



HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

PARENT NOTE – March 18, 2025- **REVISED**

Revised with a new date for the Worship Chapel

“Creation Caretakers”

Genesis 2:15

SCHOOL NEWS:

- **REMINDER: This Wednesday, March 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.
- **Everyone is invited to our K-5 Spring Program, this Thursday, March 20 beginning with the K-2 performance at 6:00 p.m.** Below is the schedule for the program:
 - **5:40: K-2 students arrive**
 - **6:00: K-2 performance**
 - **6:25: 3-5 student arrive**
 - **6:45: 3-5 performance**Students not performing will wait with their parents (Ex: A 5th grader has to wait in the audience before going to his/her class at 6:25). Once the K-2 and 3-5 performances are finished, students will return to their classrooms where they will be picked up by their parents.
- **The all-school Worship Chapel has been moved to Friday, March 28 at 8:30 a.m.**
- **Wednesday, March 19 is donut day!** We are selling chocolate, strawberry, vanilla and glazed rings from Munster Donuts. Cost is \$2.50. Thank you for your support of our 8th grade trip.
- **Re-enrollment Deadline Approaching: Contracts for the 2025-2026 school year have been issued in OnCampus and are due by March 21, 2025.** Current families have priority enrollment through this date, after which we will begin to enroll new students.
- **Choice Scholarship for 2025-26:** It is re-enrollment season, which means it's time to apply for Choice for the 2025-26 school year. Many of our families missed the Choice Scholarship enrollment form in the re-enrollment checklist. **Each family must reapply every year for their K-8 students.** If you have completed your re-enrollment contract, but missed the Choice Scholarship Enrollment Form in your re-enrollment checklist, you can access it [here](#): Please note, your re-enrollment checklist, which includes the Choice Scholarship Enrollment Form, is due by April 1!
- **Our Saturday Serve in March will focus on encouraging our seniors at Hartsfield Village and those shut-in at home.** From here we will split into **2 groups**. All families are encouraged to bring a family picture so you can share stories about the people in your family.
One group will head to Hartsfield Village (10000 Columbia Ave. Munster, IN 46321) to interact with the residents by playing BINGO and passing out the hand-created encouragement cards.
The other group will deliver a card and small gift to HCS Legacy Seniors that live in the area. The Seniors will know you are coming so feel free to spend a few minutes with them.
These are significant ways to share God's love with Seniors in our community who may feel alone. Thank you for your work in bringing God's Kingdom on earth.

Sign-up Link: [March Saturday Serve Signup](#)

Date: Saturday, March 22

Time: 9:30 - 11:30 am (notice time change!)

Place: Come as a family to HCS at 9:30am.

Questions? Contact Vicki Huizenga vhuizenga@highlandchristian.org

- **We'd love to see you participate in Highland Christian's March Madness Bracket Competition!** To participate, complete your bracket by Wednesday, March 20. The winner will receive the HCS traveling trophy, a \$100 gift card (to the place of your choosing - through TRIP), and will join the ranks of Nathan Aardsma, Anne Spoelman, Darla Kinkade, and Kobi DeVries!

Rules:

1. One Submission Per Person

2. You Must List Your Full Name (No Nicknames)

[Sign- up Link](#)

***Staff, Board Members, Alumni, Community Members, Donors, Parents, Students, and Supporters of HCS are allowed to participate. Feel free to forward the link to anyone that may be interested in participating! It would be great to have over 150 participants! Go Huskies!**

- **We're HIRING!!** Please check our [website](#) for more details on our open positions.
- **The Art Department is collecting paper bags with handles, newspapers, and magazines.** Please send any donations to the office. Thank you!
- **Sprint to the finish! Keep shopping at all Strack & Van Til Food Markets 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:

March 17: Boys Volleyball

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

March 18: Boys Volleyball

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

March 22: Boys Volleyball Tournament

- 7th grade @ Illiana Christian (AWAY) 8:30 a.m.
- 8th grade @ Illiana Christian (AWAY) 1:00 p.m.

Jr. High Co-Ed Track and Field

- 6th, 7th, and 8th grade track and field will start on Monday, April 7th.
- Signups will start on Monday, March 24th. Students can sign up on the sheet outside Mr. Hillemonds' office.
- Students must have an active physical on file by Wednesday, April 9th. Students without one will not be able to practice or compete in meets until a physical is turned in.
- Practices will be Monday-Thursday from 3:15-4:30.
- Updated Meet Schedule -
 - Monday, April 14th - 3:30 at Chicago Christian High School
 - Thursday, April 24th - 4:30 at Illiana Christian High School
 - Tuesday, April 29th - 3:30 at Chicago Christian High School
 - Thursday, May 8th - 12:30 at Chicago Christian High School

FAITH CORNER:

For the weeks of Lent, let's dive into the story of God's love for us. (John 3:16) The stories of Lent include betrayal, death, confusion, and sorrow. All of these are difficult for young children to understand. But these stories also show a loving, humble, servant King who loves His people tremendously. I invite you to use this framework when reading the stories:

Breathe - Calm your head, hands, and heart as you get ready to hear God's Word.

Read - Spend time reading the selected passage of God's Word.

Wonder - Use the "wondering questions" provided. These types of questions have no right or wrong answers; they result in deeper thinking about God.

Pray - Close your time with prayer.

Palm Sunday Parade

BREATHE: Calm your head, hands, and heart as you get ready to hear God's Word.

READ: Matthew 21:1-11

WONDER: I wonder what it would have been like to be in the crowd that welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem?

I wonder if there were any children in the crowd?

I wonder what you would have said or done if you had been there?

I wonder how Jesus felt when He heard people calling Hosanna?

PRAY: Dear Jesus,

Just like the people on Palm Sunday, we praise you.

Thank you for coming to be our King and establishing your kingdom.

Help us to serve you. Amen.

PTO NEWS:

SAVE THE DATE: Morning with Your Miss is on Tuesday, April 29 and we are looking for some parent volunteers to help with the event. Please register by using the [signup genius link](#) .

Also we are looking for volunteers to join the 2025-2026 PTO Board. If you would like more information, please fill out this [google form](#).

TRIP NEWS:

Last TRIP Tuition Credit for 24/25 School Year Information: Cutoff dates are approaching fast! March 31^a (online egift cards, reloads or ship to home orders) and April 18^a (physical gift card orders) will be the last time earnings will be applied to this year's tuition. 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 Sherry Hiatt at trip@highlandchristian.org.

TRIP orders (physical gift cards) are due this Thurs., Mar., 20th by 10 a.m. Orders will be ready for pick up in the school office on Tuesday, March 25 at 2:45 p.m.

There will be no TRIP orders placed next week! Upcoming TRIP order dates are April 10, 17, 24 and May 8. Egift cards and reloads are available 24/7 online.

TRIP Volunteer Schedule: Team A-Mar. 25; Team B-Apr.15; Team C-Apr. 22, Team D-Apr. 29

COMMUNITY NEWS:

- **Immanuel UCC in Highland invites you to come play chess on Saturday, March 22 from 10am-12pm.** All ages and abilities are welcome. Registration fee is \$5.00. To register, please contact the church at 219.924.2100, or the Chess Organizer, Rick Mangnall, at 708.954.5194.

- **VIKING ACADEMY: REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!** Don't miss out on an opportunity to send your kids to one of the best day camps in Northwest Indiana! Viking Academy is offered through Illiana Christian High School and has over 24 options of different day-camps for elementary, middle-school and some high school aged students. Join us from July 7-25, for high quality classes and camps. We are excited to bring a long list of integrative and enjoyable classes to the local community. Click <https://www.illianachristian.org/life-ichs/viking-academy/> to read more about the camps we offer and register your child today.
- **Experienced and New Wrestlers!** Come to Illiana to learn the tools to stay competitive on the mat! Join us for the 2025 Illiana Christian High School Co-ed Wrestling Camp for Kindergarten (5yrs old)-8th graders. [Sign Up here!](#)
- **Illiana's PIE Committee is excited to offer the first annual Spring Flower Fundraiser to support the Excellence in Education Fund!** We are offering 11" hanging baskets in 6 different varieties: begonias, calibrachoa, ivy geraniums, New Guinea impatiens, petunias, and a mixed combo (2 different plant varieties in an 11"basket). All baskets are \$25 each and color choices will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Order online at <https://form.jotform.com/csiersema/-pie-spring-flower-fundraiser> with credit card payment or send the printed form with cash or check to the office by Thursday, April 17. Flowers will be available for pickup in the south parking lot on Friday, May 9 from 2-5pm.