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April 29, 2010

Dear Families:

It is amazing how quickly the year has passed us. We are thrilled to have had such an outstanding school year filled with many special times and successes, and we look forward to the 2010-2011 school year!

As the year comes to a close, I would like to remind you of the following important information:

- **June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>:** School will be dismissed at 1 p.m. There will be no Extended Day Program or other extra-curricular activities scheduled. Buses will provide services at 1 p.m., and we ask for your support in making the necessary arrangements for your child's pick-up at 1 p.m.
- **Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>:** The last day of school
- **Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration in the Campus Center
- **Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m.:** Graduation in the Campus Center

Also, in looking ahead to next year, please note the following dates in order to assist in planning for your family:

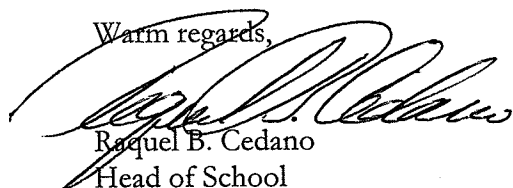
- **Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>:** Registration Day
- **Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>:** First Day of School
- **Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>-Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup>:** Winter Vacation

We realize that the summer months will be filled with travel and coursework for our students, and we are very proud of their accomplishments and hard work this year. Also, heartfelt congratulations to the **Class of 2010!** We wish you continued success as you move on to the next milestone in your life, and thank you for the years that we have spent together as a community.

We do look forward to our Summer Academic Program that will be offered this summer. The program begins on June 14<sup>th</sup> and is designed for those students who have recently completed grades 4-9. The application can be picked up in the Main Office and is available on our website ([www.ghsvi.org](http://www.ghsvi.org)).

We wish you a wonderful summer, and thank you for your support this school year. Your child has grown immensely due to your presence on campus, and we have grown as a school because of the continued sense of community that is nurtured.

Warm regards,



Raquel B. Cedano  
Head of School



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Dear Primary Grade Families,

I hope you all had a wonderful Spring Break. The children certainly came back to school rested, full of energy and ready to learn! Every day I have the wonderful opportunity to greet the Primary Grade children and spend time in the classrooms observing their learning. I must say, there is magic going on! Our amazing students are progressing beautifully. This is the time of year when everything seems to fall into place. Academically, reading basics develop and oral reading becomes more fluent, math skills are honed, written expression becomes more descriptive and spelling improves. Socially, the children are a happy “family unit” within their classroom. They understand how to get along and respect one another. Conflict resolution skills are evident and peaceful learning and playing occurs. It is such a great time of year!

I am so pleased to announce that we have hired Mrs. Etna Osetek for the first grade teaching position. Mrs. Osetek taught our first grade in 2008-2009 and we are thrilled to have her back at GHS. Mrs. Osetek earned a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Florida Atlantic University and is an experienced educator. I am, also, pleased to announce that we have hired Mrs. Traci Hofferber for the second grade teaching position. Mrs. Hofferber recently moved to St. Croix from Minnesota where she earned a Bachelor of Arts from Concordia College and taught at the elementary school level. Both teachers are full of energy and very excited to join The Good Hope School Family.

A Moving-Up Day is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. This is a time for students to meet their teacher/s at the next grade level. They will have the opportunity to ask questions and participate in an activity. Parents are certainly welcome to come and observe, but please understand that this is not a time to ask the teacher about curriculum, routine, etc. If you have questions or concerns or simply want to get to know the teacher better, I recommend that you schedule a conference and/or a classroom observation apart from Moving-Up Day.

Students in grades 4-8 will take the Stanford Achievement Test during the week of May 3-7. Our third grade students will not participate in this standardized assessment. After much consideration, the PG faculty and administrative team agree that this form of standardized assessment is not developmentally appropriate for our Primary level students. Instead, we have implemented regularly scheduled assessments that directly represent our curriculum. The students participate in formal Houghton Mifflin reading and language arts assessments, Scholastic reading and language arts assessments, and Everyday Mathematics assessments. These assessments take place routinely throughout the year. We feel that they offer a clearer picture of our young students' progress. The information obtained from the assessments can be immediately applied and therefore enhance student learning.

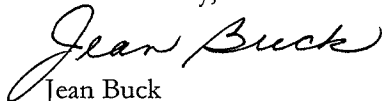
Please mark your calendars for the Festival of Song and Dance and Grandparents Visiting Day which will take place simultaneously on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Grandparents will meet in the Ward M. Canady Library for coffee and light refreshments and will then be directed to their grandchild's classroom to share in the morning routine. From 9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., they are invited to join parents and students in the James C. Savage Performing Arts Center for our annual Festival of Song and Dance.

As we continue with the final quarter of school, please note that the weather is getting warmer and warmer. Luckily, our students are cooling off by taking swimming lessons in physical education class, but we still need to keep in mind that the heat can be exhausting. Please send a water bottle daily. It is essential to keep hydrated. Also, appropriate clothing, a hat and sunscreen will be helpful.

Please note that Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> are scheduled for 1:00 p.m. dismissal. June 2<sup>nd</sup> is our last day of school.

I can hardly believe that the school year is nearly over. As I look back to last August, I realize just how much our students have grown and matured. These precious years just fly by. Please take the time to share the simple pleasures of life with your child – a good book, a walk on the beach, a game of cards, dinner conversation. It is those moments that are priceless and which you will both hold on to forever.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jean Buck".

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Dear Intermediate Grades and Middle School Families:

Is it true? Has another school year passed by? Due to the support of our families and students we are able to do great things at The Good Hope School, so we extend our heartfelt appreciation to you for all that you have done this school year.

As we conclude the year, we would like to note the following information and important dates:

- ✓ **Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>-Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip**
- ✓ **Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>: Move Up Day for Grades PK-4<sup>th</sup> (there will be specific sessions for rising 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> graders and will be posted in the Bulletin)**
- ✓ **Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>: Intermediate Grades and Middle School Talent Show** All students interested in participating should bring their act to Mrs. Cedano by Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ **Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>-Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip**
- ✓ **Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>: Community Service Forms Due** Middle School Students are to have 7.5 hours completed by this date.
- ✓ **Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>-Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and Middle School Final Exams** The schedule will be posted soon. Please note that a Make-Up Exam day is set aside in the event that a student experienced a medical emergency. All exams are to be taken as scheduled.
- ✓ **Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> - Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>: School is dismissed at 1pm daily** Bus transportation will be available. **All students are to be picked up at 1pm.**
- ✓ **Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11:30 a.m.: Intermediate Grades and Middle School Awards Ceremony** in the Campus Center.
- ✓ **Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration** Please join us in honoring our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students as they make the transition to the Upper School. **8<sup>th</sup> grade students are to be in the Campus Center by 8:45am.** Middle School Band and Choir students will be performing at the event.

We realize that the heat is becoming unbearable at times, but we ask for your continued support in ensuring that your son/daughter is dressed appropriately and within the dress code guidelines (ie. no flip flops, no thin strapped shirts or shirts with large arm holes). Also, please ensure that your son/daughter has a lot of beverages to drink everyday (water is the best choice due to the heat) as well as plenty of food in his/her lunch kit.

In an effort to accommodate our families, the Intermediate Grades and Middle School supply and reading lists will be available on our webpage in mid-May. Paper copies of these lists can be obtained in the Main Office at that time as well.

On behalf of the Intermediate Grades and Middle School, we wish you a wonderful, fun-filled summer!

Warmest regards,



Raquel B. Cedano

Head of School

Director of the Intermediate Grades  
and Middle School



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April 26, 2010

Dear Families of the Upper School,

I can hardly believe the end of the year is upon us! With the many amazing accomplishments and activities that have occurred throughout the 2009-2010 school year, the faculty and your children have earned a time for rest and reflection. The last few weeks do still have quite a few wonderful things in store:

- May 3<sup>rd</sup> through May 7<sup>th</sup>: AP Exams
- May 9<sup>th</sup>: Science Fair winners and observers travel for INTEL
- May 13<sup>th</sup>: Upper School Coffeehouse in our Ward M. Canady Library
- May 20<sup>th</sup>: Athletic Awards Dinner
- May 22<sup>nd</sup>: Junior/Senior Prom at H20
- May 25<sup>th</sup>: Seniors begin taking their exams
- May 27<sup>th</sup>: All Upper School students begin taking their exams
- June 3<sup>rd</sup>: Senior Awards Dinner
- June 5<sup>th</sup>: GRADUATION!

The next few weeks will be busy with closing activities and celebrations; please continue supporting your child with his/her academic work. Enclosed you will find the final exam schedule for the Upper School; we emphasize that your child must arrive at school on time to take his/her exams. The teachers continue to stay after school to help your child be more successful in his/her class; we encourage your child to take advantage of this and to remain focused throughout the rest of the school year. Ensure that your child is waking up early enough in the morning to eat a healthy breakfast and prepare a snack and lunch for the school day - small habits that will make a big difference in their level of productivity.

Please note that library books and team uniforms that were checked out during the school year are returned. This needs to happen before your child's final report card or transcript can be released.

In preparation for the 2010-2011 school year, returning students have submitted their course selection sheet with requested classes for the next school year. The Good Hope School will also be offering summer school courses in Written Expression, Reading Comprehension and Algebra I. These courses will not replace a permanent grade on your child's transcript; however, they will better equip your child with the necessary skills to be successful during the 2010-2011 school year. The

summer courses begin June 14<sup>th</sup> and end July 23<sup>rd</sup>. For additional information, please call the Main Office or visit our website.

If your child is not participating in the summer courses, please look into other programs that foster your child's interests. The faculty at The Good Hope School is available to help find an appropriate program for your child.

Thank you for your continued support and open communication this year; and I am honored to continue as the Director of Upper School for next year.

All the best,

  
Leslie Hamdorf

# UPPER SCHOOL EXAM SCHEDULE- Spring 2010

- Senior exams begin Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> and end Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>
- 11<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade exams begin Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> and end Wednesday June 2nd

SENIOR EXAMS \_\_\_\_\_  
 11<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> grade exams \_\_\_\_\_

	Wednesday 5/26	Thursday 5/27	Friday 5/28	Tuesday 6/1	Wednesday 6/2	Thursday 6/3
8:00-10:00	E period	C period	A period	C Period	E period	Make up exams
10:00-10:30 BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
10:30-12:00	F period	D period	B period	D period	Senior Awards Assembly in the theater	
12:00-1:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:00-2:30		F period for 9-11 <sup>th</sup> graders Senior meeting for 12 <sup>th</sup> graders	Guest Speaker- 9-11 <sup>th</sup> or Graduation Rehearsal	Early Dismissal	Early Dismissal	