



Mr. Hansen's Newsletter

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If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me
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Highlights!

Welcome back to another fantastic year at Shepherd of the Hills!! I am so excited about the year ahead.

Volleyball and Soccer practices have started!! Go Rams!!

I need drivers for upcoming field trips. I will give you plenty of warning on the exact dates so you have time to complete the "Safeguarding Our Children" program on the school website and turn in insurance info to the school office. The first field trip will be 7th and 8th grade class going to the Air Force Academy in September.

IdRaHaJe – 6th Grade Outdoor Education for 2019

We have IdRaHaJe information available! Outdoor Education Mountain Lab School for our 6th graders will run from October 15 – October 18. The rate remains the same at \$175.00 per camper. Registration packets went home with your 6th graders this week. Please register online with IdRaHaJe. Payment will be

due by Friday, October 4, our last day of school before Fall Break. You can pay in the school office.

LONDON CALLING...AS WELL AS PARIS AND NORMANDY!!

Shepherd of the Hills is beginning a summer program of European travel the first week of June in 2020. We are launching this new program, led by Darren Hansen, with a trip to London, Paris and Normandy. This trip is open to all Shepherd of the Hills students, alumni, their families, staff and members of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. We will see the highlights of both London and Paris, tour Normandy and the D-Day beaches, the walled city of St. Malo in Brittany and the breathtaking beauty of Mont St. Michel on the French coast and witness the pomp and ceremony of the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace. Please contact me with any questions at dhansen@SOTHfamily.org

Germany, Austria and Switzerland in 2021

We are returning to Europe in 2021! This time we will see the majestic Alps. We will tour the amazing medieval walled town of Rothenberg, Germany; visit Neuschwanstein, the castle that inspired Walt Disney; and see the wonders of Austria and Switzerland! We can sign up for the trip in September. There will be an information meeting for all interested families connected to our church and school in my classroom on Wednesday, September 18 at 5:00pm. Please look for separate emails about this! A \$200 trip discount is available to everyone that signs up early!!

7th/8th US History

This week we are working through colonial foundations and gaining an understanding of the motivations of the early colonists and how the various regions shaped up on the Eastern seaboard. We will test again on Monday but this time they can have a note prep card. Next week, we dive deeper into the regional differences of the colonies and see the first stirrings of the colonists seeing themselves as something more than far-flung colonials.

5th/6th Ancient World History

We ended our week with the beginning of our study of the cultures in early Mesopotamia. We will discuss those civilizations in the week ahead and prepare for a test on chapter 2 the following week.

7th/8th Christian Learning/New Testament

We learned of the heroic faith of Abraham and the power of prayer. We dug deep into the Lord's prayer. We continue with the stories of Isaac and Jacob as we wrap up the first unit and prepare for a significant unit review test.

5th/6th Christian Learning/Old Testament

We focused on the heroic faith of Abraham and his willingness to answer God's call; no matter where it led. We will learn from the example of Isaac, Jacob and Joseph and close out the first unit. There will be an extensive review test covering this first unit soon.

4th Colorado History

We listened to "The Story of Colorado" as prepared by your kids today! It was a fun and different way to test them for comprehension. Next week we will talk about Colorado's first people and look at the mystery surrounding the disappearance of some of them.