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Rosehill Christian School Participates in Operation Christmas Child

Elementary students in grades K through 5 from Rosehill Christian School participated in Operation Christmas Child and donated 199 shoeboxes of gifts to be shipped to the needy children of Haiti. Operation Christmas Child is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, a Christian organization run by Franklin Graham, the son of Evangelist Billy Graham. Their goal is to provide spiritual and physical aid to hurting people throughout the world. Operation Christmas Child is a program that allows the community a tangible way to help the needy children around the world. The shoeboxes were filled with new toys, school supplies, candy and a personal note. Rosehill Christian School had a goal of 155 boxes, one for each student enrolled in elementary school at RCS. Through the generosity of the students and parents, that goal was surpassed by over 40 shoeboxes. "I am constantly reminded that no child is too small to do the work of the Lord!" stated fifth grade teacher, Christie Newell. Middle school English teacher, Katie Davila, and her husband, Noe, graciously loaded up all 199 shoeboxes and dropped them off at Lifeway – a drop site for Operation Christmas Child. Newell was very pleased with the response of the students and acknowledged that this service project was "a wonderful opportunity to teach our young kids how to reach out to kids their own age who get nothing for Christmas". Rosehill Christian School is located at 19830 FM 2920 in Tomball, Texas.



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U.S. Track Olympian to Speak at Northwest Flyers Track Club Registration Breakfast on February 5th

The Northwest Flyers Track Club will host its annual free information / registration breakfast on Saturday, February 5, 2011, for all boys, girls and their parents who are interested in joining for the 2011 track season. The breakfast starts promptly at 8:30 AM at the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center Forum located at 6823 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX, 77379.

The breakfast is the annual opportunity for youth athletes to register for the 2011 spring/summer track season, and to meet the Northwest Flyers coaches, staff, and other new and returning athletes. The event will be highlighted by a special presentation from a member of the USA Track & Field Olympic team.

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a youth (ages 6 -18) track organization, affiliated with USA Track & Field (USATF), that provides a full program of sanctioned "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and sanctioned "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, discus, shot put and javelin. The Northwest Flyers has approximately 275 members, boys and girls. The club was founded 24 years ago by

Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the Northwest Houston area.

The Northwest Flyers is a member of the "Win with Integrity" program, a partnership between USATF and the American College of Sports Medicine. "Win with Integrity" brings elite track & field athletes and school-aged kids together to promote healthy lifestyles, keeping active, and living with integrity through the sport of track & field.

For additional information on the Northwest Flyers Track Club, please visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org> or contact Linette Roach at (281) 587-8442 or linette.roach@sbcglobal.net.





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The district VIPS Executive Board spearheads the business of the VIPS. This board is comprised of volunteers elected to take on specific responsibilities offering support, guidance, and training to all volunteers in the district. The VIPS Executive Board meets monthly to evaluate and address the needs of the district and distribute information relating to volunteer and community activities and strengthen parental involvement in education. *If you are interested in being involved at Cy-Fair schools as a volunteer and making a difference, or would like more information, please contact Pam Scott, Partners in Education Director at 281-894-3950.*

January 2010 Upcoming Events

- **January 11: Sooper Puppy Training** – 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Berry Center. Sooper Puppy is a first grade class series dealing with age appropriate life lessons, facing dilemmas and arriving at solutions by making good choices.
- **January 13: VIPS General Meeting** – 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Berry Center. Open to all CFISD volunteers, parents, staff and community members. Get the latest information on CFISD volunteering and learn through networking!
- **January 14: PIE Student Mentor Training** – 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Berry Center. Training for individuals committed to serve as a role model and friend to CFISD students. District approved mentors meet with students weekly during school hours on school campuses. Along with this two hour training, an application and criminal background check are required.
- **January 25: Junior Achievement Volunteer Training** – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Berry Center. The purpose of Junior Achievement is to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, understand business and economics, and be workforce ready.
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WRAP is Cy-Woods High School's parent-driven Project Prom organization. The purpose of WRAP is to provide a drug- and alcohol-free all-night party for the graduating seniors and their guests after their prom. This year WRAP will be held at ITZ on May 27, 2011, as an overnight lock-in party, it is a fun-filled evening of shows, games, activities, food, gifts and prizes!

WRAP still has openings for event chairs and co-chairs! Earn mega bucks by serving as a chair or co-chair!

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WHERE: Houston National Golf Club
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Cy-Fair Express Network invites you to their monthly meeting and luncheon. Bring plenty of business cards for networking. Please make reservations online by January 21 @ www.cyfen.org or call Darlene Hajduk @ 713-939-9730.

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3 Steps to Kick-Start your Career in 2011

By Amy Wolfgang, M.Ed.

It's a new year and many of us spend this time evaluating different aspects of our lives: our health, our finances, and our career. Below are the 3 most important actions you can take to kick-start your career in 2011!

IDENTIFY YOUR CAREER GOALS

Before you can begin to make changes in your career, you need to identify what you are looking to change. Identify a few career goals that you want to achieve in 2011. Sample goals include:

- Develop new skills in a particular area
- Make a lateral move at your company
- Earn a promotion
- Start a new job in a different industry

Once you know what you want to achieve you can begin the work to make those changes happen.

Action Item: Write down your career goals for 2011. This does not need to be a formal document, but write them down on paper or type them into a document.

GET YOUR RESUME IN SHAPE

When was the last time you updated your resume? For some it was years ago when they last applied to a job. For others, it was only a few months ago. Regardless of when you viewed your resume last, now is the time to review it and make sure it includes all of your latest accomplishments.

Look at the bullet points on your resume and ask yourself the following questions:

- Do they describe your responsibilities or do they focus on results? A good resume focuses on what you accomplished rather than the tasks that filled your day.
- Is your resume attractive to read or is it too dense with information? Sometimes it can be hard to edit your own work.

We feel a personal connection to what we have accomplished and we should, however, we do not need to include every accomplishment for every position we have ever held.

Action Items: Review the bullet points on your resume and make sure your accomplishments jump out. Then make sure your resume is easy to read. Ask others to help you decide what you should and should not keep on your resume.

DEVELOP CONNECTIONS

Finding a new job typically takes more than just applying for a position on a website. You need to tap into the hidden job market by making connections with other professionals. These connections can often help get your resume on top of the pile in front of the hiring manager. Additionally, knowing people at the company you are applying to can help you understand the culture better and the type of individuals that succeed at that company. Developing relationships now will help you in the future, even if you are happy at your current job.

Are you already using professional social networking sites? Great. Are you utilizing them effectively? Have you recently added connections to your sites? Have you joined all relevant groups on the sites?

Professional social networking sites are an important tool to use in a tech-savvy town like Austin, Texas. Once you are connected virtually, it's time to start making an effort to connect with people in your network. Take them to coffee or schedule a phone conversation. You want individuals to keep you in the front of their mind for when an opportunity comes up. Remember, part of developing relationships is reciprocating. It's a two way street. Think about how you can help the individual you are connecting with and offer that help.

Action Items: Join professional social networking sites and "invite" those you know to join your network. Then search for good contacts to have personal meetings and conversations with.

In a tight job market, you need every advantage you can get. These actions will give you a leg up and lead to a great career in 2011!

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Smart Financial Moves for New Parents

If you've just had a new baby, your life is filled with more joy (but less sleep). You're probably already aware of the time and effort you must invest in raising your child, but you may not have thought as much about another aspect — the financial one.



Consider this: The average cost of raising a child to age 17 is now \$222,360, according to a U.S. Department of Agriculture report on how much middle-income, two-parent families spend on their offspring. And this is the amount you might spend *before* your son or daughter heads to college. Clearly, you need to start making the financial moves necessary to take your child from diapers to a degree. Here are some suggestions for doing just that:

- **Purchase sufficient life insurance.** When it was just you and your spouse, it was a good idea for you to have life insurance — but now that you have a child, it's an absolute necessity. If you have any doubts about the value of life insurance, just look again at that \$222,360 figure above, and then tack on the costs of four years of college. If you or your spouse were to die unexpectedly, would the survivor earn enough to raise and educate your child? In this day and age, that isn't likely. So make sure that you have adequate life insurance in place.
- **Prepare a will.** Obviously, you hope to enjoy a long life — one in which you see your child grow to adulthood. But none of us can predict the future, so it's essential that you draw up a will to provide for the care of your child, both financially and physically. When you create a will, you can name a guardian to step in and take care of your child, if necessary, and you can make sure your child receives your financial assets. However, many people go beyond

writing a will and establish a living trust, which gives them more control over how and when they want their assets distributed. Your legal advisor can help you prepare a will and determine if a living trust is appropriate for your needs.

- **Maintain adequate cash.** To help pay for all those expenses related to child rearing, keep enough cash on hand. By having enough resources available in liquid accounts, you can avoid having to dip into your long-term investments to pay for

short-term needs.

- **Save early and often for college.** It's never too soon to start saving for the high costs of higher education. A 529 plan is a tax-advantaged vehicle and may be a great option for your college savings. Contributions to a 529 plan are made with after-tax dollars, and have the opportunity to grow tax-free. Withdrawals used for qualified higher education expenses are also tax free. Furthermore, your 529 plan contributions may be eligible for a state tax deduction or credit depending on the plan and state.
- **Stay balanced.** As we've seen, it takes a lot of money to raise a child. But even as you're meeting these expenses, think about your own future, particularly your retirement. Strive to strike a balance between the money you spend on your child and the amount you invest in your 401(k), IRA and other retirement-savings vehicles.

You can't put a price-tag on your child's future, but when it comes to taking care of that child, you'll want to know the costs involved — and be prepared for them.

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\$351,000--\$450,000	0	0	1	0	1	2	2	0	1	2
\$276,000--\$350,000	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
\$231,000--\$275,000	0	0	2	1	1	1	3	0	1	1
\$201,000--\$230,000	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1
\$200,000 and below	3	0	1	3	2	3	0	1	0	1
Total	3	1	5	5	6	86	7	2	2	5
Highest \$/sq ft	\$74.26	\$85.00	\$101.22	\$83.78	\$125.60	\$95.31	\$122.78	\$76.83	\$78.46	\$104.92

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