



**PARENT NOTE – November 25, 2024**

***“Creation Caretakers”***

**Genesis 2:15**

**SCHOOL NEWS:**

- **Roseland Christian Ministries Thanksgiving Boxes:** We still have a **GREAT NEED** for kleenex, shampoo, deodorant, gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, macaroni and cheese, and cranberry sauce. Please help us bless others with these gifts. Thank you for your generous support!
- **Thanksgiving Break:** School will dismiss at 1:45 this Wednesday and will resume next Monday. Aftercare **will be provided this Wednesday. We pray that our HCS families have a safe and blessed Thanksgiving!**
- **Everyone is invited to join us for our Thanksgiving Chapel this Wednesday, November 27, beginning at 8:35 a.m.** At this chapel we will be presenting our gifts to representatives from Roseland Christian Ministries.
- **Thank You to everyone who came out to support the Artisan and Craft Fair!!** We appreciate all the great vendors who had amazing products for sale and to all the wonderful customers who found the perfect item! It was amazing to see the talent within our community! To all who bought a raffle ticket the names were picked on Saturday - if you won something you were contacted then. Thank you for joining us in this endeavor!
- **Homemade vanilla is for sale in the office for all your holiday baking needs.** Vanilla is \$3.00 for an 8 oz. bottle.
- **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!

**ATHLETIC NEWS:**

**November 26: Boys' Basketball Games**

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

**Cheerleading Tryouts for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls are coming up.** The girls will be cheering at the junior high girls' basketball games and at the end of the season they will perform a competition routine for friends and family.

**The tryout information can be found below:**

- Tuesday, December 3: Tryout Day One 3:30pm - 5:30pm
- Friday, December 6: Tryout Day Two 3:30pm - 5:30pm

**\*\*Both days of tryouts are required.** The girls will learn a short cheer, dance, jumps, and stunts on Day One. We will have their actual tryout on Day Two.

## **FAITH CORNER:**

### **“Thanksgiving”**

"**God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good.**" This call and response is familiar to many of us, but how often do we consider that it really means *God is good* even when our circumstances are difficult? Faith is trusting in the character of God so that our actions and attitudes can reflect genuine thankfulness. Faith like that is *thanksLIVING*.

*ThanksLIVING* is more than keeping lists of good things.

*ThanksLIVING* isn't produced by our own effort or resolve.

*ThanksLIVING* flows from a heart that finds contentment by resting in the providence of God.

We will celebrate Thanksgiving this Thursday. Around your table, in your car, before bed: read, reflect, & memorize Psalm 100 as a family.

### **Psalm 100**

*Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.*

*Worship the Lord with gladness;*

*come before him with joyful songs.*

*Know that the Lord is God.*

*It is he who made us, and we are his;*

*we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving*

*and his courts with praise;*

*give thanks to him and praise his name.*

*For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;*

*his faithfulness continues through all generations.*

In Psalm 100, we are invited to joyfully come into the presence of God to praise and thank Him. This invitation comes when things are GREAT, and it comes when life is hard. We come because the LORD is God and we are His people. That is the invitation and foundation for *thanksLIVING*.

Think about and share how to live thankfully when life is good and when life is hard.

"**God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good.**"

## **PTO NEWS:**

A huge thank you to everyone who came out to participate in the 3rd-5th grade Bingo Night! It was a wonderful night of community and fellowship. You can check out some of the photos on Highland Christian's Facebook and Instagram!

The teachers' favorite things lists are up on the school website. Just go to the parents tab in OnCampus and click on PTO to find these lists. This is very helpful for Christmas shopping!

## **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 final SRP action: SHELTER. This is the protocol for self protection during severe weather, such as tornadoes, earthquakes, etc. This action is always followed by a type and method.

SHELTER "for tornado or severe weather - Proceed to your building safe area."

- Students should follow their teacher to the designated area. They are to remain there until the "all clear" is given.
- Students will be instructed to sit or kneel down, facing the wall. Students should cover their head with their arms and remain quiet.
- Teachers are instructed to keep windows closed, close classroom doors, and turn off classroom lights.

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

## **TRIP NEWS:**

**Happy Thanksgiving!** No TRIP Orders due This Week.

**Only Two TRIP Orders** left to order physical gift cards before Christmas, December 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

**These retailers are offering smaller denomination** gift cards while supplies last 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

**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](mailto:trip@highlandchristian.org) for more information.

**Team A** (Julie Sitter, Larissa Vander Pol, Michelle Zoeteman) will be putting the TRIP orders together on Tuesday Nov. 26th. Orders will be ready for pick up in the school office on Tuesday by 2:45 p.m.

**TRIP Teams for Stuffing Orders:** Team B – Dec. 10; Team C – Dec. 17; Team D – Jan. 14; Team A – Jan. 21

## **COMMUNITY NEWS:**

- Living Hope Church presents SHAKE UP CHRISTMAS, a Christmas production that the whole family will enjoy! Join us on December 6th, 7th, and 8th at our Merrillville campus. This is a FREE EVENT, but seats are limited so please plan to arrive early! For more information, please visit [www.LHCWEB.org](http://www.LHCWEB.org).