



HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

PARENT NOTE – August 25, 2025

“Scripture Follower”

II Timothy 3:16-17

SCHOOL NEWS:

- There is **no school next Monday, Sept. 1** in observance of Labor Day.
- **Child Safety Training (Parent Night)**- In a joint partnership with Fairhaven Agency (Highland, IN) both Highland Christian School and Crown Point Christian School will welcome Fairhaven presenters into K-8 classrooms during the months of September and October, as they teach students about child safety regarding abuse and neglect. This training is required of all Indiana schools. Students in grades K-5 will have a course called *Child Safety Matters* and students in grades 6-8 will be using *Teen Safety Matters*, created by the Monique Burr Foundation. On **September 15 at 6:30pm** there will be a Parent Night for parents of HCS and CPCS at **Crossroads Community Church** in Schererville, IN to learn about each resource. We encourage all parents to come to the Parent Night to hear about the materials directly from the Fairhaven presenters.
- **Artisan Fair:** Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual HCS Christmas Artisan and Vendor Fair! This event will be held on Saturday, November 15, from 9am-2pm in the school gym. All proceeds from this event will be used to help offset the cost of the 8th grade trip to Philadelphia
Artisans and vendors, if you have lovely crafts, fantastic products, or yummy treats we'd love for you to register to rent a booth space to sell your products. You can find all of the event details and registration form at this link. Or, stop by the school office to complete your registration in person.
Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/gYbME3CHu4DSUZwL7>
- **FACTS: Thank you to everyone who has created and logged in to their account with FACTS. If you haven't done so already**, please review the **“Family Demographics Form”** under the “Family” drop down menu. Please make sure all of your student's data is correct, especially their “emergency contacts”, and “student medical form”. Under the "Physician and Insurance" heading, please make sure "Permission to treat" is toggled to "yes". Should you need assistance, please contact awieringa@highlandchristian.org or call the front office and they will be able to assist you. **Furthermore, the billing system will be changing on Tuesday, September 2 - with the last day for making payments on Tuition Management on Monday, August 25.**
- **Farewell to OnCampus:** As a reminder, HCS will be transferring the last three years of report cards, MAP scores, and state assessments for currently enrolled students. If you would like to download any other data from previous school years, it is **your responsibility to access OnCampus prior to Thursday, August 28, 2025** to download these materials. If you need support, please reach out to the HCS office prior to August 28.
- **Parent Student Handbook:** [The Parent/Student Handbook outlines expectations for students, parents, and policies at HCS.](#) It is important that all parents thoroughly review this document, as it contains guidance on important school matters such as dress code, attendance, student expectations, and school guidelines.
- **Foundation Gift:** Should you be seeking to obtain the 25/26 [Foundation Gift](#), please complete the online form by Friday, September 26, 2025. The Foundation Gift is given to families seeking financial support for their K-8 tuition obligations.

- **Vanilla:** Homemade vanilla is for sale in the office - \$3.00 for an 8oz bottle. If you have any empty 8, 10, or 12oz glass bottles, please send them to the office so more vanilla can be made.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- **ATTENDANCE AND TARDIES:**

School attendance is highly correlated with student success. For this reason, **tight policies** are in place for attendance and tardies, as seen in the [Parent/Student Handbook](#). **Parents MUST call or email the office (219-838-0356 or hcesoffice@highlandchristian.org) by 8:25 a.m. to inform the school of a student's absence and the reason for the absence.** Please leave a message if the office is closed. Notifying the teacher is helpful and encouraged, but the official call off must be done through the school office.

- **BUS RIDERS:**

If your child **will not be riding the bus on any given day, please let the driver AND the office know.** This will alleviate confusion, especially at dismissal time. Thanks!

- **DROP-OFF INSTRUCTIONS**

- **Students should be dropped off no later than 8:20 a.m.** as the tardy bell rings at 8:25. It is strongly recommended that parents who drop off their children try to be at school at 8:05 when the doors open.
- There is **no left turn onto Ridge Road from the hours of 7:45-8:45 am and 2:30-3:30 pm.**

- **PICK-UP INSTRUCTIONS**

- Parents are encouraged to **space out their arrival, or park in the east lot and walk up** to pick up their child.
- When picking up your child via the pick-up line, please remember to **place your car sign in the left side of the front window.** If you need additional car signs, please contact the office.
- Pick-up lasts from 3:10 - 3:25. Arriving later in the pick-up window will not only help HCS, but will save you time as well!
- **In the event cars are backed up on Ridge Road, please circle the block!** This is something the Highland Police Department monitors and enforces! We do not want anyone to have an accident or receive a ticket.
- Any student remaining in the pickup line after 3:25, will be sent to Before and Aftercare (BAC).
- There is **no left turn onto Ridge Road from the hours of 7:45-8:45 am and 2:30-3:30 p**

ATHLETIC NEWS:

GAME SCHEDULE:

- **Tuesday, August 26:**

A Soccer - 4:00 pm @ Crown Point Christian (AWAY)
 B Soccer - 5:00 pm @ Crown Point Christian (AWAY)
 7th grade volleyball - 4:00 pm @ Crown Point Christian (AWAY)
 8th grade volleyball - 5:00 pm @ Crown Point Christian (AWAY)

- **Thursday, August 28:**

A Soccer - 4:00 pm vs. Chicago Christian Tinley Park (HOME)
 B Soccer - 5:00 pm vs. Chicago Christian Tinley Park (HOME)
 7th grade volleyball - vs. Chicago Christian Tinley Park (HOME)
 8th grade volleyball - vs. Chicago Christian Tinley Park (HOME)

HCS will continue to have a concession stand at all home games! We typically serve hot food, snacks, candy, and various drinks. Stop by and support the Athletic Department! **We are in need of volunteers for the concession stand.** If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Kristy Tebben at ktebben@highlandchristian.org.

Coach Needed for Wrestling: We are excited to be starting a Jr. High Co-Ed wrestling team. We are in need of a coach with wrestling experience and/or wrestling coaching experience to lead the program. The season will start the last week of October and run until the middle of December. Practices will be twice a week from 3:15-4:30. The season will consist of 3-4 matches. More information can be found here. [HCS Wrestling Position](#) Please reach out to Mr. Hillegonds with any questions.

Sports Physicals: HCS requires a current sports physical to be on file for each student-athlete. The physical will expire one year from the date it was performed. If an athlete does not have a current sports physical on file, they will be allowed to try out, but will not be allowed to practice or play until all required forms have been received. Sports physical forms can be obtained in the school's Main Office or by clicking [HERE](#) to print out a copy. You may also use the form that your pediatrician provides.

ETC NEWS:

ETC.... thrift store is a "thrifty boutique" store that is a ministry effort of Highland Christian School and its Foundation. The monies raised at etc go directly to the HCS Foundation Board which exists to provide long term stability to Highland Christian's future. The store is located at 1650 US Rt. 41, in Schererville, IN. Our store hours are Mon-Thurs 10-7 and Fri-Sat 10-4. You can support etc by shopping or donating here! We would love for you to stop by for a visit!

FAITH CORNER:

Starting a new school year always brings a sense of excitement. There are new clothes to wear, fresh crayons or markers to use, and the chance to make new friends. A new classroom and teacher add to the sense of excitement. These new things feel full of promise and possibility.

Yet all around us, we see things that are broken down or worn out – homes in our neighborhoods get old and run down, relationships sometimes break and fall apart, our bodies can get sick and become weak. The reality is that everything on earth is wearing out and breaks down.

But there is hope. In the book of Revelation, God tells us, *“I am making everything new.”* This promise isn't about swapping old things with new ones. It means God is restoring everything – making everything better, brighter, and stronger, bringing things back to the way they are meant to be.

This is **GOOD** news for anyone who wants a fresh start, someone who wishes to change, or anyone who makes mistakes. God is making us **NEW** by giving us new hearts, new thoughts, new ideas, and new purposes. God wants to do something **NEW** in each of us.

By reading God's Word and becoming a *Scripture Follower* this year, our hearts can be made **new**. Abiding with Jesus and learning from Scripture helps us grow in faith, build stronger friendships, and discover new ways to live and learn each day. This journey brings hope and joy, making each new beginning full of promise.

Read:

Revelation 21:5 *He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!”*

II Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*

Discuss:

What are some new things you enjoy?
What things do you see in the world that are broken?

How have you seen God's renewing work in your life?
What do you hope God will do in your life?

Pray:

God, Come into my heart, thoughts, actions, and life. Make things new.

LIBRARY NEWS:

Happy "Fall Into Reading Season". I hope everyone had a good book to read this summer and are enjoying the return to school as much as I am. It is so good to see how many students participated in the Summer Reading Challenge! Please return any remaining papers by this **Friday, August 29** - I will start handing out recognition for their hard work in September.

PTO NEWS:

Please save the date for **Donuts for Dudes** which will be on **September 10** at the soccer fields. More information will be coming home soon!

T.R.I.P NEWS:

- **TRIP Tip:** Did you know you can order online and still pay by cash or check? Simply select 'Pay Coordinator Directly' when checking out on your order. Place your payment in the TRIP mailbox with your name on the envelope. If this option is for you, please see the [TRIP Schedule](#) for a complete list of when orders are due and for pickup.
- **TRIP Schedule:** Next order for physical cards is due on Wednesday, August 27 at 3:30pm. This order will be ready for pickup on Tuesday, Sept. 2 after 2:45pm. Online ordering for egift cards and reloadable cards is available 24/7 on [raiserright.com](#).
- **Future Order Dates:** Sept. 10, Sept. 17, Sept 24 and Oct 1
- **TRIP Volunteer Schedule:** Aug. 26-Team A, Sept. 2-Team B, Sept. 9-Team C, Sept. 16-Team D