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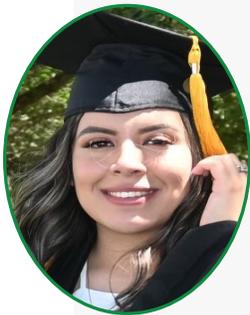
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University of California
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*“Education
is simply the soul
of a society as it passes
from one generation
to another.”
G.K. Chesterton*



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**“Encouraging and enabling graduates to reach their
full potential through advanced education.”**

- excerpt from Hope Rural’s Mission Statement



WARM WELCOME FROM OUR DIRECTOR AND PRINCIPAL



Sister Elizabeth Dunn, O.P.

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Mission Statement

The mission of Hope Rural School is to offer hope to families.

The school primarily serves children from immigrant families by providing them with a Catholic Elementary education in grades Pre-K through 5 in an environment that nurtures the Gospel values of mercy, justice, and love, through fostering the principles of Christian discipleship; supporting, guiding and encouraging parents in the education of their children; developing an appreciation and respect for heritage; encouraging and enabling graduates to reach their full potential through advanced education.

Dear Friends,

It is my joy as Director of Hope Rural School to thank you for your continued support and commitment to the success of the Mission of Hope Rural School. The success of providing 42 years of quality education for our families in the Indiantown Community could never happen without YOU.

Our staff, teachers and parents managed a pandemic and the necessary protocols to limit the spread of the virus through their commitment to one another. We continue to pray for our world, remember those who have helped others in significant ways, and pray for those who said goodbye to loved ones since the pandemic began in 2020.

On the cover of this Newsletter, we feature the pictures of five young women who graduated in 2021. They are the first in their families to receive a college degree. The nurturing and caring environment of Hope Rural set the foundation for their accomplishments. As one of these graduates stated, ***"I would like to thank Hope Rural for laying such a strong foundation in my childhood. Without this school, I would not be the person I am right now. I thank each and every teacher for giving me a great education both academically and spiritually."***

Hope Rural through our Vilma Shaw Scholarship Fund supports graduates of Hope Rural with assistance towards tuition and books . This year, we have 20 graduates pursuing their bachelor degrees.

On the following pages, you will be introduced to two new staff members, and pictures of our students and families engaged in the educational life of our school. We never forget that Education is the heart of what we do for our students and their families. Our faculty and staff are dedicated to sharing their knowledge, challenging students to think creatively and encouraging meaningful new experiences. They provide the leadership and support our students need to achieve their academic goals

We also want to share with you the **GOOD NEWS** of another miracle that happened on 150th street! Friends of Hope Rural School, Charley and Sandy Johnston gifted us with a brand new bus! We are so grateful for their amazing generosity! There is an energy present that makes great things possible and a spirit that is contagious, two motivating factors that captivate the hearts of all who come in contact with us. Such a blessing!

Until next year, may you have the gladness of the season, which is **HOPE**,
The Spirit of the season, which is **PEACE**,
The heart of the season, which is **LOVE**.

Warmest thoughts, prayers and best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and a joyful New Year!

~ Sister Elizabeth

It is the season to celebrate family, friends and give thanks to those who have given to us and to give of self to others. We are given a gift of time to recall life's present and past joys. One of the joys we have is the gift of education. That gift can never be taken away. It can only be shared.

Albert Einstein said "Education is not the learning of facts but the training of the mind to think." Hope Rural School has aided the students past and present to learn facts but also taught them to think". Our staff, parents and volunteers have been able to give the gift of education thanks to you, our wonderful donors.

*Education is the gift that keeps on giving.
We promise to do this in the future ~ Sister Martha*



Sr. Martha Rohde, O.P.



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The Wheels on the Bus go *round and *round... 

7 NEW VILMA SHAW SCHOLARS

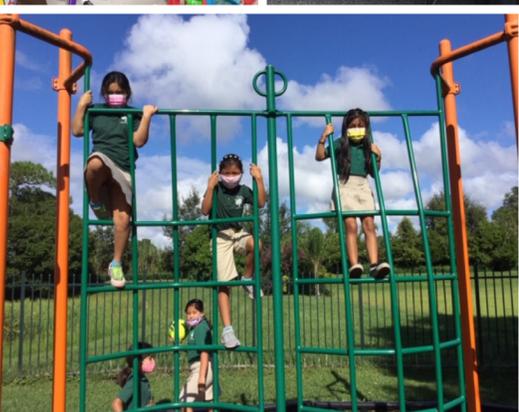
Graduated 5th Grade in 2014 from Hope Rural School and now in College!

*"The beautiful thing about learning is that
NO ONE can take it away from you." ~ B.B. King*

- Sandy Castaneda ~ IRSC Caitlyn Martinez ~ Florida Gulf Coast University
- Adela Mateo ~ IRSC Brian Mendoza ~ IRSC Vivian Morales ~ IRSC
- Sandy Pedro-Martin ~ Gateway School of Real Estate
- Jewell Sejour ~ IRSC

"Providence CAN provide, Providence DID provide, Providence WILL provide."

COMMUNITY HELPERS AND CAMPUS ACTIVITIES



MEET OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS!

Welcome to our new Library and Technology Teacher ~ Dr. Lisa Nyman

I am so blessed and happy to be at Hope Rural School. There is something special and wonderful about the diverse community we serve and Jesus' love and peace that seems to radiate from the staff and students here.

I grew up in Brick Township, NJ. When I was 20 I moved with my family to Florida, where I attended Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, eventually earning a bachelor's degree in mathematics with a minor in oceanography. I decided to continue my education at University of Miami, acquiring my PhD in marine physics while working for the University. At University of Miami, I got my first taste of teaching – I taught college Introduction to Oceanography. The teaching quickly became the highlight of my daily schedule and from that point on I knew I wanted to be a teacher.

In my past career, I was blessed with opportunities to do a variety of different things while working for University of Miami and Florida Atlantic University: install radars, use satellites, design software, live on ships for weeks at a time, catch plankton, rescue sea turtles, monitor Arctic ice, and travel all over the world to give presentations. I have so many experiences I've been wanting to share with students. I am honored to share this knowledge and these experiences with the intelligent and phenomenal students at Hope Rural School.

As Hope Rural's new technology teacher, I have the unique opportunity to connect with each and every one of the students at Hope Rural throughout the week. I hope to shower my students with love and learning, to teach them skills that they will use for the rest of their lives, and to share the love and hope of Jesus.

Welcome to our new Guidance Counselor ~ Ms. Alina Jalice

When I walked into Hope Rural for my interview, I knew that God meant for me to be here. From the moment I met Sister Elizabeth and Sister Martha, all of the teachers and staff, and our amazing students, I knew that they would be my second family and this would be my second home.

I have a BA in Psychology, BA in English, and am a certified Paralegal. I believe that I was "called upon" to serve our students. I am the daughter of Cuban immigrants. My parents came into this country without knowledge of the language, living outside their customs and leaving their prior identities behind. My father escaped from Cuba, swam to the Guantanamo base, and touched his hand to land. He sacrificed his life, in order to obtain Freedom. He arrived to this country with only his swimming trunks and a rosary around his neck. Unable to carry personal possessions, he brought with him innate, priceless possessions. He carried in his heart interminable faith in our Lord, wrapped in fierce perseverance, unwavering dedication and infinite HOPE. Hope for a better life, a bigger dream and hope for a better future for himself, his family, and his child.

Now I am here to continue his legacy by doing the same for OUR children at Hope Rural. The new HOPES of the future. They are what we are all here for- they are what life is about. I am blessed to be part of this collaborative Hope Rural family whose mission is to help equip our students with the tools needed to make their dreams become a reality. Through them and with God, everything and anything is possible. I believe in our children, I believe in their future and I believe in their dreams becoming realities. A reality that commences with their education. I am honored and privileged to partake in their journey as their Guidance Counselor at Hope Rural School. I promise to support, encourage and believe in them and in all of their greatness...every step of the way.

CHILDREN'S FACES - PARENTING COUNTS - AMBASSADORS - BOXES OF JOY
STUDENTS TEACHING STUDENTS - ALUMNI ENROLL THEIR CHILDREN



“Children are a message we send to a time we shall not see”
~ Sister Carol Putnam, RSCJ, Co-Founder, Hope Rural School

REMEMBERING AND HONORING OUR LOVED ONES



Memorial / Tribute Gifts

Remembering your loved ones through memorial gifts in lieu of flowers and tribute gifts in honor of birthdays, anniversaries, or other meaningful events, is a thoughtful and life-giving way to continue the mission work of Hope.

Please also consider remembering Hope Rural School in your will...a tribute for a lifetime.

Your contributions bless many! You are in our prayers and thoughts each day.

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