



HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

PARENT NOTE – April 7, 2025
“Creation Caretakers”
Genesis 2:15

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK:

HCS Parents,

Whether you spent Spring Break at home or were traveling with family, my prayer is that the Lord filled you and your family last week. As we enter the final stretch of the 24/25 school year, there are a variety of community events we want you to not only be aware of, but actively participate in.

On **Saturday, April 26 at 5pm, HCS will hold its annual auction** in the gym. Whether you are interested in coming for the fellowship and food, bidding in the live auction, donating to raise the paddle (New PA System to enhance security), or participating in one of two silent auctions, your support is greatly appreciated. This year, the funds are being allocated to the 2023 Expansion Loan (1.99M remains on the loan), School Furniture, Bus Replacement Fund, New PA System, 8th Grade Fund, HCS Foundation, Choice Contingency, Technology Needs, Building Fund, Musical, and SEC Improvements. What a blessing the Auction will be to the kids at HCS!

Furthermore, on **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. Two weeks prior to the meeting, the agenda and a number of supplemental resources will be available 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. 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.](#)

Over the past two months, there have been a number of opportunities to attend informational meetings, visit City Baptist School, and to ask questions about the budget and the opportunity to expand Christian education. To ensure openness and clarity, a robust set of documents have been put together to ensure questions from the community are answered. If you have any questions after reviewing these resources, please do not hesitate to submit your questions in the form that will be provided. A board member or staff member will get back to you shortly! Again, these resources will be distributed two weeks in advance of the Society Meeting!

Thank you for your prayers as we seek to live into our vision to academically equip, Biblically ground, and spiritually ground to impact the world for Christ.

Dr. Kyle Weener

SCHOOL NEWS:

- **Welcome Back! We hope all of you had a wonderful Spring Break!**

- **Everyone is invited to the all-school chapel this Friday at 8:30 a.m. led by our 1st grade 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: <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 bags with handles, newspapers, and magazines.** Please send any donations to the office. Thank you!

ATHLETIC NEWS:

Jr. High Co-Ed Track and Field

- 6th, 7th, and 8th grade track and field starts **TODAY**, Monday, April 7th.
- 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:

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.

The Last Supper

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

READ: Luke 22:7-23

WONDER: I wonder what it would be like to sit around the table with Jesus?

I wonder what it would feel like to have Jesus pass bread to me?
I wonder why Jesus used food and drink to remind us how much he loves us?
Do you remember the words Jesus said about the bread and the cup? (If not, reread verse 19 and 20.)
What do you wonder about the Lord's Supper?

PRAY: Dear Jesus,

Thank you for giving us a way to remember your sacrifice for us.
Thank you for loving us.
Thank you for helping us remember that love.
We love you , Jesus! 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. 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:

- New Addition: Grocery and Auto+ Mastercard® Gift Card. Shop the new Grocery and Auto+ Mastercard Gift Card to earn with groceries, gas, convenience store purchases, electric vehicle charging and automotive services. Visit [RaiseRight.com](#) or contact Sherry Hiatt at trip@highlandchristian.org for further details.
- Back Again: Zandstra's Greenhouse gift certificates are available for sale on [Raiserright.com](#) or on papers order forms for a limited time only. Each certificate is \$17 each (bonus rebate is \$3 each). Opening day is this Friday, April 11th!
- Next TRIP Order: Due April 10th at 10am. This order will be ready for pick up in the school office on Tuesday, April 15th 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:

- **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. Please consider coming out to support her during her pop-up sale on Saturday, April 12 at 10 am.
- **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.