



PARENT NOTE – October 21 , 2024

“Creation Caretakers”

Genesis 2:15

SCHOOL NEWS:

- **Important Reminder:** This Wed., Oct. 23 is a 1:45 dismissal and there is no school, Thursday and Friday, Oct. 24 & 25.
- **HEARING & VISION SCREENINGS have been completed recently.** Per Indiana Dept of Education code, students in grades 1, 3, 5, 8, new students to HCS, and any student referred by a teacher/staff member were screened for VISION. Students in grades 1, 4, 7, new students to HCS, and any student referred by a teacher/staff member were screened for HEARING. Most students passed the screenings. If your student did not pass, a form was sent home notifying the family of the results and encouraging follow-up with a specialist. Please return the forms to the school office with the results of the appointment ASAP. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.
- **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. **The deadline to signup is on Nov. 1.**
- **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.
- **Junior High Boys’ Event- November 2:** On Saturday, November 2, HCS will hold its next Building Christian Men event of the 2024-2025 school year. The emphasis of this initiative is to build spirituality and maturity in our young boys. This event will take place OFFSITE as we plan to hike a number of miles along Lake Michigan and into the dunes. **A LINK WITH MORE DETAILS AND AN RSVP HAS BEEN EMAILED TO PARENTS.**
- **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:

Remembering and sharing the stories of God is a great way to celebrate what God has done in the past and what He continues to do today.

Around your table, in your car, or before bed, share your favorite Bible story.
Retell the story and share what God did for His people.
Explain why this is your favorite Bible story.

Close by thanking God for His faithfulness.

SECURITY NEWS:

Our school has adopted the “I Love U Guys” Foundation’s Standard Response Protocol (SRP). The Standard Response Protocol (SRP) is based on an all-hazards approach as opposed to individual scenarios. SRP utilizes clean, common language and five specific actions that can be performed during an incident: Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter. We’ll highlight each action in future editions of the Blue Notes. So far this school year, students have participated in three Evacuate drills utilizing the fire alarm, one Lockdown drill, and one bus evacuation scenario. Additional emergency drills throughout the year will be conducted in accordance with Indiana Code 10-21-1-10. For more information regarding Standard Response Protocol, please see [I Love U Guys Foundation](#).

ATHLETIC NEWS:

October 22- All games against Calvin Christian are **canceled**. A rescheduled date will be communicated as soon as possible. All basketball teams will have practice at their regular times.

PTO NEWS:

Please save the date for our Bingo family fun night for 3-5th grade! This event will take place on November 15th from 6-8pm in the school gym. Families and siblings of 3-5th grade are invited, but only the 3-5th grade students will be able to win the prizes. More information will be coming home soon!

TRIP NEWS:

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

These retailers are offering smaller denomination gift cards for the holiday season:

\$5 – Barnes & Noble, Cold Stone Creamery, Panera, Starbucks, Taco Bell

\$10 – Amazon, Applebee’s, CVS Pharmacy, Darden Restaurants, Dick’s Sporting Goods, Disney, Gap Brands, Home Depot, Jewel, T.J. Maxx, Walmart

There is one more weekend of extra bonus rebates coming up for the RaiseRight Fall Fest. Check out the extra bonus rebates from different retailers!

TRIP orders for physical gift cards are due (online and paper order forms) this week, *****Tues., Oct. 22nd** by 10 a.m. TRIP will be accepting physical gift card orders on Oct. 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21, Dec. 5 and 12. Online ordering is available 24/7. Contact Ann Lynch at trip@highlandchristian.org for more information.

Team D (Shelly Witham, Sherry Hiatt, Mary Brinks, Becca Trepton) will be putting the TRIP orders together on Tuesday Oct. 22nd. Orders will be ready for pick up in the school office on Tuesday by 2:45 p.m.

TRIP Teams for Stuffing Orders: Team A – Oct. 29; Team B – Nov. 5; Team C – Nov. 12; Team D – Nov. 19

COMMUNITY NEWS:

- **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!