

A private, non-denominational, Christ-centered school
for at-risk youth in grades 5–9

Merry Christmas from Hope Academy

Three weeks ago most Hope Academy students could not create the nativity scene they recently drew on the chalkboard in the teacher's lounge.

Many of our students are hearing the story of the birth of Jesus for the first time. When asked what Christmas is about, one said it started with St.

Nicholas, another said it was about Jesus and those disciple guys, and yet another said there were guys with sticks in the story somewhere (the shepherds). Our language arts teacher decided it was time to teach the true story of Christmas. She began using the scriptures of Jesus' birth and interspersing segments of the movie "The Nativity Story" to give them a visual context. They were so fascinated by the story, the history and the culture; they didn't even want to break for lunch. They ran downstairs, grabbed their lunch bags and raced back to the room to continue to watch the movie. They begged her to not make them go to their afternoon classes so they could see the ending!

As we celebrate the birth of Christ, we are also celebrating changed lives. Two weeks ago four Hope Academy students were baptized. Three other students are currently in new believer classes with upcoming baptisms in February. Two mothers of Hope Academy students have also accepted Christ since school started. This let's us know that Emmanuel (God with us) is as present today as He was in the manger.





Hi,

My name is Darrius Slade and I am a student at Hope Academy. First off, I just want to thank all of you who donated to Hope. All of us at Hope are thankful for your time and willingness to donate to our school. Hope is a bully-free, safe zone for kids. Students can learn better because of the safe environment. If students are in a safe environment, they feel relaxed so they can concentrate.

The staff is also very helpful and caring to their students. Hope is caring because they make sure you have what you need, and they make sure you get home safely. Hope is helpful because everyone makes sure you do right and not wrong; they also try to help you ask Christ into your heart and become clean.

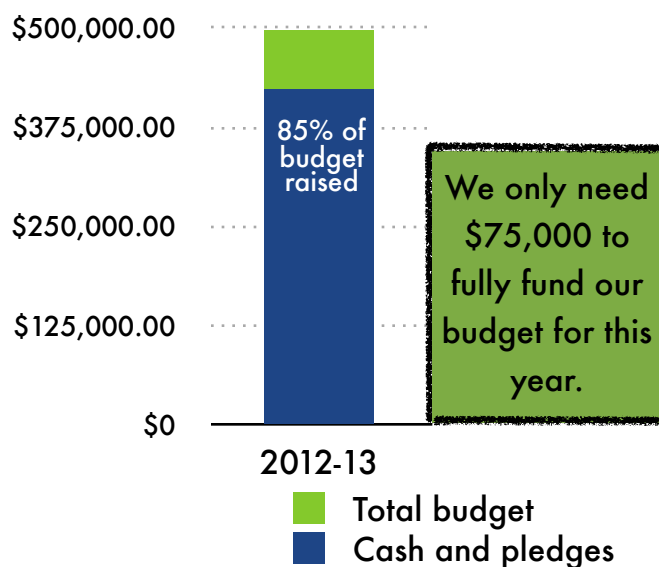


The academics at Hope are very different than the academics at most public schools. The teachers are more interested and more focused on you. They care if you don't have a problem right. We also have smaller classes so it is easier for a student to learn and not get disrupted. Hope Academy has high standards for the students. They also motivate you to push through the hard things and won't stop until you have success at what you are doing.

Hope is a big happy family and we want everyone to be a part of it. I sure am happy to be a part of this great big funny family.

From a smart and funny student at Hope Academy,
THANK YOU!!!!!!!
 Darrius

The Finances Where are we?



Please remember us in your year-end giving. All donations are tax deductible. The cost to educate a student at Hope Academy is \$10,000. The average tuition the Mom of a student pays, based on household income, is \$20 a month.

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