

By Madilyn Marino

The new Hope Newspaper Club will publish a monthly student newspaper to inform the student body about current events, sports, and upcoming activities. There will also be regular features, opinion pieces and editorials.

The club meets twice a month on Tuesdays and is open to students in 5th-8th grade.

All students are encouraged to submit guest articles, letters to the editor and guest editorials.

For comments, or submissions, email newspaper@HopeSeattle.org.



NEWSPAPER, ASSEMBLE! The newspaper club meets twice a month on Tuesdays. Current members (above) are: back row (L to R): Aryan Kaul (G6), Daniel Kharrazi (G6), Kaysen Hoover (G7) and Nora Warfield (G6). Front row (L to R): Mary Johnson (G5), Aria Kopecky (G5), Kayana Ishii (G5) and Madilyn Marino (G5). Not Pictured: Emily Esses (G7).

Newspaper Seeks Logo Submissions

By Nora Warfield

The newspaper club is seeking student submissions for a newspaper logo.

Any member of the student body can submit a drawing, and the student body will have a chance to vote on the three top choices.

The logo should resemble an image of an eagle holding a stack of newspapers. Besides that, students can use their creativity to come up with the best design.

Please email images to newspaper@HopeSeattle.org or drop off hard copies to the school office.

Hope Christmas Concert Features 5th-8th Grade Students

By Kayana Ishii

“The Christmas Concert was special just for the fact that I got to perform in Glee and the experience to perform with my class,” said 5th Grader Aria Kopecky. She, like many other students and their families, attended the Hope Lutheran Christmas Concert for 5th-8th Grade on Dec.12. The concert consisted of many performances, starting with 6th Grade’s concert band. They performed *The Five Note Scale*, *Good King Wenceslas*, *Ode to Joy*, *Jingle Bells*, and *Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree*. Next, 5th Grade played *A Russian Christmas* on recorder and sang *Joy to the World*. Our concert also included a performance by the drama. They performed *Funny Letters to Santa*. The Glee Club sang *All I Want For Christmas is You* by Mariah Carey.

Finally all the performers went back to their families and friends to receive applause.

“I loved the variety. All the students worked so hard and made it so much fun,” one of the student’s mothers said.

Hope Lutheran Principal Kristen Okabayashi said, “I loved it so much! It got me in the Christmas spirit.”



MAKING A JOYFUL NOISE: Students perform at the annual Christmas Concert on December 12. Above: 6th graders Justin Mead, Issabella Stone, Piper Alba, Lyric Seraile, Jordan Yang, and Ryder Choate perform. Below left, music teacher Mrs. Brown conducts the 6th grade band. Below right, the 5th grade class entertains the audience with Christmas songs.



Above: Graham Mason, Crosby Cook, (back) and Daniel Kharrazi and Aryan Kaul (front) get ready to play some Christmas music.

Photos courtesy of Hope Lutheran School



FEATURE: EDITORIAL

Hope Playground

By Aria Kopecky

Everyone has memories from the playground, whether happy, sad, or something in between. We always remember the times we fall, but always get up, and have fun with our friends.

The Hope playground has had lots of improvements and happy memories over the years.

So many students of Hope Lutheran love not only the playground, but also the blacktop, which is where we play ball, four-square, basketball, and hang out with our friends. Did you know that a couple of years ago our playground looked totally different? We voted on which playground we wanted to install, and after a lot of volunteer work, the new playground was finally finished. The new playground was amazing, but it was different. After a bit of time though, we made lots of memories with our friends, new ones and old.

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playground or in the Hope North gym, where all PE classes will be held, remains to be seen.

Heit said that the middle school is estimated to grow by around 10% by the time school starts back up in September, although it’s still too early to make completely accurate estimates. The maximum number of students per class will likely remain the same as it is now, which is twenty-eight kids. If the number of students increases enough, there may be two smaller classes per grade.