



# HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

**PARENT NOTE – February 18, 2025**

***“Creation Caretakers”***

**Genesis 2:15**

## **SCHOOL NEWS:**

- **REMINDER: This Wednesday, February 19 is a late start day.** Drop-off begins at 9:40 a.m. and classes begin at 10:00 a.m. Before care is available. Buses will run about 1.5 hours later than a regular school day.
- **Donut Day is tomorrow.** They are \$2.50 each and come from Munster Donuts. We have chocolate, vanilla, strawberry and glazed rings available.
- **Everyone is invited to the all-school chapel this Friday at 8:30 a.m. led by our 3rd grade students.**
- **February Saturday Serve - Our Saturday Serve in February is this SATURDAY and we 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:**

- **The Book Fair is NEXT WEEK! Our Scholastic Book Fair will be open February 25 - 28 and dress-up days will be February 24-28.** 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!

Schedule for Dress-up days:

**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.

- 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.

- **ect...Thrift Store has a box truck for sale!** 89,000 miles, runs great! Contact Beth at 219-865-5400 for further details.

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

### **February 13: Girls Basketball**

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

### **February 22: Girls Basketball Tournament**

- **6th grade @ Calvary Academy (AWAY) 9:00 a.m.**
- **7th grade @ Crown Point Christian (AWAY) 9:00 a.m.**

**Coach Needed: 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 this position or have any questions.

### **7th/8th Grade Boys Volleyball Tryouts:**

- 8th grade boys volleyball tryouts start on Tuesday, February 25th from 3:10-4:30.
- 7th grade boys volleyball tryouts start on Tuesday, February 25th from 4:30-5:45.
- An active physical is required for any student who makes the team. Students will not be able to practice or play until a physical is turned in.

## **COUNSELOR CONNECTION:**

**It is always important to understand the dangers regarding bullying, cyberbullying, and digital abuse.** 1 in 4 children/teens will be bullied, and 1 in 5 will be cyberbullied. 1 in 3 teens consider the Internet as important as air, water, food and shelter, yet most are not provided with digital safety information to help protect them. The Monique Burr Foundation provides loads of resources for parents and educators on how to intervene and prevent all kinds of abuse. It's always a good time to talk to your child about safe and unsafe people (both in real life and online), and what they can do to get help or help others. Monique Burr Foundation - <https://mbfpreventioneducation.org/resource/bullying/>

## **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.

We looked at the Faith Practice of Gratitude over the past two weeks. Gratitude is our response of thankfulness for God's goodness, love, provision, and grace. It is the undercurrent of all other faith practices. The Faith Practice of **Generosity** flows out of Gratitude. As we imitate God's generous nature, our generosity overflows to bless the people around us.

As a family, read Acts 4: 32-35. God reminds us/His people to hold our possessions lightly so that we can share freely with others.

- Talk about a need in your church family or community or world.
  - Food insecurity
  - Disaster relief
  - Clean water projects
  - Shut-in or sick members of your church family
  - Others
- Discuss how you can practice **Generosity**.
  - Pray
  - Give
    - Fill a Blessing Box.
    - Drop off groceries at a Food Pantry.
    - Support an organization working for disaster relief or clean water.
    - Visit or send cards to shut-ins
    - Thank God for the opportunities to share with others. Talk about the joy that comes from being a blessing to others.

### **PTO NEWS:**

**Save the date!!** Our next fun night is for K-2nd grade on March 7th. 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).
- **Raiserright Days FEB 27-28:** 75+ brands on bonus (eGiftcards and reloaded gift cards only). Preview Feb. 26 on mobile app only. Participants must be registered with the TRIP office and have an online account to participate.
- **TRIP orders:** Plan ahead-Only 5 more orders before Spring Break! Orders (paper and online) are due Thurs., Feb. 20th by 10 a.m. TRIP will be accepting physical gift card orders on Feb. 27, Mar. 6, 13, 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; Team D- March 25

### **COMMUNITY NEWS:**

- **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)

- **Looking for some weeknight fun? Kids Zone at Cornerstone Church has it!** This weekly free club for kids, 3 years-5th grade, meets each Wednesday from 6:30-7:45pm. Filled with great music, active games, snacks and hands-on learning, Kids Zone is designed to help your kids learn how to be more like Jesus. For more information, please reach out to Heather Franklin at [heather.franklin@fbclansing.org](mailto:heather.franklin@fbclansing.org)
- **Illiana Christian invites all JRH students to their Middle School Loud Crowd Night** on Friday, February 21 at 7pm. Wear your best neon construction apparel. For more information, please contact Jenna Dutton at at [jdutton@illianachristian.org](mailto:jdutton@illianachristian.org)