



The Potter's House

Around The House
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Providing Christ-centered education to children of all ethnic heritages and income levels since 1981

We Welcome Your Feedback - AdvancED Parent Survey

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Potter's House is engaged in an ongoing improvement process, and all of our stakeholders (students, parents, and staff) play an important role. As part of this improvement process, we will ask you to participate in an **AdvancED Survey** in December. The results will help school leaders gain a deeper understanding of our schools' strengths and effectiveness, along with opportunities for improvement.

The Potter's House is accredited by AdvancED, the largest nonprofit, nonpartisan accreditation agency in the world. The organization endorses school districts using a framework founded on five research-based standards including: quality, governance, best-practice instruction, student achievement, and access to instructional resources. The Potter's House was first accredited in 2007, after hosting a rigorous external review by a Quality Assurance Review Team, and accreditation was reaffirmed in 2013 following a similar external review by AdvancED.

The survey link will be sent as a text and email later in December. All responses are anonymous. If you have children who attend more than one school, please complete a separate survey for each school. Students and staff will have an opportunity to complete similar surveys over the next several weeks.

Your support in completing the AdvancED Parent Survey is greatly appreciated. We thank you for your ongoing support of The Potter's House.

Queridos padres y guardianes,

The Potter's House participa en un proceso de mejora continua, y todos nuestros grupos de interés (estudiantes, padres y personal) juegan un papel importante. Como parte de este proceso de mejora, le pediremos que participe en una Encuesta AdvancED en diciembre. Los resultados ayudarán a los líderes escolares a obtener una comprensión más profunda de las fortalezas y la eficacia de nuestras escuelas, junto con oportunidades de mejora.

The Potter's House está acreditada por AdvancED, la agencia de acreditación no partidista más grande del mundo. La organización respalda los distritos escolares utilizando un marco basado en cinco estándares basados en la investigación que incluyen: calidad, gobernabilidad, instrucción de mejores prácticas, rendimiento estudiantil y acceso a recursos de instrucción. The Potter's House se acreditó por primera vez en 2007, luego de realizar una rigurosa revisión externa por un equipo de revisión de garantía de calidad, y la acreditación se reafirmó en 2013 luego de una revisión externa similar por parte de AdvancED.

El enlace de la encuesta se enviará como texto y correo electrónico más adelante en diciembre. Todas las respuestas son anónimas. Si tiene niños que asisten a más de una escuela, complete una encuesta por separado para cada escuela. Los estudiantes y el personal tendrán la oportunidad de completar encuestas similares durante las próximas semanas.

Su apoyo para completar la Encuesta para padres AdvancED es muy apreciado. Le agradecemos su continuo apoyo a The Potter's House.

Calendar

December 11 - 15, 2017

Monday, December 11, 2017

- 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. EL / MS Family Worship, Chapel
Patience - Psalm 27:14
- 4:30 p.m. TPH Board Meeting, Hospitality House
- 5:30 p.m. 7th Boys BBall at Zion Christian, 7555 Byron Center Ave SW, Byron Center 49315
- 6:30 p.m. 8th Boys BBall at Zion Christian, 7555 Byron Center Ave SW, Byron Center 49315

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

- 3:45 p.m. High School Bowling vs. Northpointe, Park Center Lanes, 2222 28th St SW, Wyoming
- 5:30 p.m. Boys JV BBall at Kalamazoo Hackett, 1000 W Kilgore Rd, Kalamazoo 49008
- 5:30 p.m. Girls JV BBall at Kelloggsville, 4787 Division Ave S, Grand Rapids 49548
- 7:00 p.m. Boys Varsity BBall at Kalamazoo Hackett, 1000 W Kilgore Rd, Kalamazoo 49008
- 7:00 p.m. Girls Varsity BBall at Kelloggsville, 4787 Division Ave S, Grand Rapids 49548
- 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Elementary/Middle School Choir and Band Concert, TPH Church

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

- 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Parent Prayer Group, TPH Church

Thursday, December 14, 2017

- 1:20 - 3:20 p.m. 8th Career Awareness - Paul Hart
- 4:00 p.m. High School Bowling at Western MI Christian, Northway Lanes 1751 Evanston Ave, Muskegon 49442
- 5:30 p.m. 7th Boys BBall at Black River, 491 Columbia Ave, Holland 49423
- 6:30 p.m. 8th Boys BBall at Black River, 491 Columbia Ave, Holland 49423

Friday, December 15, 2017

- 4:30 p.m. Boys JV BBall at Lee, 1335 Lee St SW Wyoming 49509
- 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. 8th Grade Babysitting at EL/MS Campus 810 VanRaalte Dr SW
- 6:00 p.m. Girls Varsity BBall at Lee, 1335 Lee St SW Wyoming 49509
- 7:30 p.m. Boys Varsity BBall at Lee, 1335 Lee St SW Wyoming 49509

Leaving During School

For your children's safety, students should never leave school for any reason during the day without checking out through the office. Only the parent / guardian may sign-out or give permission for a student's early dismissal. Only family or authorized adults, listed in the school management system, may pick-up a student with parent / guardian permission.

Elementary / Middle School Procedures:

- The parent / guardian or authorized adult will be required to come to the office and complete the Early Dismissal log and Early Dismissal Authorization slip.
- **The office will not call students to the office to wait for their parent, so plan your time accordingly.**
- Teachers may not release a child to an adult without an Early Dismissal Authorization slip.
- Students are not permitted to walk home alone during school hours. The parent / guardian or an authorized adult must pick up the student at school.

Salida Durante La Escuela

Para la seguridad de sus hijos, los estudiantes nunca deben salir de la escuela por ninguna razón durante el día sin revisar a través de la oficina. Solamente el padre / guardián puede firmar o dar permiso para la salida temprana de un estudiante. Únicamente los familiares o adultos autorizados que figuran en el sistema de gestión de la escuela pueden recoger a un estudiante con permiso del padre / tutor.

Procedimientos de la Escuela Primaria / Secundaria:

- Se le pedirá al padre / guardián o adulto autorizado que venga a la oficina y complete el registro de despido temprano y el resguardo de autorización de despido temprano.
- **La oficina no llamará a los estudiantes a la oficina para esperar a sus padres, así que planifique su tiempo en consecuencia.**
- Los maestros no pueden entregar a un niño a un adulto sin un boleto de autorización de despido temprano.
- A los estudiantes no se les permite caminar a casa solos durante las horas escolares. El padre / guardián o un adulto autorizado debe recoger al estudiante en la escuela.

High School Guidance Office

Groundhog Shadow Day 2018

Over 1,000 Kent County high school students are expected to participate in the Kent ISD career readiness event – **Groundhog Shadow Day** on Friday, February 2, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. This one-day job shadow program allows students to experience a wide variety of occupations that will be available. Registration runs from **December 1 – 18, 2017**.

Se espera que más de 1,000 estudiantes de secundaria del condado de Kent participen en el evento de preparación para la carrera de Kent ISD - Día de la Marmota de la Marmota el viernes 2 de febrero de 2018, de 9:00 AM a 2:00 PM. Este programa de trabajo de un día permite a los estudiantes experimentar una amplia variedad de ocupaciones que estarán disponibles. La inscripción se realizará del **1 al 18 de diciembre de 2017**.

Register at: <http://www.kentisd.org/instructional-services/career-readiness/students/programs/groundhog-shadow-day/>

Scholarship Opportunity

Then this BRAND NEW scholarship called Wise Up is a scholarship program created to recognize high-school student achievement in a broad range of categories including: academics, athletics, leadership, visual arts, performing arts/theater, music, and community service. A \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded in each category.

To find out more about this scholarship AND how to apply visit: <http://wiseupawards.org/>.

Oportunidad de becas

Luego esta nueva beca llamada Wise Up es un programa de becas creado para reconocer los logros de los estudiantes de secundaria en una amplia gama de categorías que incluyen: académicos, atletismo, liderazgo, artes visuales, artes escénicas / teatro, música y servicio comunitario. Se otorgará una beca de \$ 5,000 en cada categoría.

Para obtener más información acerca de esta beca Y cómo aplicar visita: <http://wiseupawards.org/>.

8th Grade Babysitting Nights

Here are the upcoming dates, so that you can plan for a night out:

December 15, 2017

January 19, 2018

February 16, 2018

March 16, 2018

April 27, 2018

- Time: 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the elementary
- Who: Children potty trained to 11 years
- Cost: \$5 per child or \$20 per family
- Proceeds support the 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C.

High School Yearbook Pictures

Please send senior photos to Mr. DePree BEFORE spring break, so they can be included in the yearbook. Students are also encouraged to submit pictures from this year's dances, sporting events, or other school activities.

Digital jpg files work best but hard copies can be turned in to Mr. DePree to be scanned as well.

Send digital files to cdepree@tphgr.org.
Deadline is April 2, 2018.

Fotos de anuario de escuela secundaria

Por favor, envíe fotos de alto nivel al Sr. DePree ANTES de las vacaciones de primavera, para que puedan incluirse en el anuario. También se anima a los estudiantes a enviar fotos de los bailes, eventos deportivos u otras actividades escolares de este año.

Los archivos jpg digitales funcionan mejor, pero las copias impresas se pueden entregar al Sr. DePree para que también se escaneen.

Envíe archivos digitales a cdepree@tphgr.org.
La fecha límite es el **2 de abril de 2018**.

HIGH SCHOOL FIRST SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE – December 2017

The school schedule for the week of December 18-22:

Monday, December 18	8:00 am – 3:25 pm	Regular classes all day
Tuesday, December 19	8:00 am – 1:00 pm 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Regular classes / lunch 6 th hour exam
Wednesday, December 20	8:20 am – 10:00 am 10:30 am – Noon	7 th hour exam 5 th hour exam
Thursday, December 21	8:20 am – 10:00 am 10:30 am – Noon	2 nd hour exam 4 th hour exam
Friday, December 22	8:20 am – 10:00 am 10:30 am – Noon	1 st hour exam 3 rd hour exam

Attendance and Dress Code:

- We will begin each day with **Morning Prayers** from 8:00-8:15 am.
- Regular dress code is expected during exams.
- Students are **not** to be at school when they do not have an exam. If students choose to be at school, but do not have an exam, they must report to study hall.
- **KCTC and KTC** students will be excused on the days that they have exams. Students should notify Mrs. Rich regarding their exam schedule so she can communicate school related absences to KCTC and KTC.

Transportation:

- The **morning shuttle bus** will run normally during exam week.
- **NO afternoon shuttle bus** on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday of exam week.
- Students waiting for rides must wait **in the cafetorium**.
- **Plan ahead for rides** to come **at** or **after**:
 - **2:30 pm on Tuesday**
 - **10:00 am or 12:00 pm on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**

School Meals:

- **Breakfast** will be served from 7:50-8:10 am each morning during exam days, or a cold breakfast will be available (in the cafetorium) Wednesday-Friday, 10:00-10:20 am, prior to the second exam.
- **Lunch** will be served Tuesday.
- **NO lunch** will be served Wednesday, Thursday or Friday during exams.

Detention and 8th Hour

- **Detention and 8th Hour** will meet the Monday (3:30-4:30 pm), Tuesday (2:40-3:40 pm), Wednesday and Thursday (12:10-1:10 pm) of exam week.
- **No Detention or 8th Hour** after exams on Friday.
- **Zero Hour** will be available from 7:15-7:50 am Monday through Friday.

Special Detention and 8th Hour Schedule:

- Detentions and 8th hours received will be served the same day. *A Thursday detention will be served the same day or during zero hour on Friday (with teacher approval).*
- A parent must contact Mr. Clark via phone (249-8050 ext. 3815) or email (aclark@tphgr.org) to reschedule a detention if the student does not serve it during these specified times.
- First semester grades will not be released until all detentions have been served.

Puma Saturday Basketball



Work Hard and Have Fun!

TPH High School is offering a basketball clinic for boys and girls grades 2-5. The basic fundamentals of basketball will be taught in a fun learning environment. We will be using smaller basketballs to develop proper form and technique. Motor skill development as well as drill work is also stressed. The goal of this camp is to give kids a positive introductory basketball experience.

Program Dates: Saturdays on January 13, 20, 27 and February 3 (4 weeks).

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Cost: \$25 (includes a T-Shirt)

Location: The Potter's House High School Gym

Registration due: December 22, 2017

Please make out checks to The Potter's House

Tear off registration form below and Mail to:

The Potter's House High School

Attn: Kevin Kuipers

2500 Newport SE

Wyoming, MI, 49519

Participant's Name: _____

T-shirt size: Please circle YS YM YL S M L

Email: _____

Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Phone #: _____