



PARENT NOTE – October 14 , 2024
“Creation Caretakers”
Genesis 2:15

SCHOOL NEWS:

- **The Parent Performance of the Grandparents’ Day Program is TONIGHT** beginning at 6:30 p.m. Here is the schedule for the Monday night performance:
 - 6:15: K-2 Students Arrive at Classes
 - 6:30: K-2 Program Begins
 - 7:00: K-2 Program Ends (Parents may pick up their child and leave if they don’t have a 3rd – 5th grade child performing in the program.)
 - 7:15: 3-5 Students Arrive at Classes
 - 7:30: 3-5 Program Begins
 - 8:00: 3-5 Program Ends

Please check the **LOST AND FOUND** while you are attending the parent performance tonight. Anything remaining tomorrow morning will be sent to ETC.

- **REMINDER: This Wednesday, October 16 is LATE START.** Drop off begins at 9:40 a.m. and classes begin at 10 a.m.. Buses will run about 1.5 hours later than usual. BAC is available.
- **Saturday Serve: Come join us as we bless our Highland Christian neighbors by raking leaves.** Groups will be sent to different areas near HCS to rake leaves from the front lawn to the parkway. We will walk from house to house asking if we can bless them by raking the leaves.
For this Saturday Serve, we will work outside raking. Please bring rakes, leaf blowers, brooms, gloves, etc. Please dress for the weather. We welcome any age to help with the clean-up.
Date: Saturday, October 19
Time: 9 am - 11 am
Place: HCS parking lot
[October Saturday Serve Sign Up](#)
- **Student pictures are being sent home with the students this week. Picture Retake Day is scheduled for Wednesday Oct. 30.** If your children need retakes, please send the original pictures back with them on that day. Interstate Studio will not replace the original pictures if they are not returned. If your children were absent on the original picture day, you will need to place your order at <https://inter-state.com/FlyerEntry/87550EU> using order code 87550EU.
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences – Nov. 6&7:** This year, we are again using Schoolbookings.net to let parents sign-up for the conference slot they would prefer. Like last year, 3rd-8th grade conferences will be student led. Pre-K - 2nd grade conferences will just be with the parents. You may sign up for conferences at <https://www.schoolbookings.net/code/szk44>. **Our school code is szk44.**
- **Veterans’ Day Chapel: On Monday, November 11 we will honor our veterans in our Veterans Day Assembly.** We would like to invite and recognize our HCS community veterans. If you are a veteran or have a family member who would like to attend, we need you to fill out the form BY FOLLOWING THIS LINK - [Veterans Day](#). All of our veterans will be seated in the front and when their names are called, they will stand to be recognized. Please email any questions to veterans@highlandchristian.org.
- **SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS!** Shop at Strack & Van Til Food Market or Van Til's in Hammond, save your receipts & send them to school with your student to help us earn free classroom equipment, courtesy of Strack & Van Til Apples for Students Program. All receipts dated between September 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025 are eligible. Last year, your receipts earned blessings for all the specials classrooms. Thank you for your faithful support!

- **Homemade vanilla is for sale in the office - \$3.00 for an 8oz bottle.** If you have any empty 8, 10, or 12oz glass bottles, please send them to the office so more vanilla can be made. Thanks!

FAITH CORNER:

Celebrating and getting to know family members is a great way to pass on the stories of faith. Around your table, in your car, or before bed, share if you have ever:

- played the Recorder?
- made up a secret language?
- watched a scary movie?
- chewed on my fingernails?
- done a magic trick?

Also share more seriously:

- a favorite Bible story or Bible verse
- someone to pray for
- an unexpected joy from the past week

Remember to spend time praying together as a family.

ADMISSIONS NEWS:

Admissions for 2025-26: The Priority Window for current Preschool-8th grade families to apply for another child closes in one week on Monday, October 21. If you have a child currently enrolled in HCS' Prek-4 (and plan to enroll in Kindergarten) or have a child not currently enrolled at HCS, you need to apply this week to be within the priority window.

Lastly, we have closed 1st, 2nd, and 5th grade applications for the 2025-26 school year. If you have any questions, please call 219.838.0356 x117.

ATHLETIC NEWS:

Boys Basketball tryouts are taking place this week! 6th-grade will have an extra day of tryouts on Thursday, October 15th because not all the coaches can attend tryouts on Wednesday. The 7th and 8th grade teams will have regular team practice on Thursday and Friday.

Tuesday, October 15th - 1st Day of Tryouts

- 8th grade - 3:15-4:30
- 7th grade - 4:30-5:45
- 6th grade - 5:45-7:00

Wednesday, October 16th - 2nd Day of Tryouts

- 6th grade - 3:15-4:30
- 7th grade - 4:30-5:45
- 8th grade - 5:45-7:00

Thursday, October 17th - 3rd Day of Tryouts for 6th Grade Only

- 6th grade - 3:15-4:30 - Tryouts
- 7th grade - 4:30-4:45 - Practice
- 8th grade - 4:30-4:45 - Practice

Due to the large number of students interested in trying out for basketball, cuts will have to be made for each team. Making cuts is never easy for coaches, but it is necessary for our basketball program. After tryouts, the daily practice schedule will look like this for the most part.

Practice - Monday-Thursday (Coaches may hold practices on certain Fridays, so please be aware of the schedule)

- 6th grade: 3:15-4:30
- 7th grade 4:30-5:45
- 8th grade 5:45-6:00

Please Note: An active physical is required for any student to participate in athletics at Highland Christian. Students will be able to try out without a physical, but will not be able to play or practice until a physical is turned in.

Wrestling: There will be no wrestling this year. Highland Christian wrestling will start a wrestling program in the 2025-2026 school year.

PTO NEWS:

Save the date for our next **Family Fun night for 3-5th grade** which will take place on November 15. More details will follow soon!

TRIP NEWS:

Please note change in TRIP Orders due next week – Orders will be due on Tues., Oct. 22nd by 10 a.m.

There are two more weekends of extra bonus rebates coming up for the RaiseRight Fall Fest. Check out the extra bonus rebates from different retailers!

TRIP Voucher Vendors - TRIP has several businesses on a Voucher Vendor list. Businesses participating in the TRIP voucher program can be found on the HCS website under the TRIP tab. Voucher forms can be picked up in the school office before you shop at these businesses. Contact Ann Lynch at trip@highlandchristian.org if you have any questions.

TRIP orders for physical gift cards are due (online and paper order forms) this week, Thurs., Oct. 17th by 10 a.m. TRIP will be accepting physical gift card orders on Oct. **Tues., Oct. 22nd**, 31, Nov. 7, 14 and 21. Online ordering is available 24/7. Contact Ann Lynch at trip@highlandchristian.org for more information.

Team C (Jamie Vander Meyden, Annie Bouquet, Janell Eriks, Alexis Johnson) will be putting the TRIP orders together on Tuesday Oct. 15th. Orders will be ready for pick up in the school office on Tuesday by 2:45 p.m.

TRIP Teams for Stuffing Orders: Team D – Oct. 22; Team A – Oct. 29; Team B – Nov. 5; Team C – Nov. 12

COMMUNITY NEWS:

- **Faith Church Highland will be hosting a Marriage Seminar on Saturday, October 19 from 8 AM - Noon.** We are located at 8910 Grace Street, Highland. The Marriage Workshop will help struggling and solid couples increase from bad to good or good to great. If you are engaged, newly married, or chasing the Golden Anniversary, this conference will bless you. Childcare will not be available. Snacks provided. There is a \$10 fee per person to sign up. Go to wearefaith.org/workshop to register.
- **Illiana Christian is once again hosting a Softball Camp for girls in 5th-8th grade.**
 - Saturday, November 23 12:30-3:30pm
 - Saturday, November 30 at 10:00am-1:00pm
 - Saturday, December 14 at 12:30-3:00pm

For more information and/or to sign up, please click the following [LINK](#).

- **NEW LIFE CRC** (3010 Ridge Road, Highland, IN 46322) will be hosting **Trunk or Treat** on **Thursday, October 31, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m** in the church parking lot. We will have decorated cars with trunks of candy & treats along with a refreshment table! Don't forget to wear your costumes! Please contact (219) 838-0506 for more information. We hope to see you there!