



PARENT NOTE – November 18, 2024

“Creation Caretakers”

Genesis 2:15

SCHOOL NEWS:

- **The ARTISAN FAIR is this Saturday, November 23 from 9 am – 2 pm.** Come join us in the Highland Christian School gym for a unique shopping opportunity. The atmosphere will be Christmas and over thirty vendors will be there with delicious treats and unique gifts to kick off your holiday season. You can also enjoy a moment of conversation while enjoying some holiday food and drinks from the concession stand. You will not want to miss out on this opportunity to buy one of a kind gifts for all the special people in your life! 🎄
8th grade families, we are looking forward to having your help during the volunteer shift you signed up for.
- **The Thanksgiving season gives us the opportunity to show our thankfulness to God by sharing with others in need. For Thanksgiving this year, we will be collecting food and toiletries for Roseland Christian Ministries in Roseland, IL. These gifts will be presented at our Thanksgiving chapel on Wed., Nov. 27. All donations will be collected in the students’ classrooms. We will begin collecting items on Monday, Nov. 11.**
Items needed:

box of stuffing	can of corn	toothpaste
cranberry sauce	canned sweet potatoes	soap
2 boxes of mac and cheese	box of mashed potatoes	deodorant
can of gravy	cake or brownie mix	shampoo
can of green beans		tissues
- **Homemade vanilla is for sale in the office for all your holiday baking needs.** Vanilla is \$3.00 for an 8 oz. bottle.

ATHLETIC NEWS:

November 19: Boys Basketball Games

- **6th grade @ Demotte Christian (AWAY) 4:00 p.m.**
- **7th grade @ Demotte Christian (AWAY) 5:00 p.m.**
- **8th grade @ Demotte Christian (AWAY) 6:00 p.m.**

November 21: Boys Basketball Games

- **6th grade vs. Lansing Christian (HOME) 4:15 p.m.**
- **8th grade vs. Lansing Christian (HOME) 5:15 p.m.**

HCS will continue to have a concession stand at all home games this year. We will be serving hot food, cold drinks, and snacks. Stop by and support the Athletic Department!

FAITH CORNER:

Faith is cultivated and nurtured when we share and reflect on Bible passages. Read and discuss one or more of these passages as a family:

I Peter 3:8 - Be understanding. Love one another. Be kind and tender. Be humble.

Micah 6:8 - The Lord has shown you what is good. He has told you what he requires of you. You must act with justice. You must show mercy. And you must be humble as you live in the sight of your God.

Hebrews 13:1-2 - *Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers.*

Here are some questions to talk about with your family:

-How can we show love to our neighbors?

-rake leaves, bring cookies, make Thanksgiving cards, etc.

-How can we be kind to each other in our home?

-say I'm sorry, pick up toys, leave notes of encouragement, give compliments, play a game together, etc.

-How can we show love to strangers?

-smile & say Merry Christmas, hold the door at a store, buy gifts or food for families in need, bring canned goods for Thanksgiving at HCS, say thank you to the letter carrier, garbage collector, etc.

Thinking of ways to love each other gets our minds off ourselves. Loving others helps us see people as images bearers of God. What a great way to be Creation Caretakers!

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.

Today we will highlight the fourth SRP action: EVACUTE. This is the protocol used to move students and staff from one location to a different location, in or out of the building.

EVACUATE "to assigned assembly point or offsite location."

- In the event that a building evacuation is necessary, you will hear "Evacuate! To your assigned assembly point. You may also hear the fire alarm.
- During Junior High passing periods, students should immediately proceed to the care of the teacher in charge during the next period.
- If students are outside for physical education or recess during the call for Evacuate, students should proceed to their regular building evacuation position.
- Parents may be given a designated offsite reunification area, depending on the safest location when off site evacuation is necessary.

For more information regarding Standard Response Protocol, please see [I Love U Guys Foundation](#).

TRIP NEWS:

RaiseRight Days are coming up again on Nov. 21 and 22. Check out the extra bonus rebates from retailers during these days for ecards and reloadable cards!

Week of Thanksgiving - No TRIP orders will be due that week. The last physical gift card order before Christmas is Dec. 12th! Order your gift cards early.

TRIP orders for physical gift cards are due (online and paper order forms) this week, Thurs., Nov. 21st by 10 a.m. TRIP will be accepting physical gift card orders on Dec. 5, 12, Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30. 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 Nov. 19th. 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 – Nov. 26; Team B – Dec. 10; Team C – Dec. 17; Team D – Jan. 14