



HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

PARENT NOTE – April 14, 2025

“Creation Caretakers”

Genesis 2:15

SCHOOL NEWS:

- **REMINDER: This Wednesday, April 16 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 **Easter Chapel this Thursday at 8:30 in the school gym.** Please join us as we rejoice in the finished work of our Savior! **There is no school Good Friday, April 18.**
- **Wednesday, April 16 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.
- **The Joint Board Commission (JBC) is hosting three more tours of City Baptist School** (4925 Sohl Ave Hammond, IN 46327) on Wednesday, April 16 (3:00-4:30pm and 5:00-6:30pm) and Tuesday, April 22 (6:30-8:00pm). We would encourage all parents and community members to attend a tour. To sign-up, please complete the [embedded link](#).
- **Tuesday, April 29 at 6pm, HCS will hold its annual Society Meeting** in the HCS gym. At the meeting, presentations will be made from the board and staff members. An updated email was sent to all families earlier this afternoon, which included the agenda and a number of supplemental resources, for all Society members to review. **As a parent of a K-8 student at HCS, you are a member of the Society and expected to review these materials and cast your ballot at the meeting or via absentee ballot.** (If you would like more information about the absentee ballot, please contact the school office.) SEC parents, grandparents, and community members can also be members of the Society if they meet voting criteria. This year, the ballot will include the opportunity to vote on a slate of three new board members, adoption of the board proposed budget, and the opportunity to expand Christian education in Hammond, Indiana. [Information about the Society Meeting and eligibility for voting can be found here.](#)
- **HCS' Auction is right around the corner! Come join the fun on Saturday, April 26 at 5pm.** Bidding will be live (and lively!) in the HCS Gym. If you aren't able to join us in person, you can still bid online from wherever you are! Instructions and links for online bidding will be available during the week of Auction.
5:00 - Doors open, kitchen opens, 1st Silent Auction begins
5:30 - Live Auction begins!
6:30 - 2nd Silent Auction
- **Everyone is welcome to Young Authors Reception:** There is a special reception for ALL students (not just those attending the Young Authors Festival) and their families on **Wednesday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ozinga Chapel at Trinity Christian College.** Enjoy a performance by Trinity's improvisational group, enjoy refreshments, and hear from our guest authors.
Trinity is thrilled to welcome **Mia Armstrong** as our featured guest author for the 2025 Young Authors Festival! At just twelve years old, Mia is breaking new ground as our first young author to be featured. Her picture book, *I Am a Masterpiece* (illustrated by Alexandra Thompson and published by Random House), offers a heartfelt look into the life of a child with Down syndrome. This story provides a window for readers to connect with the neurodivergent experience, whether they see themselves in the book or learn more about friends, classmates, and family members. Mia will join her friend and fellow author, **Marissa Moss** (best known for *Amelia's Journal*), in conversation on stage. Marissa was a guest at the Young Authors Festival back in 2015, and we're excited to welcome her back!

- **Young Authors Day Speaker Jennifer Lynn:** On Thursday, April 24, we welcome author Jennifer Lynn! She will be giving a presentation about life as an author to our K-5 students. Watch for a note and order sheet due back Thursday, April 17.
- **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: <https://forms.gle/7JkvP2LvovXdgFsF7>
The deadline to complete the Google form and submit your 2024 1040 is April 30.
- **Our Saturday Serve in April will be in partnership with the Highland Parks Department. We will join the Park Clean-up Day.** Let's help get the parks in Highland ready for another season of activity. Bring rakes, wear gloves, and come with your family to spruce up a park. We have not yet been assigned a park. This Saturday Serve is open to all ages. We will be working outside so it is critical to watch the weather forecast. You may leave when we finish or join others at Main Square for lunch at noon. Thank you for your work as a Creation Caretaker. Contact Vicki Huizenga vhuizenga@highlandchristian.org if you have any questions.

Link to Sign-up: [April Saturday Serve Sign-up link](#)

Date: Saturday, April 26

Time: 9:00 - 11:30 am

Place: to be determined by Highland Parks Department

- **We're HIRING!!** Please check our [website](#) for more details on our open positions.
- **The Art Department is collecting paper grocery bags with handles for the students to take home their art projects from the year.** Please send any donations to the office. Thank you!

ATHLETIC NEWS:

Monday, April 14th at 3:30p.m. : Track meet 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:

1. **Breathe** - Calm your head, hands, and heart as you get ready to hear God's Word.
2. **Read** - Spend time reading the selected passage of God's Word.
3. **Wonder** - Use the "wondering questions" provided. These types of questions have no right or wrong answers; they result in deeper thinking about God.
4. **Pray** - Close your time with prayer.

This week, we have two stories to read. Read **Jesus Dies** earlier in the week and save **Jesus is Buried** for Saturday.

Jesus Dies

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

READ: John 19:14-30 (If your children are small, maybe read this from a Children's Bible.)

WONDER: What do you wonder about Jesus dying on the cross?
How does this story make you feel?

PRAY: Together say "Thank you, Jesus" at the end of each line in this prayer.

Dear Jesus,
You are our Lord. *Thank you, Jesus*
You came to earth for us. *Thank you, Jesus*
You lived for us. *Thank you, Jesus*
You suffered for us. *Thank you, Jesus*
You died for us. *Thank you, Jesus*
You love us. *Thank you, Jesus*
Amen.

Jesus Is Buried

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

READ: John 19:38-42

WONDER: When Jesus was alive, Joseph of Arimathea was afraid to tell others he was a follower of Jesus. But after Jesus died, Joseph asked Pilate if he could bury Jesus' body.

I wonder why Joseph wanted to do this for Jesus.
What emotions do you think Joseph felt when he buried Jesus?
Where do you think the disciples were on this day?
How do you think the disciples felt?
How does this part of the story make you feel?

PRAY: Together say or sign "*Thank you!*" at the end of each line in this prayer.

Dear Jesus,
You taught us how to be servants to each other. *Thank you!*
You let your enemies arrest and hurt you. *Thank you!*
Your friends ran away and even said they didn't know you. But you did n't complain. *Thank you!*
We are sorry that your friends ran away. *Thank you!*
We are sorry that you felt so alone. *Thank you!*
We are sorry that your enemies hurt you. *Thank you!*
We are sorry that your suffered so much for us. *Thank you!*
Jesus, we love you.
Thank you for loving us!
Amen.

PTO NEWS:

SAVE THE DATE: Morning with Your Miss is on Tuesday, April 29. We are looking for some parent volunteers to help with the event. If you are interested, please sign up [HERE!](#)

We are looking for volunteers to join the 2025-2026 PTO Board. If you are interested, please fill out the [GOOGLE FORM.](#)

TRIP NEWS:

Next TRIP Order: Due April 17th at 10am. This order will be ready for pick up in the school office on Tuesday, April 22th at 2:45 p.m.

TRIP Volunteer Schedule: Team B-Apr.15; Team C-Apr. 22, Team D-Apr. 29, Team A-May 13

COMMUNITY NEWS:

- **The Women's Center has a few new employment opportunities. Please visit their [website](#) to find out more info.**
- **Cheri Flory, Targeted Instruction teacher at HCS, has an exhibition of her flower photos at Willow Blooms in Highland.** This display will be available for viewing through the end of April.

- **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.
- **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.