



# The Potter's House

Around The House  
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*Providing Christ-centered education to children of all ethnic heritages and income levels since 1981*

## BELIEVE

The 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers and Students would like to officially invite you to our Christmas play, BELIEVE. We will have two performances next week Thursday, December 20, at 1:30 and 7:00 p.m. in the church. The play should last about an hour.

Believe is a story about a young girl named, Lexi, who has lost her Christmas spirit. Her parents, siblings, and extended family, as well as her pastor, youth leader, and friends all try to help her. God uses an unsuspecting homeless girl to bring her heart back to him and what this season is really about!

There are over 45 cast members and additional students who are helping with lighting, PowerPoint, props, costumes, and scenery. Every 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> grade student had a part in making our play's scenery during art class with Mrs. Ege. Our prayer is that this play will ignite each one of our hearts with the true meaning of Christmas as we launch into Christmas week.

Bring your singing voices because there will be lots of music, and the audience will be encouraged to participate.

Merry Christmas!  
Mrs. Smith, Miss. Cantrall, and Mr. Van Zanten

Los maestros y estudiantes de 4<sup>o</sup> / 5<sup>o</sup> grado desean invitarlo oficialmente a nuestra obra de Navidad, CREER. Tendremos dos presentaciones la próxima semana el jueves 20 de diciembre, a la 1:30 y a las 7:00 p.m. en la iglesia. La obra debe durar alrededor de una hora.

Believe es una historia sobre una joven llamada Lexi, que perdió su espíritu navideño. Sus padres, hermanos y familiares, así como su pastor, líder juvenil y amigos, tratan de ayudarla. Dios usa a una chica sin hogar sin sospechar para devolverle su corazón y ¡de lo que realmente se trata esta temporada!

Hay más de 45 miembros del reparto y estudiantes adicionales que están ayudando con iluminación, PowerPoint, accesorios, disfraces y escenarios. Cada estudiante de 4<sup>o</sup> / 5<sup>o</sup> grado participó en la creación del escenario de nuestro juego durante la clase de arte con la Sra. Ege. Nuestra oración es que esta obra encienda cada uno de nuestros corazones con el verdadero significado de la Navidad cuando iniciamos la semana de Navidad.

Traiga sus voces de canto porque habrá mucha música y se alentará a la audiencia a participar.

¡Feliz Navidad!

# Calendar

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## Monday, December 17, 2018

- 2:15 – 3:00 p.m. Plaster Creek Web of Relationships Presentation, Church Lobby
- 4:15 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball @ Kelloggsville Middle School 4650 Division Ave S
- 5:15 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball @ Kelloggsville Middle School 4650 Division Ave S

## Tuesday, December 18, 2018

- 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Larson Prekindergarten – River Grove Retirement, 5761 Jupiter Ave NE
- 3:30 – 5:15 p.m. Middle School Girls Basketball Open Gym
- 4:00 p.m. Girls JV Basketball @ West Catholic 1801 Bristol Ave NW

## Wednesday, December 19, 2018

- 8:35 – 9:10 a.m. Plaster Creek Prayer Service, Church Sanctuary

## Thursday, December 20, 2018

- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. **BELIEVE**, Church Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Girls JV Basketball @ Covenant Christian, 1401 Ferndale Ave SW
- 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. **BELIEVE**, Church Sanctuary

## Friday, December 21, 2018

- 5:30 p.m. Boys JV Basketball vs. Saranac
- 7:00 p.m. Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Saranac

## The Potter's House Christmas Break

- *December 24 – January 4, NO SCHOOL*
- *School Resumes Monday, January 7, 2019*
- *Martin Luther King Jr., Day January 21, 2019*

## Host A Swiss Student

*Host families must have a student that attends The Potter's House High School*

For several years, The Potter's House High School has welcomed a group of Swiss students for two weeks during the month of May. The students attend classes, live with a host family, and develop friendships. This has been a great experience for The Potter's House and several other Christian high schools in the area.

We always need host families!

- Bring another culture into your home.
- Open your children's eyes to the wider world.
- Feel a sense of pride in sharing your traditions.
- Form a lasting relationship with someone from across the globe.

This year, the students will be here May 4–20, 2019. If you would like to host a student from Switzerland in your home or if you have questions, please contact Mr. DePree at [cdepree@tphgr.org](mailto:cdepree@tphgr.org).

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Babysitting Nights

Here are the upcoming dates for your calendar, so that you can plan for a night out:

**December 14, 2018**

**January 18, 2019**

**February 15, 2019**

**March 15, 2019**

- Time: 6:00-9:00 p.m. at 810 VanRaalte.
- Who: Children potty trained to 11 years.
- Cost: \$5 per child or \$20 per family.
- Proceeds support the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington, D.C.

## HIGH SCHOOL EXAM WEEK SCHEDULE

### High School Schedule – December 17-21:

#### Monday, December 17

8:00 a.m. – 3:25 p.m. Regular classes all day

#### Tuesday, December 18

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Regular classes / lunch  
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> hour exam

#### Wednesday, December 19

8:20 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> hour exam  
10:30 a.m. – Noon 4<sup>th</sup> hour exam

#### Thursday, December 20

8:20 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> hour exam  
10:30 a.m. – Noon 5<sup>th</sup> hour exam

#### Friday, December 21

8:20 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. 7<sup>th</sup> hour exam  
10:30 a.m. – Noon 6<sup>th</sup> hour exam

#### Attendance and Dress Code:

- We will begin each day with **Morning Prayers** from 8:00-8:15 a.m.
- Regular dress code is expected during exams.
- Students are **not** to be at school when they do not have an exam. If students choose to be at school, but do not have an exam, they must report to study hall.
- **KCTC and KTC** students will be excused on the days that they have exams. Students should notify Mrs. Rich regarding their exam schedule so she can communicate school related absences to KCTC and KTC.

#### Transportation:

- The **morning shuttle bus** will run normally.
- **NO afternoon shuttle bus** on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday of exam week.
- Students waiting for rides must wait **in the cafetorium**.
- **Plan ahead for rides** to come **at** or **after**:
  - 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday
  - 10:00 a.m. or 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday

#### School Meals:

- **Breakfast** will be served from 7:50-8:10 am each morning, or a cold breakfast is available in the cafetorium Wednesday-Friday, 10:00-10:20 a.m. prior to the second exam.
- **Lunch** will be served Tuesday.
- **NO lunch** will be served Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday during exam week.

## THINGS TO NOTE

### Senior Parents/Guardians

- The Potter's House High School Scholarship Applications are due **the end of January**. All students with a cumulative GPA of a 2.5 or higher should apply. Applications are available at: <https://sites.google.com/a/tphgr.org/guidance-page/>.
- **Senior Photo** is due before Spring Break to be included in the yearbook. An electronic copy is best. Please submit your senior's photo to Curtis DePree at [cdepree@tphgr.org](mailto:cdepree@tphgr.org) or Karen VanDenBerge at [kvandenberge@tphgr.org](mailto:kvandenberge@tphgr.org)

### Junior Parents/Guardians

- All juniors are required to complete a **Job Shadow** on or before February 1, 2019. Registration begins on **December 7 at 7:00 a.m.** Register *early* for the most choices! Information: <https://bit.ly/2DZHseY>.
- All juniors are *required* to do a **College Visit** during this semester, which ends January 18, 2019.

### Sophomore Parents/Guardians

- All sophomores in Bible 10 will be visiting KC/TC (Kent Career/Technical Center) on **January 22**. If students are interested, enrollment for KC/TC classes will open in February. Please contact Mrs. Hill or Mrs. Stout if you have questions regarding KC/TC and visit the website: <http://www.thetechcenter.org/>.

### Freshmen Parents/Guardians

- Freshmen are completing a Career Unit with the Guidance Counselors. Students are learning about their work personality style, work values, and how their interests, skills, and education may affect job choices. Students will culminate their learning with a Career Paper for their English class.

## Puma Saturday Basketball



### Work Hard and Have Fun!

TPH High School is offering a basketball clinic for boys and girls grades 2-5. The basic fundamentals of basketball will be taught in a fun learning environment. We will be using smaller basketballs to develop proper form and technique. Motor skill development as well as drill work is also stressed. The goal of this camp is to give kids a positive introductory basketball experience.

Program Dates: Saturdays on January 12, 19, 26 and February 2 (4 weeks).

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Cost: \$25 (includes a T-Shirt)

Location: The Potter's House High School Gym

Registration due: December 28, 2018

Please make out checks to The Potter's House

Tear off registration form below and Mail to:

The Potter's House High School

Attn: Kevin Kuipers

2465 28th Street SW

Wyoming, MI, 49519

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Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size: Please circle YS YM YL S M L

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Martin Luther King Jr. Day Service Opportunities

The Potter's House is celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, January 21, 2019 as an in-school holiday. There are several opportunities to earn service hours.

### HIGH SCHOOL

Come and earn service hours while hanging out with our amazing teens. Here are some ways you can serve:

- Accompany staff members leading student groups for off-campus service learning projects.
- Support staff members leading student groups with on-campus learning projects.
- Help set up, serve, and clean up the all-nations family meal.

### ELEMENTARY / MIDDLE SCHOOL

One of the highlights of our celebration is the "all nations" lunch to celebrate cultural diversity. **Each family is expected to provide a *peanut / nut-free* dish that feeds at least 12 people.**

Please ***label*** your dish (all pieces) so that you get them all back or better yet, send them in disposable containers. Do not bring serving utensils we have enough. Drop off your dish in the school lobby at the beginning of the day, and pick up your dishes at the end of the day in the same area.

Parents and volunteers are also needed to help set-up the luncheon, serve, clean up, and / or help with activities in the gym and art room. Please call the school 241-5202 to sign up.

Potter's House celebra el día de Martin Luther King, Jr. el lunes 21 de enero de 2019 como feriado en la escuela. Hay varias oportunidades para ganar horas de servicio.

### ESCUELA SECUNDARIA

Venga y gane horas de servicio mientras pasa el rato con nuestros increíbles adolescentes. Estas son algunas formas en que puede servir:

- Acompañar a los miembros del personal que dirigen grupos de estudiantes para proyectos de aprendizaje de servicio fuera del campus.
- Apoyar a los miembros del personal que lideran grupos de estudiantes con proyectos de aprendizaje en el campus.
- Ayuda a configurar, servir y limpiar la comida familiar para todas las naciones.

### ESCUELA PRIMARIA / SECUNDARIA

Uno de los aspectos más destacados de nuestra celebración es el almuerzo de "todas las naciones" para celebrar la diversidad cultural. **Se espera que cada familia proporcione un plato de maní / nueces que alimente al menos a 12 personas.**

Por favor ***marque su plato*** (todas las piezas) para que las recupere o mejor aún, envíelos en recipientes desechables. No traiga los utensilios para servir que tenemos. Deje su plato en el vestíbulo de la escuela al comienzo del día y recoja sus platos al final del día en la misma área.

También se necesitan padres y voluntarios para ayudar a preparar el almuerzo, servir, limpiar y / o ayudar con las actividades en el gimnasio y la sala de arte. 241-5202 para inscribirse.