



HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

PARENT NOTE – April 21, 2025

“Creation Caretakers”

Genesis 2:15

SCHOOL NEWS:

- **It's AUCTION WEEK!** Join us this Saturday, April 26 at 5pm. There will be fun for the whole family! Online bidding is now OPEN!! Click [HERE](#) to view the Auction Catalog.
* PLEASE NOTE: **ALL new and returning online bidders: Please ensure you update your registration on the NEW Kraft online platform and confirm your billing details before you bid.***

Auction Night Schedule:

5:00 - Doors open, kitchen opens, 1st Silent Auction begins

5:30 - Live Auction begins

6:30 - 2nd Silent Auction

7:30- Raise the Paddle

Last year's spring auction raised over \$180,000 and helped to fund the office expansion, student activities, technology and transportation needs, 8th grade graduation expenses, and long-term strategic goals.

- **ILEARN TESTING:** Throughout the month of April, ILEARN testing will be underway. As mandated by the state of Indiana, all 3rd-8th grade students will participate in ILEARN. It is critical that parents are vocal supporters to their children of these assessments. Please be sure to speak with your child about doing their best, ensure your child is at school by 8:15, and provide your child with a hearty breakfast.
- **LAST CALL:** The Joint Board Commission (JBC) is hosting ONE LAST tour of City Baptist School (4925 Sohl Ave Hammond, IN 46327) on 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](#).
- **SOCIETY MEETING:** 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 email was sent to all families last week, 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 are unable to attend, click [HERE](#) to fill out an absentee ballot OR you may pick up a paper copy in 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.](#)
- **SATURDAY SERVE: WE NEED PEOPLE!!** 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 been assigned Homestead Park. This Saturday Serve is open to all ages. This is a great opportunity for Illiana students to work off their service hours. 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 vhuienga@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: Homestead Park - 8099 5th St, Highland, IN 46322

- **YOUNG AUTHOR'S DAY: 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!
- **JRH MUSICAL:** Come enjoy a magical evening with witches, a wizard, and a gang of heroes who are brave, smart, and emotional in the Merry Ole Land of Oz. That's right, we are on a journey along a Yellow Brick Road to see the Wizard of Oz. **Shows start at 7pm on Thursday, May 1 and Friday, May 2.** Tickets available at the door for general admission. Adults \$7 and students \$5! It will be an evening full of fun and a few surprises!
- **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.
- **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:

Thursday, April 24th @ 3:30 pm : Track meet at Illiana 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.

Yesterday, we celebrated the truth of the Gospel story. Jesus is alive and He loves us!
Take some time this week to remember the Easter story with your family.

Jesus Is ALIVE!

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

READ: John 20:1-18

WONDER: What do you think Jesus' friends thought when they saw that His tomb was empty?

Why do you think Jesus' friend Mary Magdalene didn't realize at first that she

was talking to Jesus?
What would you have done when you realized Jesus was alive again?
Who would you run to tell?

PRAY: Celebrate Jesus' resurrection by echoing this prayer together (repeating each phrase as it's read):

Jesus, you are Lord.
Jesus, you are our hope.
Jesus, you won the victory over death.
Jesus, we jump for joy because you are alive. Amen.

PTO NEWS:

- **Teacher Appreciation Week is May 5-9!** A flyer will be coming home this week with more information. If you need ideas for gifts, please check out the teacher's favorite things on OnCampus under PTO! Let's show our teachers how much we appreciate their hard work!
- **Morning with Your Miss is on Tuesday, April 29.** We still have a great need for 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:

- **The next TRIP Order:** Due April 24th at 10am. This order will be ready for pick up in the school office on Tuesday, April 29th at 2:45 p.m.
- **TRIP Volunteer Schedule:** Team C-Apr. 22, Team D-Apr. 29, Team A-May 13, Team B-May 20

COMMUNITY NEWS:

- **The Women's Center is HIRING!** Please visit their [website](#) for new employment opportunities.
- **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.