

JULY 2026

GHBS

SOLDIERS



STAFF NEWS

Welcome

- **MR. ANDREW PEASE:** Andrew is a recent graduate of Heartland Baptist College and will be joining our high school staff on a part-time basis. His focus will be high school and middle school history.
- **MISS KASEY RATCLIFFE:** KASEY IS A 2025 GRADUATE OF GHBS AND WILL BE ASSISTING IN OUR PRESCHOOL.

Updates

- Mrs. Dianne Hughes is joining the preschool staff.
- Miss Lyndsay Whitehurst will be teaching kindergarten .
- Mrs. Shannon Whitehurst will be in the first grade classroom this year.
- Miss Joy Handy will transition from our preschool to the 3rd grade.
- Miss Adora Anaya will transition from our high school to the 4th grade.

We praise the Lord, and we are excited for the excellent staff that He has supplied!

Abide

GREAT HOPE BAPTIST SCHOOL

John 15:4-5 • 2026-2027

We are excited about this year's theme! The theme for the 2026-2027 school year is "Abide".

Throughout the year, the faculty and staff will encourage the student body from John 15:4-5.

Parent /Student Orientation Friday, Aug 28th

Our annual Orientation will be held on Friday, August 28th, at 7:00pm, in the school gymnasium. This is a required event, so be sure to mark this date on your calendar. We use this time to overview the upcoming school year and remind us all of the details necessary to make it successful. This is also a great opportunity for parents to meet and interact with our staff and meet their students' teachers. In addition, we have a special informative meeting for students entering the 6th grade with their parents at 6:00pm. This meeting will take place in room E109.

SCHOOL CAMP

School Camp is a highlight in the school year. Camp is designed to build camaraderie among the 9th-12th grades. School Camp is scheduled for Sept. 9th-11th at Timber Ridge Bible Camp. We look forward to using this opportunity for the unification of our senior high students as we remove them from the distractions of the world and encourage them in our theme, "ABIDE". We have several activities planned that will be fun and challenging as we enjoy God's creation. The cost for meals, activities and transportation is \$120.00.

INTRODUCING...

This year, Great Hope Baptist School is establishing an ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER or what we will refer to as the "ARC". The ARC will serve as a resource for students to receive additional help outside of the classroom. Miss Lyndsay Whitehurst will lead this endeavor. The plan is to allow her to transition from the K5 to the ARC after the academic portion of the K5 day is complete. She has a degree in special education and is excited about being able to serve in this capacity. We have had the desire to make this resource available for a few years. Being able to introduce the ARC at this time is an answer to prayer! We will have more information available at the Parent/Student Orientation.

LANDS' END

6th – 12th Grade Ladies: You can find the uniform skirt at landsend.com. Our preferred school number is 900129180.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

What makes our school run smoothly? Volunteers! We are looking for some eager people that would love to be a blessing to our ministry. We are in need of those that can help either on a weekly or monthly basis – or even just a few times throughout the year. If you are interested in volunteering and being "plugged" in, please contact Kristen Hader in the school office at 757.482.5121.

MUSIC AT GHBS

Great Hope has been blessed over the years to have an outstanding music program. Our school choir promotes conservative songs that focus on Christ, not the performer. The GHBS band program is tailored to teach students a musical instrument that they may use to praise the Lord and serve Him throughout their entire lives. In addition, the school office has information on individual piano lessons. Piano is a wonderful way to enhance both academic and musical development.

ABSENTEEISM

Absenteeism is an issue that is rampant in our society. Great Hope has also seen an increase in unexcused absences. We are asking each family to make a commitment to have their student(s) at school and on time unless the student is sick, has an appointment, or a family emergency. Please refer to the handbook for our complete attendance requirements.

TIME/DATE REMINDERS

6:30am-7:45am – Early Extended Care Drop Off
7:45am – Building open for K5-12th Grades
8:15am – Homeroom Begins For All Students
3:15pm – Elementary Dismissal
3:20pm – 6th – 12th Grade Dismissal
3:30pm-6:00pm – Extended Care

Aug 31st: 1st Day of School
Sept 25th: Grandparents' Day
Nov 25th – 27th: Thanksgiving Break
Dec 18th (12:00) – Jan 1st: Christmas Break
Mar 26th – Apr 5th: Spring Break
June 3rd: 50th High School Graduation
June 4th: Last Day of School



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OUR MISSION



Thank you for entrusting us with your precious preschooler. Here at Great Hope Baptist School, we strive to "train up a child in the way he should go..." (Proverbs 22:6a) by providing various academic opportunities with a strong Biblical worldview. Our heart's desire is to provide a Christ-focused and Christ-honoring environment in which they can grow. We are excited to have you in our GHBS Preschool family, and we look forward to what the Lord has in store for us this year!



CONTACT INFORMATION

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Miss Whitney Howard
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Mrs. Dianne Hughes
Mrs. Liza Orozco
Miss Kasey Ratcliffe

School Office: 757-482-5121
(Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
**If you need to contact us during school hours,
please call the school office.**



COMMUNICATION

Please check your child's communication folder. Worksheets, behavior notes, and other important messages will be sent home on a daily basis.
Also, please, check your emails, especially on Fridays, for future school events.

GREAT HOPE BAPTIST SCHOOL

WELCOME TO PRESCHOOL!



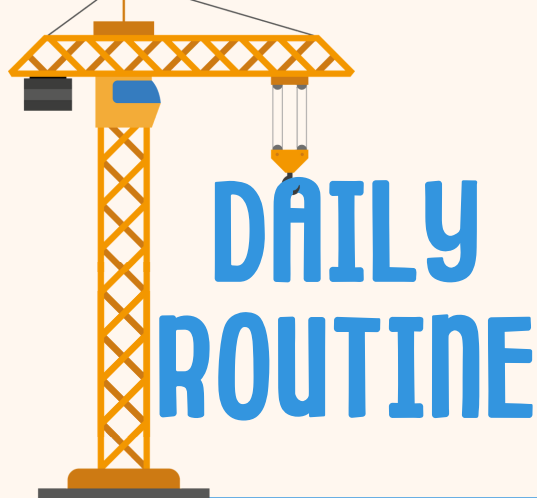
Little Soldiers
2026-2027

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

- Naptime Essentials
- 1 full set of extra clothes (including shoes, socks, and sweatshirt)
- 1 reusable water bottle
- 1 box of crayons (24 count or less)
- 1 hand sanitizer
- 2 cans of disinfectant sprays
- 2 containers of disinfectant wipes
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 2 sturdy pocket folders
- 7 individual packets of baby wipes (no refill packets, please)

*Please put your child's name on school supplies as well as clothing items.

*Naptime Essentials will be taken home weekly or as often as necessary for cleaning.



8:00-9:00	Check In
8:15	Morning Worksheets
9:00-9:20	Snack
9:20-10:05	Learning Time
10:05-11:00	Playground/Gym Time
11:00-11:30	Bible Time
11:30-12:00	Lunch Time
12:00-12:30	Group/Music Time
12:30	Half-Day Dismissal
12:30-1:15	Wind Down Before Naptime
1:15-2:30	Naptime
2:30-3:15	Slow Wake Up/Snack Time
3:15-3:30	Car Line Dismissal
*3:30-6:00	Extended Care

*Early morning drop off is available from 6:30 am to 7:45 am. Extended Care is available from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Please call the school office for more information



2026-2027 CALENDAR

Aug 28	Orientation Night
Aug 31	First Day of School
Sep 7	No School (Labor Day)
Nov 12-13	No School (Teachers' Convention)
Nov 25-27	No School (Thanksgiving Break)
Nov 30	School Resumes
Dec 8-9	Christmas Shoppe
Dec 18	Early Dismissal
Dec 21-Jan 1	No School (Christmas Break)
Jan 4	School Resumes
Feb 15	No School (Presidents' Day)
Mar 26-Apr 5	No School (Spring Break)
Apr 6	School Resumes
May 21	Field Day
May 31	No School (Memorial Day)
June 2	Preschool Promotion Party
June 4	Last Day of School- Early Dismissal
June 7	Little Soldiers Summer Program Begins



Great Hope Baptist School

2026-2027



*New or adjusted event

August 17-21	Soccer/Volleyball Practice 9:00AM – 11:00AM	January 18	No Classes – In-Service / Parent Teacher Conferences
August 24-28	Faculty and Staff Orientation	January 25	ODACS Sate Government Day (11 th & 12 th)
August 24-28	Soccer/Volleyball Practice 1:00PM – 3:00PM	February 5	End Progress Report 3 rd Quarter
August 28	Parent Student Orientation 7:00PM	February 11	Progress Report Home
August 31	School Begins	February 5-6	JV Basketball Tournament
September 7	No School – Labor Day	February 12-13	Basketball State Finals A
September 9-11	School Camp (9 th -12 th)	February 15	No School – Presidents' Day
September 17	Middle School Theme Emphasis Day	February 19-20	Basketball State Finals AA
September 18	End Progress Report 1 st Quarter	March 3-5	GHBC Missions Conference – Sam Slobodian
September 24	Progress Report Home	March 8-9	ODACS Fine Arts Competition (9 th No Classes K5-3)
September 25	Grandparents' Day K3-5 th (K5-5 th Early Dismissal)	March 10	2 Hour Delay
October 2-3	Valley Tournament	March 12	Spring Concert
October 5-7	Fall Revival – Dwight Smith	March 12	End 3 rd Quarter
October 8	2 Hour Delay	March 18	Report Cards Home
October 23-24	Soccer/Volleyball State Finals A @ Great Hope	March 18-19	ODACS Fine Arts State Competition (19 th No Classes K5-6)
October 16	End First Quarter	March 22-25	IOWA Achievement Tests
October 22	Report Card Home	March 26-April 5	No School/Office Closed – Spring Break
October 30-31	Soccer/Volleyball State Finals AA	April 13-16	AACS Nationals
November 5-6	College Days (10 th – 12 th)	April 23	9-12 Field Trip
November 12-13	No School – Teacher Convention	April 23	End Progress Report 4 th Quarter
November 19-20	Band/Choir Festival	April 29	Progress Report Home
November 20	End Progress Report 2 nd Quarter	May 1	ODACS Track Meet
November 24	Progress Report Home	May 7	Junior/Senior
November 25-27	No School – Thanksgiving Break	May 15-22	Senior Trip
December 4-5	Great Hope Basketball Classic	May 21	Elementary Field Day
December 8-9	Christmas Shoppe	May 25	High School Park Day
December 14	2 Hour Delay	May 27	High School Recognition Chapel
December 15	Christmas Program 7:00PM	May 28	Awards Banquet – 6:30 PM (6 th – 12 th)
December 16-18	Midterm Exams	May 31	No School – Memorial Day
December 18	Early Dismissal 12:00PM (No Lunch)	June 1	K5 Graduation 7:00 (K5 Dismissal 12:00PM)
December 18	End Second Quarter	June 2	Preschool Promotion 12:00PM
December 18-January 1	No School/Office Closed - Christmas Break	June 2-4	Final Exams
January 4	School Resumes	June 3	50 th High School Graduation 7:00PM
January 7	Report Cards Home	June 4	Last Day of School/Elementary Awards Chapel – 12:00 Dismissal (1 st –11 th)
January 15-16	Valley Tournament		

Note: If we experience more than 4 weather related closings, families should plan for a shift in the above schedule. After the third closing, you can expect to have school on Jan 18 or Feb 15. If we experience more than 5 weather related closings, we will have school on those dates as well as an adjusted exam schedule.



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Elementary Supply List 2026-2027

Kindergarten

- ☐ (4) My First Triangular Ticonderoga Pencils
- ☐ (2) Pocket and Prong Folders
- ☐ (1) Pink Pearl Eraser
- ☐ (1) Pair Safety Scissors
- ☐ (1) Pencil Box
- ☐ (3) Glue Sticks
- ☐ (3) Boxes Tissues
- ☐ (1) Bottle Hand Sanitizer
- ☐ (2) Containers Clorox Wipes
- ☐ Nap Mat, Pillow, & Blanket
- ☐ King James Bible

2nd Grade

- ☐ 4 Triangle Pencil Grips
- ☐ (2) Plastic Pocket and Prong Folders-
1 Red and 1 any color
- ☐ 1 Thick Paper Folder (Fun Décor)
- ☐ 10 Sheet Protectors- Put In Small Binder
- ☐ ½" Binder With Pockets for Homework
- ☐ 1 ½" Binder With Pockets For Scrapbook
- ☐ Plastic Pencil Box (8"x5")
- ☐ 10-20 #2 Pencils
- ☐ 2 Pink Pearl Erasers
- ☐ Child's Scissors
- ☐ 6 Glue Sticks
- ☐ 10-24 Count Crayons
- ☐ 1 Box Colored Pencils (Optional)
- ☐ 1 Black Dry Erase Marker
- ☐ 2 Boxes Tissues
- ☐ King James Bible
- ☐ 2 Containers Clorox Wipes
- ☐ 1 Bottle Hand Sanitizer (No Aloe)

1st Grade

- ☐ (3) Boxes Tissues
- ☐ (1) Pair Child's Scissors
- ☐ (2) Small Bottles Hand Sanitizer
- ☐ (1-2) Pink Pearl Erasers
- ☐ (2) Plastic Pocket Folders
- ☐ KJV Bible
- ☐ (2) Elmer's Glue Sticks
- ☐ (1) Hard Plastic Pencil Box

3rd Grade

- ☐ 3 Boxes of Tissues
- ☐ King James Bible
- ☐ #2 Pencils or Mechanical with Lead
- ☐ (1) Pair Child's Scissors
- ☐ Crayola Crayons
- ☐ Pencil Case
- ☐ 2 Pink Pearl Erasers
- ☐ 3 Packs Wide Ruled Paper
- ☐ 3 Stiff Folders
- ☐ 2 Glue Sticks
- ☐ Traditional Wooden Ruler
- ☐ ½" 3 Ring Binder
- ☐ Homework Assignment Notebook*
- ☐ 1 Container Clorox Wipes
- ☐ 1 Bottle Hand Sanitizer

4th Grade

- ☐ 4 Boxes Tissues
- ☐ King James Bible
- ☐ #2 Pencils or Mechanical with Lead
- ☐ (1) Pair Child's Scissors
- ☐ Colored Pencils
- ☐ Pencil Case
- ☐ 2 Pink Pearl Erasers
- ☐ 3 Packs Wide Ruled Paper
- ☐ 3 Stiff Folders
- ☐ 2 Glue Sticks
- ☐ Traditional Wooden Ruler
- ☐ ½" 3 Ring Binder
- ☐ Homework Assignment Notebook*
- ☐ 1 Container Clorox Wipes
- ☐ 1 Bottle Hand Sanitizer

5th Grade

- ☐ 4 Boxes of Tissues
- ☐ King James Bible
- ☐ # 2 Pencils or Mechanical With Lead
- ☐ 1 Red Pen
- ☐ Sharp Quality Child's Scissors
- ☐ Crayola Crayons & Colored Pencils
- ☐ Pencil Case
- ☐ 2 Pink Pearl Erasers
- ☐ 3 Stiff Folders
- ☐ 3 Packs Notebook Paper
- ☐ 3 College Ruled Spiral Notebooks
- ☐ 2 Glue Sticks
- ☐ Ruler With English and Metrics
- ☐ 1.5-2" 3 Ring Binder
- ☐ 1 Highlighter
- ☐ Homework Assignment Notebook*
- ☐ 1 Container Clorox Wipes
- ☐ 1 Bottle Hand Sanitizer

Please put names in clothing and on supplies & keep all supplies at school.

**Purchase from school office*



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Grades 6-12 Supply Lists

2026-2027

Each Student

- King James Bible
- Pencils/Pens
- 4 Boxes of Tissues *Required for each 6th-12th Grade Student*
- Book Covers for Text Books
- Homework Assignment Notebook (Grades 6-8)
- *Purchase Through the School Office

Bible

- 3 Ring Binder

English

- Blue or Black Pens
- Red Pens
- Mechanical Pencils
- Highlighters
- Erasers
- (2) Packs 8.5x11 College-Ruled Notebook Paper
- (1) 1" Binder
- (1) 5 Subject College-Ruled Notebook
- 1 Plastic Folder With Pockets & Prongs
- 3x5 Cards
- Clorox Wipes

Math

- **6th Grade-** Ruler, 2 Spiral Bound/Perforated Notebooks, Calculator
- **Pre-Algebra-** 2 Spiral Bound/Perforated Notebooks, Graph Paper
- **Algebra-** 2 Spiral Bound/Perforated Notebooks, Graph Paper, Scientific Calculator
- **Geometry-** 2 Spiral Bound/Perforated Notebooks, Compass, Clear Small Protractor
- **Pre-Calculus-** 2 Spiral Bound/Perforated Notebooks, Graph Paper, Scientific Calculator With Trigonometric Functions, Powers, Roots, & Logarithmic Functions. Graphing Calculator Useful but Not Required.

Science

- **Grades 6, 7 & 8-** 3 Prong Folder, Notebook
- **Grade 9-** Calculator, Notebook, Dry Erase Markers
- **Grades 10 & 11-** Pocket Folder, Calculator, Notebook, Dry Erase Markers
- **A&P-** 3 Ring Binder, Colored Pencils, Notebook, Dry Erase Markers
- **Physics-** 3 Prong Folder, Calculator, Dry Erase Markers

History

- 3 Ring Binder
- Notebook Paper

Spanish

- 3 packs 3x5 Index Cards
- 3 Ring Binder
- English/Spanish Dictionary
- College-Ruled Notebook
- College-Ruled Notebook Paper



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2026 Preseason Schedule

Soccer

August 17 - 21
9 A.M. - 11 A.M.
August 24 - 28
1 P.M. - 3 P.M.

Volleyball

August 17 - 21
9 A.M. - 11 A.M.
August 24 - 28
1 P.M. - 3 P.M.



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NAME: _____ AGE: _____ GRADE: _____

STUDENT'S MEDICAL HISTORY

1. Has had injuries or illness requiring medical attention; yes no
2. Is under physician's care now; yes no
3. Takes medication now; yes no _____
4. Has been in hospital recently; yes no _____
5. Has had surgery; yes no _____
6. Wears glasses; yes no Wears contact lenses; yes no
7. Is allergic to; _____
8. Do you know of any reason why your child should not participate in any sport event?

Date: _____ Signed (parent or guardian): _____

PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE

Height _____ Weight _____ Blood Pressure _____

Significant Past Illness or injury _____

(normal) (comments)

Eyes.....
Ears.....
Cardio-Respiratory.....
Abdomen.....
Musculoskeletal.....
Hernia.....
Genitalia.....
Neurological.....
Laboratory: Urinalysis.....
Recommendations: _____

The above-named student has been examined by me on this date and I find him/her physically able to compete in an interscholastic athletic program without restrictions unless noted above.



Date of Examination: _____ Signed: _____

Physician's Address: _____

