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Sycamore H.O.P.E. Christmas Shop

Our Christmas Shop is Monday, December 8, Tuesday December 9 & Wednesday, December 10.

Information went home with your child.



Shop for Mom,
Shop for Dad, Shop
for your sister,
Shop for your
brother, Shop for
Grandma &
Grandpa,
Shop for your cat,
Shop for your dog



WINTER BREAK

Winter Break is Saturday, December 20 through Sunday, January 4! Time for fun, family and maybe some snow?

Snowmen,
Snow Angels,
Snow Forts

Winter jammies,
Hot chocolate,
Christmas movies



Did You Know:

It is only TWENTY days until Christmas!!

Very exciting!



Hand2Hand

Permission slips went home for this opportunity to have weekend food bags delivered to school for your children for over the weekend. If you are interested, please scan the QR code on that sheet to have your child added to the list.

Field Trip:

2nd Grade: Tues., Dec. 16 8:30-2:00
Meijer Garden & Celebration Cinema



Treat Day....

Treat day is every Tuesday. One treat for .75 cents or three treats for \$2.00. This happens at the very beginning of the day. Proceeds help with "March is Reading Month" activities.

Popcorn....Our next popcorn day is Friday, December 19. Same great price of 50 cents a bag!



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5 TIPS TO ENCOURAGE GOOD HOMEWORK HABITS

Use your after-school time well and ease stress with these tips for establishing good homework habits.

- 1** Create a schedule and do homework at the same time every day. Attaching it to an existing habit can help create consistency (e.g. having a snack and then doing homework).
- 2** Provide a space for your child to do their homework that has the supplies they'll need. This can be anything from a desk in their room to a spot in the kitchen.
- 3** Put screens and distractions away—consider them a reward for when homework is finished.
- 4** Develop an order to create a routine. If your child needs motivation, start with their favorite subject. If they're naturally driven to complete homework, start with the hardest assignment.
- 5** Communicate with your child's teacher—research shows that open communication about homework improves academic performance.



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Positive Message Day....think happy thoughts, smiley faces, any positive thought to bring positivity to our school! Our next positive message day: Wed., Dec. 17, 2025

Suggestions given by the Allegan County Health Dept. of "When to Keep Your Child Home":

- *Severely Ill
- *Fever: Temp. of 100.4F or greater AND behavior changes or other signs and symptoms (keep home until 24 hours fever-free, without use of fever-reducing meds)
- *Diarrhea: no loose stools for 24 hrs. prior to returning==
- *Vomiting: no vomiting episodes for 24 hrs. prior to returning==
- *Rash: with fever or change in behavior==
- *Skin sores (weeping sores that can't be covered with waterproof dressing)
- *Certain Communicable Diseases: may need to be excluded

==These are general recommendations only. Consult physician or local public health department.

GOING TO SCHOOL REGULARLY HELPS CHILDREN LEARN HOW TO FINISH TASKS THEY START.



- Children who attend school every day or miss at most 1 day a month score higher on reading and math tests.
- Some children are nervous about school and do not want to go. For info about school anxiety visit this [link](#).
- Children who go to school regularly are better at working through difficult tasks.
- Homework doesn't have to be a chore. Visit this [link](#) for help.

Proper Clothing Rules:
60 degrees or more...short sleeves
50-59 degrees....long sleeves
Less than 50 degrees....coat

News from H.O.P.E.

Check us out at Sycamore H.O.P.E. on face book or email sycamorehope@gmail.com
 Next H.O.P.E. meeting is on Thursday, January 15 at 7:45 a.m.

Our half days for the 2025-26 school year are:

Half Days...

- *Friday, January 16
- *Thursday, February 12
- *Thursday, March 5
- *Friday, March 6
- *Friday, March 27
- *Tuesday, June 2
- *Wednesday, June 3

These are 11:10 dismissals.

MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR CHILD(REN) THESE DAYS!!!