



PARENT NOTE – January 27, 2025

“Creation Caretakers”

Genesis 2:15

SCHOOL NEWS:

- **ATTENDANCE REMINDER:** Parents **MUST** call the office (219-838-0356) or email the office by **8:25 a.m.** to inform the school of a student's absence and indicate why the student is not at school that day. Please leave a message if the office is closed. Notifying the teacher is helpful and encouraged, but the official call off must be done through the school office. To view the full **Attendance Policy** please refer to the [Parent – Student Handbook](#) found on our website.
- **January Saturday Serve-** Thank you to all who came out on Saturday to help at ETC. We had **25 HCS families** clean and organize the shelves of home goods, sort and hang clothing to sell, and size and color code clothing on the sales floor. Thank you for making this **Saturday Serve** a blessing to our school and community. Look for information and a sign up for our **February Saturday Serve (2-22)** in the upcoming Husky Howler and in future Parent Notes.
- The **all-school skating party is Friday, Feb. 7 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Lynwood Sports Center, 2030 Glenwood-Dyer Road, Lynwood, IL.** Admission is \$3.00 and skates are available for \$3.00. Parents and siblings are invited to join the HCS students for a fun-filled evening!

NEW this year: Due to long lines at the event, we will be pre-selling **ADMISSION** tickets in the school office beginning Monday, February 3. We will **only accept cash and checks** and tickets are **NON-REFUNDABLE** (lost, stolen, unable to attend, etc). Again, the **pre-sale tickets are for ADMISSION only**. If you need to rent skates, you will need to purchase those tickets at the ticket counter at Lynwood Sports Center. Admission tickets can be purchased at the ticket counter as well, we just want to provide another option to help with the wait times to get in the facility. **If you have any questions, please reach out to the school office.**

- **Donut Day is this Wednesday, Jan. 29.** Donuts will be \$2.50 each and we will have chocolate, strawberry, vanilla and glazed donuts. All proceeds will go to the 8th grade class trip.
- **Girls on the Run is looking for coaches!** We do not currently have enough coaches to do the program. If you have availability Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00-4:30pm to assist in coaching please contact me, Amber Powell, apowell@highlandchristian.org. The lessons focus on friendship, encouragement, and believing in yourself. Coaches are encouraged to run alongside the girls and boost their morale! You do not need to be a runner to coach! Coaches receive 50% off registration costs for their participating daughter(s). Registration opens for 3rd to 5th girls Feb 3. For more information about the program visit www.gotrofnwi.org.

ATHLETIC NEWS:

January 28: Girls Basketball Games

- **7th grade vs. Chicago Christian - Tinley (HOME) 4:00 p.m.**
- **8th grade vs. Chicago Christian - Tinley (HOME) 5:00 p.m.**

January 30: Girls Basketball Games

- **7th grade @ Chicago Christian - Oak Lawn (AWAY) 4:00 p.m.**
- **8th grade @ Chicago Christian - Oak Lawn (AWAY) 5:00 p.m.**

HCS will continue to have a concession stand at all home games! We typically serve hot food, snacks, candy, and various drinks. Stop by and support the Athletic Department! **We are in need of volunteers for the concession stand.** If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Kristy Tebben at ktebben@highlandchristian.org.

Spectator Guidelines

With the girls basketball season underway, we wanted to send out a few reminders on the guidelines we have in place for students attending games. We love when students come to our games and support our teams and we had a good amount of students at our first home game this year. We encourage our students to come support but please review and talk with your students about the spectator guidelines.

- K-5 students need to have a parent present in order to attend the games. They must be supervised at all times.
- 6-8 can stay without supervision but need to be in the gym or concessions area and not hanging out in other parts of the building.

The full set of guidelines can be found on pg. 58 of the [Parent Student Handbook](#).

Coaches Needed

We are in need of a few coaches for our upcoming spring seasons.

7th Grade Boys Volleyball Coach - Tryouts start on February 25th and the season ends on March 22nd.

8th Grade Boys Volleyball Coach - Tryouts start on February 25th and the season ends on March 22nd.

Assistant Track Coach - The dates of the meets are below.

- Mon, Apr 14 - Chicago Christian
- Wed, Apr 23 - Chicago Christian
- Thurs, Apr 24 - Illiana Christian
- Mon, Apr 28 - Chicago Christian
- Mon, May 5 - Chicago Christian - League Meet

Please reach out to Mr. Hillemonds if you are interested in any of these positions or have any questions.

FAITH CORNER:

A new year is a great time to reflect on how we can grow in faith, serve others, and deepen our walk with Jesus. Just like any new habit we try to build into our lives, developing Faith Practices take time and repetition to become godly habits.

Faith Practices are repeated actions that help us:

- grow in our love for God and our neighbor,
- listen to the Holy Spirit, and
- become more like Jesus.

This week we will look at the Faith Practice of **Gratitude**. **Gratitude** is a response of thankfulness for God's goodness. Other faith practices are strengthened through the practice of **Gratitude**.

Practice developing **Gratitude** this week by jotting down where you see God at work in:

- yourself - *growing patience or peace, memorizing a Bible verse*
- your family - *good health, birthdays, good & enough food*
- your friends - *friends at recess*
- your community - *Saturday Serve projects*
- your church - *kids ministries, pastors, youth group*
- your school - *good growth on MAP tests, Bible stories learned*

Talk around your table about where you see God working. Give thanks to God for His goodness and grace. Celebrate what God is doing.

PTO NEWS:

PARENTS—we would love your help!

PTO would like to provide the teachers and staff with a Hot Chocolate Bar ☐ on February 12-14. If you are willing to bring in an item, please sign-up using the following [LINK!](#)

TRIP NEWS:

TRIP is a gift card buying program that helps reduce your HCS tuition costs. If you would like more information on how TRIP works, please contact Ann Lynch at trip@highlandchristian.org.

TRIP orders for physical gift cards are due (online and paper order forms) this week, Thurs., Jan. 30th by 10 a.m. TRIP will be accepting physical gift card orders on **Feb. 13, 20, 27, Mar. 6, 13 and 20**. Online ordering is available 24/7. Contact Ann Lynch at trip@highlandchristian.org for more information

Team B (Jamie Paul, Olivia Ridder, Karen Christoffels, Jessica Johnson) will be putting the TRIP orders together on Tues., Jan. 29th. Orders will be ready for pick up in the school office on Tuesday by 2:45 p.m.

TRIP Teams for Stuffing Orders: Team C – Feb. 4; Team D – Feb. 18; Team A – Feb. 25; Team B – Mar. 4

COMMUNITY NEWS:

- Brandon Rukes, Senior Pastor at Griffith First Christian Church, is excited to announce the upcoming performance of **Jason Gray** at GFCC on February 15th! Jason Gray has brought listeners to Shine.FM and K-Love with songs like, “[Remind Me Who I Am](#),” “[Sparrows](#),” and “[Good to Be Alive](#).” Jason is calling this Better Together: The Live Recording Tour. We are hoping to sell all of our seats for this event, because all profits will go towards our 2025 Mission Trip with our Next Gen Youth Group. Our High School students will be traveling this summer with TEAMeffort Missions to repair homes and living spaces for those in great need in Tennessee. This will be a great concert that will support a great need! Get your tickets by going to gfcc.net/concert. Tickets range from \$25 with an option of a VIP Meet and Greet Ticket for \$50. Any questions, please email Jaime Garcia at jaime@gfcc.net.
- It's pizza and pie time! Illiana Christian's annual PIE Fundraising Dinner has begun and now's the time to reserve your Rosati's deep dish pizza (cheese, sausage or pepperoni) and Rise 'n' Roll pies (apple or cherry). Ordering will be open until Wednesday, January 29 using this link: <https://form.jotform.com/csiersema/pie-2025>. Pickup will be at school on Thursday, February 6, 2:00-5:00. Take them home to bake that night or freeze them for later. Giving is by donation and can be done via credit card on the order form or by cash/check at pickup or in the school office. All donations directly support the PIE Committee's Excellence in Education fund that purchases educational supplies for teachers and staff that they would not otherwise be able to provide for the students. Thank you for your support!