

November 16, 2011

Dear Hawks,

It seems that everyone is ready for Thanksgiving break as August is a distant memory and folks are tired. Thanksgiving is a great time to see family and recharge. I trust the break will serve us all well.

Last week scores of families gathered in the gym for a *Family Fun Night* complete with barbeque and square dancing. This event was sponsored by the HCA Booster Club and many have expressed how much they enjoyed the evening. Besides providing an opportunity for fellowship, the event also served as a way to give back to our local community. Due to your participation and generosity, HCA raised over \$500 for *Gift of Love*. Our elementary students have also been collecting canned goods for them as well and we look forward to presenting all of this to *Gift of Love* this week.

HCA students are also participating in other service opportunities such as *Operation Christmas Child* and writing letters to members of our armed forces serving overseas. Collection day for Operation Christmas Child is tomorrow (Thursday, November 17th). Our goal is to collect 400 boxes.

Thursday evening, the HCA Drama Team will present their one act play performance that won 2nd place in Regional competition at GISA. The play begins at 7 p.m. in the CHPC sanctuary. They will also perform the play for the upper school student body on Friday.

On Friday, we will celebrate Thanksgiving as a school. The elementary classes will be holding a Thanksgiving feast in their rooms and the cafeteria will serve a traditional Thanksgiving meal for the upper school.

Mark your calendars for Thursday evening, December 1st as HCA will hold a "mini" open house for current families. This is an opportunity to preview our school for next year and this will begin our re-enrollment season. Look for more details following the break.

At the fall athletic banquet, we honored the service of Head Football Coach Todd Parker. Coach Parker helped found the program at HCA and has been our coach for the past 10 years. We are grateful for his service. Coach Parker will not return next season. A search for a new coach is currently underway.

Often families have planned absences during the school year. Please remember to communicate with the school in advance of the absence so that we can more effectively work with you.

HCA remains committed to providing an excellent program while maintaining affordable tuition. As a result, tuition does not cover the total educational cost. The difference between tuition revenue and cost is made up by the Annual Fund – charitable gifts from friends and families to the school. As you consider holiday giving please give prayerful attention to our annual fund need.

Blessings,

Joel Satterly