



# HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

**PARENT NOTE – February 10, 2025**

***“Creation Caretakers”***

**Genesis 2:15**

## **SCHOOL NEWS:**

- **IMPORTANT REMINDER:** There is **NO SCHOOL** on Monday, February 17. Enjoy the long weekend!
- We're **HIRING!!** HCS has an **immediate need** for a substitute Night Custodian. You can find more details [here](#) or by visiting our [website](#).
- **FEEDBACK NEEDED:** As a learning community, we deliberately seek feedback from our stakeholders to celebrate great work and understand opportunities for future improvements. Each year, we ask for feedback on a number of teachers. For the 24-25 school year, we are seeking feedback for the primary department (Kindergarten - 2nd grade). [Thank you for taking the time to complete this short survey](#). This survey can be taken multiple times for different staff members through Friday, February 28.
- **February Saturday Serve - Our Saturday Serve in February will focus on encouraging our seniors by making cards.** Come as a family and gather in the gym at HCS to create and write messages to senior citizens. Caring, encouraging messages in a hand-made card can really make a difference. This is a significant way to share God's love with people in our community. This Saturday Serve is open to all ages and creative ability. Templates to create cards will be provided. There also will be printed cards to color. Thank you for your work in bringing God's Kingdom on earth. Questions? Contact Vicki Huizenga [vhuizenga@highlandchristian.org](mailto:vhuizenga@highlandchristian.org)

**Date:** Saturday, February 22

**Time:** 9 - 11 am

**Place:** Highland Christian School gym 3040 Ridge Road Highland, IN

**Sign-up Link:** [February Saturday Serve Sign-up](#)

- **Book Fair: We will have the Scholastic Book Fair February 25 - 28.** This is an excellent opportunity to buy some reading material to beat those winter blues!!! The Book Fair will be located in the gym foyer and will be open 8 am to 4pm each day. Parents are encouraged to shop with their child before and after school. Please mark your calendars!

Book Week dress-up days schedule:

**Monday 2/24: Read with a Buddy – bring a stuffy to school.**

**Tuesday 2/25: Aren't you “PLAID” we get to read? – wear plaid**

**Wednesday 2/26: Wear a shirt with words because “Everywhere is a good place to read”**

**Thursday 2/27: Reading makes our futures bright – wear something bright or shiny**

**Friday 2/28: Book Character day – dress up as your favorite book character).**

Parents I hope that this is fun for you and that you are able to find fun things to wear in closets! The important thing is to read.

## **ATHLETIC NEWS:**

**Girls Basketball Reschedule Update:** The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls basketball game at Calvary Academy has been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 18th. The 6th grade girls will tip off at 4:00 pm.

### February 11: Girls Basketball

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

### February 13: Girls Basketball

- 6th grade vs. Calvary Christian (HOME) 4:00 p.m.
- 7th grade vs. Calvary Christian (HOME) 5:00 p.m.
- 8th grade vs. Calvary Christian (HOME) 6:00 p.m.

**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.

**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. Hillegonds 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 for a second time at the Faith Practice of **Gratitude**. **Gratitude** is our response of thankfulness for God's goodness, love, provision, and grace. **Gratitude** is the working of the Holy Spirit that makes us wholeheartedly ready to live for Jesus.

We can practice **Gratitude** this week by focusing on these three truths of LOVE:

God is love. - I John 4:16 - *And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.*

God's love is part of His character. It is who He is.

God loves me. - John 3:16 - *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

God's love is radical - Jesus died because of God's love for His creation.

We love others. - John 13:34 - *A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.*

God's love calls us to LOVE each other.

Turn **LOVE** into **Gratitude** by:

- counting the big and small ways God shows His love to YOU
- doing something loving for someone

### **PTO NEWS:**

**Save the date! The K-2nd grade fun night is on March 7!** More details will be coming home soon.

## TRIP NEWS:

- Last TRIP Tuition Credit for 24/25 School Year Information: Mark your calendars! Cutoff dates for earnings to be applied to this year's tuition are March 31<sup>st</sup> (online orders) and April 18<sup>th</sup> (physical gift card orders). Orders following these dates will be applied to next year's tuition unless your child(ren) will not be attending HCS or Illiana next year.
- If this is your last year, please coordinate your final HCS TRIP credit with Roberta Huitsing (ext:152) or April Vander Meyden (ext:166) or Kathy West (219-558-7066 ext:111) at ICHS. For additional information or questions, contact Ann Lynch at [trip@highlandchristian.org](mailto:trip@highlandchristian.org).
- TRIP orders (paper and online) are due Thurs., Feb. 13th by 10 a.m. TRIP will be accepting physical gift card orders on Feb. 20, 27, Mar. 6, 13 and 20. Online ordering is available 24/7
- TRIP Teams for Stuffing Orders: Team D – Feb. 18; Team A – Feb. 25; Team B – March 4; Team C – Mar. 11

## 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](http://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](mailto:jaime@gfcc.net).
- **Preview Illiana: LAST OPEN HOUSE OF THE YEAR is MARCH 13!** Preview Illiana is an opportunity for prospective students and their families to experience Illiana. Meet with faculty and administration, tour our campus, and have all your questions answered. You'll be able to hear from our Head of School and Principal, meet teachers and students, attend informative sessions about Illiana's curriculum and learning opportunities in music, art, STEM, and core subjects, learn how Illiana builds college- and career-readiness, and experience Illiana's mission to develop a passion for God, people, and the world. [REGISTER FOR PREVIEW HERE](#)  
Questions can be directed to our Director of Admissions, Jenna Dutton, at [jdutton@illianachristian.org](mailto:jdutton@illianachristian.org)