



A NOTE FROM TOM

FALCON NEWS
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023

Dear Falcon Families,

As you may have noticed, there is a good bit of NEW going on this year. You can find the New High Point Friends School Mission, Vision, and Philosophy of Education that was passed by the Board of Trustees at their September meeting on our **New Website**.

Those of you who came to the Head of School Presentation on October 17, got to hear a bit about the NEW elements of our school and some updates on other topics including:

- SAIS re-accreditation that will take place this spring and next fall. You should receive “An invitation from High Point Friends School” in your email on November 2. Please take a ten minutes to complete that survey
- The Board of Trustees hired The Education Group’s search consultant Bob Veto to conduct a search for the next head of school. An opportunity statement has been developed and will be shared with prospective candidates in the coming weeks.
- HPFS has added Triad Moms on Main and Niche to our marketing efforts. Our immediate attention is focused on sharing all that is new at the school and attracting prospective families to our Super Tour admission events on November 14, December 12, January 18, and February 15 at 8:45am. Please spread the word.

It was wonderful to see so many of you supporting our students at the Halloween parade. While Halloween is a fun holiday for our students, my favorite holiday, Thanksgiving, is coming up later this month. Thanksgiving is such a rich holiday for creating scholars who think critically about our history, for cultivating a welcoming, inclusive and grateful community, and for developing servant leaders who will make a difference in our community and the world.

I am truly grateful for your partnership in educating the children of this special school community!

With gratitude, peace and hope,
Tom

HIGH POINT FRIENDS SCHOOL SUPER TOURS

HIGH POINT FRIENDS SCHOOL

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What sets us apart?

At HPFS we welcome broadly and difference is viewed as an advantage in a child's education. We do NOT inculcate a particular set of religious beliefs; instead, we challenge students to grow intellectually, physically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. As a Friends School, we value the inherent worth and potential of every individual! We encourage students to express their ideas, beliefs, and solutions freely, and expect them to listen respectfully to the perspectives and experiences of others.

A PRIVATE SCHOOL with a PUBLIC PURPOSE! NEW MISSION - NEW VISION - NEW EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

- ▶ We create scholars who think critically and solve problems, not just at school, but in our world.
- ▶ We cultivate a community that is welcoming and inclusive of people from all backgrounds, perspectives and experiences.
- ▶ We develop servant leaders who are civically engaged and loving of their neighbors.



JOIN us for a SUPER TOUR and overview of what's NEW at HPFS!

November 14 🦅 December 12 🦅 January 18 🦅 February 15

8:45am - 9:45am

creating scholars

cultivating community

developing servant leaders

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MANNACHURCH
HIGH POINT

3RD ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

11 NOVEMBER 2023 | 12PM-4PM



FOOD TRUCKS

VENDORS

LIVE
PERFORMANCES

BOUNCE HOUSES

121 SKEET CLUB RD.
HIGH POINT, NC 27265

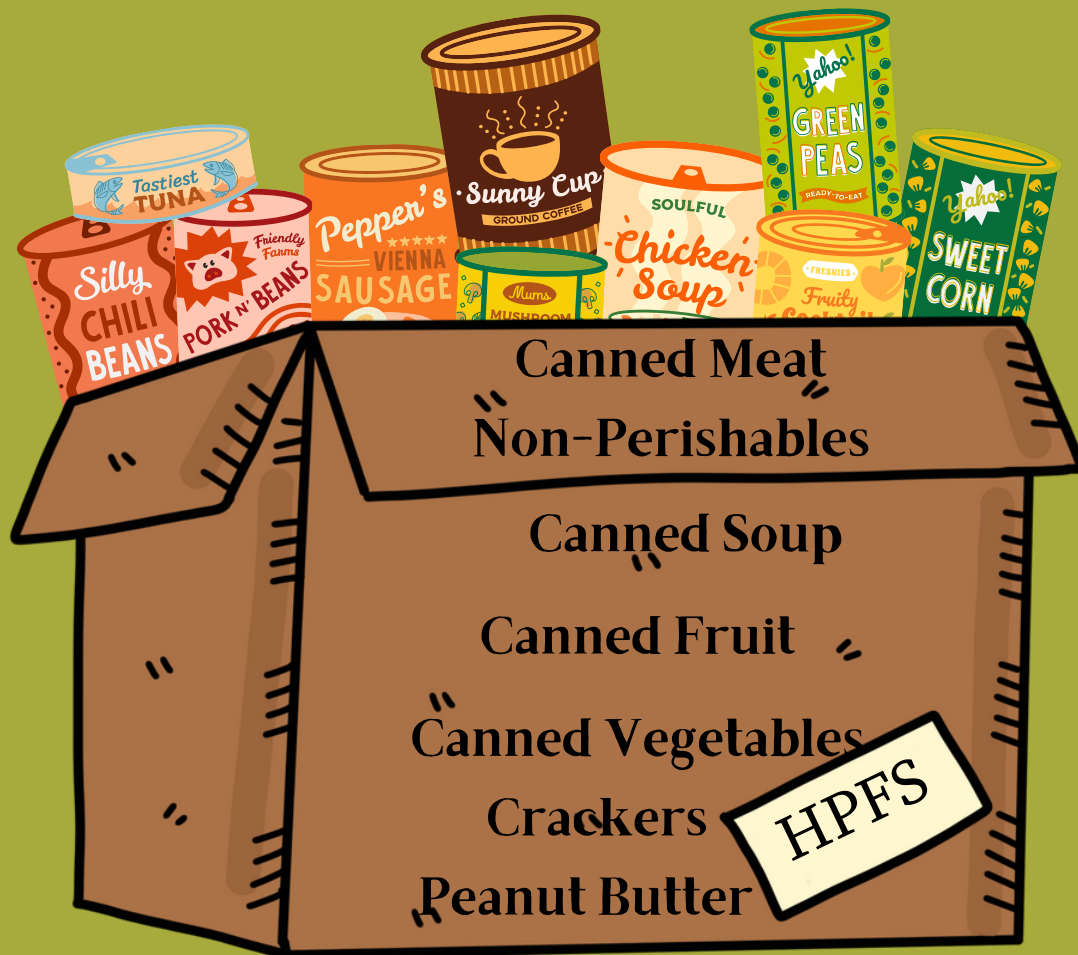
FOOD DRIVE

Please join us and our partner, Sunnyside Ministries, as we collect non-perishable foods and canned goods for our Holiday Food Drive. This food drive will serve the many families in need within our community.

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

EARLY SCHOOL & LOWER SCHOOL DROP OFF,
MAIN OFFICE AND MIDDLE SCHOOL

OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 17



Join Us!

THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING!

If you would like to help decorate our campus
for the Holidays on Monday, November 27th,
please contact Jessica Beaumont at
jbeaumont@hpfs.org to volunteer.





TOY DRIVE

Donations Accepted:

Monday, November 1st- December 12th

Kindergarten through 8th grade students will be collecting new, unwrapped gifts in collaboration with our partner Sunnyside Ministries.

Collection boxes will be at lower and middle school drop off locations. Gifts will be distributed to local families in need during Sunnyside Ministries' Annual Holiday Party.



Santa for Seniors



Our Early School students (Toddlers - PK) will joining the United Way in gathering gifts & making cards for our local Seniors.

Donations will be accepted beginning Wednesday, November 1st - Monday, December 12th. Collection boxes will be located at the Early School student drop of location.

Items needed:

soap, body wash, shampoo, lotion, lip balm, toothbrush kits, nail files, warm gloves, hats, blankets, scarves, puzzle books, adult coloring books, tissue packs, weekly pill boxes, Christmas candies, small flashlights with batteries, pop top food, and snacks.



Welcome to Terry Talk!

Happy November!! The frenzy of fall has subsided. You've carved pumpkins, planted fall flowers and pulled out your cozy sweaters. You've polished off the last of your Halloween candy, and now you get to take a deep breath of crisp air and settle into November-the very best month of autumn. Below are numerous topics that may be of concern as your child goes through the school year. You will find strategies and articles about each of the topics. As always, please feel free to contact, Terry Aiken, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child. Email me at taiken@hpfs.org or call me at 336-886-5516.

Homework Hints:

To help ensure your child finds success with homework, there are many things you can do to help! In addition to modeling getting your own work done in a timely fashion and modeling organization, you can help children in many other ways such as...

- Allowing your child to re-energize themselves after school by taking a break, having a snack, or playing a game before beginning homework.
- Creating a routine for homework each night using the same time and place each day.
- Encouraging children to use planners to stay organized with assignments.
- Having a set place for homework like a big desk with all necessary materials available such as pencils, paper, books, and calculators; making sure the area is free of distractions.
- Sometimes a break may help with concentration during homework time.

Internet Safety/Cyber-bullying:

There are many ways you can help keep your child safe when using the internet, including...

- Discussing internet safety with your child.
- Monitoring your child's internet activity by making sure they use a computer that is in a common area such as a family room rather than a child's bedroom.
- Reminding your child to never share personal information (name, address, phone number, school, etc.) with anyone on the internet and never to agree to meet anyone on the internet.
- Not allowing your child to enter private chat rooms.

Checkout Netsmartz:
<https://www.missingkids.org/netsmartz/home>

TRUSTWORTHINESS ** RESPECT ** RESPONSIBILITY *

*** FAIRNESS ** CARING ** CITIZENSHIP ***

Character is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.

GET YOUR HPFS MERCH NOW!



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THE HPFS STORE***





HELLO PARENTS!

A CHRISTMAS CAROL: ~ The Musical ~

DECEMBER 8TH, 2023 | 10 AM

THIS FIELD TRIP WILL BE FOR
STUDENTS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.
WE WILL DEPART FROM CAMPUS AT
9:30 AM AND ARRIVE BACK AT 12 PM

ANY QUESTIONS?
EMAIL: CHOLT@HPFS.ORG

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH



The jolly ole' elf himSELF is coming to HPFS!
As a special treat for our early school students, Santa will visit with each student and get a chance to hear what things are on their lists. Of course, Santa never forgets about our older kiddos and always has a few moments for photo ops with them, too!

Join us for our Annual Cocoa & Caroling!



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14th
6:00pm

Carols from our students, carols with our families, yummy cocoa and delicious cookies...let's serenade in the Holidays with style.

Lower School Circle...Kingrey Center, if rain.

**ADD THE DATE TO YOUR
CALENDAR...MORE INFO TO COME!**



FALCON
FAMILY
CONNECTION

WHO WE ARE...

THE FALCON FAMILY CONNECTION IS THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION FOR THE SCHOOL. THE GOAL OF THE FFC IS TO BUILD COMMUNITY AMONG THE PARENTS AND FAMILIES WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE SCHOOL'S LEADERSHIP. DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS AND ENGAGED PARENTS PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE IN SUPPORTING THE TEACHERS AND THE SCHOOL IN DELIVERING A TERRIFIC EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE OF THE CHILDREN. THE FALCON FAMILY CONNECTION SERVES AS THE CENTRAL HUB FOR VOLUNTEERS AND BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER. CONTACT FFC@HPFS.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.



VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED...

NOVEMBER

- 11/1 Santa for Seniors in partnership with United Way
- 11/1 Gifts for children in partnership with Sunnyside Ministries
- 11/3 All School Meeting 9:00am
- 11/10 Veterans Day Observed - No School
- 11/14 SUPER TOUR 8:45am
- 11/14 Kindergarten/1st/2nd Field Trip
- 11/17 Last Day For Food Drive
- 11/20 5th/6th Deliver Food from Food Drive
- 11/21 Santa for Senior Ends
- 11/21 Early Release Day All Students 11:30am
- 11/21 December/January Lunch Orders Due at 11:30am
- 11/22 - 11/26 Thanksgiving Holidays
- 11/27 Classes Resume
- 11/27 Decorate the School with Mrs. Beaumont

DECEMBER

- 12/8 5th - 8th Grade Field Trip
- 12/12 Toy Drive Ends
- 12/12 Santa Visits HPFS
- 12/12 SUPER TOUR 8:45am
- 12/13 5th/6th Deliver Gifts to Sunnyside
- 12/14 Cocoa and Caroling 6:00pm
- 12/15 Early Release All Students 11:30am

JANUARY

- 1/2 Staff Workday - Professional Development
- 1/3 All Classes Resume
- 1/15 Martin Luther King Day - No School
- 1/18 SUPER TOUR 8:45am
- 1/19 Early Dismissal All Students/Afternoon Teacher Workday 11:30am
- 1/26 Report Cards

save
the
date