



# HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



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Highland Christian School Community,

As we approach the upcoming school year, we are excited to partner with your family to academically equip, Biblically ground, and spiritually nurture to impact the world for Christ. Here is some important information to be aware of as we approach the new school year:

## 1. Complete Summer Work

- Every summer, Highland Christian seeks to partner with families to ensure academic progress and a love for reading is further developed. This summer, **each grade level (K-5)** has a summer reading requirement. [Please see the attached summer log to meet the necessary requirements](#). These logs can be brought to the Ice Cream Social or the first week of school. **6th-8th graders, teachers, and parents** also have the option to participate!
- Students entering 6th-8th grade have a mandatory Bible project to complete over the summer.
  - Incoming **6th graders** must read and complete the [Genesis journal](#)
  - Incoming **7th graders** must read and complete the [Judges journal](#)
  - Incoming **8th graders** must read and complete the [Daniel journal](#)
- In addition to summer reading, **each grade** will be sending home some optional math IXL resources. Students that regularly participate in this work will receive a small prize at the onset of the coming school year.

## 2. Summer Tutors

- A variety of classroom teachers and aides are available to conduct summer tutoring in reading and math. If you would like a summer tutor, please see the attached [Summer Tutoring List](#) and reach directly out to the tutor to schedule sessions.

## 3. Prepare for Back to School

- The beginning of the school year brings many exciting things - new teachers, friends, class lists, a possible bus route, and more. As a family, you can expect to get this exciting information by **Monday, August 4**. Prior to this, a summer communication will be shared in the beginning of July that provides the Parent Student Handbook, [Calendar](#), School Supply List, Back to School Information, and other pertinent information.
- Information about **fall athletic tryouts** and schedule for grades 6-8 will also be communicated later this summer.

## 4. FACTS is replacing OnCampus

- Next year, HCS students, parents, and staff will be utilizing a new Learning Management System (LMS). After spending months exploring a variety of tools, it was decided to move forward with **FACTS**. This tool is commonly used by CSI schools and other faith-based schools across the country. We are confident this change will positively impact the constituent experience and help us achieve school goals! While we have been working hard for the past number of months, much work will be completed over the summer to ensure the best transition possible!
  - ***What about making payments over the summer?***
  - Families can expect to see their first July invoice around the 4th of July. This first payment, which includes the annual Building User Fee of \$350, is due on Friday, July 25. Payments after the school year has ended can still be made via cash or check (in the office) or on Tuition Management.

#### **5. Highland Christian Golf Outing**

- Scheduled for **Monday, August 25** at Innsbrook Country Club (Merrillville, IN), we are looking forward to gathering together to celebrate how God continues to bless students and families through the HCS Foundation. With a goal to bring the Foundation to \$10,000,000 by 2030, we welcome you to sponsor, golf, or join us for dinner in support of our vision for the future. After selling out last year, we know the Golf Outing is bound to sell-out quickly. For more information, we would encourage you to view [registration information online](#) or contact Jessica Hiskes ([jhiskes@highlandchristian.org](mailto:jhiskes@highlandchristian.org)).

#### **6. Summer Office Hours**

- Summer hours begin Monday, June 9 and conclude on Thursday, August 7. During these summer hours, the main office will be open Monday to Thursday from 8:00 am to Noon. The office will be closed on Fridays.

We're looking forward to partnering with your family in the upcoming school year!

Dr. Kyle Weener