#### FALL 2023

# **Hope Creek Academy**

### **Education for the Rest of Us**



## We are so excited about the new school year!

We hope this quarterly newsletter provides helpful information and reminders for families of HCA. You will find important dates and answers to many of your questions about the upcoming 2023-2024 academic year. Please find notes from classroom teachers on the following page.

#### TESTING

August 1st-22nd will be spent completing achievement testing for all students. The school will contact you with a specific date for your student.

## **PARENT NIGHT**

August 22nd will be our parent information night. Parents will meet classroom teachers at 6 PM and have an opportunity to ask relevant questions.

## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first full day of school for all students will be August 24th. After/Before Care will begin the following Monday.



Monthly Wellness Themes: August- Coping Skills September- Self Control October- Bullying Prevention

Upcoming Workdays/ Holidays:

September 21-Community Day

**September 22-***Teacher Workday* 

#### A Note From Ms. Houser: Hello

Hope Creek Families. Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. I am looking forward to seeing our returning students and to welcoming our new students and families. The teachers and staff have worked hard over the summer to improve the school. We have added a coding program and are returning to the pre-Covid electives. This is going to be a great year! **Primary**: Mr. Isler, Ms. Sila, and Mrs. Wizwer are excited to welcome primary students and families to the 23/24 school year! We ask each student to bring in a extra change of clothes to keep at school on the first day. We are so excited to share our love for learning with our students. Be on the look out for an email from our team! Please feel free to email any questions you may have to: annalee warasila@hopecreek.net or Kendel! Le Ob

Supported Learning: New year, lots of changes! Supported Learning is not only changing classrooms and adding students, but we are also adding teachers: Ms. Mertz (formerly of Upper Elementary) and Teacher Ruback (formerly a Registered Behavior Tech) will be joining Ms. Townsend, Ms. Dontas, and Ms. Fain. Please remember to send in an extra set of labeled clothes (in a labeled bag) and a water bottle (no backpacks please). We'll be emailing you before school starts with pictures and information to share with your child. Enjoy the last days of summer!

Independence Academy: Ms. Barefoot and Ms. Monroe are so excited for another year in Independence Academy. We can't wait to meet our new students and reconnect with returning ones. If parents have any simple meals their student enjoys that they would want them to learn to make on their own please let us know. In addition, if there are any chores or housekeeping jobs your student needs help learning please email us them so we can incorporate

#### Upper Elementary: Mrs. Leslie and

Ms. McDonough are excited to welcome the Upper Elementary students back to another year of learning. Please make sure each student has a water bottle that is meant to be washed and refilled to cut down on waste. We are also looking for a parent or two who can help us install a bird-watching station outside of our classroom. We look forward to meeting you on Parents' Night!

Middle School: Julie Hogue and Courtney Brocato are excited to welcome our middle school students. Ms. Brocato is joining us from Alston Ridge Middle School in Wake County. Ms. Hogue is returning for her third year at HCA. We are looking forward to seeing some familiar faces along with some new faces.

**High School**: The 2023-24 high school academic year at HCA holds bright promise. We have great confidence in our students this school year. Our core high school curriculum will be taught in a panoply of engaging means, employing not only print media, but also read-alouds, lab experiments, writing workshops, top-of-the-line interactive software, video, audio, film, games (e.g. home-made Jeopardy), and throughout, lively discussions. We look forward to sharing a fun, rewarding, and enlightening year with your child!

### A NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR:

Hello Hope Creek Families! My name is Taylor Miller and this will be my first year as the school counselor at Hope Creek Academy. Prior to receiving my Master's Degree in Counseling, I served as a classroom teacher at Hope Creek for six years. My goal for the school counseling program at HCA is to reach every student in a meaningful way. I also want to be a partner with teachers and parents so that each student can succeed in the three areas of academic, social, and career success. Please feel free to say hello at school or contact me (<u>counselor@hopecreek.net</u>) to setup a time to chat. I'm looking forward to a great school year!

