



# HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

**PARENT NOTE – February 24, 2025**

***“Creation Caretakers”***

**Genesis 2:15**

## **SCHOOL NEWS:**

- **Book Week is this 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.

**Book Week is loads of fun with reading time each day!**

**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).

- **Public Library Read-a-Thon:** Thanks to all our students who participated in the Public Library Read-a-Thon ~ and to the parents who supported them. **All the white envelopes are due Friday February 28th!**
- **February Saturday Serve Recap:** Thank you to those who came out on Saturday morning to create cards and write messages to senior citizens. Caring, encouraging messages in a hand-made card can really make a difference. This was a significant way to share God's love with people in our community. Look for information coming soon about our March Saturday Serve when we will distribute these handmade messages of encouragement.
- **We're HIRING!!** Please check our [website](#) for more details on our open positions.
- **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.
- **The Art Department is collecting newspapers and magazines.** Please send any donations to the office. Thank you!
- **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:**

### **February 25: Girls Basketball**

- 8th grade vs. Calvary Christian @ Illiana Christian (AWAY) 6:00 p.m.

### **7th/8th Grade Boys Volleyball Tryouts are this week!**

- 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.

**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.

## **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.

Let's look again at the Faith Practice of **Generosity** that flows out of Gratitude. As we imitate God's generous nature, our generosity overflows to bless the people around us.

Around your table turn into **Bible Project's Generosity video**. [Bible Project - Generosity](#)

When you finish viewing the video:

1. Make a list of all the ways you experience God's generosity. Think about things, people, abilities, and attitudes.
2. Thank God for His generosity.
3. Thank the people who God has used to bless you - write a note, send a text, give them a call, etc.
4. Go through unused toys, clothes, sports equipment, etc. and give away gently items used to bless someone.
5. Take time regularly to just offer THANK YOU prayers to God.

## **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:**

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.

Four TRIP order dates before Spring break to order physical gift cards. Plan ahead to pay for hotels, airfare, food, gas, etc. with gift cards. Have fun and save money on tuition at the same time! For additional information or questions, contact Ann Lynch at [trip@highlandchristian.org](mailto:trip@highlandchristian.org).

TRIP orders: Orders (paper and online) are due Thurs., Feb. 27th by 10 a.m. TRIP will be accepting physical gift card orders on Mar. 6, 13, 20 & April 10. Online ordering is available 24/7.

TRIP Teams for Stuffing Orders: Team A – Feb.25; Team B – March 4; Team C – Mar. 11; Team D- March 18

### **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](mailto:jdutton)
- **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)