



HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

PARENT NOTE – April 28, 2025

“Creation Caretakers”

Genesis 2:15

SCHOOL NEWS:

- **AUCTION:** We have such a spectacularly, special community! THANKS TO ALL who took part in our annual Auction! With over **\$184K raised**, you SMASHED the record, AGAIN and we exceeded all our goals! Great thanks for your incredible generosity! **If you still need to pick up your items, please meet us in the gym TONIGHT between 3-6pm.**
- **SATURDAY SERVE:** Thank you to those who came out on a blustery Saturday morning to partner with the Highland Parks Department. We joined the Park Clean-up Day and helped get the parks in Highland for another season of activity. We were armed with rakes and gloves to move mountains of mulch around trees and in the playgrounds at Homestead Park. Thanks HCS for working as Creation Caretakers and for making an impact in our community. Looking forward to our final Saturday Serve in May. Details will be available soon.
- **SOCIETY MEETING:** The annual Society Meeting is **THIS Tuesday, April 29 at 6pm, in the HCS gym.** At the meeting, presentations will be made from the board and staff members. 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. All information, including the agenda and a number of supplemental resources, is available to review on our website. **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 an absentee ballot.** If you are unable to attend, click [HERE](#) to fill out an absentee ballot OR contact the school office. SEC parents, grandparents, and community members can also be members of the Society if they meet voting criteria. [Information about the Society Meeting and eligibility for voting can be found here.](#)
- **JRH MUSICAL:** 🎵 *Follow the Yellow Brick Road* 🎵 into the HCS gym this Thursday and Friday, May 1st and 2nd, to watch our JRH students perform in *The Wizard of Oz!* **General admission tickets will be available at the door for each performance. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students.** Shows start at 7pm and the doors will open at 6:30 p.m on Thursday and 6:50 p.m on Friday. 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. It will be an evening full of fun and a few surprises!
- **YEARBOOKS:** The 2024-2025 yearbook order forms will be coming home next week. They are for sale for \$18 (cash or check). If you would like to order a yearbook, please send the order form and money to the office. We have a limited supply of yearbooks, so they are first come, first served. Get them before they are gone!
- **ILEARN TESTING:** ILEARN testing is 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.
- **CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP 2025/2026:** 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.

ATHLETIC NEWS:

Tuesday, April 29 @ 3:30 pm : Track meet at Chicago Christian High School

FAITH CORNER:

We need 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.

This week let's look at the Faith Practice of **Engaging Scripture**. The practice of **Engaging Scripture** immerses us in the true story of God's faithful love. As we read Scripture, we seek to listen to the living voice of God that addresses our everyday lives.

Use the passage - **Deuteronomy 11:18-20** to practice immersing your family in God's Word. Try one of these tools to help you spend time with God's Word:

1. **Lectio Divina** - an ancient method of engaging Scripture
 - a. **Read** - Slowly read the Scripture passage. Notice which words or phrases catch your attention.
 - b. **Meditate** - Read the passage again, focusing on the words and phrases that stood out in your first reading. Wonder what God is showing you.
 - c. **Pray** - Read the passage a third time. Tell God about the thoughts or questions the passage has sparked in your mind and heart.
 - d. **Contemplate** - Sit quietly for a moment resting in God's love for you.
2. **Journaling** - Have a written conversation with God. Explore questions or thoughts that this passage raised.
3. **Ask wondering questions** about the passage. These are open-ended questions that can't be answered with a simple "yes" or "no".
 - a. I wonder how you can "fix" God's Word in your heart or mind?
 - b. I wonder what words God wants us to remember?
 - c. I wonder what you could make or do to remember God's words?
 - c. I wonder what God is saying to our family in this verse?

PTO NEWS:

- **Morning with Your Miss is THIS Tuesday, April 29 from 7:30-8:15 a.m. at the soccer fields!** Please bring chairs or a blanket to sit on. There will be pastries, coffee, water, and juice available. Students will not be allowed into their classrooms until 8:05. We still have a great need for parent volunteers to help with the event. If you are interested, please sign up [HERE!](#)
- **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!
- **We are looking for volunteers to join the 2025-2026 PTO Board.** If you are interested, please fill out the [GOOGLE FORM](#).

TRIP NEWS:

- There is no TRIP order this week. Egift cards and reloads are available 24/7 on RaiseRight.com.
- There are only 4 more orders for physical cards before summer break! Did you know that RaiseRight.com has rebates for travel? Disney, Hotels.com, Expedia.com, Budget Rent-A-Car, Carnival Cruises, Southwest Airlines are just a few! Type travel in the search bar to see all that is available. Earn money towards tuition all summer long!
- Zandstra's Greenhouse gift certificates (physical only) are available for sale. Each certificate is \$17 each (rebate is \$3 each). If you would like to purchase for Mother's Day, please email Sherry Hiatt at trip@highlandchristian.org.
- Next TRIP Order: Due May 8th at 10am. This order will be ready for pick up in the school office on Tuesday, May 13th at 2:45 p.m.
- TRIP Volunteer Schedule: Team D-Apr. 29, Team A-May 13, Team B-May 20, May 27-Team C

COMMUNITY NEWS:

- **Highland Firefighter's Association and Highland Fraternal Order of Police will be having our annual fundraising pancake breakfast on Saturday May 3rd from 9am-12pm at the Highland Central Fire Station.** All proceeds will benefit our community outreach programs. Please email Jeff McDaniel hwd-jeff@live.com if you would like more information.
- **The Towle Theater in Hammond, IN is hosting a two-week Youth Theater Camp on June 16-27th.** This camp is for ages 8-14. More information can be found by contacting Emily Nelson at 219.937.8790 or visiting www.towletheater.org.